

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.

On roll call number 262, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 263, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 264, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 265, I would have voted Yea.

On roll call number 266, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 267, I would have voted Nay.

On roll call number 268, I would have voted Nay.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT TYLER WHITEHEAD

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 congratulate Tyler Whitehead of Norwalk, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Tyler is a member of Boy Scout Troop 30. The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately two percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past 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 Scout Project to benefit the community. For Tyler's project, he refurbished the landscaping near the entrance of the Norwalk Police Department, supervising volunteers who removed debris, landscaped and planted foliage to improve the area. He raised the required funds by creating a donation letter and augmenting that effort with personal solicitations to Norwalk business leaders who could see the vision of his project. Raising more money than needed for the landscaping project, Tyler donated the remainder to the D.A.R.E. program to educate young students against drug and alcohol usage.

The work ethic Tyler has shown in his Eagle Scout Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes about 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 and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Tyler Whitehead and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I missed 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.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately on June 7, 2016, I missed roll call votes 269, 270, 271, and 272.

On roll call vote 269, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of 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."

On roll call vote 270, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of 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, and for other purposes."

On roll call vote 271, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H.R. 4904, "Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016".

On roll call vote 272, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H.R. 1815, "Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act".

REMEMBERING JACK KRUMME OF OVERLAND PARK

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of a long-time member of my Military and Veterans' Advisory Committee, Jack Krumme, who passed away in April. Jack was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950, serving as a corporal in the ordinance corps during the Korean War.

After Jack's service in the Army, he continued to serve our nation and our community as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Overland Park. Even though he had left the service, Jack continued to work with and advocate on behalf of his fellow veterans, serving as commander of Korean War Veterans' Association, Chapter 181.

During his tenure as commander, he led the effort to raise funds to construct the Korean War Veterans' Memorial located in Overland Park. It was a truly proud moment for Jack when the memorial was finished.

For those of us who knew him, the memorial now stands as not only a testament to Ko-

rean War veterans, but also to Jack. He always wanted to make sure the service of all Korean War Veterans was acknowledged and "not forgotten." It's a wonderful spot in our community.

Jack and I became close as he served on my veterans advisory committee doing so for more than five years. He always provided valuable insight and advice. His service, like the service of so many others, made it possible for our country to flourish and prosper.

Jack's willingness to serve and commitment to his fellow veterans reflects greatly on him as a soldier. His service will never be forgotten and he will remain, forever, a true patriot.

Mr. Speaker, the Third District lost a selfless and dedicated individual in Jack. He may be gone, but he will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with Dolores and their wonderful family.

God Bless, Jack.

HONORING ELIANA JOY HERNDON

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my Tax Counsel, Randy Herndon and his wife Christie, on the birth of their daughter, Eliana Joy Herndon. Their bundle of joy was born at 9:25 PM, on June 7, 2016 and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. I would also like to congratulate their children, Micah and Anya, on becoming big siblings who welcomed their baby sister to the world.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Herndon family and wish them health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO MAXINE AND LEE WHEELER, JR.

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 Maxine and Lee Wheeler, Jr. of Lorimor, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 27, 1951.

Lee Jr. and Maxine's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more memories. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF FRED SHELL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fred Shell on his retirement from