

Joyce began working at the Andersen Air Force Base in 1965. She was first hired for a temporary job at the Civilian Personnel Office as a clerk typist. She went on to work as a secretary and clerk-stenographer and continued to progress professionally. She served in several capacities, including work for the commander of the 43d Combat Support Group, Vice Commander of HQ Eighth Air Force, command of the 3rd Air Division, and the 43rd Bombardment Wing (Hvy) (SAC), the 633d Air Base Wing (PACAF), and the 13th Air Force (PACAF). Joyce worked with the 13th Air Force until the headquarters moved to Hickam in 2005. After the move, Joyce transferred to the 36th Air Base Wing Commander, where she is currently employed.

During her 50 years of service, Joyce was privileged to be involved in many historic events and assisted and coordinated the visits of distinguished guests to the island. She supported efforts after the fall of Saigon during the Vietnam War when the people of Guam and the U.S. Air Force provided humanitarian aid to over 111,000 Vietnamese refugees who were temporarily housed on Guam during Operation New Life. She has also supported numerous U.S. Air Force missions, including the evacuation of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his family from the Philippines in 1986, and care for 6,600 Kurdish refugees who were brought to Guam as part of Joint Task Force Operation Pacific Haven in 1996. For several years, Joyce wrote a column about the local culture for the AAFB newspaper called "Ask Joyce."

Joyce has been a hallmark of Andersen Air Force Base and our community in Guam. She has always been a dedicated worker who puts her whole heart into what she does. Joyce is a true professional and her knowledge and background has helped the constant rotation of Commanders better understand the challenges and opportunities at Andersen Air Force Base. Her institutional knowledge is so critical to the entire team at Andersen Air Force Base. Additionally, Joyce is heavily involved in her parish of San Isidro as the director of faith formation and as a catechist. She serves in the community whenever called upon and is dedicated to her family.

I join the United States Air Force and the people of Guam in thanking Joyce I. Martratt for her 50 years of service to our nation, our island, and our Airmen in the U.S. Air Force. She represents the very best of our civilian workforce and is symbolic of the great patriotism that exists on Guam. I commend her for her outstanding career and tireless work in all that she has accomplished. Thank you (Si Yu'os Ma'ase), Joyce.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE JOSEPH TYSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA CITY COUNCIL

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Kinston, North Carolina City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem, The Honorable Joseph Tyson who is retiring from public serv-

ice after 17 years. The City of Kinston, located in my congressional district, has been fortunate to have a remarkable leader in Mr. Joseph Tyson. Through his words and actions as a City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem, he has demonstrated time and time again that he is one of our state's finest and most effective leaders.

Mr. Tyson spent his formative years in my district in Beaufort, North Carolina until 1964 when he left to attend North Carolina A&T University in Winston-Salem. It was there that he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He would spend more than two decades in uniform as an infantry and chemical officer. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

When Hurricane Floyd devastated much of eastern North Carolina in 1999, Mr. Tyson played a pivotal role in guiding the city through myriad issues resulting from the effects of the historic storm. From having to replace a wastewater treatment plant, to navigating the relocation of a large number of the city's residents, Mr. Tyson worked with other leaders to resolve problems for the benefit of the community.

Mr. Tyson has always looked for ways to give back, even after dedicating so much of himself to his city and his country. Following his retirement from the Army in 1993, Mr. Tyson began working as the senior Army instructor for the JROTC program at Kingston High School. He taught cadets important leadership skills and equipped them with the tools they needed to succeed. He motivated and encouraged those under his command to be the best version of themselves.

Mr. Tyson has been a strong and steady leader for his community and has succeeded in making Kinston a better place for current and future generations. He has earned the respect and trust of his fellow councilmen, and has the admiration of a grateful community, whom he has diligently served.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize this man of conviction, principle, and exceptional character as he retires after nearly two decades on the Kinston City Council. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing The Honorable Joseph Tyson the best of luck as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.

HUNGARY AND THE REFUGEE CRISIS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, before the Paris attacks, pundits sitting in far-flung capitals of the world were throwing lobs at Hungary for turning a blind eye to the plight of Syrian refugees. Now that we know that one of the attackers posed as a refugee to get into Europe and then stayed in a refugee camp as he made his way from Greece to Paris, I'd like to do something I know the pundits won't do: go back to an old story to make sure they got it right.

First, the outside world's opinions of what Hungary should or should not do are wholly irrelevant. Hungary is a sovereign country that ultimately will make its own political decisions based on its interests and concerns on a

case-by-case basis. Whether Hungary lets in refugees from a conflict that it had absolutely nothing to do with is a purely Hungarian question. Just like we wouldn't want Canada telling us what to do, nor does Hungary want countries like Germany telling it what to do.

The fact of the matter is that the refugee issue is complex. There are two sides to the morality argument. Yes, there is a moral argument to helping those fleeing war, but let's not forget about the moral argument for a government keeping its promise to its citizens that it will protect them. Refugees pose serious economic and security concerns to the countries of Europe. Modest estimates suggest that Germany, who has touted a welcoming posture towards the refugees, will find itself spending as much as 10 billion euros in 2015 to accommodate these newcomers. If Hungary were to spend even half of that amount, it would cost the country upwards of 7% of its annual budget.

While Germany may be financially capable of weathering the financial storm precipitated by the influx of refugees, Hungary's economy may not. Despite notable improvements in recent years in both trade and investment, Hungary's unemployment rate sits now at 10.5%. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development notes that, although Hungary successfully exited from recession in early 2013, the recovery of its economy is modest at best. The OECD notes Hungary must "maintain fiscal discipline," underscoring Budapest's need to invest in its own people and economy—not spend billions accommodating others.

Putting the economic factors aside, it is quite obvious that taking in Syrian refugees comes with a whole host of security concerns. ISIS has openly boasted in recent months that it is sending operatives to Europe under the guise of refugees, intending to fulfill the terrorist organization's threat to stage attacks in the West. European and American intelligence officials report that ISIS has set up a wing that specializes in launching terrorist attacks abroad, providing guidance, training and funding for attacks that kill the most civilians possible. Earlier this month British media outlets reported that the Tunisian leader of an al-Qaeda-affiliated terrorist group was smuggled into Europe posing as a refugee in October before being arrested and deported to Tunisia. Unfortunately, we have seen the bloody aftermath of the attacks on Paris, which were carried out in part by an ISIS terrorist who entered Europe as an asylum seeker.

The Hungarian Government does not think all of the refugees are terrorists. But the grave security concerns should not be written off for the sake of humanitarianism. Hungary has a humanitarian obligation to its own people too. Hungary has called on the European Union to set up the necessary institutions and orderly processes to handle this massive influx of people into the bloc. Hungary and its neighboring eastern and central European countries should not be expected to bear the burden of this sea of refugees. More than anything, these countries should not be judged for making decisions based on their own interests. That is simply their right.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO THE URBANDALE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Urbandale High School Girls Cross Country team for winning the Iowa Class 4A State Cross Country Championship.

I would like to congratulate each member of the team:

Runners: Mickey Cole, Carly Klavins, Neanagit Malow, Casey Middleswart, Julia Noah, Avery Peterson, and Elyse Prescott; Head Coach: Dan Davis

Assistant Coach: Carla Madson.

Mr. Speaker, the success of this team and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the team for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them all nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, on December 2, 2015 I was absent from the House of Representatives due to a mass shooting terrorist attack in my district. I was also absent on December 3rd and 8th through 11th. Due to my absence, I am not recorded on roll call votes 656 through 693. I would like to reflect how I would have voted had I been present for legislative business.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 656, on Agreeing to the Upton of Michigan Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 657, on Agreeing to the Tonko of New York Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 658, on Agreeing to the Gene Green of Texas Amendment No. 14 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 659, on Agreeing to the Beyer of Virginia Amendment No. 17 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 660, on Agreeing to the Schakowsky of Illinois Amendment No. 19 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 661, on Agreeing to the Tonko of New York Amendment No. 22 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 662, on Agreeing to the Castor of Florida Amendment No. 23 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 663, on Agreeing to the Polis of Colorado Amendment No. 24 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 664, on Agreeing to the Barton of Texas Amendment No. 25 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 665, on Agreeing to the Conference

Report for S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 666, on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 546, Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 22, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 667, on Agreeing to H. Res. 546, Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 22, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 668, on Agreeing to the Cramer of North Dakota Amendment No. 26 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 669, on Agreeing to the Rouzer of North Carolina Amendment No. 30 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 670, on Agreeing to the Pallone of New Jersey Amendment No. 37 to H.R. 8.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 671, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 672, on Passage of H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 673, on Agreeing to the Conference Report for H.R. 22, To authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 674, on the Motion to Adjourn.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 675, on the Motion to Adjourn.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 676, on the Motion to Adjourn.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 677, on the Motion to Adjourn.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 678, on the Motion to Adjourn.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 679, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 158, the Visa Waiver Program Improvement and Terrorist Travel Prevention Act of 2015.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 680, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 3842, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act of 2015.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 681, on Consideration of H. Res. 556, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2130, Red River Private Property Protection Act.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 682, on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 556, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2130, Red River Private Property Protection Act.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 683, On Agreeing to H. Res. 556, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2130, Red River Private Property Protection Act.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 684, on Agreeing to the Cole of Oklahoma Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2130.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 685, on the Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 686, on Passage of H.R. 2130, the Red River Private Property Protection Act.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 687, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 3578, the DHS Science and Technology Reform and Improvement Act of 2015.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 688, on the Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 689, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2795, the First Responder Identification of Emergency Needs in Disaster Situations or “FRIENDS” Act.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 690, on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 560, Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 644, the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 and providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 2250, Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 691, on Agreeing to H. Res. 560, Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 644, the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 and providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 2250, Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

I would have voted “yes” on Roll Call Vote number 692, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions the Conference Report for H.R. 644, the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015.

I would have voted “no” on Roll Call Vote number 693, on Agreeing to the Conference Report for H.R. 644, the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015.

HONORING MAMIE VEST

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative BOB GOODLATTE, I submit these remarks in honor of the life of Mamie Vest of Floyd and Roanoke, Virginia. Mamie was born on August 9, 1938, and was the youngest child of Deputy Sheriff William Lewis Phillips and Cordova Quesenberry Phillips.

Though a native of Floyd County, Mamie's career in art was launched by an internship in Charlotte, North Carolina at the Delmar Studios photography business. She returned to Roanoke, where she went on to enjoy her career in advertising, design, and public relations. She also married the love of her life, Earl Stewart Vest.

Mamie worked as a graphic artist for Roanoke Engraving, became director of art services at Brand Edmonds Advertising, and—by the age of 28—founded her own independent business, Mamie Vest Associates. Additionally, Mamie also served as a legislative aide in both the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates, as well as a long-time advisor to Representative GOODLATTE.