

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.

Between the 1970s and 1990s, Mamie created and directed advertising for over 80 local, state, and federal Republican campaigns. She was a talented and fierce trailblazer and, in recognition of her work in advertising, Mamie won the American Advertising Federation's Silver Medal Award in 1982.

In addition to being politically active, Mamie was an active member of our community. She was an active member of the Roanoke City Sign Ordinance Committee, served as Chairman of the Roanoke City Arts Commission, and served as the Roanoke Valley Coordinator for the Virginia Bicentennial Commission. Mamie also was appointed by Governor Linwood Holton to the Consumer Credit Study Commission, by Governor John Dalton to the Advisory Committee on Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion, and by Governor George Allen to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

Regrettably, Mamie passed away on November 17, 2015. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, her granddaughter Sedona Marguerite Hanks, as well as her sister and brother-in-law, George and Ruth Heafner of Greensboro, N.C., Helen Mabry of Cherryville, N.C.; sister-in-law, Barbara Vest of Maryland. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Mamie Vest was dedicated to her work and her family. She had a tremendous impact on our community and, though she will be greatly missed by many, she will long be remembered. We are both honored to have called her a friend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mamie's family and loved ones. May God give them comfort and peace.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF DWAYNE AND CAROL CHESTNUT

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the golden wedding anniversary of Dwayne and Carol Chestnut, two dear friends, respected community leaders, generous philanthropists, and loyal Democrats. They have three children, Kay, Michelle, and Mark, and two grandchildren, Darrel and Danielle Jobe.

Carol and Dwayne met as teenagers in high school when, coming out of class, he held the door open for her. Carol responded, "It is good to know that there are still gentlemen and scholars left." Dwayne was smitten and holds the door for Carol still today.

When Carol and Dwayne were courting in Texas in the early fifties, their favorite song was "Too Young" by Nat King Cole. Its words were prophetic: "This love will last though years may go." The joy they find in each other spills over into the numerous lives, including

my own, which they have touched over the fifty years they have been together.

Congratulations. Here's to many more good times and sweet memories to come.

ANGELO CANDELORI: A LIFETIME OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express gratitude and deep appreciation for the leadership and commitment of one of New Jersey's most dedicated public servants, Colonel Angelo Candelori.

For over 30 years, Colonel Candelori has volunteered countless hours and offered exceptional guidance and insights as a member of the Fourth Congressional District's Service Academy Nominations Board—a task he has taken most seriously and accomplished with great success. Year after year, Colonel Candelori has "sweat the details," tediously poring over the applications of prospective Service Academy nominees. With great scrutiny and wisdom he has interviewed every young man and woman, recommending only those whom he felt were most deserving of my congressional nomination.

I have benefitted greatly from Colonel Candelori's expertise, discernment, dedication, and desire that our armed services receive the best and brightest possible officer applicants. And so, too, has the United States military.

Having served for 32 years in the United States Marine Corps and the reserves—a tenure that overlapped with his time on our Service Academy Board—Colonel Candelori relied on his instinctive knowledge and judgement, as well as years of military training, to help identify young applicants best suited to become America's next generation of military leaders. With honor, integrity, courage and dedication, Colonel Candelori easily embodies the Marine Corps motto "Semper Fi"—proving to be "always faithful" to the United States of America, his fellow Marines, and all members of our armed forces.

If you knew Colonel Candelori personally, you would know that his dedication to his community and his commitment to public service is evident beyond his military career. For many years Colonel Candelori was a member of the Hamilton Township Planning Board and the Hamilton Township Development Review Advisory Board. His positive impact in many local and state volunteer and/or civic organizations resulted in his designation as a Point of Light by President George H. W. Bush. Colonel Candelori was also named a recipient of the U.S. Secretary of Energy's Community Service Award and the Enrico Fermi Federation Achievement Award.

Recognition of Colonel Candelori's leadership quality is international as he was knighted with the title of Cavalieri in the Order of Solidarity by the government of Italy. He served as president of the Societa Cavalieri d'Italia and is a past trustee of the Italian-American National Hall of Fame and a past president of the Enrico Fermi Federation.

Mr. Speaker, to say that Colonel Angelo Candelori is a patriot and a gentleman would be an understatement. He is a remarkable, dedicated family man and community leader who has truly advanced the common good.

This year, as he steps down from his more than three decades of assisting in the vetting of future uniformed military officers, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Colonel Angelo Candelori for his dedicated service to the citizens of New Jersey and to the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF GOVERNOR TERRY BRANSTAD

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, who yesterday became the longest serving governor in the history of the United States, surpassing former Vice President George Clinton from New York.

Governor Branstad has now served 7,642 days as governor. I salute and congratulate him on his dedication to the state of Iowa and his passion for public service.

Born and raised on a farm in Northern Iowa, Governor Branstad's life has been dedicated to the advancement of the state of Iowa. After a tenure in the United States Army, he served three terms in the Iowa House of Representatives and was subsequently elected as the Lieutenant Governor.

In 1982, at the age of 35, he was elected as the youngest governor in Iowa history. After his first four terms in office, Governor Branstad refocused his boundless energy on continuing to serve the state as the President of Des Moines University. He returned as governor in 2010 and is currently serving his sixth term.

During his administration, Iowa has seen record low unemployment rates, as well as an admirable budget surplus. His endless energy and strong work ethic inspires all of us who serve in elected office to constantly strive to improve our performance on behalf of all Iowans.

Thank you, Governor Branstad, for all that you have done for the great state of Iowa and your nearly twenty-one years of service.