

September 12, 2016. Had I been present for roll call vote number 496, H. Res. 847, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives about a national strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 497, H. Res. 835, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt a national policy for technology to promote consumers' access to financial tools and online commerce to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING RABBI EMERITUS
AMIEL WOHL

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend, Rabbi Emeritus Amiel Wohl, who will be honored this Friday during a special farewell Shabbat Dinner and Service at Temple Israel of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, New York.

Throughout his life, Rabbi Wohl has dedicated himself to his faith and his community. He has served as Rabbi at Temple Israel in New Rochelle since 1973. Previously, he served congregations in Waco, Texas; Baltimore, Maryland; and Sacramento, California, where he was the Chaplain of the California Senate. Since moving to Westchester, he has served as President of the Westchester Jewish Council, represented the Central Conference of American Rabbis on the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, and is a past President of the Westchester Board of Rabbis. He was also instrumental in creating the only Sabbath service radio broadcast in the New York Metropolitan Area.

As a local leader, Rabbi Wohl has worked to advance peaceful cooperation in our diverse community. He was a founder of the Interreligious Council of New Rochelle, and served on the Human Rights Commission of New Rochelle and the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. He also helped create the Coalition for Mutual Respect, an organization that supports dialogue and understanding between Black and Jewish members of the community.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Wohl's many accomplishments have left an indelible imprint on the communities he served. I congratulate my dear friend on a lifetime of commitment to the Jewish people and steadfast embodiment of, and devotion to, Jewish values.

TRIBUTE TO JEANETTE AND BILL
CREES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeanette and Bill Crees of Casey, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anni-

versary. They celebrated their anniversary on June 12, 2016.

Jeanette and Bill's lifelong commitment to each other, and to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 496, had I been present, I would have voted YES.

HONORING JOANNE WHITE

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and along with my colleague, Representative LINDA SÁNCHEZ, the Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics, we rise today so that we may recognize the long and dedicated service of Mattie Joanne White to the House of Representatives. Joanne is retiring from the Ethics Committee this year, after more than 25 years of service to the Committee, and over 41 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Joanne started her service with the Committee as a Staff Assistant, and through hard work and dedication, she rose to become the Committee's Administrative Staff Director. The Committee on Ethics is the only standing committee of the House whose membership is evenly divided between each political party. The Committee includes five members of each party. Also, unlike other committees, the day-to-day work of the Committee on Ethics is conducted by a staff that is nonpartisan by rule. Throughout that time, Joanne has been the model of the Committee's non-partisan, professional staff.

We congratulate Joanne on the completion of an exemplary career in public service. We will miss her knowledge and leadership, but we know that she will remain our friend.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN AND BOB
BOOTS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jean and Bob

Boots of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 17, 1956 at the Congregational Church in Stuart, Iowa.

Jean and Bob's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Steve, Judy, and Linda, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF 45 YEARS OF
CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS
LEADERSHIP

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the continued service over the last 45 years of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Since its inception, the Congressional Black Caucus has been committed to advancing justice, fairness, and equal protection under the law. I am proud to work with Caucus Chair G. K. BUTTERFIELD, original founding member Representative JOHN CONYERS, Jr., and over forty other members of Congress who diligently highlight inequalities and advocate for solutions to some of our nation's most significant problems.

As an active member of the Caucus since its foundation, I am humbled to serve for a body that protects the most vulnerable, and serves as a mouthpiece for those who often find themselves without a voice. What began 45 years ago as a group of thirteen individuals who expressed their concerns to President Richard Nixon has grown nearly three times in size, and has become an institution in the fight for social, economic, educational, and judicial change.

In many Congressional districts, including the 13th district of New York, our constituents face challenges of discrimination and, if not for the Congressional Black Caucus, might not have representation on issues of significance. While we have come a long way from the marches for Civil Rights in the 1960s, we still have many miles to go. Until we get there, I am confident that the Congressional Black Caucus will continue its dedication to resolve critical issues that affect minority communities.

This week as we approach the annual Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Legislative Conference, we celebrate the achievements and advocacy of the Congressional Black Caucus, but realize there is more to be done. As we look to the future, the Congressional Black Caucus will remain the conscience of Congress and continue to improve the lives for all.

HONORING JOANNE WHITE

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Joanne White for her remarkable career and service to the House and the Committee on Ethics. To reach a milestone of 41 years in any field is an accomplishment. To do it in public service requires a

servant's heart—and Joanne truly has a servant's heart.

During more than 25 years at Ethics, Joanne has worked with 67 Members of the House; 13 Chairmen and 9 Ranking Members; and scores of House staff. Miss Joanne, as she is lovingly known, has been a sounding board and institutional memory for Members of the Committee. She has been a steady and stalwart colleague to all of her co-workers, and a mentor to younger staffers. To all of us, she has also been a valued friend.

Joanne will never really be gone from the Committee or the House. She will be with us

in the tone of collegiality and respect she helped to foster and in the example she set for so many staffers over the years. Since many of them have gone on to other positions of public service, her impact will be felt far beyond the Ethics Committee. That is a wonderful and fitting legacy for a true public servant.

We thank Joanne's family for sharing Joanne with the House for these many years, and for letting her become part of our family here. Most of all, we thank Joanne for her many years of service and wish her the best in her well-earned retirement.