

Team" detachment along the Vietnam-Cambodian border in 1968.

Just last year, Garvey completed a book that drew from his experiences in Vietnam. Nearly 50 years in the making, Garvey's "Many Beaucoup Magics" is his account of the dangers and costs of war as he saw them firsthand.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Garvey will be honored next week at the Ridley Park Memorial Day Ceremony, where he will serve as keynote speaker. I congratulate him on this honor and thank him for his service to our country.

HONORING MAYOR WILLIAM E. TROXELL OF GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor William E. Troxell on his May 31, 2016 retirement as Mayor of the Borough of Gettysburg.

Mr. Troxell was born in Gettysburg and is a direct descendant of John Troxell, the first settler of Gettysburg. He is a World War II Veteran and served 12 years in the United States Army Reserve. He returned home to serve in the private sector for many years, and then served for 29 years with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 as a teacher, football coach, athletic director, among other positions.

Mr. Troxell's dedication to Gettysburg and its surrounding community is unmatched. He was a member of the Gettysburg Country Club, American Legion Post 202, the Gettysburg Good Samaritan Masonic Lodge No. 336 and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Arie 1562. Mr. Troxell is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park, served on the National Park Advisory Commission and is a member of both the Adams County Historical Society and the U.S.S. Gettysburg Association.

William is best known, however, as Mayor Troxell of Gettysburg; a position he's held since 1997 and performed with zeal, professionalism and class. His dedication to duty as Mayor of "America's Most Famous Small Town" has earned him the respect of countless officials and citizens with whom he's interacted. William has left an enduring legacy of service to Gettysburg and our Nation.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District and a grateful Nation, I'm proud and humbled to congratulate William E. Troxell on his retirement and wish him great health, happiness and prosperity in his future adventures.

COMMENDING THE FBI'S KIRK YEAGER FOR BEING NOMINATED A FINALIST FOR THE 2016 SAMUEL J. HEYMAN SERVICE TO AMERICA MEDAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend my constituent, Mr. Kirk Yeager, on his

commitment to government service and his nomination as a finalist for the 2016 Samuel J. Heyman Service to American Medal.

Service to America Medals, or Sammies as they've become known, are presented annually by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service to honor outstanding federal employees who have made significant contributions to our nation. In recognizing their achievements, we not only pay tribute to our dedicated federal workforce, but also promote a culture of innovation and achievement in our government.

When there is a terrorist bombing or a new type of explosive poses a threat to the U.S., the FBI primarily turns to one man: Kirk Yeager. Kirk is the FBI's resident bomb expert; anything that deals with explosives that comes to the FBI, goes to Kirk.

Yeager doesn't just respond to crises. In his daily work, he oversees the bureau's research focused on getting a better understanding of the explosives terrorists use. He also developed the FBI's advanced training material on terrorist explosives.

As a chemist and an engineer, as well as one of the FBI's five senior laboratory scientists, Kirk has been studying bomb-making for more than 20 years. His goal is to understand what ingredients are used, how bombs are made, and how they can be detected. He seeks to use this knowledge to trace devices to specific terrorist organizations or known bomb-makers around the world.

As part of his work, he helped start a training program and developed information for bomb technicians across the country, including those employed by private companies. In one instance, the training materials helped a shipping company successfully stop a "lone wolf" plot, according to Kirk. He says his biggest challenge is trying to keep up with the evolving nature of the terrorist threat. He will continue to "reproduce everything that the bad guys do," he said, so he can save lives and "make a difference and contribute to the broader community."

I would like to personally thank Kirk Yeager for his service to our country and for his tireless work to protect the people of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me once more in recognizing the tremendous contributions of Mr. Kirk Yeager. He is but one of many dedicated federal employees performing extraordinary work through the federal government in communities across America each and every day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the following votes; however, if I had been present, I would have voted "YEA" on the following bills:

H.R. 4889—Kelsey Smith Act

H.R. 4167—Kari's Law Act of 2016, as amended

H.R. 3998—Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act, as amended

H.R. 2589—To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Commu-

nications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption.

PAUL STONE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Paul Stone for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Paul Stone is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Paul Stone is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Paul Stone for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

DR. JIM W. CAIN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the fine career and outstanding public service of Dr. Jim Cain, superintendent of Klein ISD. Dr. Cain has devoted over 47 years to the education of our youth, serving as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, instructional officer for technology, director of school administration, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He has devoted his life to education and bettering our community, and it is with great pleasure that I express my admiration and gratitude. I offer him my utmost congratulations for his long and successful career.

Dr. Cain began his career as a teacher, in his home state of Illinois, after graduating from the University of Illinois in 1969. He then made one the best decisions of his life, he moved to the great state of Texas and in 1978 he took his first job at Klein ISD at Benfer Elementary. He has served in many different roles during his 36 years with the district, 12 of those as superintendent. Dr. Cain has achieved recognition and numerous awards at the local, state and federal level for his leadership and hands on involvement in the success of the students at Klein ISD. Last Thursday, at the Klein ISD staff banquet, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award. His dedication has earned him the respect and admiration of the teachers, staff and students under his supervision as well as the community. His intellect, eagerness, and vision will be sincerely missed by not only Klein, but the many other communities that he has touched.

Dr. Cain is a dedicated family man, having been married to his wife Susan for 39 years,

and the proud father of two adult children; Ross and Ashley. Dr. Cain and Susan are looking forward to traveling and spending time with their four grandchildren.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I commend this remarkable leader for his exemplary service and dedication to the State of Texas. I thank him for a job well done and I wish him the best of luck in the future as he enters into this new phase of life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, 2016, due to a family emergency I was absent for recorded votes 206 through 216.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were here:

On Roll Call Number 206 I would have voted no,

On Roll Call Number 207 I would have voted no,

On Roll Call Number 208 I would have voted no,

On Roll Call Number 209 I would have voted no,

On Roll Call Number 210 I would have voted yes,

On Roll Call Number 211 I would have voted no,

On Roll Call Number 212 I would have voted yes,

On Roll Call Number 213 I would have voted yes,

On Roll Call Number 214 I would have voted no,

On Roll Call Number 215 I would have voted yes, and

On Roll Call Number 216 I would have voted no.

TOM RICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that Congressman TOM RICE of South Carolina, with his accounting and legal background, was recognized for his role in determining the unlawful implementation of Obamacare. The following article by Emma Dumain was published May 13, 2016, in the Charleston Post and Courier:

WASHINGTON—A federal judge on Thursday ruled the Obama administration was improperly funding a subsidy program of the Affordable Care Act, a victory for House Republicans who took the unprecedented action nearly two years ago to sue the White House.

U.S. Rep. Tom Rice argues that he's partially to thank.

The South Carolina Republican doesn't get much, if any, public credit for being the first member of Congress to broach the idea of filing a lawsuit against President Barack Obama on the grounds he was overstepping the limitations of the executive branch on health care, immigration and other issues.

But as Rice tells it, the seeds of the Obamacare lawsuit began with the resolution he introduced in December 2013 at the end of his very first year on Capitol Hill.

Rice became bothered by Obama's alleged circumventing of Congress that summer when the U.S. Supreme Court determined the penalties the health law places on individuals who don't buy insurance are protected by the Constitution, because they count as taxes.

Around that time, Rice, like other Republicans, was also reeling over Obama's decision to delay implementation of the so-called "employer mandate" which requires business owners to provide health insurance for their employees.

"I'm a tax lawyer," Rice told The Post and Courier, "so I knew that cannot be right. If the president can just willy nilly choose to waive a tax or enforce a tax, then his power is unlimited. He can say, 'well, I'm not gonna apply the highest tax rate this year. I'm not gonna apply the capital gains tax this year. I'm not gonna apply whatever.'"

So Rice consulted legal experts on what legislative remedies might exist to hold Obama accountable short of impeachment, which even the staunchest critics of the administration knew was a political minefield.

The result was the STOP Act, short for "Stop This Over-Reaching President Act." It authorized the House of Representatives to sue the Obama administration in any of the following areas: The delay of the employer mandate, the stays of deportations for certain children of undocumented immigrants, and changes in criteria for receiving welfare.

Rice took the resolution to then-House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

"I asked him to read it and to my surprise he came back to me within two hours," Rice recalled. "And he said, 'a lawsuit against the president? That's kind of radical, isn't it?' So I knew it wasn't going anywhere fast."

But momentum grew, with more co-sponsors signing onto the STOP Act every time Obama said or did something that perturbed the Republican base.

"I filed it right before Christmas of 2013. And over December the president said, 'I got a pen and a phone and if you all don't do what I want you to do I'm gonna do it myself.' And I got like 50 co-sponsors the next day," said Rice. "And then in January he gave the State of the Union address and he said, 'if you don't enact my agenda then I'm gonna do it myself.' I got 15 more co-sponsors."

As 2014 wore on, the pressure was growing on Boehner to allow the House to act.

"He was getting a lot of calls," said Rice, "so he called me in and said, 'I need you to help me market this but I'm going to re-file this resolution under my name.' So he did. He put my resolution aside and filed an entirely new resolution."

By July, the House voted to authorize a lawsuit in federal court challenging Obama's delay in implementing the employer mandate. It also targeted the cost-sharing program between the administration and insurance companies which Republicans say Congress never approved.

On Thursday, a federal district judge in Washington, D.C., ruled in the House's favor on that second point. The Justice Department has appealed the ruling, which sets up a prolonged legal battle. Rice said he still feels "vindicated."

"I'm happy that it moves towards restoration of the balance of powers that the framers set up in the Constitution," he said. "I'm sorry we had to go through this great lengths to make that happen."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately on May 23, 2016, I missed roll call votes 229 and 230 due to travel delays caused by inclement weather in traveling from Columbus, Ohio to Washington, D.C. On roll call vote 229, had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on final passage of the Kelsey Smith Act, H.R. 4889. On roll call vote 230, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of the Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act, H.R. 3998.

TAMILA BUTS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tamila Buts for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Tamila Buts is a 12th grader at Nationwide Academy (Home Schooled) and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tamila Buts is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tamila Buts for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PEARLAND HIGH SCHOOL'S FRED ARMSTRONG CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF COACHING

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pearland High School Coach, Fred Armstrong for his 35-year career of coaching track and field.

Armstrong graduated from Beaumont French High School and Lamar University, where he attended school on a track scholarship. His first job was at Beaumont Charlton-Pollard High School, he then shifted to Clear Lake and Clear Brook High Schools. Eventually working his way to Pearland High School, Armstrong coached multiple state champions. Over his 35 year career in Track and Field, Armstrong has seen the sport evolve firsthand.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to recognize Fred Armstrong for his 35 years as a track and field coach and mentor to our area's