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On Roll Call Number 269. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

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On Roll Call Number 272. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

#### TRIBUTE TO EVANELL AND ARTHUR WHITWORTH

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Evanell and Arthur Whitworth on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Arthur and Evanell were married on June 12, 1951 and reside in Winterset, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

I commend this lovely couple on their 65 years of life 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.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. DANNY JONES, ASST. CHIEF, CLEARWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Danny Jones who has dedicated nearly 30 years of service to his community and whose selfless work continues to inspire all those around him.

Mr. Jones retired on May 24, 2016 as Assistant Fire Chief of the Clearwater Fire Department. He spent his career aiding and assisting the people of Pinellas County where he was known for his dedication to the job and commitment to his coworkers and community.

Mr. Jones led the Clearwater Fire Department with a heartfelt smile and enthusiastic attitude, comforting individuals and families who needed his assistance, and guiding the members of his team who relied on his thoughtful guidance while responding to dangerous situations.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and acknowledge Mr. Jones for his dedicated service to Pinellas County and our beloved community. He has made an impact on the Tampa Bay area, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing his service and congratulating him on his career. I wish him the best of luck as he begins a new chapter in his life.

TASMYN DOWD

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

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

Tasmyn Dowd is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tasmyn Dowd 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 Tasmyn Dowd 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.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I want to state that on June 7, 2016, I missed four roll call votes due to prior commitments in my district. Had I been present I would have voted:

YES—Roll Call Vote 269—H. Con. Res. 129—Expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs.

YES—Roll Call Vote 270—H.R. 4906—To amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency.

YES—Roll Call Vote 271—H.R. 4904—Making Electronic Government Accountable by Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016

YES—Roll Call Vote 272—H.R. 1815—Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, if I was present on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 for Congressional votes I would have voted the following ways:

H. Con. Res. 129—YES

H.R. 4906—YES

H.R. 4904—YES

H.R. 1815—YES

#### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY FRITZ

#### HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the legacy of State Representative Mary Fritz, who will be retiring from the Connecticut House of Representatives. Rep. Fritz's retirement will mark the conclusion of her fifteenth term and more than three decades of public service. As a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, Rep. Fritz has worked tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Cheshire and Wallingford.

Rep. Fritz began a lifetime of public service on the Board of Education in the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut. In November of 1982, Rep. Fritz was first elected to represent the 90th District in the Connecticut General Assembly. Since Rep. Fritz's inaugural term, she has established herself as a consummate leader, serving as Deputy Majority Leader, Deputy Speaker, and Assistant Deputy Speaker over the course of her long and distinguished tenure.

As a legislator, Rep. Fritz has successfully pushed for and passed legislation on a broad array of issues including crime, education, healthcare, senior care, and taxation. During her first term, Rep. Fritz helped establish high school graduation requirements that called for Connecticut high school students to complete a course in civics. This marked the first of many hard-won reforms through which she enriched the lives of her constituents and strengthened our community.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize the service of my friend and former colleague, State Representative Mary Fritz. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I thank her and wish her the very best in retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO TIM CAPPEL

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Tim Cappel of Atlantic, Iowa, for his selection by the Young Professionals of Atlantic for the Young Professional Business Leader Award. Tim Cappel is associated with Cappel's Ace Hardware in Atlantic.

Tim was selected for this honor because he has been a long-standing member of the Atlantic community and demonstrates exceptional leadership as well as positive business practices in his family-owned business. He takes an active role in the Atlantic community by serving as an EMT and Assistant Fire Chief for the Atlantic Fire Department, Treasurer for the Cass County Fire Association and assists with fundraisers for the Shrine Burn Center.

I applaud and congratulate Tim Cappel for earning this award. He is a shining example of

how hard work and dedication can affect the future of a community and business. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Tim Cappel for his many accomplishments and for his service to the Atlantic community. I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALEX  
MELNIKOW'S RETIREMENT

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Mr. Alex Melnikow of Clifton, Virginia. Mr. Melnikow retired on February 3rd, 2016, after over 40 years of service to the United States. His dedication to a high standard of conduct allowed him to remain honest and loyal, and allowed him to make a positive impact to the efficiency in our armed services.

During his most recent assignment, Mr. Melnikow served as the lead analyst for Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) within the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering, Engineering Enterprise, and Defense Standardization Program Office. Mr. Melnikow strove to enhance the efficiency of engineering practices such as operational support, alliance forces interoperability, material configuration, training development and outreach.

In addition to his time at DMSMS, Mr. Melnikow served for 25 years as a logistics program manager for the Defense Logistics Agency, as well as 7 years with the Tennessee Valley Authority as an acquisition program manager. He served as a senior staff engineer for the Defense Logistics Agency in the Logistics Research and Development Program. In 2007, he received the Defense Logistics Agency's Outstanding Program Manager Award as a result of his efforts on the electronics availability program. These experiences all contributed to his impressive technical background as a test engineer and as a senior program manager.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Alex Melnikow for the outstanding services he provided to the United States throughout his long-lasting career. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2016, due to a weather-related travel delay I was absent for recorded votes No. 269, No. 270, No. 271 and No. 272.

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

On Roll Call No. 269 I would have voted yes.

On Roll Call No. 270 I would have voted yes.

On Roll Call No. 271 I would have voted yes.

On Roll Call No. 272 I would have voted yes.

HONORING NATHAN WIRT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Wirt. Nathan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nathan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathan Wirt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO DANNY WEBER,  
FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a hero in our community, Danny Weber, who was recently named East Lake Firefighter of the Year.

Mr. Weber has been a firefighter-paramedic for seven years, and has served Pinellas County since 2014. Mr. Weber has dedicated his life to assisting individuals and families in our community, but one story in particular demonstrates his courage and selflessness, and inspired his selection as Firefighter of the Year.

On June 12, 2015, a woman lost control of her vehicle and drove into a large pond. Shortly after, the East Lake Fire Rescue arrived on the scene, and Mr. Weber wasted no time making his way to the woman trapped inside of her vehicle. He rescued the woman from inside the sinking car and pulled her to safety. Selfless acts like this one are truly heroic.

This is not the first time Mr. Weber has been recognized for his service. Mr. Weber also won the Morroni Award as the Pinellas County Firefighter of the Year. I am grateful that Mr. Weber is part of our community and continues to make a difference. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mr. Weber for his service to Pinellas County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BETO O'ROURKE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016*

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, during the roll call votes on Monday, May 23, 2016 through Thursday, May 27, 2016, I was absent due to an invitation from the President to join him on his trip to Vietnam.

Had I been present, on roll call number 229, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 230, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 231, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 232, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 233, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 234, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 235, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 236, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 237, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 238, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 239, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 240, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 241, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 242, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 243, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 244, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 245, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 246, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 247, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 248, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 249, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 250, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 251, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 252, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 253, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 254, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 255, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 256, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 257, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 258, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 259, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 260, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 261, I would have voted Nay.