

Marshall, Melvin Mathias, Lloyd A. McCarthy, William P. Merci, Lloyd T. Millard, Joseph S. Musick, Richard S. Nadder, Michael J. Nannini, Leo J. Napolitano, George J. Nastav, Jack J. Nikoleit, Carl H. Nordeen, Joseph F. Pappalardo, Harry O. Parker, Roger L. Payne, Donald E. Pechous, Francis J. Pendergast, William L. Pierce, Eugene C. Piltaver, Waldo M. Pool, Robert P. Prible, John A. Quick, Robert Rodriguez, John J. Rogers, Norman J. Sachman, Paul Sanders, Robert W. Schaerer, Charles William Shepherd, Raymond Shlemon, Serio J. Siena, Robert Sinclair, Richard V. Skagen, Frank Slay, Richard J. Slomczynski, James Demetrios Sotirakos, John M. Spaulding, Francis D. Stammer, George R. Tamminga, William N. Tauber, Jack Tomaselli, Robert E. Turk, Robert J. Weinmeier, Michael Werner, Charles A. White, Jr., Melvin Williams, Jerome A. Wirkus, Francis A. Wroblewski, John C. Yoder.

IN MEMORY OF EDMONIA L. BROCK

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor the memory of a distinguished public servant and exemplary Christian lady, Mrs. Edmonia L. Brock. Mrs. Brock devoted her life to spreading the Gospel and faithfully serving her community through public service.

Mrs. Brock was born on September 3, 1918 in Lake Charles, Louisiana. At the age of five, she relocated to Houston where she would go on to graduate magna cum laude and as valedictorian of her class at Phyllis Wheatley High School. She completed her education in the field of nursing.

Mrs. Brock married Robert L. Bogany with whom she had two children. In 1947, she would go on to marry Henry A. Brock and have four children in addition to Mr. Brock's other children.

Mrs. Brock would become the "Mother of the Church" and State Supervisor of the Women's Department at the New Day Deliverance Holiness Church until she passed away. Additionally, she was a licensed and appointed District Missionary who also served as the International Women's Supervisor and organizer for the Living Gospel Fellowship. She taught weekly Bible study at the Manda Ann Convalescent Home, served as Director of the Sunshine Choir, a Sunday School Teacher and assisted with the prison ministry.

In addition to her lifelong service in her community, across this nation and internationally, Mrs. Brock authored three books: "An Orphan's Triumph," "The Power of Prayer," and "The Book of Poems," for which she received numerous awards.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Edmonia L. Brock will be missed dearly by her surviving children, Henry Brock, Jr., Loretta Amos, Eddie Brock, and Charles Brock; 31 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, 28 great-great grandchildren; as well as her other family members and friends. May she rest in the peace she has earned through her life of service to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 269, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

HONORING MS. TY'RIANNE PERRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ty'Rianne Perry.

Born Ty'Rianne Perry to great parents, Ty'Rianne has played a big part in community service and helping out her peers. She has participated in the breast cancer awareness walk. Ty'Rianne volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club once a month. She also tutors and mentors young children. She volunteers at the Golden Living Nursing Home where she plays games and reads stories to the patients.

Ty'Rianne is highly respected among friends. She speaks up for children and people who cannot speak up for themselves. She is very outspoken.

She also participates in a Blood Drive twice a year. Ty'Rianne loves helping others. She had the opportunity to participate in the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy. She also went to Camp John Hay for selected teenagers who volunteered at Boys and Girls Club. Ty'Rianne has walked in the MLK March many times. She encourages everyone to make a difference in their community and get up and help out.

Mr. Speaker please help us to congratulate Ms. Ty'Rianne Perry for making a difference in her community.

SUPPORT FOR THE REGION OF TIBET

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a statement of my support for the region of Tibet. I have, during my tenure in the House of Representatives, been a strong supporter of the region of Tibet. There should be no divisiveness between political parties on the issue of Tibet and protecting their citizens from the repressions that they face around the world. Tibet is a unique region, and I hope that future actions in the House of Representatives will continue to support the Tibetan community in finding sustainable peaceful solutions.

The repression of Tibetans around the world has prompted the United States to take action to protect Tibetan citizens in their constant struggle for religious and cultural freedom. That is why in June of last year, Representative LOFGREN and I introduced the Tibetan Refugee Assistance Act, which would provide visas to Tibetan refugees.

Our bill would address the plight of Tibetan citizens who have been displaced from their

homes for a multitude of reasons, and would be an incredibly useful step in the right direction for future relations between Tibet and the United States. The bill would provide 3,000 immigrant visas over a three-year period to Tibetan citizens who have been displaced.

I first traveled to India and met His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 2008, and it is an experience that I surely will never forget. The unique privilege of meeting with the head of state and spiritual leader of Tibet was one that led me to an even greater appreciation of Tibet, and brought me to first introduce legislation in 2008 supporting Tibetan refugees.

Eight years later we look at the same issue. This is not a new problem, as the epidemic has been occurring for years. We hope to make significant progress to aid many of these displaced Tibetans who have yet to free themselves from the rule of the Chinese government.

On behalf of the 5th District of Wisconsin, I welcome His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the United States and ask for continued perseverance from my colleagues on this issue. I hope to find a peaceful and manageable solution for the region of Tibet.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on the Question of Consideration of the Resolution, the Rule for H.R. 5325, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017 (Roll Call Number 283), I would have voted "no."

Had the question failed, Rep. Castro would have been able to offer his bill H.R. 3785, Correcting Hurtful and Alienating Names in Government Expression (CHANGE) Act. H.R. 3785 would strike the term "illegal alien" from federal law and replace it with the term "undocumented foreign national." Rep. Castro offered an amendment in Rules Committee to H.R. 5325, which was not made in order, that would reverse House Republican language restricting the Librarian of Congress from implementing changes to subject headings from "illegal alien" to "undocumented immigrant."

I support the Library of Congress's decision to no longer use the subject heading "illegal alien" and instead use "noncitizens" and "unauthorized immigration." The phrase "illegal alien" is offensive and dehumanizing to many, and I support the Library's thoughtful decision.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF NEVADA

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada.

Since 1966, the ACLU of Nevada has continuously worked to defend the civil rights and civil liberties of all Nevadans through public advocacy, litigation, and education.

The many dedicated board members, directors, volunteers, and staff over the years have made it an exceptional organization of critical importance to our state. I would like to thank current Executive Director Tod Story for his leadership and tireless work on behalf of the ACLU and people of Nevada.

I would also like to recognize the 50th anniversary celebration honorees: Jan Jones Blackhurst, Paula Francis, Colin Seale, Sheila Leslie, and Richard Siegel. Thank you for being champions of democracy and for your years of service to Nevada promoting justice, free speech, individual rights, and progressive leadership.

Congratulations on 50 years of great work. Thank you for your contributions to our community, and here's to 50 more years defending the rights and liberties of Nevadans. Count on me to be your friend and advocate in Washington.

HONORING MS. NETTIE JACKSON
UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Nettie Jackson who has dedicated her life to helping folks live healthier lives. Ms. Jackson is retiring today after 25 years of service at the American Heart Association.

Her list of accomplishments is long, including 12 years of participation in my annual health fair. She has been involved in key legislation in Georgia including the Georgia Smoke Free Act and the Automated Defibrillator Public Access Law. She's been involved in lowering the instances and causes of strokes by bringing in National Ambassadors for the Organization for the Power to End Stroke Cause Initiative, facilitating the AHA/ASA First Power Awards in Atlanta, and leading receptions to bring Power to End Stroke Ambassadors together from all over the Southeast United States. She helped coordinate the "Straight From The Heart: Sister To Sister Conference", and Walking for Wellness hosted at Spelman College among other conferences and workshops for healthcare professionals.

She has been recognized for her outstanding work with several awards including: NAACP State Conference Woman of Distinction, Concerned Black Clergy Community Service Award, Morehouse School of Medicine Inaugural Torch Awards, Georgia Ethnic Health Network Advocacy Award, Georgia Secretary of State Outstanding Citizen Award and the American Heart Association's Rome Betts Award which is the National Staff of Excellence Award. She will be missed by the many people whose lives she has touched, but her retirement is certainly well earned.

I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ms. Nettie Jackson for her many great works and to wish her a wonderful retirement.

HONORING MAYOR RAMSAY

HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of one of Monroe County's most respected and decent public servants. Richard "Dick" Ramsay, a former Marathon mayor and city councilman, small-business owner and airplane pilot, passed away on June 2nd at the age of 74.

A true visionary that worked tirelessly to better his community, Mayor Ramsay played a pivotal role in the incorporation of Marathon, FL. He possessed a genuine passion for the Florida Keys, passion that was reflected in his dedication to public service.

When Dick moved to Marathon, he purchased Surfside gas station near the Vaca Cut Bridge. Upon retirement is when Dick decided to become active with municipal issues.

Dick's contributions to Marathon are both significant and extensive. He served three two-year terms on the City Counsel and expressed great interest in issues concerning Marathon Florida Keys International Airport. One of his many successful projects was the newly installed U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility, which now allows international flights to clear U.S. Customs in Marathon for the first time in decades.

Beloved by his family, his friends, and his community, Dick Ramsay will be dearly missed by all. I am honored to have been able to call him my friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Ramsay family and the Florida Keys for the loss of such an active and caring member of the community.

CELEBRATING LGBT PRIDE MONTH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the continued struggle for LGBT equality as we celebrate National LGBT Pride Month this month.

I am, and will continue to be, an ally of the LGBT community in its fight for a more equal and just future. LGBT rights are human rights and our diversity of identities and experiences makes us a stronger and more dynamic nation.

I remember just 20 years ago standing in the House chamber voicing my strong opposition to and voting against the Defense of Marriage Act. A lot has changed since that vote, and marriage equality is now the law of the land.

Despite that progress, LGBT individuals are still marginalized and discriminated against every day. And so our fight for equality continues. A couple weeks ago, I visited Highland Park, in my district, the 6th District of New Jersey, where the Board of Education unanimously voted for a policy ensuring transgender rights. The new policy—one of the strongest and most inclusive policies in the country—protects transgender students' privacy and allows all students to access school bathrooms, locker rooms, and programs based

on their affirmed gender. I am proud to represent such an inclusive and accepting community.

So as we in Congress work to pass critical legislation—such as the Equality Act, which would include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes in much of our civil rights legislation—to promote a more equal society, I will continue to recognize the voices and people in the towns and cities I represent, who fight hard every day to build more open and accepting neighborhoods and communities.

I stand with the LGBT community in New Jersey—and across the country—in celebrating diversity and equality and in reaffirming the commitment to secure a future free of irrational fear, prejudice, and discrimination.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably detained on June 8th, and I was not present for Roll call number 276. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 7, I missed Roll Call Votes 269 through 272 due to my necessary attendance in my district attending to representational duties. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 269, I would have voted yes. (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 through a financial commitment to address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims)

On Roll Call 270, I would have voted yes. (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 (Rep. CONNOLLY—Oversight and Government Reform))

On Roll Call 271, I would have voted yes. (H.R. 4904—Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016 (Rep. CARTWRIGHT—Oversight and Government Reform))

On Roll Call 272, I would have voted yes. (H.R. 1815—Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act (Rep. HARDY—Natural Resources))