

Had I been present, I would have voted the following on April 3, 2017:

Roll Call 209 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, H. Res. 92, Condemning North Korea's development of multiple intercontinental ballistic missiles, and for other purposes, I would have voted Aye.

Roll Call 210 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, H.R. 479, North Korea State Sponsor of Terrorism Designation Act of 2017, I would have voted Aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes on Tuesday, March 28. Had I been present, I would have opposed S.J. Res. 34, and voted NAY on Roll Call No. 202.

PERLA BARRÓN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Perla Barrón for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Perla Barrón is a 12th grader at North Valley School for Young Adults and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Perla Barrón is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Perla Barrón for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 TOWN OF VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 39th Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public

safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present 125 awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories including the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze and Silver Medals of Valor.

Five members of the Town of Vienna Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

Master Police Officer Neil Patrick Shaw
Police Officer Andrew Slebonick

LIFESAVING AWARD

Sergeant Michael Reeves
Master Police Officer Matthew Lyons
Police Officer Gregory Hylinski

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2017 Valor Award Recipients, and thank all of the men and women who serve in the Town of Vienna Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

RECOGNIZING ESTHER WARD'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent on her 100th birthday—Esther Ward of Randolph County.

I am pleased to share in the momentous celebration of her 100th birthday, and I am honored to acknowledge this joyous milestone, filled with memories and experiences. It is not only a time of happiness, but a time to reflect on the lives Esther has enriched. In particular, Esther continues to be a pillar of her church, Hopewell Friends Meeting of Asheboro. North Carolina has been truly fortunate to share in her long legacy of achievement.

I join with her family, friends, church and the Sixth District in congratulating Esther on this special occasion.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. ABRAHAM FISCHLER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of my good friend and a most dedicated public servant, Dr. Abraham "Abe" Fischler, who, sadly, passed away on April 3, 2017. He was 89 years old.

For 22 years, Abe Fischler was President of Nova Southeastern University (NSU). There were only 17 students enrolled when Abe joined NSU. He became President in 1970 and oversaw NSU's growth into the large and well-respected institution that it is today.

Abe was born in Brooklyn on January 21, 1928. He was a member of the "Greatest

Generation," serving in the United States Navy during the Second World War. He married his beloved wife of 68 years, Shirley, in 1949 and in 1951, graduated with a degree in Biochemistry from the City College of New York, eventually earning a Doctorate in Education in 1959 from Columbia University.

Among the many innovations Dr. Fischler brought to NSU was the development of a long-distance learning program. Abe thought there should be a way for professionals who wanted to pursue advanced degrees to do so without having to leave their jobs. We didn't have the prevalence of internet technologies we do now at the time, so Abe would actually have the university fly adjunct instructors to various spots around the country to teach small groups of students outside of regular business hours. At the time, this was very unusual, but today, long distance education is both common and expected at most institutions of higher learning. Abe Fischler was one of the first to do it.

In 1992, Abe retired from NSU, but he did not spend his retirement idly watching the world go by. By 1994, he was back in the thick of it, and got elected to the Broward County School Board, where he would serve for four years. He continued to be involved in educational issues, as well as his involvement with Nova Southeastern as President Emeritus until his passing.

Dr. and Shirley Fischler have four children, four grandchildren and one great-grandson. My own son holds a Doctorate from, and is part of, the Nova Southeastern Family I am honored to have worked with Abe Fischler and to have represented him in Congress. He was a wonderful friend and will be dearly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for roll call votes 209 and 210 Monday, April 3, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on roll call votes 209 and 210.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JOHN WALLACE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Mr. NUNES and Mr. VALADAO, to honor the life of one of Fresno's greatest journalists, John Wallace, who passed away on March 27, 2017 at the age of 71. John was a kind, generous, and humble man who kept the Valley informed on current events as a TV news anchor for more than 40 years.

Before his career as a TV anchor, John played baseball at the University of Arizona in the early 1960's, followed by his service in the United States Marine Corps. He began his broadcast and journalism career in 1969, joining the news staff at KYNO radio in Fresno. In

1975, he became a TV news anchor at ABC30 (KFSN) until 1987, when he joined CBS47 (KGPE) as an anchor for the evening news.

In addition to his journalism career, John's love for sports was a large part of his life. He was the public address announcer for the California League's Fresno Giants baseball team. He served on the board of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame, was president of the Fresno State Timeout Club, and spent four decades working with the Bulldog Foundation at Fresno State, serving as President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In 2014, he received the Harold S. Zinkin, Sr. Award by the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame for his contributions, and was inducted into the Clovis Centennial Hall of Fame.

John was a loyal community supporter who championed for local organizations. He was a friend and an inspiration to many, and had a contagious enthusiasm for life. He was very active in the community, serving on the board of the WestCare Foundation and volunteering with Break the Barriers and Valley Children's Hospital.

John will be missed greatly by his family, friends, and the entire community. He is survived by his wife Cheri; children Cass Dilfer, Cameron Weishaar, Paige Wise, Carson Franzman, Taylor Franzman; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues to join Mr. NUNES, Mr. VALADAO and me in paying tribute to the life and service of John Wallace, whose curiosity for recent events and passion for the community kept the Valley informed on our nation's news for more than four decades. I join the Fresno community in honoring his life and his passion for making a difference. He will be greatly missed.

JOSIAH JENSEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Josiah Jensen for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Josiah Jensen is a 12th grader at Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Josiah Jensen is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Josiah Jensen for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA STATE
TROOPER KRESS ADAMSON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Virginia State Police Trooper Kress Adamson, for his recognition by the Rotary Club of West Springfield as an Outstanding Virginia State Trooper of the Year for 2016.

Trooper Adamson is a credit to his unit and uniform and the long tradition of our Commonwealth's State Police Force. In August of 2015 he was dispatched to a vehicle crash on the Capital Beltway. Upon arriving at the scene, he found two citizens who were trying to aid an individual lying near the wreckage on a very busy and dangerous stretch of I-495 and his fellow Trooper Steven Muller had begun special rescue breathing and CPR. A Fairfax County Rescue team then arrived and asked the two troopers to continue their life-saving efforts until the Rescue team was could apply an automated external defibrillator. After several minutes of these combined advanced life-saving techniques, they were able to regain a pulse in the victim. The victim was then transported to INOVA Alexandria Hospital where he remained in critical condition until his recovery. Due to the initial valiant efforts of both civilians and these two troopers, the victim had a better chance of recovery from this life-threatening accident.

Trooper Adamson has served the Virginia State Police for seven years. Upon graduating from the State Police Academy, he was initially assigned to Arlington (Area 45). He is currently with the Springfield office (Area 48). Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, he served in the U.S. Air Force for nine years and deployed to Iraq in 2007. His MOS was medical support, and he currently is working on completing a bachelor's degree at Thomas Edison University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Trooper Adamson and in thanking him for his years of service to Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has demonstrated exceptional dedication to public safety and the mission of law enforcement, and for that, we owe him a special debt of gratitude.

HONORING DET. SAM WINCHESTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented gentleman, Det. Sam Winchester, Warren County Sheriff Department. Det. Winchester has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Det. Sam Winchester received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Alcorn State University. He worked full time in the agricultural research department of Alcorn and received a Master's Degree in Secondary Education. He served in the United States Army Reserve for 14 years.

Det. Winchester began his career in law enforcement in Jefferson County. He started working at the Warren County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) in 2004, and became a detective in 2006. Sam has multiple interests that he uses as a detective at the Warren County Sheriff's Office in the Criminal Investigation Division.

He is one of the primary boat operators for the Sheriff's Office meaning, whenever a river or water rescue needs to take place, he is called to assist. In addition to those duties, he is a certified driving instructor for the WCSO, and he does driving instruction at the Police Academy at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. He is also trained as a hostage and crisis negotiator.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Det. Sam Winchester for his hard work, dedication and a strong desire to serve his country and community.

RECOGNIZING JOHN ALBAN FINCH

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of John Alban Finch.

Fifty years ago today, on April 5, 1967, a fire broke out at Cornell Heights Residential Club, an off-campus student dormitory in Ithaca, New York. The fire claimed the lives of eight students and one professor from Cornell University.

Mr. Finch was the professor who perished in the fire. On the night of the tragedy, he immediately took action by awakening his neighbors and calling the Cornell Safety Division. Despite heavy smoke, Mr. Finch ran back into the building to help other occupants escape to safety. A total of 62 people escaped the fire, many of whom attributed their survival to Mr. Finch's heroic and selfless actions. Tragically, Mr. Finch did not survive.

Mr. Finch gave his life to save those in need—the true definition of a hero.

Mr. Finch was an Associate Professor and Faculty Advisor for the Ph.D. Program at Cornell University. He originally came to Cornell in 1960 as a graduate student on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Mr. Finch earned a Master's Degree in 1961 and a Ph.D. in 1964. The following year, he began working as an Assistant Professor of English and an instructor in the English Honors Program. Mr. Finch was a distinguished scholar and highly valued faculty member.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of John Alban Finch and recognizing his life-long commitment to serving others.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
WOMEN IN CONGRESS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 100 years of women in Congress. Representative Jeannette Rankin of Montana was the first woman to serve in U.S. Congress in 1916.