

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.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. W. DWIGHT ARMSTRONG FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS CEO OF THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION AND FOUNDATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. W. Dwight Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the National FFA Organization and Foundation. For the past several years, Dwight has devoted his life to providing an exceptional educational experience to young leaders interested in agriculture. Located in Indianapolis, Indiana, the National FFA Center is home to the National FFA Organization, an organization committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education, and the National FFA Foundation, which builds partnerships with industry, education, government, foundations and individuals to secure resources for the future of education, agriculture and student leader development. The National FFA Organization and Foundation flourished immensely under Dwight's strong leadership and the Hoosier community is forever grateful for his dedication to our country's future leaders.

Dwight has demonstrated a lifetime passion for agriculture and the growth of our country. Growing up on a small farm right outside of Kuttawa, Kentucky, his love for agriculture began at a young age. He attended Lyon County High School, where he was an active leader in the National FFA Organization. Upon graduating high school, he went on to pursue higher education in this vital field of study. He received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Murray State University in 1971. After receiving his bachelor's, Dwight relocated to the Hoosier state to attend Purdue University, where he received his Master's and PhD in Animal Science in 1973 and 1975, respectively.

Before he began his tenure with the National FFA Organization and Foundation, he served in a number of positions that helped prepare him for his role as the leader of the National FFA. From 1975 to 1982, Dwight served as faculty in the Animal Sciences Department at North Carolina State University and was engaged with teaching, research, and extension work in swine nutrition. From 1982–2000, he held a number of leadership roles and eventually became President at Ackey Inc. in Ohio, a company providing nutritional solutions for animals and livestock throughout the United States. When Ackey was acquired by Provimi, a public company based out of the Netherlands, Dwight continued progressing with the company. From 2000 to 2008, Dwight served as CEO of North American Nutrition Companies, Director of the Americas, and eventually became Vice President of the Global Group. In this last role, he lived in the Netherlands and had operational responsibilities for Provimi's businesses in the Americas, France and Switzerland, and also served as a global innovation leader.

In 2008, he retired from Provimi and started his own consulting business with a focus on animal nutrition and agribusiness, and finally,

in 2009, Dwight joined the National FFA Organization as its COO and was later named CEO. In 2014, he was also named CEO of the National FFA Foundation and served both the Organization and the Foundation in a joint appointment.

Dwight's extensive and diverse background in the agriculture world made him an impeccable candidate to lead the National FFA. During his seven-year tenure, he has overseen an era of dramatic growth and success. Under his leadership, the organization increased participation exponentially and achieved an all-time record high membership of 629,367. This increase in student participation led to a vast increase in attendance at the National FFA Convention & Expo, making it the largest annual student gathering in the nation. He also solidified close collaboration and complementary strategic direction for both the National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation. The National FFA Foundation achieved record results in their annual fundraising efforts and campaigns. These notable records set under Dwight's guidance exemplify the significant and essential contributions he made to both the National FFA Organization and Foundation.

Dwight's success as a leader in agriculture and astonishing dedication to our future farmers and leaders has not gone unnoticed. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award from Purdue (1995), American Society of Animal Science Fellow Award (2000), Outstanding Agriculture Alumni Award from Murray State University (2002), Honorary American FFA Degree (2005), National FFA VIP Award (2006), Distinguished Alumnus Award from Murray State University (2007), and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Feed Industry Association (2009). Due to his outstanding guidance and service, he has been asked to serve on a variety of agricultural and not-for-profit boards throughout the years, including the American Society of Animal Science board (1996–1998), Animal Agricultural Alliance board of trustees (1998–2001), American Feed Industry Association board (1998–2001), National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board (2000–2005), Professional Services board (2009–present), Mathile Institute board (2011–present), and Shoulder to Shoulder board (2012–present).

Agriculture is an essential part of not only our nation, but the entire world. Dwight has made a remarkable impression on the world of agriculture and the future leaders of our great nation. He left a legacy of success that will continue to be seen through the work and efforts of our young farmers and future leaders for decades to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I'd like to congratulate Dwight on his noteworthy career and extend a huge thank you for all the wonderful contributions he has made to the Hoosier community and our country as a whole. I wish the very best to Dwight, his wife, Judy, and their family as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
SUSAN TOLCHIN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to remember the life of Susan J. Tolchin, someone whom I had the privilege to work with and who I had long admired for her curiosity, her judgment, and her concern for others.

An ardent feminist, who along with her husband Marty, brought attention to the plight of middle-class working women, a class of Americans often overlooked and rarely chronicled, Susan and Marty authored several books together, all of which highlighted the mechanisms that the Tolchin's considered "occupational hazards of democracy."

As an author and a professor, Susan focused on and scrutinized political patronage and its many pitfalls, and was one of the first political scientists to identify growing voter disenchantment and disillusion with their government. She wisely concluded that these concerns were deeply rooted in the women's and worker's rights issues, largely discounted and ignored by policymakers, but which she sought to highlight through her teaching and writings.

In her seminal and sage work on political patronage, Susan redefined political patronage as that which "includes the vast range of favors awarded by constantly expanding governments." Likewise, her work on evolving voter anger was cutting-edge analysis, far ahead of her peers.

For those who had the fortune to know her, Susan was an engaging and charming conversationalist, with a natural curiosity and ability to learn from others. She was always learning and seeking new ideas, and applying this knowledge to her scholarship in the classroom and in her writings in political journals, magazines and books.

Susan's legacy of scholarship has provided those of us who also champion women's and laborers' rights with a critical knowledge base. Her work was inspirational, and insightful, and helped me and many others to understand trends and the undercurrents that caused them which others might have missed.

Susan was not only dedicated to struggles of the working, middle-class women, but also to her family, whom she loved dearly. She and her husband Martin worked closely together for many decades, authoring many books. She adored her daughter Karen, also a professor, and their charming grandson, Charlie. The tragic loss of their son Charles from a series of health setbacks in 2003 was a show of strength, love and compassion, how a supportive family rallies behind a son in need, with courage and resilience.

They were quite a team, Susan and Marty, always joyful and supportive of each other, in the best of times and in challenging times.

Those who were fortunate to have known and loved Susan, or who had followed her work, will miss her terribly. Her passion was an inspiration for many, and one can only hope that her passing will not be the last chapter of her story, but that she will continue to inspire countless others. She certainly inspired me.

I submit the following list of books authored or co-authored by Susan Tolchin.