

Proclaimed, this 11th day of June, 2016.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 289, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call no. 290, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 291, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call no. 292, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 293, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call no. 294, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 295, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 296, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

# IN RECOGNITION OF LARRY DOMINO

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

"IF THERE BE ANY TRUER MEASURE OF A MAN THAN BY WHAT HE DOES, IT MUST BE BY WHAT HE GIVES."

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the English clergyman Robert South never met Larry Domino, but his words sum up exactly how Larry's family, friends and extended family of former athletes view this remarkable man.

Larry Domino wasn't born in Texas, but it seems he got to the Lone Star State as soon as he could. When Larry arrived from Depew, New York 35 years ago, he already had a heart as big as any native born son. After all, he is a diehard Buffalo Bills fan.

He's also a born educator. Larry Domino first earned his place in education with a degree from Buffalo State College and then earned a Masters from Sam Houston State University. Over the past three and half decades, Larry has taught, coached and been a school administrator in both the Aldine and Klein Districts. Currently, he is a beloved Associate Principal at Klein's Doerre Intermediate School.

When Larry married the love of his life, Tina Lee, 27 years ago next month, his Texas sized heart expanded. Then it grew even bigger when they welcomed the lights of their lives—daughters, Brita Susan and Lauren Ansley in 1995 and 1998.

Whether Larry Domino is known as teacher, dad, coach, or principal, generations of eager young people have achieved their dreams because Mr. D. believed in them.

Chonda Besse says "Mr D is a man of few words," but he taught her that "sometimes a few words are all it takes to change someone's life." She is honored to be thought of as a "daughter" in the Domino family.

One of his former swimmers at Eisenhower High School, Lisa Jost, remembers how Coach Domino told her "that I could do any-

thing I set my mind to doing, and that I could trust myself to do it well." She held on to that because "it had to be true if Coach said it." She says as a new teacher, her coach is still inspiring her.

Dr. Tina Elkins says what made Coach Domino different was that he coached them in and out of the water, providing a foundation that helped her become who she is today.

It's not just students who were impressed either, Eisenhower Principal Fred Richardson notes Coach Domino's "ability to develop relationships, with teachers, students and parents" and the "positive difference in the lives of many."

As Buffalo Bills coach Mary Levy says "Where else would you rather be than right here, right now?" Coach Domino, you found your best right here in Texas. And Texas is better off for your service to generations of young people who just needed someone to believe in them.

# TRIBUTE TO SGT. MAJOR STANLEY HAYES

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to sacrifice for our country through military service; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Stanley Lynn Hayes has served in the United States Army, giving thirty years to our nation as a soldier. He has received numerous Military Citations for his leadership and service; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes has shared his time and talents as a family man, serviceman and mentor, giving the citizens of the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service to our country in the armed forces; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes is an ideal husband, father, grandfather, brother and son; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes is a remarkable and courageous man who gives of himself, in defense of this nation; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes along with his family and friends are celebrating today a remarkable milestone, his retirement from the United States Army; we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Command SGT. Major Hayes on his retirement and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 5, 2016 as: Command SGT. Major Stanley Lynn Hayes Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of June, 2016.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 10, 2016, I missed the following votes: the Ellison amendment to H.R. 5325, the Blackburn amendment to H.R. 5325, the Takano amendment to H.R. 5325, the Pearce amendment to H.R. 5325, final passage of H.R. 5325, adoption of H. Con. Res. 89, and adoption of H. Con. Res. 112.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Ellison, Takano and Pearce amendments to H.R. 5325 and "yes" on the Blackburn amendment to H.R. 5325, final passage of H.R. 5325, adoption of H. Con. Res. 89, and adoption of H. Con. Res. 112.

# MR. RICHARD JOHN TUSCANI

**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute Mr. Richard John Tuscani.

Richard was born on June 13, 1916 and is known to be the oldest living WWII veteran in Suffolk County, NY. Originally from Corona, Queens, Mr. Tuscani has managed to see and do more than most people could hope to accomplish in two lifetimes.

Richard is a highly decorated WWII veteran, having served in New Guinea and the Philippines. During his time in the service, Mr. Tuscani received three Bronze Stars in addition to other awards such as the Victory Medal, the Philippines Presidential Unit Citation Badge and the Meritorious Service Award. The three Bronze Stars he received are for surviving a battle in Leyte, Philippines, another for surviving a kamikaze attack in New Guinea, and the last for the Philippines Liberation. Richard has also been extremely active in the community as well. During his historic lifetime, Richard was a fireman in New York City, oil truck driver, New York City building inspector, bus driver, local dock master, and school bus matron. His strong sense of civic duty and dedication to the community in the many professions he's undertaken exemplify just how incredible of a person he is.

Richard, an avid history and geography buff, likes to spend most of his time reading, studying history, and watching his New York Yankees. His late wife, Helen, was crowned "Miss Swift" at the New York World's Fair in 1939. He has a son, Richard G, and a daughter, June, who was born while Mr. Tuscani was overseas.

I would like to thank Richard, who will be turning 100 years old on June 13, 2016, for his years of dedication and service to our country and community. What he has managed to accomplish during his lifetime and give back to the country cannot be summarized in a few words; however it is important we honor these types of individuals as best we can. It is my hope that many will follow in his footsteps and give back to our country as graciously as he did. People like him are a

rare breed and they help make not only our country, but our world a much safer and better place.

#### TRIBUTE TO BETTY BAISDEN

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, reaching the age of 80 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Mrs. Betty Jane Baisden was born on March 19, 1936 and today she is celebrating that milestone; and

Whereas, Mrs. Baisden has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; she has been a devoted Christian since her childhood days to present as President of the Mothers Board at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. Baisden is celebrating her 80th Birthday with her family members, church members and friends here in Georgia, she celebrates a life of blessings; as a Mother, Grandmother, friend, community servant and leader; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; an advocate, faithful matriarch and a community leader; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 80th birthday in the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Betty Jane Baisden for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all, now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 19, 2016 as: Mrs. Betty Jane Baisden Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 19th day of March, 2016.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,219,465,874,275.48. We've added \$8,592,588,825,362.40 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### TRIBUTE TO MOTHER ROVELMA THOMAS

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, for ten years, Mother Rovelma Thomas served as President of the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 1, in Decatur, Georgia. We are all grateful for this virtuous woman of God accepting her call to serve in the leadership role of the Mother Board; and

Whereas, Mother Thomas began her membership at Beulah in 2000 and since joining the church, she has provided service to citizens from all walks of life. She has educated and mentored through various church ministries such as the Golden Eagles and the Ernestine Smith Bible Class. She is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all, to ensure that the love of God touches everyone; and

Whereas, Mother Thomas, a twenty-three year veteran of Decatur City Schools, is a cornerstone in our community who has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mother Thomas on her outstanding years of leadership and service to the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 1; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim June 11, 2016 as: Mother Rovelma Thomas Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of June, 2016.

#### A HEROIC ACT AT THE SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY

### HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sean Kehren of Pine City, Minnesota who heroically saved a woman he had never met before from a fiery car crash on a busy interstate highway in Northern Minnesota. Sean was traveling south back to the University he attends after attending the eighth Congressional District Democratic Convention in Duluth, Minnesota when the car in front of his veered off the road, crashed into a tree and caught fire.

Sean ran to the driver's door of the car to see if the driver was injured. When he saw flames underneath the vehicle, Sean decided it was time to act and he pulled the driver out of the car. Then, with the assistance of the passengers in his car, he carried the driver to safety away from the burning vehicle. After rescuing the driver, Sean even accompanied her to a local hospital and helped her contact relatives so that she could be surrounded by her family after her accident.

When Sean was asked what motivated him to act so courageously, he was very humble. Sean said he was just doing the right thing and helping out a person in need. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sean for his selfless actions which put his own safety in jeopardy to save a stranger.

JUNE 12, 1987: RONALD REAGAN ADDRESSES PRESIDENT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, June 12th marks an important date in United States policy. Twenty-nine years to the day, President Ronald Reagan traveled to Berlin to speak out against communism and call on the President of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, to tear down the Berlin Wall. This would become known as his famous "tear down this wall" speech.

The Berlin Wall grew in the aftermath of the Second World War. In 1945, the Allies split a defeated Germany into four allied occupation zones. The eastern part of the country went to the Soviet Union and the Western part of Germany went to the United States, Great Britain, and later France. Even though Berlin sat entirely in the Soviet territory, it too was divided into Eastern and Western occupation zones with the Soviets taking the East and the other allies taking the West part of the city.

As Berlin was split apart, so too was the relationship between the democratic United States and communist Soviet Union. These stark differences in political ideologies led to extreme tension in that area, and around the world.

So much so that the Soviet Union would often play the role of mischief maker in Germany. In 1948 the USSR began a blockade on West Berlin in the hopes of driving out the Western influences. However, due to the ingenious Berlin Airlift, the blockade was called off the following year. Following a decade of relative calm, the Soviet Union was once again up to no good. They were embarrassed by the steady flow of refugees from the Communist East into the Capitalist West part of Germany. In the first 11 days of August in 1961, 16,000 East Germans fled to West Germany. On August 12th alone, 2,400 people defected.

It was then that Soviet Premier Khrushchev closed the border between East and West Berlin for good. In 1961 the Berlin Wall officially came into existence. It stood 12 feet tall and 4 feet wide until the fall of communism. During that time, the only way to cross the border was through one of three checkpoints: Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie. But travelers were rarely allowed to cross the border.

The mischief of the USSR divided a city and separated friends, families, and loved ones. If you tried to cross the border you could be shot. At least 171 people died trying to escape to freedom. The Berlin Wall not only literally divided a city for 30 years, but stood as a brutal reminder of how cruel communism could be. It wasn't until communism began to thaw, with the help of President Reagan change was made.

On June 12, 1987, President Reagan traveled to Berlin to view the wall. That afternoon,