

Mr. Speaker, this Act has spurred a movement by President Obama to help every American achieve the dream of being able to attend college no matter their financial background.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 130 through 135 due to official travel. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Number 130, no on Number 131, no on Number 132, yes on Number 133, yes on Number 134, and yes on Number 135.

H.R. 4891, THE “TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2016”

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the provisions of H.R. 4891, the “Technical Corrections Act of 2016,” introduced on April 11, 2016 makes tax technical and clerical corrections. Ways and Means Committee Chairman BRADY and Ranking Member LEVIN have asked the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation to make available to the public a technical explanation of the bill (JCX-16-16). The technical explanation expresses the Committee’s understanding and legislative intent behind this important legislation. It is available on the Joint Committee’s Web site at www.jct.gov.

HONORING JANET MAHONEY

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2016

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Janet Mahoney for her accomplishments in over twenty years of service to The American Legion Auxiliary, Montgomery Unit No. 429 in Rhinebeck, NY.

Janet is a recently retired dental hygienist, proud grandmother of eight grandchildren and also the widow of a Vietnam Veteran. She has always been passionate about Veterans, their families, and their communities.

Throughout her selfless and tireless service in the American Legion Auxiliary, Janet has served on multiple committees and in many leadership positions at the local and state levels. Some of her positions include: three terms as Unit President, three terms as County President, and two terms each as District Vice President and District President.

Janet has served at the State level since 2007 as the Education Chairman, Public Relations Chairman, Americanism Chairman, Vice-President and President. During her tenure of outstanding service at the State level, she was instrumental in the organization winning national awards for Department of New York Press Book, Best Overall Department Public

Relations Program, The National Americanism Award, The National Children and Youth Award, and The National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Award.

In Janet’s current capacity as New York American Legion Auxiliary President, she oversees multiple programs aimed at assisting Veterans as well as the communities of New York. One of her main priorities as President is raising money to support Vietnam Veterans impacted by Agent Orange.

Janet is leading a statewide campaign, covering all 62 counties across New York, and has a goal to raise over \$75,000.00. All funds raised in support of “Changing the Legacy of Agent Orange” will support Veterans with documented Agent Orange related medical needs. Funds will also support these Veteran’s children with documented Agent Orange related medical needs.

Mr. Speaker, Janet Mahoney has distinguished herself throughout her remarkable twenty plus year career in the New York American Legion Auxiliary where she has been an unwavering advocate for our Veterans, their families, and our communities. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on her countless achievements during a remarkable career.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT JEFFREY WALTON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeffrey Walton of Boy Scout Troop 104 in Corning, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Jeffrey’s Eagle Scout project involved constructing a large sign to be placed in the yard at Country Haven, a residential care facility, making it easier for people to locate the facility. The work ethic Jeffrey has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Jeffrey and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING SARAH TURNER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who is tenderly known as “Mama Sarah” within her community: Mrs. Sarah Pauline Turner. Sarah turned 100 years old on April 2nd, 2016, and I am so grateful to be able to help celebrate her reaching that remarkable milestone by honoring her in the hallowed halls of Congress.

Sarah is a treasured member of her community whose love for people became self-evident early on in her life when, after completing her education, she worked for the Veteran Admission in Washington, D.C. She later moved to New York City and became a friend to everyone she has met in the Bronx. Sarah’s list of community service accomplishments is long and distinguished. She has received an impressive amount of awards and recognition from her community, including for some of her most important work with RAIN Eastchester Senior Center and Eastchester Housing.

As involved as she is with her community, Sarah is just as involved with her church. She has offered spiritual guidance to the members of Burke Avenue Baptist Church for over 50 years, and has also served as part of the Pastor’s Aide Ministry, Gospel Chorus, Senior Usher Board, and is currently President of Willing Workers Ministry. Sarah’s unwavering dedication to her church community has not gone unnoticed. She gained a lifetime membership of the Eastern Stars Organization, where she serves as Worthy Matron.

There is no doubt that Sarah is an outstanding citizen of the Bronx Borough. She has been a pillar of her community, who has gracefully bestowed joy and happiness upon everyone she has met. I want to congratulate Sarah on reaching this remarkable milestone, and as Congressman for the northeast Bronx, thank her for all she has done in the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on March 21 and March 22, 2016 I was not present to vote on H.R. 4314 (Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act), H.R. 4742 (Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act), H.R. 4755 (Inspiring the Next Space Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act) and H.R. 4336 (Women Airforce Service Pilot Arlington Inurnment Restoration Act). I wish to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for roll call No. 130, I would have voted “YEA.”

Had I been present for roll call No. 133, I would have voted “YEA.”

Had I been present for roll call No. 134, I would have voted “YEA.”

Had I been present for roll call No. 135, I would have voted “YEA.”

PATTY DUKE "QUEEN OF TV MOVIES AND TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Patty Duke, an American icon and advocate for those suffering in silence from various forms of mental illness, who passed away on March 29, 2016 at the age of 69.

Patty Duke was born Anna Marie Duke on December 14, 1946 in Elmhurst, New York.

Anna Duke and her siblings grew up in a difficult household, raised by an alcoholic father and a mother who suffered from what was then called "manic depression," later known to be bipolar disorder.

Anna Duke was introduced to acting by her brother's managers, John and Ethel Ross, who changed her name to Patty and eventually became her guardians.

Later in Patty Duke's life, she revealed that she was a survivor of sexual assault.

In 1959, Patty Duke's first big role came when she was cast as Helen Keller in the Broadway version of *The Miracle Worker*, with Anne Bancroft portraying her teacher, Anne Sullivan.

Then in 1962, that play was turned into a feature film, in which she also starred.

For her performance in the film, the 16-year-old won a "Promising Newcomer" Golden Globe as well as an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress—making her the youngest person to win an Oscar at that time.

Sadly, following her Oscar win, Patty Duke began to privately unravel.

The abuse she endured along with her family's history of bipolar disorder began to plague her.

All the while, she continued to dazzle the outside world with a successful career.

Patty Duke then starred in her own sitcom called *The Patty Duke Show*, which she artfully played two cousin characters simultaneously.

In 1965, she also became a pop music contender with her top 10 hit "Don't Just Stand There" and headlined the acclaimed film *Billie*, which was the first movie ever sold to a television network.

Thus, began Patty Duke's reign as the "Queen of TV Movies."

Patty Duke continued her big-screen career by starring in the cult classic *Valley of The Dolls* in 1967 and indie films such as *Me, Natalie* in 1969.

Patty Duke married assistant director Harry Falk, remaining in the marriage from 1965 to 1969.

After her marriage ended, Patty Duke bore a son named Sean Patrick Duke.

In 1972, she married actor John Astin, who played Gomez in the television version of *The Addams Family*.

John Astin adopted her son Sean, and fathered her second son, Mackenzie Astin, born in 1973.

Then in 1976, Patty Duke won her second Emmy for the highly successful mini-series *Captains and the Kings*.

Other popular TV movies followed, including the 1979 small screen version of *The Miracle*

Worker, in which she portrayed Anne Sullivan, a role that won her third Emmy.

In the mid-1980s, she became president of the Screen Actors Guild.

Her 1987 autobiography, *Call Me Anna*, was made into a TV movie in 1990 in which she portrayed herself and served as co-producer.

Following in 1992 second book, *A Brilliant Madness: Living With Manic Depression Illness*, was published.

With the help of family and friends Patty Duke was able to quiet her personal demons, and become a vocal advocate for those suffering from mental illnesses, along with dispelling social stigmas attached to them.

Patty Duke died on March 29, 2016 in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, at the age of 69 from a sepsis infection from a ruptured intestine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to take a moment of silence in remembrance of this strong woman who was able to stand against the suffocating struggles of depression and became a source of inspiration for hundreds of thousands of Americans struggling with mental illnesses.

STANDARD MERGER AND ACQUISITION REVIEWS THROUGH EQUAL RULES ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in opposition to H.R. 2745 or the SMARTER Act.

This bill is another delay tactic that stops us from the meaningful work of passing a budget.

Too many bills that have come out of the Judiciary Committee this year are designed to erode consumer rights and roll back established judicial precedent.

We should be considering and debating meaningful bills to address criminal justice reform and common sense gun safety.

Instead, we are here voting to fix a problem that does not exist and does not need our attention.

A Politico article from two days ago was titled "Congress setting a low bar for doing nothing."

My Democratic colleagues and I have bills and agendas that we would like to bring to the floor to address real problems facing real Americans.

This bill is not smart. It is a timewaster and I hope after spring recess we can come back to a robust agenda and work on behalf of the American people.

HONORING SYDNEY ALDERMAN PERRY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today marks the end of an era at the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven as they gather to celebrate the retire-

ment of their President and CEO, and my dear friend, Sydney Alderman Perry.

Sydney began her career with the Jewish Federation and JCC nearly 30 years ago in the Department of Jewish Education. Education was her passion and over the course of her seventeen years in that department she not only worked to improve the synagogue supplementary schools, she also developed and implemented a number of innovative education programs for both adults and teens.

In addition to "A Taste of Honey," an adult learning lecture series that attracts hundreds of adults, Sydney spearheaded the Israel Experience Savings program, which helps young people travel to Israel and initiated Talmud Torah Meyuchad, an individualized Jewish education program for children with special needs. But perhaps the contribution she is most proud of is the establishment of the successful community Hebrew High School, MAKOM, which serves hundreds of teens throughout the New Haven area every year.

She was tapped as associate executive director to supervise such things as the Holocaust Education and Prejudice Reduction Project and went on to become the executive director of the federation for six years, before taking on the title of CEO of the merged federation and the Jewish Community Center of New Haven.

Under her leadership the federation has expanded its agenda and outreach to enhance Jewish life and enrich the lives of those most in need both locally and internationally. Food4Kids sends local students who depend on the breakfast and lunch programs home with a backpack of staples for the weekends. The Jewish Coalition for Literacy has more than two hundred volunteers who read and talk with students. The federation supports the elderly housing complexes as well as educational institutions across Greater New Haven and raises funds for Yale Hillel and the University of Connecticut Hillel; the Jewish Historical Society and the JCC.

Beyond her leadership at the Jewish Federation and JCC, Sydney is an extraordinary advocate for Jewish continuity. She has served as a consultant to the community on educational endeavors, including the Anne Frank Project, Shepherd '92, Jerusalem 3000 and the celebration of Israel's 50th Anniversary. Sydney is an extraordinary scholar, often called upon nationally to give workshops and has served as scholar-in-residence for several communities.

Sydney has shown an unparalleled dedication to Jewish education in our community and throughout the nation—a commitment that is reflected in the myriad of awards she has been honored with over the years. She is an inspiration.

I am proud to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered this evening in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sydney Alderman Perry for her incredible work with the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven and her outstanding service to our community. My very best wishes to her, her children, and grandchildren for many more years of health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement.