

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall no. 336, the Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act of 2016, had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

## RECOGNIZING IVAN MARAS

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ivan Maras, a veteran, retired teacher, and Congressional Gold Medal recipient.

When he was drafted by the Army during the Korean War, Ivan was permitted to finish his college degree before enlistment. In 1953, he left his hometown of Bulpitt and was shipped to South Korea, where he was assigned to serve in the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers. Earlier this year, the entire regiment was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal for their valiant service and devotion to duty.

When Ivan joined the 65th, it was a unit of predominantly Puerto Rican soldiers that had been recently integrated. He soon found himself in the heat of the action on the front lines at Inchon, where he described the explosions to be "like the Fourth of July every night."

Ivan learned that some men in the regiment were unable to read and write, so he and others set up tents to start teaching. He then spent the remainder of his enlistment using his college degree to teach at a makeshift school established by the military in Korea.

After the war, Ivan returned to central Illinois where he worked as a teacher in Kincaid for nearly fifty years.

I am proud to represent soldiers like Ivan who go above and beyond the call of duty every day. I am honored to serve the brave men and women who sacrificed so much for our country. Congratulations on this prestigious honor, Ivan.

## TRIBUTE TO SUSAN MCKEE

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Riverside County, California, are exceptional. On June 22nd, Sue McKee will be retiring from the University of California, Riverside (UCR) after nearly 25 years of dedicated service.

Sue is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Governmental and Community Relations at UCR

and she has worked tirelessly in that role as an advocate for UCR at the local, state, and federal levels. Her more recent accomplishments include securing funding for the first public medical school in California in over 40 years and relocating the California Air Resources Board (CARB) air pollution lab to the UCR campus. This new CARB facility, combined with UCR's existing related expertise through its Center for Environmental Research and Technology, will make Riverside the world's center for transportation and air quality research—and, in large part, this achievement is thanks to Sue McKee.

Sue is a wife, a mother, and an amazing champion for the Inland Empire. In addition to serving UCR, she has served her community by advocating for those less fortunate and mentoring the next generation of Inland Empire leaders and advocates. Sue serves as the Chair of the Riverside County's Community Action Partnership and is a former Program Chair for Leadership Riverside through the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce. Sue also has donated her time to the Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern California, the Raincross Group, and the Regional Advisory Board of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire.

I have had the privilege of knowing Sue McKee for nearly 20 years. During that time, I have found her to be the best kind of advocate through her compassion, intellect, sense of humor, and her commitment to UCR's mission to serve its students and the region. I applaud Sue's service and I will truly miss working with her upon her retirement. However, her service and her achievements will have a longstanding and truly positive impact on our community.

JOE ADAMS RETIRES FROM KATY  
ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joe Adams on his retirement from the Katy Independent School District (KISD) Board of Trustees, after serving 27 years.

When Mr. Adams attended his first school groundbreaking 27 years ago, there was nothing but prairie to the west of this brand new elementary school. Since the beginning of Adams' tenure on the board, the area has transformed into a booming, busy suburban district. The Katy ISD enrollment has also increased by 53,000 with 41 new schools opening under his watch. Adams fondest memories are standing on the stage at graduations and congratulating outgoing KISD seniors on their accomplishments. The residents of Katy have been well served by his leadership in helping ensure a strong education for our students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations and thank you to Joe Adams for his 27 years of service on the Katy ISD board of trustees. We appreciate your service and dedication to Katy.

RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
INNOVATION CHALLENGE**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the team from Red Rocks Community College on becoming a finalist for a second year in a row in the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge. This program serves as an innovative way for community college students to partner with local industries to create pioneering STEM-based solutions for real world issues. The Community College Innovation Challenge is an important example of encouraging STEM education and research for our nation's students and future leaders. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The Red Rocks Team tackled water conservation which has become a critical issue in the western United States as we tackle long-term drought and the demand for water resources increases. Cooling towers are used in large office and industrial buildings for air conditioning. Through typical use of cooling towers, these systems must discharge and then replace water to continue operation in a process called blow down. These students have worked to improve the efficiency of the blow down process through reverse osmosis, ion exchange, and various filter media which reduces water consumption and saves money. This advance is important for reducing water consumption and can be scaled up for commercial deployment across the country.

I congratulate the Red Rocks Team of Matt Armijo, Mike Fisher, Sean Kelly, Valeria Mokrushova, Danny Rogers, and their faculty advisory Jeremy Beard for their success. I applaud these students for their dedication to this important project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education blazing a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Red Rocks Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded yesterday. I was absent because my flight was delayed by the poor weather in the Washington, D.C. area. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call No. 334: NAY; Roll Call No. 335: AYE; and Roll Call No. 336: AYE.

IN RECOGNITION OF INVESTIGATOR JEAN PIERRE GRILLO UPON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jean Pierre Grillo who will retire after 26 years as Investigator for the State's Attorney's office at the Tolland Judicial District, located in Union, Connecticut. The State's Attorney's office handles all prosecution of criminal offenses from minor infractions to major felonies. The Investigator's role is to be a liaison between all police departments, local and state, as well as to coordinate the State's Attorney's arraignments, bond hearings, trials, and sentencing. Jean Paul, or J.P. as he is known, has done an outstanding job over the last 26 years handling these tasks.

I have been privileged to see Investigator Grillo's work up close. Before assuming his duties 26 years ago, J.P. had a 17 year law enforcement career with the Norwich and Danielson Police Departments. Investigator Grillo is also a Veteran who served with the U.S. Naval Reserves.

It was clear that J.P.'s analysis and judgment of the cases he handled was considered invaluable by the attorneys he worked with. In essence, he was a de facto attorney when it came to strategy and tactics in handling cases. I can attest to the fact that J.P.'s experience working as a police officer and his innate sense of fairness were invaluable assets to the attorneys he assisted.

I admire the respectful way he interacted with visitors to the office and courtroom. Criminal courts are high stress environments and people walk in confused and anxious. He always treated people courteously and politely which kept the pace in the building day in and day out.

I would like to congratulate Investigator Grillo on an outstanding career, and for setting such an incredible example for us all in how to use the public trust that working for the people of Connecticut involves. It has been a pleasure having him in the State's Attorney's Office, and I wish him and his family all the best in this new, exciting chapter of their lives.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Numbers 334 through 336, I was not present due to airplane flight delays caused by inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call Vote No. 334, "aye" on Roll Call Vote No. 335, and "aye" on Roll Call Vote No. 336.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 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 \$19,256,656,157,468.52. We've added \$8,629,779,108,555.44 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.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 336 on H.R. 5389, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a weather-related flight cancellation. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JULIA MAE PRIMUS

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Julia Mae Primus, a dear friend of mine, who sadly passed away on June 18, 2016.

Julia was born on June 25, 1924 in Leesburg, Florida, where she attended the Lake County Training School and graduated valedictorian of her class. Once she finished high school, she enrolled at Florida A&M University (FAMU), where she earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She later took graduate courses at Northwestern University before obtaining her Master's Degree in Speech Therapy and Pathology from the University of South Florida.

Julia paved the way for African American women as the first African American woman to be selected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for the Florida-Georgia District. She was also a strong presence in the Florida A&M University (FAMU) community having pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and having chartered the Broward County Alumnae Chapter, serving two terms as the 1st Chapter President.

After college, she became the first African American speech therapist hired by the Broward County school system and served for forty years as a dedicated teacher and speech therapist. She devoted her life to educating future generations and to constantly serving as a role model to not only her pupils, but to all

of us who were honored to have her in our lives.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Juliette Wise, her son Theodore Primus, four grandchildren: Dawn Wise McGowan, Walter Wise, III (Marla), Theodore Primus, and Julian Primus; great grandsons: George McGowan, Ryan McGowan, Walter Wise, IV, Grant Wise, Gerald Wise; special friend Demetria Broadnax, and many other close and loving friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Julia Mae Primus, whose service to the people of Florida is a shining example for us all. Her spirit and memory will always live on.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 334, I am not recorded because of travel delays due to inclement weather in the DC area. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

### SUPPORTING ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. During the month of June, we recognize the more than five million Americans living with Alzheimer's and recommit ourselves to supporting those affected by the disease and their caregivers.

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, with someone developing the disease every 66 seconds. As an Appropriations Committee Member, I have made it a priority to properly fund the National Institutes of Health so they can continue their cutting-edge research on diseases like Alzheimer's.

As a Representative of South Florida, this issue hits home for my constituents and me. Florida has the highest percentage of older adults in the U.S., as well as residents living with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are older than the national average. These populations are concentrated in South Florida, where nursing home costs are 50 percent above the national average. This is a sobering reality for many of my constituents and their families, which is why I will continue working to ensure that the NIH has the funding it needs to find better ways to treat the disease, delay its onset, and prevent it from developing.

Recognizing Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is a small step forward in the fight against this deadly disease, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting federal investments in finding a cure.