

ACKNOWLEDGING THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND INCREDIBLE PERSEVERANCE OF THE DEWEYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016

### HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to acknowledge a group of inspiring young men and women—the 56 members of Deweyville High School's graduating class of 2016. From March 11 to March 28, 2016, Deweyville, Texas, was subjected to unprecedented rains and destructive flooding in which more than half of the student community lost everything.

In the face of this cataclysm, Deweyville's Senior Class of 2016 took selfless action to alleviate the suffering within their community, and strengthen the recovery effort. These seniors helped collect, distribute, and serve food to others across their community. They worked hard to relocate Deweyville elementary school equipment away from the flooding and served as guides for disaster relief personnel. And, after their community suffered the loss of their elementary school, Deweyville High School students set aside their own convenience and opened up their high school facilities to the elementary school students.

Mr. Speaker, the 2016 Deweyville High School graduating seniors are to be acknowledged and celebrated as paragons of servant leadership. Students across the United States can learn from their example.

I want to take this time to personally commend each and every one of the 2016 graduates of Deweyville High School, both for their academic achievement and for the hundreds of hours they labored to protect and restore their community and the 36th District of Texas. You have my sincere gratitude and my thanks;

Torianna Elizabeth Allard, Alahna Nichole Apodaca, Caleb Jordan Bass, Charlotte Christine Bates, Danna Marie Beecher, Jeridan David Brooks, Samantha Carol Burch, Dakota Cliff Buxton, Benjamin Brock Carpenter, Trent Michael Carpenter, Sarah Kathryn Carter, Kylie Zale Chance, Jillian Marie Davis, Spencer Allen Davis, Mallory Ruth Dotson, Shaylin Nicole Dupuy, Trent David Forse, Abigail Grace Gentz, Timothy Michael Gibbon, Triston Riley Gordon, Tiffanie Skylar Green, Mallory René Hand, Nolan Todd Haney, Kayla Nicole Hanks, Hope Isabella Hardin, Jared Shayne Hendrix, Jimmy Dale Hendrix, Mitchell Kyler Henson, Thomas Ryan Henson, Josey Myranda Hutto, Kobe Allen Jernigan, Brett Ryan Ladner, Ryan Russell Lee, Dalton Patrick Marsh, Megan Ashley Mathis, Taylar Michelle May, Taylor Elise McKay, Callie Jordan Nelms, Skylar Lee Nichols, Trey Allen Nicholson, Steven Brac Parkhurst, Dakota Taylor Pelt, Blaze Dean Rainwater, Jason Don Reider, Lindsey Renee Schaffer, Cherry Faye Seaman, Naomi Brianne Sims, Melynda Leanne Sizemore, Victoria Brooke Spell, Kaleb Gene Stephenson, Dylan Scott Talbert, Layne Ray Verdine, Aaron Walter Webb, Michael Montgomery Williams, Ryan Duane Williams, Zachary Taylor Wood.

Congratulations to each of you and thank you for your commitment to serving others. I

wish each of you the best in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. VERDELL TRICE, A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Verdell Trice was no ordinary man. He was born and raised in Mississippi almost a hundred years ago. He joined the military, returned home, got married, migrated to Chicago and lived a very active, involved and productive life. Mr. Trice had a business mind and developed, managed and operated several productive businesses.

At one time Mr. Trice is reported to have owned 5 service stations on the Westside of Chicago. He and his family were active members and leaders in the St. Paul CME Church, which he and his wife Mrs. Mattie Jennings Trice served with distinction.

Mr. Verdell Trice was an education activist and leader. He worked with Marshall High School and was also President of the local school council and a real advocate for students.

Mr. Verdell Trice was a "Black thinker" and community advocate. He helped to organize and sustain the 5th City Development Corporation, organized and managed the 5th City Automotive Center and was an active member of State Senator Rickey Hendon's political organization.

Mr. Verdell Trice and his wife owned and lived in their home on the southeast side of Chicago, but he was a true Westsider, and spent the majority of his time in the East and West Garfield Park areas of Chicago. He and his brother, who died from an accident not long ago, were like two peas in a pod. They both worked into their nineties and left their marks on the communities where they lived and worked.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FRANK HART, JR.

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, Frank Hart, Jr. Mr. Hart was born in 1926 in Sharpsburg, Kentucky. While a student at Sharpsburg High School in January of 1944, he enlisted as a reserve in the US Army Air Corps. He graduated in May of 1944.

Mr. Hart entered the U.S. Army Air Corps for active duty on August 8, 1944. He was in training as an aviation cadet, but was physically unable to serve. He then volunteered for gunnery school and was shipped to Florida for training. As a new corporal, he was sent in June of 1945 for training on a B-29 bomber crew as a "Right Scanner" on an Overseas Training Unit. The training was to end on August 21 and all crews were set to be sent overseas. August 14 was V-J Day and the war

with Japan ended. Mr. Hart was promoted to sergeant and later earned another stripe as staff sergeant. Mr. Hart was discharged at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas on June 26, 1946.

Following his time in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Mr. Hart enrolled in the University of Kentucky along with many other veterans. The legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant began his first year at the University of Kentucky that same year.

Mr. Hart married Beulah Moore in 1947 and began his farming career. They have been married more than sixty eight years and have two adult children, three grandchildren, and a new great-grandchild.

Mr. Hart, now retired, farmed and raised tobacco crops for fifty years. He also worked in highway construction, ran a service station, and worked at the Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot.

As a part of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Hart is to be commended for his service to his country. Because of his willingness to sacrifice, and the willingness of his fellow men and women in uniform, our freedoms are secured. Mr. Hart truly is an outstanding American and an inspiration to us all. I am proud to recognize his service before the United States House of Representatives.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, I missed the following votes: H. Res. 742, H. Res. 743, H.R. 2576, H.R. 5077, and H.R. 897.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on each of these roll call votes.

### CHRISTIAN MUCILLI

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

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

Christian Mucilli is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christian Mucilli 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 Christian Mucilli 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.

## HONORING THE EDISON 64

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Edison 64. These 64 former Thomas Edison High School students from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives fighting in the Vietnam War—becoming the highest number of casualties from the war experienced by any high school in the United States.

Honoring these former students has been an ongoing tradition. In 1989, through private funds and fundraising, staff and students dedicated a bronze memorial plaque for public display in the new Edison-Fareira High School. A memorial garden was also built on the school premises. Twenty-five years later, on November 8, 2014, a Pennsylvania Historical Marker was dedicated on the site of the original Thomas A. Edison High School located at 8th Street and Lehigh Avenue. This tradition of respect continues on to the present where annual candle lighting ceremonies are held to honor the young men whose lives were ended too early. The ceremonies are educational in nature, the focus of which is sharing Edison's proud legacy with the current student body and new staff. Ceremonies are held prior to the Memorial Day Holiday. Over a hundred veterans, some survivor families and many Edison alumni attend this very special assembly.

The newest honorarium for the Edison 64 will take place on May 27, 2016. In commemoration of the sacrifice of these young men and in recognition of the loss to the community, Luzerne Street between Whitaker Avenue and North 5th Street (in front of the new Edison High School located at 151 West Luzerne Street) will be renamed "Edison 64 Memorial Street."

Mr. Speaker, the unselfish sacrifice, courage and dedication to the welfare of our country will never be forgotten and I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the memory of the Edison 64.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 258 I mistakenly voted yea when I intended to vote nay.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to indicate that I inadvertently voted "No" on Roll Call 237. I intended to vote "Yes".

## HONORING COLONEL BERT RICE

**HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Colonel Bert Rice—a United States veteran and dedicated civilian employee—on the occasion of his retirement after more than 60 years of service to his country.

A Montana native, Colonel Rice joined the U.S. Army Reserves as a private in 1956. He earned his degree from Montana State University and, as an ROTC distinguished graduate, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of infantry in 1959. He went on to achieve his Master's Degree in supervision and management at Central Michigan University in 1977.

Colonel Rice's highly decorated active duty career spanned 30 years, including two tours of duty in Vietnam, where he flew armed helicopters and, in his second tour, commanded Company B, 25th Aviation Battalion, 25th Infantry Division. Colonel Rice also served in Iran during its revolution in 1979. His many stateside assignments include three years with the Pentagon.

In 2003, Colonel Rice was hired by the Department of the Army at Fort Meade, Maryland, where he worked until his recent retirement. He served as project officer and program manager for several important efforts that included infrastructure improvements and the major BRAC undertaking that brought thousands of new jobs to the base and the region.

While too numerous to mention in their entirety, Colonel Rice's military decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with OLC, Bronze Star with OLC, Joint Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with OLC. He also has many civilian accolades.

Colonel Rice's many volunteer efforts reflect the servant-hearted manner in which he approached every aspect of his life. He served as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of World Wars, an organization for retired military. In 2007, Colonel Rice was named Greater Odenton Improvement Association's Citizen of the Year for his community service.

Colonel Rice is a dedicated husband to his wife of 56 years and a committed father to two Army combat veterans. He also has four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the privilege of personally knowing Colonel Rice since his days serving on the Anne Arundel County Council. I know him to be a hard-working, patriotic and ever-helpful community leader. I ask that you join with me today to honor Colonel Bert Rice, whose life of service to the United States is deserving of our deepest gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him many more years of continued success and happiness.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote number 242 on the McNerney amend-

ment to H.R. 5055, I mistakenly recorded my vote as no when I should have voted yes.

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER AND  
POLITICAL PRISONER, TRAN  
HUYNH DUY THUC

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, for the past few days, I've followed President Obama's engagement with the citizens and government of Vietnam. It was a momentous occasion for the Vietnamese people to have their struggles acknowledged by the President of the United States.

I commend President Obama for emphasizing human rights and promoting freedom of speech, assembly, and expression; as well as internet freedom, education and economic reforms. Yet, I am disappointed that President Obama did not call for the release of all political prisoners and did not publicly name the human rights activists who were detained and prevented from meeting with him.

I would like to call attention to a courageous human rights defender and political prisoner, Mr. Tran Huynh Duy Thuc. As a blogger and entrepreneur, Mr. Thuc peacefully called for political and economic reform in Vietnam. In 2009, Mr. Thuc was arrested, and in 2010, during a one-day trial, he was prosecuted for "conducting activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" under Article 79 of the Penal Code. The Vietnamese government sentenced him to 16 years imprisonment and 5 years house arrest upon release. To protest the ongoing injustices and mark the seventh year of his unjust imprisonment in the Nghe An prison, Mr. Thuc has begun an indefinite hunger strike.

I urge you to stand in solidarity with me to shine a light on Mr. Thuc's plight as he courageously fights for the basic freedoms and rights that Americans treasure.

## CYNTHIA DOMINGUEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

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

Cynthia Dominguez is a 12th grader at Sobesky Academy and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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