

keep the shelter animals healthy and entertained. She also sponsored a community adoption event for animals at the shelter and Pet Harbor and the importance of proper animal healthcare. What an accomplished and caring young woman. The leadership skills Trudy has learned through Girl Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Trudy Rogers for receiving the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

RECOGNIZING PAM BRIER

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader who has worked tirelessly to improve healthcare for residents of Brooklyn and all of New York City.

At the beginning of this month, Pam Brier retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of Maimonides Medical Center. Throughout her illustrious career, Pam has shepherded Maimonides from a community hospital to a state-of-the-art medical hub, a pioneer of integrating technology into medical care.

Pam's achievements are too many to recount. She helped introduce information technology to better care for the chronically ill. She launched a cancer center in Brooklyn, making treatments more accessible in our borough. She worked on securing clothing for homeless patients, and made countless other contributions to New York's health system.

Pam founded the Brooklyn Health Information Exchange, bringing together healthcare providers and social service providers. With support from the state and from a Federal Innovation Award, she encouraged the development of a collaborative model program to coordinate the care of individuals living with serious mental illness and other chronic diseases.

Pam accomplished all of this because of her outstanding personal abilities. I've known her for decades and can tell you she has that rare combination of traits that make for an exceptional leader. She has the perseverance to stay the course during trying times, to evolve her thinking as new challenges arise and a special quality that inspires others to succeed.

During her tenure, Pam made sure every staff member was working together to build Maimonides into the premier healthcare institution it is today. She did all of this, while never losing sight of the fact that healthcare is not just about medicine—it is about caring for people.

Pam has an unwavering commitment to helping cure the sick and provide for those of meager means. I can tell you there was never a moment when Pam did not take the opportunity to advocate for better healthcare. Whether it was a meeting at the hospital in New York or any other occasion—like my birthday—or even hers—she always found a way to work healthcare issues into the conversation.

That tireless advocacy comes from a good place. It is because Pam Brier knows that when it comes to healthcare we are talking about people's lives and she never stopped fighting to improve our healthcare system.

Pam Brier has done much for our community and City. We all owe her a debt of gratitude. Later this month the Maimonides community will come together to salute Pam and wish her well. For now, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Pam Brier on her many achievements and her well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "yes" on rollcall Number 2 (Previous Question); "yes" on rollcall Number 3 (Adoption of the Rule for Reconciliation); "yes" on rollcall Number 4 (Previous Question); "yes" on rollcall Number 5 (Adoption of the Combined Rule for H.R. 712 & H.R. 1155); and "yes" on rollcall Number 6 (Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3762).

IN HONOR OF ROBERT WALTER "BOBBY" DEWS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a respected athlete, coach, author, and family man, Robert Walter "Bobby" Dews. Sadly, Bobby Dews passed away on Saturday, December 26, 2015. A private funeral service was attended by close family and friends.

Mr. Dews was a longtime resident of Georgia and graduated from Edison High School in Calhoun County before attending the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he played baseball and basketball.

As a young man, Bobby Dews was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. He was an infielder on the team for eight years before beginning his managerial career. Mr. Dews eventually returned to Georgia and served as manager, scout, and coach for the Atlanta Braves for over 30 years. In recognition of his successful career in baseball, Mr. Dews was inducted into Georgia Tech's Hall of Fame.

Bobby Dews was not only a natural athlete and baseball enthusiast but also a masterful storyteller, publishing several novels and books of short poetry and prose. After retiring from the Braves, Mr. Dews remained involved in the community and served as the writer-in-residence for Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia, where he had previously received his Associate's degree.

Mr. Dews was truly an asset to the Atlanta and Edison communities and the state of Georgia. A prominent sports figure in the state, Bobby Dews will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing this inspiring mentor and humble friend.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Bobby Dews committed a pro-

digious amount of time and love to service others and shared his own enthusiasm and wisdom in order to better those around him. In life and in death, Mr. Dews has left a lasting impact on all those who he mentored over the years.

Bobby Dews leaves behind his loving wife of 39 years, Glenda; his daughter, Dana; and his grandson and namesake, Robert Dawson Gates. Additionally, Mr. Dews is survived by his sister, stepsister, and two stepbrothers as well as several nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly. He was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Edison, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and my wife, Vivian, in extending our deepest sympathies to Bobby Dews' family and friends during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith in the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PATRICIA "PATTY" SIEGEL

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on December 25th, a beautiful Christmas day in San Francisco, a beloved community leader and esteemed childcare advocate passed away. Patricia "Patty" Siegel was a courageous, passionate and relentless champion for children, who dedicated her life and career to making childcare accessible and affordable for all families. Patty helped lay the groundwork for America's contemporary childcare network.

In 1972, drawing on her experience as a mother, teacher and parent-organizer, Patty founded one of the nation's first childcare resource and referral agencies, the Childcare Switchboard, now known as the Children's Council of San Francisco. For 30 years, Patty served as Executive Director of the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, the first such network in the nation, which empowered her to play an influential role in shaping state and federal childcare policy. Among her biggest achievements was the passage of federal legislation in 1990 creating the Child Care and Development Block Grant, which provides subsidies to low-income families seeking childcare.

Patty served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Care Development and was one of the original state commissioners for the First 5 California Commission that oversees and supports the funding of education, health, and childcare programs for California children under age 5 and their families. With her customary energy and vision, Patty also inspired and guided the development of Parent Voices, a grassroots parent-led effort to engage and empower parents to participate in the policy process.

An early champion of the idea that early education creates long-term cognitive and emotional benefits, Patty Siegel's name is synonymous with the best initiatives giving all children the opportunity to succeed. As we mourn Patty's passing, we know she lives on—in the

children she helped, in the working families she empowered, and in the activists she inspired.

Sadly, in 2014, Patty lost her beloved husband, Sandy, who proudly supported her efforts over the years. I hope it is a comfort to their children Toby, Tara and Kelsey, and their four grandchildren, that so many are thinking of them during this difficult time. We are grateful to them for sharing such a magnificent and dearly beloved woman with us. Her beautiful spirit lives on in the battles she won, the policies she changed, and the countless lives she continues to impact.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 2 regarding "On Ordering the Previous Question" (H. Res. 579). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 3 regarding "Providing for consideration of H.R. 3762" (H. Res. 579). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 4 regarding "On Ordering the Previous Question" (H. Res. 580). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 5 regarding "Providing for consideration of H.R. 712" (H. Res. 580). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 6 regarding "Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015" (H.R. 3762). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

KASEY HODGE EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kasey Hodge from Katy, Texas for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest honor in Boy Scouts.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, which takes years of dedicated effort. Community service and leadership—the most important aspects of scouting—are values every Scout brings wherever life leads them. Kasey's project involved building a community bench in a local dog park. Kasey's dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in college and his future career. The leadership skills Kasey has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again on becoming an Eagle Scout. I have no doubt Kasey has a bright future ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast roll call votes on a few days in the First Session of the 114th Congress. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 116; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 179; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 180; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 181; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 182; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 183; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 184; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 185; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 186; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 187; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 188; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 189; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 190; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 191; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 192; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 193; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 194; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 195; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 196; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 197; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 198; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 199; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 200; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 201; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 202; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 203; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 204; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 205; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 206; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 207; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 208; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 209; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 210; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 211; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 212; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 213; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 214; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 215; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 261; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 264; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 265; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 266; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 267; I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 500; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 674; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 675; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 677; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 678; I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 679 and I would have voted Aye on roll call vote 680.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,918,380,217,573.17. We've added \$8,291,503,168,660.09 to our debt in 7

years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Thursday, January 7, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: No on Roll Call Number 47 (Johnson Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 98 (Cummings Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 9 (Lynch Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 10 (Johnson Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 11 (Democrat Motion to Recommit); Yes on Roll Call Number 12 (Passage of H.R. 712); No on Roll Call Number 13 (Johnson Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 14 (Cummings Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 15 (Cicilline Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 16 (DeBene Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 17 (Cicilline Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 18 (Pocan Amendment); No on Roll Call Number 19 (Democrat Motion to Recommit); Yes on Roll Call Number 20 (Passage of H.R. 1155); Yes on Roll Call Number 21 (Previous Question); and Yes on Roll Call Number 22 (Adoption of H. Res. 581).

RECOGNIZING COACH FRANK BEAMER

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Coach Frank Beamer on the occasion of his retirement as the head football coach of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), located in Blacksburg, Virginia, as he concludes his highly successful career. For almost three decades, Coach Beamer has been a tremendous leader in Virginia, and a mentor to hundreds of student athletes.

In twenty nine seasons under Coach Beamer's leadership, Virginia Tech Football has enjoyed unprecedented success, notching 237 wins, three Big East championships, four Atlantic Coast Conference championships, and the opportunity to play for a national championship. His "Beamer Ball" style of play has led Virginia Tech to become one of the nation's most respected college football programs. In 1999, Coach Beamer was named the consensus Associated Press College Football Coach of the Year.

Coach Beamer's first postseason berth as head coach at Virginia Tech was a trip to the 1993 Independence Bowl game which resulted in a victory for the Hokies. It was only fitting that Coach Beamer ended his coaching career with a 55-52 victory over the University of Tulsa in the 2015 Independence Bowl, capping off a school record 23 straight postseason bowl games.

Raised in Hillsville, Virginia, Coach Beamer graduated from Hillsville High School where