

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 7, and Wednesday, June 8, 2016, I was absent for roll call votes 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, & 275.

Had I been present for 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, as amended, I would have voted “yes”.

Had I been present for 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, and for other purposes, I would have voted “yes”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 271, H.R. 4904—MEGABYTE Act of 2016, I would have voted “yes”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 272, H.R. 1815—Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act, I would have voted “yes”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 273, motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4775, H. Con. Res. 89 and H. Con. Res 112, I would have voted “no”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 274, H. Res. 767—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4775—Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016, H. Con. Res. 89—Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy, and H. Con. Res. 112—Expressing the sense of Congress opposing the President’s proposed \$10 tax on every barrel of oil, I would have voted “no”.

Had I been present for roll call vote 275, H.R. 3826—Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act, I would have voted “yes”.

**LAURA SEWARD****HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Laura Seward for her leadership, hard work and dedication on behalf of the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and faculty of Westminster High School in Westminster, Colorado.

The film, MEDIC!, highlights the stories of five brave veterans who served their country and their fellow veterans as combat medics. The Veterans History Project is a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal ac-

counts of American war veterans. The stories of these veterans will forever be preserved in the Library of Congress American Folklife Center. Laura and her students were an integral part of the film helping to provide b-roll photos along with designing all graphics and interactive media.

Laura earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photography and digital art and her K-12 Art Education Licensure from Metropolitan State College in Denver in 2008. Since then she has worked as the graphic design, interactive media and digital photography teacher at Westminster High School where she has increased enrollment in the program by 200 percent.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Laura Seward for her hard work and dedication to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film and for her ongoing contributions to the lives of so many students in our community.

## TRIBUTE TO FLORIDA DREAM CENTER

**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the efforts of the Florida Dream Center, an agency working to improve the lives of those living in our community.

The Florida Dream Center was started in 2012 with the goal of helping victims of homelessness, human trafficking, and neglect. Led by Executive Director Geoffrey Rogers and President Bill Losasso, the Florida Dream Center is committed to their goal for Pinellas County which entails restoring dreams, renewing hope, and rebuilding lives.

Most recently, The Florida Dream Center and the Pinellas County Human Services, partnered to make a dream become reality for a family of four through the Adopt-A-Block initiative. A single mom and her three boys, all of whom are under the age of 15, did not have a home to live in and were living in motels. Volunteers gave their time to remodel and restore a foreclosed property that the family will now be living in.

Along with revitalizing our communities and neighborhoods, the Florida Dream Center works hard to help combat hunger. At the beginning of April, the organization and other members of our community helped hand out food to those in need and they also provided repairs and maintenance to the community where they saw it was needed most. Additionally, the Florida Dream Center aids human trafficking victims and survivors to ensure they feel safe in Pinellas County.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Florida Dream Center and Pinellas County Human Services and Fair Housing Assistance Program for continuing to aid and provide exemplary help to those in need in our county. Their acts of kindness are an inspiration and I ask that this body join me in recognizing them for the hard work they have done and continue to do for all of us in Pinellas County.

## HONORING JOHN O. BADERO

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant Dr. John Olurotimi Badero who was born the 7th of 8th children to Chief Eliab Oluwemi and Mrs. Stella Taiwo Badero in Lagos, Nigeria.

Dr. Badero attended St. Mary’s Private School in Lagos, Nigeria for his primary education where he skipped the 4th grade due to his academic excellence, completing primary education in five years instead of the regular six years.

Dr. Badero received his secondary school education at Federal Government College Odigbo in Ogun State, Nigeria where he completed 6 years of secondary school education graduating with 9 distinctions in his senior secondary school certificate education.

Dr. Badero’s academic excellence dates back to his secondary school days where he won the best overall student in Nigeria in a national science quiz competition. He subsequently got admission into the medical school at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife.

Following Completion of his medical training at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile Ife, and internship training, Dr. Badero moved to the United States for further post-graduate medical education. He completed 3 years of Residency training in Internal Medicine at State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY.

After completion of his residency training in internal medicine, Dr. Badero then completed a 2-year Fellowship training in Nephrology & Hypertension at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta Georgia. Upon Completion of his Nephrology Fellowship at Emory University, Dr. Badero returned to SUNY Downstate Medical in Brooklyn, New York to complete yet another 3-year fellowship training in Cardiovascular Medicine.

After a distinguished Cardiology Fellowship, he gained admission into the prestigious Yale University School of Medicine, where Dr. Badero completed two Fellowship trainings in Invasive & Interventional Cardiology as well as Peripheral Vascular Angioplasty & Interventions. He completed his training at Yale University with distinction and a certificate of achievement for exemplary performance.

Dr. Badero then returned to SUNY Downstate Medical Center for another year of Fellowship training in Interventional Nephrology/Endovascular medicine & Dialysis Access intervention.

Dr. Badero in all completed an unprecedented 10 years of continuous post graduate medical training and he is currently board certified in: 1) Internal Medicine; 2) Nephrology & Hypertension; 3) Interventional Nephrology & Endovascular Access; 4) Cardiovascular Medicine; 5) Nuclear Cardiology; and 6) Invasive & Interventional Cardiology making him the only one in the state of Mississippi.

Dr. Badero is currently the only fully trained and board certified cardio-nephrologist (combined kidney and heart specialist) in the world today and recently received a recognition award by financial development magazine in Nigeria.

Dr. Badero performed the first transradial cardiac catheterization and coronary angioplasty at Central Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Badero is a recipient of many awards including:

The Association of black cardiologists scholarship award for the best cardiology fellow in the U.S.;

The 2014 Mississippi Healthcare Heroes in the state of Mississippi;

He was also named one of Jackson, Mississippi's Best Surgeons;

Distinguished Physician Award as the First and Only combined heart and kidney specialist in the United States;

Distinguished Physician, Marquis Who's Who in America;

Patients Choice Recognition Award; and Most Compassionate Doctor, New York.

Dr. Badero has authored many peer-reviewed journals and he is currently on the editorial board of the International Journal of Nephrology & Renovascular Disease.

He is a: 1) Fellow of the American College of Physicians; 2) Fellow of the American Society of Nephrology; 3) Fellow of the American Society of Diagnostic & Interventional Nephrology; 4) Fellow of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology; 5) Fellow of the American College of Cardiology; and 6) Fellow of the Society for Cardiac Angiography & Interventions.

Dr. Badero is currently the Executive Director of Cardiac Renal & Vascular Associates.

Dr. Badero is on the global advisory panel of therapeutics experts on thrombosis and Artherosclerosis, Merck Pharmaceuticals U.S.A.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Badero is the assistant pastor of Vine Chapel Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Olurotimi J. Badero for his dedication to serving others.

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#### MICHAEL LINERT

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Michael Linert for his contribution to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and faculty of Westminster High School in Westminster, Colorado.

The film, MEDIC!, highlights the stories of five brave veterans who served their country and their fellow veterans as combat medics. The Veterans History Project is a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. The stories of these veterans will forever be preserved in the Library of Congress American Folklife Center. As the director of orchestras at Westminster High School, Michael contributed a very moving original musical score—an invaluable addition to the project.

Michael enjoys a varied musical career as a cellist, countertenor, composer, and strings teacher. As a cellist, he has performed with the American Baroque Orchestra, Commonwealth Opera, QV Ensemble, and the Summer

Rhapsody Symphony Orchestra. He performs recitals regularly and his compositions have premiered in the United States, Australia, and Colombia. He has also appeared as a vocal soloist with the Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphonic Choir Chamber Singers, Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Indiana University Opera Theater, and the Bloomington Bach Cantata Project. Additionally, he has performed with Ensemble Lipzodes at the XIV International Sacred Music Festival in Quito, Ecuador and as a member of the Carnegie Hall Chamber Chorus with the Tallis Scholars.

Michael received a Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance degree *summa cum laude* from The Hartt School, a Master of Science in Music Education degree from Indiana University, and will soon receive a Vocal Performance Diploma from Indiana University.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Michael Linert for his important contribution to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 298 on H.R. 5312. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

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#### RECOGNIZING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAYFLOWER

#### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important anniversary in our nation's history. In 2020, the United States will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Today, descendants of the Mayflower live in nearly every district in the country, which is why I introduced the Mayflower Commemorative Coin Act. This bill will recognize the lasting significance of the Mayflower's arrival for our nation's history and authorizes the U.S. Treasury to mint coins in honor of the anniversary.

Coin bills are revenue neutral and are not a burden to taxpayers. Proceeds from the sale will go to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Wampanoag Nation, and other non-profit organizations in Plymouth, which will benefit education, scholarship, and outreach programs to honor the history of the Pilgrims. This includes a 50 year peace treaty with the Wampanoag Tribe and the creation of the Mayflower Compact—one of our country's first examples of self-governance in the New World.

Mr. Speaker, the arrival of the Pilgrims remains an important symbolic moment in our country's history. I encourage all my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historic occasion.

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#### PATRICK LEE

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Patrick Lee for his contribution to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and faculty of Westminster High School in Westminster, Colorado.

The film, MEDIC!, highlights the stories of five brave veterans who served their country and their fellow veterans as combat medics. The Veterans History Project is a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. The stories of these veterans will forever be preserved in the Library of Congress American Folklife Center. Patrick contributed to the project with a very moving original musical score—an invaluable addition to the project.

Patrick began playing piano in 1988 at the age of 7 and has played for the last 25 years, including professionally for the last 15 years. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Jazz Piano in 2006 from CU Boulder. Patrick has played notable Colorado venues like Red Rocks, the Fox & Boulder Theatres, and the Fillmore and has played with bands including De La Soul, Victor Wooten, Thundercat, and Soulive. Patrick has also worked as a producer creating jingles for ESPN, Crocs, Showtime, and Details Magazine.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Patrick Lee for his important contribution to the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film.

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#### TRIBUTE TO MAYOR MARIA LOWE

#### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Mayor Maria Lowe, the mayor of St. Pete Beach, who will be stepping down at the end of this year.

Mayor Lowe was elected in 2014. Prior to becoming mayor, she graduated from West Point, served in the Afghan War, and received her MBA from George Washington University. She is also an active member of our community serving as a full-time community volunteer, a systems engineer, a member of the Pass-a-Grille Women's Club, and part of the Historic Preservation Board.

She has decided that her time as Mayor has come to an end, and will be relinquishing her post at the end of this year. She will be working with her husband at the American Battle Monuments Commission, which tends graves of fallen soldiers worldwide. The headquarters are in Paris, so she and the family will be moving there, primarily maintaining the U.S. cemetery for military personnel near Normandy, France. While she will miss St. Pete Beach, she is very proud to be doing her patriotic duty.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mayor Maria Lowe for her service to St. Pete Beach and Pinellas County. I also am proud that she will