

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for roll call votes 127 and 128 on the evening of March 7, 2017. I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1362, which names the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa'aua'a Hunkin VA Clinic. I would have also voted in favor of the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127; and YEA on Roll Call No. 128.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 1362, a bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa'aua'a Hunkin VA Clinic (Roll Call No. 127), I would have voted Aye.

Had I been present for the vote on Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair (Roll Call No. 128), I would have voted "No."

HONORING THE MEMORY OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WILLIAM FRANCIS RYAN, U.S. ARMY RETIRED

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 2017, Families of the Shield, Inc. will honor the life and sacrifices of Command Sergeant Major William Francis Ryan (USA, Retired) by raising the United States flag over a Big Red One Statue at Eddie's Sunrise Diner located at 55 E. NASA Blvd. in Melbourne, Florida. On February 28, 2017, at my request, the Architect of the Capitol flew the United States Flag over our Capitol Building to further honor Command Sergeant Major Ryan.

Command Sergeant Major Ryan first joined the Merchant Marines and received six Russian medals. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 landing on Omaha Beach June 6, 1944, with the first wave of American soldiers. Ryan was a member of the 1st Inf. Div.'s 16th Infantry Regiment during D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. During his 30 plus years of service he also volunteered for numerous tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam.

William Ryan retired from the military in 1973 to enjoy his boat, volunteer at the Honor America Museum. Over the years, made several trips back to Belgium and France to honor our fallen heroes, most recently for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

Command Sergeant Major Ryan's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medals with (V) Device, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Citation, American Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal (1st–9th Awards), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (GER), National Defense Service Medal (1OLC), Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Services Medal, Belgium Fourragere, In Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/ 60 Device, Combat Infantry Badge.

William Ryan is survived by his beloved daughter Corrine and her husband Charles; his son Mark, his wife Shannon and their son Paul; his former wife, Lorraine Ryan; predeceased by his son, David W. Ryan and his sister, Margaret Christie. He will be remembered by his many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Command Sergeant Major William F. Ryan's service to our nation and his commitment to the cause of liberty.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, on March 1, 2017, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted:

NO on Roll Call Vote 116, H. Res. 156, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1004, the Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017; and H.R. 1009, the OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability Act.

I would have cast my vote in opposition to this resolution because the Rules Committee rejected a motion by Ms. Slaughter of New York to consider both H.R. 1004 and H.R. 1009 under open Rules. The Rules Committee also rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to strike the waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1009 which includes waiver of CUTGO, statutory pay-go, and sections 303 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call votes 127 and 128 on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on roll call vote 127 and "Nay" on roll call vote 128.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote number 128 on Tabling the Appeal of the

Ruling of the Chair, I mistakenly recorded my vote as yes when I should have voted no.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, on account of illness, I was not present for votes on March 7, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127, and YEA on Roll Call No. 128.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, on February 28, 2017, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present, would have voted:

NO on Roll Call Vote 104, H. Res. 150, On Agreeing to the Resolution—Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 998) SCRUB Act, and providing for consideration of (H.J. Res. 83) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to Clarification of Employers Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness.

I would have cast my vote in opposition to this resolution because the Rules Committee rejected a motion by Mr. HASTINGS of Florida to strike the waiver of section of 311 of the Congressional Budget Act for H.J. Res. 83.

IN RECOGNITION OF MUSLIM LAKHANI

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Muslim Lakhani, for his contributions to Virginia's 10th District and the nation. Mr. Lakhani, a Pakistani immigrant and entrepreneur, has long championed efforts to promote tolerance among different faiths, to partake in charitable projects, and to conduct strong, forward-thinking business practices.

Mr. Lakhani grew up in Karachi, Pakistan and later became an entrepreneur. His many business ventures allowed him to travel to countless countries throughout the Middle East and Europe. However, it was the lessons he learned as a young child that have truly shaped his humanitarian and caring mindset that he maintains today.

Growing up in Pakistan, he and his family always place a very strong focus on helping those less fortunate. After moving to the United States in 2006, Mr. Lakhani was regularly reminded of his family's values as he watched organizations like the Salvation Army help the homeless in Washington, D.C. Since 2008, Mr. Lakhani has been a strong supporter, contributor, and advocate for the Grate

Patrol Homeless Outreach Program, which provides professional guidance to homeless people and also feeds 200 people daily in the nation's capital. Additionally, Mr. Lakhani studied both Christian and Muslim texts in grade school, which is where he garnered an interest in diverse beliefs and religious tolerance. Social Vision, the self-funded philanthropic arm of his company, ML Resources LLC., focuses on establishing stronger interfaith relationships, and additionally Mr. Lakhani strongly advocates for defeating terrorism.

Mr. Lakhani's childhood lessons coupled with his work ethic and strong business practices have allowed him to make a great impact on today's society. He has had the opportunity to speak in Rabat, Morocco at the Forum for the Future meeting on behalf of the Arab Business Council, and has received impressive awards, such as the InterFaith Bridge Builders Award at last year's InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mr. Lakhani. It is a privilege to represent him and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF BEE SWADER MALONE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the birthday of Bee Swader Malone. She will turn 100 on March 30th.

Jessie Beatrice Swader Malone was born on March 30, 1917 in the Pine Grove community on Sand Mountain in DeKalb County, Alabama. Born to Robert and Addie Swader, she grew up on her parents' farm and attended school in nearby High Point and Valley Head, graduating from Valley Head High School in 1937.

Bee was working at J.C. Penney when she first met Marvin E. Malone, Jr., who worked in the shoe department there. They married and settled in Fort Payne, Alabama where Marvin worked for Southland Sox, Inc. They had three daughters: Kay, Ann, and Susan; and three grandchildren: Shannon, Oliver, and Halle; and now Bee is the great-grandmother of two girls: LizaBanks and Bea.

Bee and Marvin ran Malone Mills, a hosiery finishing mill in Fort Payne, for many years. First Presbyterian Church in Fort Payne honored her with a life membership for her active role there over many decades. Bee is still known in the church and far beyond for her excellent cooking, gardening, sewing, and handwork. She has voted in every single presidential election since she turned the legal voting age, which was then 21, and she was profiled in the Times-Journal last November for being one of the oldest registered voters in DeKalb County.

Bee still lives on her own today, in her house of almost 57 years on a hill overlooking Fort Payne. This month Bee will be celebrating her 100th birthday with a gathering of family and friends. Please join me in wishing this centenarian a very happy birthday.

REMEMBERING ENI F. H.
FALEOMAVAEGA

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of our friend and colleague, Eni F. H. Faleomavaega of American Samoa, who passed away on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. He was the longest serving delegate to the House of Representatives, and I had the honor of serving with him over the past few years and when I was first in Congress from 1995 to 2001. It was at the beginning of that chapter that we, freshman members of the class of 1994, soon realized what a wise man he was, and we often looked to him for wisdom and institutional knowledge throughout the years we served together. I will miss that, and I know all of us here in the House extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Hinanui Hunkin, their 10 children, and their 15 grandchildren. Know that you remain in our thoughts and prayers and that we grieve with you.

CONGRATULATING ERNEST AND JOAN RISTER ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, while January 1967 brought record-breaking snowstorms to Chicago, Texas had temperatures in the mid-70s. This was perfect for Ernest and Joan Rister of Round Rock, Texas, who joined hands on January 22, 1967 at St. Cyril Methodist Catholic Church in Granger, Texas to become husband and wife.

Decades have passed and the Risters are as devoted to one another as the day they wed. They recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with over 400 guests honoring their Czech and German roots. All in attendance celebrated the Risters' longevity and deep love for one another.

They met in grade school while living in Granger, TX and started dating their freshman year. These two high school sweethearts have been inseparable ever since. Following their wedding, Ernest graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown and served in the United States Marine Corps. They returned to Texas and moved to Round Rock in 1975, living in the same house ever since.

Ernest currently works as a research chemist and Joan is a retired real estate appraiser. They love the outdoors, gardening, hunting, and fishing. They especially enjoy spending time with their son Ernest Lee Rister, III and his wife Annie, daughter Shelley and her husband Malcolm Middlebrook, and two grandchildren Camryn and Zachary Middlebrook. There's no doubt the Risters have built a happy life together.

Marriages like the Risters are the foundations of one of our most cherished institutions and give us all an ideal to which we can aspire. Their undying love for one another makes both Texas and our nation strong. I congratulate Joan and Ernest on 50 years to-

gether and wish them the best in the years to come.

IN MEMORY OF THE HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD an official statement and tribute written by the family and staff of our former colleague, Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega of American Samoa. Congressman Faleomavaega was a good friend, an outstanding colleague, and a fighter for the people of American Samoa.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CONGRESSMAN ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA OF AMERICAN SAMOA BY HIS FAMILY AND STAFF

The Honorable Eni F.H. Faleomavaega was American Samoa's longest-serving Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, and the first Asian-Pacific American to serve as Chairman of the influential House Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment. He held the matai, or chieftain, orator title of Faleomavaega.

Eni Hunkin, Jr. was born in the village of Vailoatai, American Samoa on August 15, 1943. He was raised in lovely Laie, Hawaii where the skies are blue and "the rainbows spread their shining wings." He played full-back for the Red Raiders at Kahuku High School, graduating in 1962. At the Polyneesian Cultural Center (PCC), he was a canoe paddler and a dancer. In 1964, he graduated from the Church College of Hawaii (BYU-Hawaii) with an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree. He earned a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science from Brigham Young University (1966); a Juris Doctor (JD) from the University of Houston Law School (1972); and a Master of Laws (LLM) from the University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law (1973). English was his second language.

From 1973-1975, Eni Hunkin, Jr. served as Administrative Assistant to Paramount Chief A.U. Fuimaono, American Samoa's first elected Representative to Washington, DC. From 1975-1981, he served as Staff Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, chaired by Congressman Phillip Burton who entrusted Eni with drafting legislation to provide American Samoa with an elected Governor and an elected Delegate. At the advice of late Senate President Paramount Chief Letuli Toloa, Eni returned home to American Samoa to "eat the dust and walk on the rocks" so that he could feel more directly the pains of the people in order to serve them more completely. From 1981-1984, Eni Hunkin, Jr. served as American Samoa's Deputy Attorney General and, from 1985-1988, he served as Lieutenant Governor of American Samoa. In 1988, Eni was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he served the people of American Samoa for some 26 years (1989-2015), and would still be serving today if not for illness.

Congressman Faleomavaega wore out his life in the service of his fellow beings and, by extension, he wore out his life in the service of our God. Faleomavaega's works brought American Samoa a Veterans Affairs (VA) clinic, a new Army Reserve Center, more funding per capita than any other State or Territory across many sectors (including education),