

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to being unavoidably detained, I missed the following Roll Call Vote: No. 273 on June 7, 2016.

If present, I would have voted:

Roll Call Vote No. 273—On Ordering the Previous Question, “AYE.”

RECOGNIZING CHARLES W. EARLE
STEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CHESS TEAM

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding efforts of the Charles W. Earle STEM Elementary School's Chess Team.

Earle STEM Elementary School is among the top elementary school chess teams in Chicago. Considering this small school is located in a crime-prone area in the Englewood neighborhood of my Congressional District, I am very pleased of the involvement and leadership of chess Coach Joseph M. Ocol and the many leaders at the school. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the Earle STEM School Principal, Cederall Petties, and Assistant Principal Elwanda Butler, along with the help Network 11 Chief Megan Hougard, the families and parents in the Local School Council Community headed by Darlene O'Banner.

On Sunday, April 24th, 2016, the all-girls chess team of Earle STEM Elementary School won 1st Place in the 2016 All-Girls National Chess Tournament. Out of 65 schools and 450 female students from all over the USA, only four CPS schools qualified to form an all-girl, grade sixth to eighth, chess team to compete in this biggest all-girl national chess tournament in the USA. The Earle STEM all-girls chess team was one of only two all-African American girls' chess team in that 2016 All-Girls National Chess Tournament.

Another notable victory for the Earle STEM Chess Team, composed this time of boys and girls from grades fourth to eighth, took place at the 2016 National Junior High School Championship where they won the 5th Place Trophy. This tournament was held at Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 15 to 17. With more than a hundred schools and about 2,000 students from all over the country competing, this is considered the biggest junior high school chess tournament in the USA.

Six months into the 2015–2016 academic year, and during its initial year as a chess team, the Earle STEM Elementary School Chess Team garnered five 1st Place team trophies, including a 4th Place trophy in the State of Illinois chess championship, and a 3rd Place Chicago Public Schools academic chess trophy.

At its inception, the Earle STEM Elementary School Chess Team members started mentoring one another on the rudiments of chess

then advanced the mentoring program from Grade 8 to the kindergarten program. Allowing the 40 students of the chess and math club the capacity to participate after school and on Saturdays; the Earle STEM mentoring program has been effective in getting kids to mentor one another whilst competing against each other. This provides the most economical way of mastering skills and yet offering opportunities for students to be productive after school instead of being in the streets.

In closing, the Charles W. Earle STEM Elementary School's Chess Team is a prime example of students excelling beyond their environment and striving for excellence. Congratulations to the children of Earle Stem: Joshua Johnson, Erik Tolbert, Brandon Burgess, Taahir Levi, Tamaya Fultz, Breanna Shaw, Gavin Harry, Semaj Lowe, Xavier Rosado, Angelique Wilson, Monique Williams, Gelita Woodlow, Devion Dukes, Tyrone Dellar and Shawn Palmer. I am proud to acknowledge the school and these students for their achievements and I look forward to hearing about their great works for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL AND JACK
SWANGER

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 Carol and Jack Swanger of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1966. Carol is retired from Risen Son Christian Village and is active in the Red Hats and other women's group at Southside Christian Church. Jack is retired from Campbell's Soup Company, enjoys being a score keeper for local athletic teams, and volunteers at the food pantry at the Southside Christian Church.

Carol and Jack's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Carol and Jack Swanger on this momentous occasion.

HONORING MISHAWAKA FIRE
CHIEF DALE FREEMAN FOR A
DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire Chief Dale Freeman and honor him for a selfless career serving Hoosiers throughout Mishawaka.

Chief Freeman began his storied journey with the Mishawaka Fire Department 36 years

ago. Since then, he has gone on to lead the brave men and women who protect members of the northern Indiana community on a daily basis, responding to their calls for both emergency medical assistance and fire rescue. As chief, Freeman's rise has been marked by incredible dedication and perseverance.

His commitment to excellence just recently resulted in over 5,100 people, mostly children, receiving critical fire safety education through “Survive Alive House,” Little Red, and other local programs and school assemblies. Furthermore, under Chief Freeman's leadership, more than half of Mishawaka's firefighting force is now cross-trained as Emergency Medical Technicians. These efforts have significantly strengthened the northern Indiana community's level of preparedness, allowing Hoosiers throughout Mishawaka to feel safe knowing that their local fire department is ready to respond at a moment's notice.

Chief Freeman's passion for serving the greater good is truly remarkable and deserves the praise of many. His continued dedication to aiding those in desperate need of assistance has undoubtedly reduced significant cases of fire-related injuries, deaths, and property damage. Since first joining the Mishawaka Fire Department, Chief Freeman has truly epitomized the ideal of servant leadership. On behalf of Hoosiers in the Second Congressional District, it is my honor to thank him for his service and sacrifice for our community.

INTRODUCING THE STOP, OBSERVE, ASK AND RESPOND (SOAR) TO HEALTH WELLNESS ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the Stop, Observe, Ask and Respond (SOAR) to Health and Wellness Act along with my colleagues Representatives ADAM KINZINGER, TONY CÁRDENAS and ANN WAGNER. It is a companion to S. 1446, which was introduced by Senators HEIDI HEITKAMP and SUSAN COLLINS. This bipartisan bill supports efforts underway at the Department of Health and Human Services to combat human trafficking by directing the Secretary to establish a pilot program to be known as ‘Stop, Observe, Ask and Respond to Health and Wellness Training’ to provide training on human trafficking to health care providers at all levels.

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that uses force, fraud or coercion to lure millions of men, women and children in countries around the world annually, including here in the United States. Human trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking, and generates billions of dollars in profits each year, making it the second most profitable form of transnational crime behind drug trafficking.

Recognizing the key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims, providing life-saving help and bringing traffickers to justice. Human trafficking, however, is a hidden crime and victims rarely seek help because of cultural barriers or out of fear of their traffickers or law enforcement.

While victims are often difficult to identify, a reported 68 percent of trafficking victims end

up in a health care setting at some point while being exploited, including in clinics, emergency rooms and doctor's offices. Despite this, out of more than 5,680 hospitals in the country, only 60 have been identified as having a plan for treating patients who are victims of trafficking and 95 percent of emergency room personnel are not trained to treat trafficking victims.

Our bill aims to ensure health care professionals are trained to identify and assist victims of human trafficking, and help close the gap in health care settings without plans for treating trafficking victims. I want to urge my colleagues to pass this important legislation so that health care professionals can better identify trafficking victims, provide victim centered care and help bring perpetrators of human trafficking to justice with the help of law enforcement as well as social and victims service agencies and organizations.

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 272, H.R. 1815—Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER GIBBS, SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Senior Chief Petty Officer Christopher Gibbs for his duty and service to Pinellas County and to our country.

On May 4, 2016 Officer Gibbs returned home after a year-long deployment and 21 years of military service. While enlisted, served as a Senior Chief Master at Arms and eventually earned the title of Senior Chief Petty Officer. We are eternally grateful for his service overseas.

Since returning home, Officer Gibbs continued his dedication to serving others through his work as an officer with the Pinellas Park Police Department.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Senior Chief Petty Officer Christopher Gibbs for his service to our community and this country. Pinellas Park is a safer place with him protecting us and we are very grateful and appreciative of his efforts. I ask this body to join me in recognizing Officer Gibbs' efforts and expressing our appreciation for his service.

May God bless Officer Gibbs and his family.

TRIBUTE TO CASEY BLAKE

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 Casey

Blake of Indianola, Iowa, for receiving the 2016 Robert D. Ray Pillar of Character Award from The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The Award is given to those who live a life full of good character and foster greater character in others. This non-profit organization, formerly known as Character Counts in Iowa, was created in 1997 by former Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray and former First Lady Billie Ray. It showcases humanitarian and civility endeavors impacting Iowans. The six character pillars are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Mr. Blake and his wife Abbie, as well as their six children, reside in Indianola, Iowa but for 13 years, he was defined a professional baseball player for several teams including Toronto Blue Jays, Minnesota Twins, Baltimore Orioles, Cleveland Indians, Los Angeles Dodgers and the Colorado Rockies organizations. Upon his retirement, the family returned home to Iowa and his hometown of Indianola. In 2010, they founded the Indianola Community Youth Foundation, built the Blake Fieldhouse and other community athletic complexes. Mr. Blake was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame in 2014 and the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2016.

I applaud and congratulate Casey Blake as a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can affect the future of a community. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring his accomplishments. I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Department of the Inte-

rior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017".

SD-124

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil and gas pipeline infrastructure and the economic, safety, environmental, permitting, construction, and maintenance considerations associated with that infrastructure.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine energy tax policy in 2016 and beyond.

SD-215

3 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's progress in implementing Inspector General and Government Accountability Office recommendations.

SD-406

JUNE 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017".

SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine implementing the Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014, focusing on perspectives of stakeholders.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine America's insatiable demand for drugs, focusing on examining solutions.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine assessing the Coast Guard's increasing duties, focusing on drug and migrant interdiction.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for United States business in the digital age.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 2839 and H.R. 3004, bills to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/