

a “common link” between the staff of Congressman Gallo and my New Jersey District Office staff: Mrs. Pamela Thievon of Long Hill, New Jersey.

For over two decades, Pam has provided tireless service to the people of New Jersey’s 11th Congressional District. As my current District Director, Pam leads a team of caseworkers and field personnel. In this important capacity, she has helped thousands of families, taxpayers, veterans, citizen organizations and service groups in their daily struggle to work through the federal bureaucracy. I take casework—resolving your problems with the federal government—very seriously and work enormously hard to get you the answers you deserve. Pam helps me to ensure that constituents are heard and are given an adequate response in a timely manner.

In addition, over the past two decades Pam has mentored dozens of caseworkers and field staff, making an indelible impression on their careers and, indeed, their lives. Just as important, she has provided responsible and sound advice to me as I work to serve the diverse communities of the 11th Congressional District.

Of course, retirement itself is a great gift. After decades of selfless effort, Pamela Thievon will retire at month’s end. She certainly earned this new chapter in her life. We will miss her, but hope she will enjoy her “golden years” surrounded by family and friends.

I am confident that my friend, Dean Gallo, would join me in uttering a heartfelt, “thank you” to Mrs. Pamela Thievon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained from voting when my D.C. bound flight was diverted to Richmond, VA due to the severe weather in this region. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall #376: “no.”
Rollcall #377: “no.”
Rollcall #378: “yes.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded on Rollcall #376 on H.R. 1190, Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act. I was not present for this vote due to travel in Texas at the ICE detention facilities and subsequent flight delay. I intended to vote “no.”

Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded on Rollcall #377 on H.R. 805, Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2015. I was not present for this vote due to travel in Texas at the ICE detention facilities and subsequent flight delay. I intended to vote “yes.”

Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded on Rollcall #378 on H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015. I was not present for this vote due to a travel in Texas at the ICE detention facilities and subsequent flight delay. I intended to vote “yes.”

STOP OVERDOSE STAT (SOS) ACT

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I reintroduced the Stop Overdose Stat (S.O.S.) Act, legislation that will curb the nation’s growing opioid overdose rates.

Joined by Sen. JACK REED of Rhode Island, our legislation will establish a grant program that funds efforts to educate and train the public, first responders, and caregivers of those at-risk of overdose on how to administer naloxone, a drug that reverses the effects of heroin and opioid overdoses until proper medical care can be provided.

We remain encouraged that this important legislation can be funded during the Fiscal Year 2016 appropriations cycle, a reflection of the Obama Administration’s priority to expand naloxone access across our nation.

Since I first introduced this bill in 2009, nearly 140,000 Americans have died from opioid related deaths, including more than 4,000 from my home state of Maryland.

I thank Sen. REED for leading this effort on the Senate side, committing to the idea that Washington lawmakers have a responsibility to fund proven programs that make a real difference in treating and preventing overdose, and ultimately saving lives.

And while I understand that there is much work to be done in order to address substance abuse before it gets to the point of overdose, each year hundreds of Maryland families and tens of thousands of American families need immediate assistance.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to cosponsor this important and much needed piece of legislation.

HONORING THE OLDENBURG INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT’S 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Oldenburg Indiana Volunteer Fire Department’s 150 years of service to the community.

Being a volunteer firefighter is a special calling. These brave men and women who serve obviously don’t do it for the money. They volunteer for this job because they love their community and want to give back.

Firefighters put their lives on the line every day to protect their neighbors. And, for that, their community owes them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

It is my privilege to recognize Oldenburg’s courageous firefighters for their dedication and to recognize the Oldenburg Indiana Volunteer

Fire Department for 150 years of service to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2015, I was unable to be present for all votes due to multiple flight delays.

If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following votes:

H.R. 1190, Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act—Aye.

H.R. 805, Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act—Aye.

H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act—Aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, I was unable to vote due to travel delays. Had I been present on the House floor, I would have voted “nay” on roll call No. 376, final passage of H.R. 1190, the Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act of 2015. I would have voted “aye” on roll call No. 377, H.R. 805, the Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015, and “aye” on roll call No. 378, H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015.

TRIBUTE TO MS. PHYLLIS DANIEL

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Thirty five years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve as a teacher, administrator and principal; and

Whereas, Ms. Phyllis E. Daniel has enhanced the academic curriculum of Public Schools in DeKalb County, Georgia and has increased the good will of the schools in my district. Her work resonates throughout the community and she has created a legacy for students through scholarships and servitude; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a friend, a fearless leader and a servant to ensure that all students receive the best education and skills to become outstanding leaders of our communities and nation; and

Whereas, Ms. Phyllis E. Daniel is a cornerstone in our community who has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of my District and our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Phyllis E. Daniel on her retirement and to wish her well

in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 26, 2015 as Ms. Phyllis E. Daniel Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 26th day of May, 2015.

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HERO CAMPAIGN

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor to recognize the 15th Anniversary of the John R. Elliot HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers.

The HERO Campaign was created by Bill and Muriel Elliot in honor of their son John, a Naval Academy graduate, that seeks to end drunken driving tragedies nationwide by promoting the use of safe and sober designated drivers. This campaign, which began as a result of the death of John at the hands of a drunk driver who was arrested and released while still intoxicated, resulted in the enactment of John's Law which allows police to hold a driver's vehicle for up to 12 hours if they are arrested for driving while under the influence.

Since the organization's founding in 2000, the HERO Campaign has organized more than 100,000 designated drivers to end drunk driving and has extended its reach to over seven states, from Massachusetts to Kentucky, through its partnerships with the NFL and NASCAR. In 2005, I was a co-sponsor of H.R. 3—the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU) that included this needed provision and ensured John's legacy would live on through the protection of drivers across the nation.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to Bill and Muriel for their many years of hard work on this very important issue. The strength they have shown in turning tragedy into a worthwhile cause is a testament to their son's memory and the noble and needed cause to end drunk driving.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, my family and I said goodbye to a remarkable woman, my mother-in-law, Loretta Wagner. While she will be greatly missed, we are comforted in knowing that she lived a full and blessed life as a voice for the voiceless, and is now in Jesus' embrace as his good and faithful servant.

Due to the extraordinary nature of this event, I was unable to be in Washington, D.C. and vote on legislative business during this time. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On Passage of H.R. 1190—Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015 (Roll Call Vote #376), had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Passage of H.R. 805—Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015 (Roll Call Vote #377), had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Passage of H.R. 2576—TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 (Roll Call Vote #378), had I been present I would have voted yes.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF ADDISON, TEXAS ON THIRTY YEARS OF ADDISON KABOOM TOWN!

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the city of Addison, Texas, located in my Congressional district, for this year's Addison Kaboom Town! fireworks show. July 3rd marks the 30th consecutive fireworks show for the town, which is expected to draw over 500,000 spectators, a remarkable accomplishment as Addison is home to 19,000 residents and is only 4.4 sq miles.

Addison Kaboom Town! began in 1985 and has quickly grown into the nationally renowned event it is today. Addison Kaboom Town! has received accolades from the American Pyrotechnics Associations, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, and AOL, each naming it one of the top fireworks shows in the country. The fireworks show has been simulcast over Dallas-Fort Worth radio, which broadcasts a music program that accompanies the fireworks.

In addition to the fireworks show, this year will also feature the Addison Airport Air Show in addition to live performances by the 36th Infantry Division Band, Rhythm and Boots, and the Dallas Wind Symphony. Addison Kaboom Town! is truly a remarkable fixture of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and the display of patriotism from Addison and the plethora of visitors it attracts is second to none. I look forward to this year's celebration as well as its continued success into the future.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the 30th anniversary of Addison Kaboom Town!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, I was absent during roll call vote #376. Had I been present, I would have voted "NO" on passage of H.R. 1190, the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015.

COMMENDING THE NORTH ATTLEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF JOHN REILLY

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the North Attleboro Police Department and Chief John Reilly on achieving accreditation and demonstrating the department goes above and beyond state and national standards.

Under the strong leadership of Chief Reilly, the department has revamped their policies and practices to come in compliance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

For two years, the entire department worked together to ensure that they met the highest possible standards in their service to the town of North Attleboro. This is no small feat, nor is it an easy task for a department facing budget cuts.

Earning this recognition is about more than the preparation and readiness of the North Attleboro Police Department, it's about guaranteeing their officers are committed to the safety and protection of their community.

With each traffic stop and every distress call, our police officers face a challenging, oftentimes evolving situation with courage and bravery.

They never ask who is calling for their help or whether their service is necessary. Instead, they race to the scene and risk their safety for that of the community.

Thank you Chief Reilly and your entire force for your work day and night to ensure that our citizens can walk around North Attleboro knowing you will always answer their call.

THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF GRACE LEE BOGGS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Grace Lee Boggs who will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 27, 2015. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Mrs. Boggs for her service and contributions to the cause of civil rights throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.

Born to Chinese immigrants in Providence, Rhode Island, Mrs. Boggs graduated from Barnard College in 1935 before going on to receive her Ph.D. in philosophy from Bryn Mawr College in 1940. Mrs. Boggs moved to Detroit in 1953 and immediately identified with issues facing the city's African American population.

In an era known for the greatest civil rights advancements in our nation's history, Grace Lee Boggs became an indispensable ally. Her unique approach to the power struggle affecting minorities and women in the middle of the 20th century stood out as innovative even amongst the leading civil rights thinkers of the time. At the core of Mrs. Boggs' understanding of social relations is the idea that small groups