

456 consecutive months from 1976 until 2013 and logged approximately 792 drill weekends at our military bases. He is the epitome of the dedicated officer.

It is his voluntary reserve service that I would like to applaud. Dr. Bosworth applied for permission to participate with the Navy Reserves in a retired status with no points accrued for retirement, with no payment authorized, and with no travel authorized. He served because Bill loved the men and women in the Navy and wanted to assist them in any way he could. Year after year, he performed physicals and primary care for all the sailors in our local Naval Reserves.

Of course, that kept him busy on weekends, but he also remained an active physician on the staffs of two local hospitals. He was licensed in three states: Florida, Georgia and Tennessee so he could better serve his sailors. He is a Lifetime Member of the Duval County Medical Society and the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is Past President of the Duval County Academy of Family Physicians and Former Chairman of the Duval County Hospital Authority.

One Commanding Officer wrote that Captain Bosworth "demonstrated unparalleled leadership and skills in the superior performance of his duties." I couldn't agree more. But there is another side of Bill Bosworth that many may not know. Bill and I share a love for the game of basketball. Yes, Dr. Bill Bosworth is an active participant and officer in the National Men's Masters Basketball Championships. Every year, he teams up with such basketball greats as Artis Gilmore and Sam Jones and brings the game to Jacksonville. Just two weeks ago, the games were played at the Jacksonville Sportsplex. This endeavor has developed into national events and has been included in the World Masters Games and the World Senior Games. Bill and his wife Wanda both serve on the Florida Division of the National Basketball Tournament Committee.

There is a saying in the United States Navy when a person retires that "this sailor stood the watch" and today, Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House to join me in saluting my longtime friend, Dr. William P. Bosworth, MC USNR, for a job well done. He has faithfully stood the watch all these years and now his watch stands relieved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2016 I was absent for recorded vote Numbers 46 through 47.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were here: on Roll Call Number 46 I would have voted yes, and on Roll Call Number 47 I would have voted yes.

IN MEMORY OF KATHRYN
BURKETT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Kathryn Louise Spires Burkett of Edmund was properly eulogized during funeral services recognizing her legacy as one of South Carolina's most beloved civic leaders and homemakers.

She and her late husband Horace raised their children to become some of the most respected professionals of the Midlands of South Carolina with her grandchildren now achieving the highest standards of community service and success.

In January 1984, her passion for excellence was crucial in launching my successful campaign to serve in the State Senate when she was a co-host of a reception at the Farm Bureau in Cayce. The Burkett Family endorsement made the difference in a very challenging effort for victory in the October Republican primary replacing an incumbent.

A fitting tribute was published on January 31st in The State newspaper of Columbia, South Carolina:

Kathryn Louise Spires Burkett entered into eternal rest on January 30, 2016, following a brief illness. Kathryn, born April 11, 1929, was a daughter of Drayton and Sara Spires of Cayce, S.C. She attended BC High School where she was Homecoming Queen representing her lifelong sweetheart, Horace Olin Burkett, Jr. She attended Columbia College before she and Horace married in 1949. They were proud parents to Jimmy, Donny, Ronny, Timmy, and Andrea and pursued their dream of raising their children in the country. They moved to their beloved 17 acres in Edmund in 1962. Their home was a place of welcome to all, an endless source of adventure to their children, and the site of countless picnics, fish fries, and family gatherings. Kathryn's boundless energy was devoted to home, family, church, and community. She planted, nurtured, and harvested an acre vegetable garden every summer and proudly canned enough food to feed her family throughout the year. She was a marvelous cook, and her hand gently stirring a bowl of flour into mouth-watering biscuits was a wonder to behold.

She served on the Governor's Beautification Board and volunteered with the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Little League, Cub Scouts, and PTA. She and Horace also served in many capacities at Cayce United Methodist Church and the Edmund Community Club. Kathryn was devoted to the cause of mental health and was a catalyst in starting the first Lexington County Mental Health Center. She also had an avid interest in politics, volunteering for Strom Thurmond, Floyd Spence and Ben Carson, among many others, and as a poll watcher and precinct captain.

Kathryn and Horace left a legacy to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of commitment, faithfulness, and an unfailing knowledge of the difference between right and wrong. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and proudly carry all they taught us into the future. Kathryn was predeceased by her parents, Drayton and Sara; her husband, Horace; her brothers, Col and Fred Spires; her sister, Margie McNair; brother-in-law, David Burkett; and her granddaughter, Crystal Bradshaw. She is

survived by her sister-in-law and spouse, Jeannette Burkett and Owen Livingston and her children and spouses/partners: Jimmy and Debbie Burkett, Donny and Jeannie Burkett, Ronny and Mary Burkett, Tim Burkett and Lance Wilhelm, and Andrea and Bobby Lange. She is survived by grandchildren and spouses/partners: Sarah and Heath Maner, Laura and Zach Moore, Tiffany Burkett, Brandi and Mike Dixon, Michael Burkett and Lisa Walner, Patrick Burkett, Meghan Burkett, Ian and Jenn Burkett, Jesse Bundrick and Jada Lange. She was blessed with great-granddaughters, Micaiah, Anna, and Alexis Burkett and Charley Dixon, and newborn great-grandson, Ezekiel Burkett.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 1, at Cayce United Methodist Church from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. and followed by services at 3:00 p.m. Private interment will follow in Southland Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the home of Ronny and Mary Burkett, 87 Holly Ridge Lane, West Columbia, on Sunday afternoon from 2-5 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Crystal Bradshaw Foundation, 17 Abberton Court, Chapin, SC 29036. The family wishes to thank the special caregivers and residents of Oakleaf Village who were family to Kathryn in her later years.

HONORING THE USO FOR 75 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO OUR TROOPS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard working men and women of the USO in celebration of their 75th Birthday of entertaining and supporting our troops and families. I especially applaud the work of the Greater Jacksonville Area USO which makes it its mission to lift the spirits of our service members and their families. This small army of mostly volunteers reaches out to active duty military at our three large navy bases, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. They also support our United States Coast Guard men and women, the Marines at Blount Island Command, Army personnel stationed in the area, and those serving in the Florida National Guard.

The USO was formed in 1941 at the request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt who realized he needed a civilian organization to handle on-leave recreation. This call to action led six agencies to coordinate their civilian war efforts and resources to form a new organization—the USO, United Service Organizations. Today, the USO is a private, not for profit organization, supported entirely by donations from citizens and organizations.

Since its inception, the USO has been that "Home Away From Home" for our military during wars and during peace time. The Greater Jacksonville Area USO was established as an independent branch of the national USO in 1979. Today, its three centers continue to serve over 250,000 military and families with quality of life and morale boosting programs.

I have had the privilege of working with the USO and its many volunteers in serving dinners prior to pay days. They are called No Dough Dinners and are hugely popular with

our junior ranking families. In addition, our USO mails over 15,000 goodie boxes to front line troops and distributes hundreds of calling cards for deployed troops to call home. Here in Jacksonville, the USO operates Internet cyber cafes, assists families and troops with programs like United Through Reading where the deployed member reads a book on a DVD to his or her children back home. Two of the USO's most popular programs are the Welcome Center at our airport and free or reduced cost tickets to local sporting and cultural events.

On February 4, 2016, the Greater Jacksonville Area USO will celebrate 75 years of serving our military and providing help on the home front for those who give their all for the security of this nation. The Greater Jacksonville Area USO is 100 percent self-funded and relies on donations from citizens and corporations like Boeing, Jacksonville Jaguars, W.W. Gay, VyStar Credit Union, Siemens, Northrop Grumman, Florida Blue, Jacksonville International Airport and the PGA Tour among others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House of Representatives to join me in acknowledging the 75th Birthday of the USO and its commitment to our active duty military.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 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 \$19,012,827,698,417.93. We've added \$8,385,950,649,504.85 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call vote number 46 on February 1, 2016, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOUG CROFT'S TENURE AS PRESIDENT OF THE THOMASVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Doug Croft for his 28 years of lead-

ership to the city of Thomasville, North Carolina through his work at the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce. I have seen firsthand the positive impact Mr. Croft has had on his community, and I know I will not be the last to say how much he will be missed.

Under Mr. Croft's exceptional leadership, the city of Thomasville rebounded from a period of manufacturing and furniture-building job loss during the recent recession. He successfully helped turn the city around and create a business-friendly and job-creating center within the state of North Carolina. In addition to his impact on the local economic recovery, Mr. Croft played a critical role in the City of Thomasville's selection as an "All-American City" for 2013, by the National Civic League.

Mr. Croft has also been instrumental in the development and implementation of two key city-wide initiatives, the "Envision 2020" strategic plan and the "Thomasville on the Move" capital raising campaign. In fact, as a result of his hard work on the "Thomasville on the Move" campaign, Mr. Croft was recognized in 2011 as the Chamber Executive of the Year for North Carolina by the Carolinas Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Doug Croft for his successful tenure as President of the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce, and wishing him well as he begins the next chapter of his already distinguished career.

HONORING LIEUTENANT DEBBIE PEECOCK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lieutenant Debbie Peacock, of the Napa Police Department, who is retiring after 30 years of service to her community.

Debbie Peacock joined the Napa Police Department on September 9, 1985, and eventually became the first woman in Napa police history to earn her current rank of lieutenant. In this role, Lieutenant Peacock oversees the Special Operations Division of the Napa Police Department. She manages the department's Investigations Bureau, Youth Services Bureau and the Homeless Outreach Program, while also heading Napa's Canine and SWAT Units. Lieutenant Peacock further serves as the liaison between the Napa PD and the Napa Valley Unified School District, the Napa County Office of Education, and Napa County Health and Human Services.

It is difficult to overstate the impact Lieutenant Peacock has had on our community. Her consistent leadership and activism have made her a well-known and well-liked figure, one whose advice is often sought out by community members. Her influence extends beyond her work in the Police Department, as Lieutenant Peacock also works with numerous organizations and foundations, including the Continuum of Care, the Napa County Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Programs, the Catalyst Coalition and the Napa County DARE

and Safe Schools Foundations. She has a long history of social activism, supporting charity and nonprofit programs like Shop With A Cop, Community Action Napa Valley, and the Napa Valley Education Foundation. Lieutenant Peacock has consistently acted with remarkable dedication and character, and residents of Napa and the surrounding areas have benefitted enormously from her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Debbie Peacock has served her community with admirable integrity and commitment for three decades. It is fitting and proper that I honor her here today. I wish Lieutenant Peacock the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE PALM BEACH TOWN SQUARE PROJECT

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the unveiling of the newly renovated Palm Beach Town Square, and to thank those involved in the project for their hard work. On Sunday, January 31st, the Town of Palm Beach dedicated the newly renovated Town Square, a symbol of Palm Beach's rich and unique history.

The Palm Beach Centennial Commission, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Town of Palm Beach's incorporation, spearheaded the effort to renovate the square. Plans for the Town Square were first approved in 1929 by the Garden Club of Palm Beach, an organization which played a role in this recent renovation as well.

The project restored the famous Seahorse Fountain and the surrounding architecture and landscape. The fountain was designed by Addison Mizner in 1929 to honor the two Palm Beach pioneers: Henry Flagler, the founder of Palm Beach, and Elisha Newton Dimick, the town's first Mayor. Funding for the original fountain was a community effort fronted by Harold S. Vanderbilt and other Palm Beach residents. Along with the fountain, this historic square includes a Memorial Park and reflecting pool and Veterans memorial wall.

Just as the original fountain was made possible by Palm Beach residents in 1929, this renovation was a community effort. I would like to thank the local clubs and organizations, town officials, and those in the community who donated their time and funds to this endeavor for their commitment to the Town of Palm Beach.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 46 and 47, I was unable to cast my vote in person due to a previously scheduled engagement. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.