

Although her husband's transfer relocated Mrs. Johnson away from Capitol Hill and back to her home town of Memphis, Tennessee, for three years, she returned to the Hill in 1989. For the next decade, she served as Executive Assistant and Clerk for the Education and Labor Committee Democrats. In 1999, she became the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk for Democrats on the Judiciary Committee—a position she held for twelve years.

In 2013, Mrs. Johnson joined the Financial Services Committee and has remained the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk until her retirement today.

From my time on the Judiciary Committee and as Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee I have personally come to know Anita Johnson. She is a tireless and relentless worker, an excellent multi-tasker, doing whatever it takes to accomplish tasks both large and small. When everyone else is stressed because of the pressure, she remains calm.

She is a true professional, whose expertise, integrity, dedication and commitment have served as an example to her peers and colleagues. Her willingness to go the extra mile, her insights and opinions have been extremely valuable to the successful undertakings of each office she has served—especially my own.

She has flawlessly maintained budgets totaling millions of dollars, ensured the smooth running of each office in which she worked; skillfully clerked dozens of markups, and provided valuable assistance to myself, other Members, and staff.

Prior to her time on the Hill, Mrs. Johnson was an educator teaching at Wooddale Senior High School (Memphis, TN); Hazelwood Senior High School (St. Louis, MO); Ivanna Eudora Kean High School (St. Thomas, USVI); and, Savannah Area Vocational Technical School (Savannah, GA). Additionally, Anita has been a member of the Washington Performing Arts Society Men and Women of the Gospel for years; and, has performed at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall; TNT's "Christmas in Washington"; and, the Kennedy Center Honors. With the Trinity Choir at Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia, Anita has also performed in Austria, Italy, Germany, Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam.

On behalf of the Financial Services Committee, its staff, and this distinguished body, we would like to thank Anita for her commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives and her exemplary service to this nation. Her humility, integrity, generosity, loyalty, sense of humor and professionalism will be sorely missed. She has served as a cherished colleague, mentor and friend to many present and former Hill staff members. We wish her the best of luck and extend to her our deepest gratitude as she leaves Capitol Hill.

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT
JUSTICE RITA B. GARMAN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman for her exemplary work on the court for the past 16 years.

In acknowledgement of Justice Garman's service, the Vermilion County Board voted to rename the county courthouse "The Rita B. Garman Vermilion County Courthouse." A ceremony dedicating the renamed courthouse will be held on August 4th.

Justice Garman is a 1965 University of Illinois graduate and a 1968 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law. She began her judicial career at the Vermilion County Courthouse as an associate judge.

She served dutifully and responsibly as a judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court from 1986 to 1995. After that, her dedication and perseverance led her to become an Illinois State Appellate Court Justice. In February 2001 she was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court, and she went on to serve as Chief Justice from 2013 to 2016. She continues to serve the people of Illinois as a member of the Supreme Court.

I have come to know Justice Garman over the last few years and applaud her for many years of dedication to upholding the law and pursuing justice. I want to personally congratulate her for this recognition by Vermilion County as they rename the courthouse The Rita B. Garman Vermilion County Courthouse.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2810) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Chair, I will vote against H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2018 (Roll no. 378). I commend the House Armed Services Committee for tackling some difficult issues, but I remain concerned about several components of the bill, including its lack of fiscal discipline and use of budget gimmicks.

There are provisions of this legislation that I support. I am pleased this bill includes a provision expressing the sense of Congress that climate change is a direct threat to the national security of the United States. The bill would also support a 2.4 percent military pay raise and would require the Pentagon to report to Congress any attempts by Russian actors to hack the Defense Department's system.

However, by authorizing a total of \$621.5 billion in base budget authority, exceeding the \$549 billion cap set in the 2011 Budget Control Act, and using \$10 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding for base defense requirements, Congress and the administration are misusing budget mechanisms to pad their accounts in an era of fiscal uncertainty. The bill puts off making tough decisions about our defense spending.

The legislation also keeps intact funding for several unnecessary weapons programs and undermines key international nuclear non-proliferation efforts. The bill authorizes full

funding for the Air Force's next generation air-launched cruise missile, known as the Long-Range Standoff weapon (LRSO), even though Secretary of Defense Mattis has stated numerous times that he is skeptical we actually need it. I offered an amendment to keep funding for the LRSO at FY17 levels until the administration submits a Nuclear Posture Review to Congress, but it was unfortunately not accepted.

The bill also requires the Department of Defense to develop a missile system that, if tested or deployed, would violate U.S. obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. I offered an amendment to prohibit this system's development until military experts, diplomats and our NATO allies certify that they agree with this approach, but this amendment too was rejected.

Additionally, the legislation caps funding for nuclear weapon dismantlement at \$56 million for FY19 through FY21, making us less safe.

Beyond nuclear weapons and treaties, the legislation maintains a prohibition on transferring detainees in Guantanamo Bay detention facility to the United States and bars the construction or modification of facilities within the U.S. to house detainees for another year. It's past time that we closed this military prison. We can safely and securely imprison anyone we need to without the extraordinary expense of this recruiting tool for ISIS.

The bill also prohibits a new round of base realignment and closure (BRAC), rejecting the Department of Defense's request for flexibility to implement BRAC for the sixth year in a row.

The best way to support our troops is to fight for common-sense budgeting and spending these sums out properly.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY HUBBARD FOR HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE DEARBORN COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Hubbard for her service and dedication to the City of Dearborn. As one of the city's longest serving City Council members, Ms. Hubbard was a tireless public servant who left a legacy of achievement and will be missed.

Ms. Hubbard began her career as a secretary with Ford Motor Company and later worked for the Dearborn Department of Public Works and Dearborn Department of Building and Safety. She was elected to the Dearborn City Council in 1990 and compiled a distinguished record of success during her 24 years on the council. Ms. Hubbard has spent 16 years serving as the Council President Pro Tem, where she used the leadership position to advocate on behalf of the city's residents. She played a key role in the establishment of the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center and in expanding the greenway trail system in the city. She was also involved in economic development initiatives, including the establishment of the Dearborn Town Center and the redevelopment of the Warren Avenue and Dix-Vernor business corridors. As a result of her work, Dearborn has been transformed

into a thriving community that effectively serves the needs of the city's residents.

Ms. Hubbard's commitment to public service and the City of Dearborn helped improve the quality of life for the community while driving economic development in the area. As a lifelong resident of Dearborn, Ms. Hubbard's deep ties to the area allowed her to effectively engage with her constituents and address pressing issues facing the city at large. She was a tireless advocate during her career with the City Council who remained personally engaged with city's residents throughout her life, and her passion for public service will be missed. It is my hope that the city will continue to build on Ms. Hubbard's outstanding legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Nancy Hubbard for her public service with the Dearborn City Council. Ms. Hubbard lived a life dedicated to public service and well-being of others.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT MAJOR
RONALD E. JOHNSON

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sergeant Major Ronald E. Johnson, who departed from his role as Command Sergeant of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Transatlantic Division, on July 14, 2017 and will be retiring from the United States Army after over thirty years of honorable service. Sergeant Major Johnson has dedicated his career to keeping this nation safe, and I am grateful for not only his exemplary service to our nation, but also his service to the residents of Virginia's 10th Congressional District in his position as Command Sergeant of the Transatlantic Division, located in Winchester, Virginia.

Sergeant Major Johnson entered the Army in November of 1986 from Terre Haute, Indiana. Over the course of his illustrious career, he has served in a plethora of different capacities, including as a team leader, squad leader, platoon sergeant, drill sergeant, Equal Opportunity adviser, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Directorate of Public Works, first sergeant and command sergeant major. Additionally, Sergeant Major Johnson has completed a multitude of tours of duty abroad, including in Germany, Honduras, Thailand, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom I and Operation Enduring Freedom IX and XI. His steadfast commitment to defending this nation and courageous service are evident by the immense amount of awards and decorations that have been bestowed upon him. These honors, among others, include two Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars, three Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, six Army Commendation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, nine Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, three Southwest Asia Service Medals, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, three Afghanistan Campaign Medals, United Nations Medal, NATO Medal, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, four NCO Professional Development Ribbons,

Overseas Service Ribbon, two Meritorious Unit Citations; Combat Action, Drill Sergeant, and Parachutist Badges; Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal, and the German Physical Fitness Proficiency (Sportsman) Badge.

Mostly recently, under his guidance as Commander Sergeant of the Transatlantic Division for the past three years, Transatlantic Division organizations have completed more than \$1.7 billion in construction projects in the combat regions of Afghanistan. These efforts have included large scale military installations and utility projects, which have been vital to training Afghan security forces and providing the area with a reliable source of power. In addition to his work crucial to enhancing our national security, Sergeant Major Johnson has always been solicitous about the welfare and professional development of his soldiers and established a formal military professional development program and a very active mentoring program.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 10th District, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Sergeant Major Johnson for his dedicated career of service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a highly venerated figure. I wish him all the best as he moves on to the next phase in his life.

**RECOGNIZING DEPUTY SILVIO
DEANGELO IV AND OFFICER
MATTHEW CAVANAGH**

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy Silvio DeAngelo IV of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and Officer Matthew Cavanagh of the Glenolden Borough Police Department. These men saved the life of my staffer and friend Joseph Campisi when he suffered a heart attack on April 19th, 2015.

Joe had just finished a game of basketball at the L.A. Fitness in Springfield, PA when he suddenly collapsed. Fortunately, Deputy DeAngelo and Officer Cavanagh happened to be finishing a workout at that very moment. Despite being off-duty and having never used a defibrillator on a live person before, they immediately sprang into action. Their training came through in the clutch and they were able to resuscitate him before the EMTs arrived. Thanks to their heroism and decisive action, Joe's heart was beating again in less than two and a half minutes.

After 8 days in a coma, open heart surgery, five weeks in the hospital, and another six months of recovery, Joe was once again able to rejoin my staff. Now, more than two years since his heart attack, I am happy to say that Joe has made a full recovery. Looking at him today, you would never know he came within an inch of death.

Without the bravery and quick-thinking of Officer Cavanagh and Deputy DeAngelo, my friend Joe would not be here today. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking these two law enforcement officers. They represent the very best the First District of Pennsylvania has to offer.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM W.
"HOOTIE" JOHNSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 2017, South Carolina lost an esteemed businessman and dedicated public servant with the death of William W. "Hootie" Johnson. He made a positive difference with his philanthropic efforts and I am grateful for his longtime service as Chairman of the Executive Committee at Bank of America and Chairman of Augusta National Golf Club. On Monday, July 17, 2017, a funeral service will be conducted at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

The following thoughtful obituary was appropriately published in The State on July 15, 2017:

Mr. Johnson died Friday, July 14, 2017, at the age of 86. Hootie Johnson was a former chairman of the Executive Committee of Bank of America's Board of Directors. He had also served on the Boards of Directors of Alltel Corporation, Duke Energy Corporation, Liberty Corporation and Stephens, Inc. He was the husband of Pierrine Baker Johnson and was a son of the late Dewey H. and Mabel Woodward Johnson. He was born in Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Johnson held a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of South Carolina as well as an Honorary Doctor of Law degree. Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were also conferred upon him by the Medical University of South Carolina and Lander University. He served as chairman of both the South Carolina Ports Authority and the South Carolina Research Authority, as well as a member of The South Carolina State Development Board. Mr. Johnson also served as chairman of the Committee to Develop a Plan of Desegregation of the National Urban League. He was a Laureate of the South Carolina Business Hall of Fame. The State newspaper named Mr. Johnson as one of South Carolina's 15 most influential business leaders of the 20th Century. Mr. Johnson, an independent, was active in politics serving as finance chairman for Governor Robert McNair, Governor Carroll Campbell, Governor David Beasley, Senator Strom Thurmond, Senator Bob Dole and President George H.W. Bush. Mr. Johnson was chairman of Augusta National Golf Club and chairman of the Masters Tournament from 1998–2006 and chairman emeritus from 2006–present. He held memberships in Biltmore Forest Country Club, Forest Lake Club, the Palmetto Club, the Flamenco Club and the Centurion Club. Memorials may be made to the USC Moore School of Business. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family. In addition to his wife, Pierrine, Mr. Johnson is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Chuck Todd, and Marie and John Fairey, all of Columbia, Sally and Ronnie Wrenn of Charlotte, and Jane and Dan Breedon of Spartanburg; grandchildren, Charlie Todd, Pierrine Todd Thomas, John Fairey, Jr., Harriett Fairey Gilmer, William Fairey, Holt Wrenn, Sarah Wrenn, Mary Breedon, Sally Breedon and Anne Breedon Pitt; great-granddaughters, Louise Thomas, Mabel Marie Gilmer, Florence Elizabeth Wrenn and Elsie Fairey; great-grandsons, Robert Gilmer, John Gilmer, John Fairey III, Willard Fairey, Gage Fairey, William Thomas, Charles Todd IV and Dewey Wrenn. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death