

When he was a student at Ole Miss, he was asked to go to high schools and participate in special programs to speak to students. When he attended United Theological Seminary, he wrote two covenants: one for youth ministry and another for jail and prison ministry.

Murphy returned to Vicksburg in 2001 and began working with Central Mississippi Prevention director, Joe Johnson. Murphy has also served as director of the Vicksburg Housing Authority's community center, helping develop a jobs program, a GED program partnered with Hinds Community College and the Vicksburg Warren School District, and an after school tutorial program.

Murphy said at this point in his life he would like to return to the classroom to teach and work on a summer camp program called "Camp Wow," and find other ways to serve Vicksburg.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Manney Murphy for his hard work, dedication and a strong desire to serve God and community.

#### HONORING THE GRADUATION OF ASHLEE VICTORIA PEREZ

#### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the graduation of Ashlee Victoria Perez from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, with the Class of 2017.

Marco Antonio Perez and Claudia Perez are very proud of their daughter, who graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise and Sports Science. Ashlee averaged an exceptional Grade-Point-Average of 3.7 during her time at St. Mary's, all while maintaining active membership in the national sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma, becoming the captain of the cheer squad, and earning the Academic Madeline Scholarship. Her achievements are a testament to her work ethic and perseverance.

Mr. Speaker, I wish only the best for Ashlee in all her endeavors and know her future is filled with limitless possibilities.

#### MAKHMUD CHARIEV

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Makhmud Chariev for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Makhmud Chariev is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Makhmud Chariev 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 Makhmud Chariev for winning the Arvada

Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### TRUMPS CARE, OR THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the federal budget is more than a financial document; it is an expression of our values and priorities as a nation.

Sadly, the President's budget fails this moral test of government.

This budget does not reflect our dreams for our nation; rather it is the "Nightmare on Pennsylvania Avenue."

Mr. Speaker, it appears that the President loves TrumpCare so much that he decided to double down and give us "TrumpScare" for a budget.

This TrumpScare budget stacks the deck for the rich while undermining hard-working Americans everywhere.

Throwing billions at defense while ransacking America's investments in jobs, education, clean energy and lifesaving medical research will leave our nation weakened.

America will not be made great by stealing another \$610 billion from Medicaid, abandoning seniors and families in need, depriving students of realizing a dream to attend college without drowning in debt, or disinvesting in the working families to give unwanted tax breaks to wealthy corporations and the top 1 percent.

America will not be positioned to compete and win in the global, interconnected, and digital economy by slashing funding for scientific research, the arts and humanities, job retraining, and clean energy.

And the President's TrumpScare budget does not "put America First" by cutting Social Security Disability Insurance benefits and Meals on Wheels for Americans who depend upon these programs to sustain themselves.

Even a cursory review leaves the inescapable conclusion that this budget represents a betrayal—of our values as a nation, and of the promises made by the President during the election campaign.

Just like the "TrumpRussia" scandal, we have another mystery and the question is: "Whodunit?"

So the real question is whether the budgetary priorities in the budget represent a betrayal of the President, or a betrayal by the President of the promises he made repeatedly to the American people?

The answer to this question will tell us all we need to know about this budget and this President.

#### THEY'RE NOT COMING HOME

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise this Memorial Day in honor and remembrance of all

The Fallen who gave That Last Full Measure. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

THEY'RE NOT COMING HOME

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

They're not coming home  
To their families where they belong,  
who now must live so all alone  
And to their Brothers In Arms,  
who heard their last most heroic moans  
No, they're not coming home  
As up to Heaven they have flown  
On the wings of an Angel which they now own  
As Angels In The Army Lord to fight this new battle,  
but not alone  
They are not coming home  
Could any of us such courage own?  
And go off to war  
And leave all that you so love and adore  
For all the more  
And for all their Brothers and Sisters to their left,  
to their right endure  
Oh the dreaded cost and horrors of war  
Am sorry my dear child,  
your Daddy or Mommy are not here no more  
To hold you and tell you how much you they adore  
To tuck you in at night  
To assure you everything's all right  
I know it's hard to hold the tears back you fight  
Daddy, Mommy, oh how I wish you were here tonight!  
As it gets harder to see their face with each year insight  
But, they're not coming home  
And as you awake in the middle of the night  
Hush my child and don't you cry,  
everything is going to be all right  
Your parents are Angels now at the height  
As they watch over you in the middle of the night  
Both day and night,  
as you will always be in their sights  
Can't you feel their angel's breath envelop you,  
and hold you so very tight  
And one day up in Heaven together again  
you'll take flight  
America, on this blessed day  
Give thanks,  
and give your most solemn praise  
As you kneel and pray  
For all those heroes who gave  
That Last Full Measure,  
who make up the home of the free and brave  
On this Memorial Day  
Give thanks to all of those who gave  
As out to their loved ones call each and every day  
And tell them how much their sacrifice means to us in every way  
For the real heroes are the ones who fell,  
who now lie in deep dark cold quiet graves I do tell  
Who on Christmas mornings we no longer hear,  
their laughter as they appear  
Even the warm memories we take,  
in our hearts still can't replace  
Just to look into their face  
Oh how your hearts break  
Cause they're not coming home  
But, in a box with the names they own  
And some will never be found,  
only our Lord God knows them now  
No, they're not coming home  
Sadly, for any Nation to grow and thrive  
Our most precious and most courageous of all loved ones must die  
Must lay down their lives  
As it the price of freedom so very high  
The price all of their loved ones so despise  
Who must now live with tears in eyes

The magnificents who upon this Nation relies  
Am so sorry but they're not coming home to-night  
Amen

JACOB KEESE HOLLAND

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Jacob Holland as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2017.

Jacob will graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Biology on May 24, 2017, and he will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Jacob's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Jacob and his accomplishments. We look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Jacob embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Jacob my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Monday, May 22, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1862 and H.R. 1842.

TOM CLARK

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Clark for his leadership, vision and lasting impact on Denver and Colorado as the CEO of the Metro Economic Development Corporation and Executive Vice President of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce.

With more than 30 years of economic development experience at the state, regional, county and city level, Tom's unique perspective and wealth of knowledge is unparalleled. Tom's career spans four decades from Direc-

tor of Commercial and Industrial Development for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, through positions with the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Denver Corporation, the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, the Jefferson Economic Council, and the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Tom was the founder and first president of the Metro Denver Network, the Metro Denver region's first economic development program, for which he received the Arthur D. Little Award for Excellence in Economic Development. In 2012, Tom was recognized as the Denver Post's Business Person of the Year as well as awarded the Denver Business Journal's Power Book Award for Economic Development and Government. He has also been recognized as one of the nation's top economic development professionals by the Council on Urban Economic Development.

I extend my deepest appreciation for Tom and his dedication to our great state, and wish him the best of luck in retirement and future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CLIFTON  
THOMAS WALKER

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor the life of Mr. Clifton Thomas Walker, who passed away on April 25, 2017, at the age of 95. Throughout his life, Mr. Walker was a respected leader in our community and an exemplary husband, father, and grandfather. His dedicated service, with the U.S. Marine Corps, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, and Lovettsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department, helped keep the people of Virginia's Tenth District safe for over 50 years, and he will always be remembered.

Mr. Walker, originally from Bullock, North Carolina, joined the Marine Corps in December of 1941 just three days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. During his 20 years in the Marine Corps, he was stationed around the world, serving in Northern Ireland, Guam, Okinawa, Washington, DC, and Lebanon. Additionally, he was a decorated member of the Marine Corps Pistol Team, receiving bronze, silver, and gold medals, and he achieved the rank of Distinguished Pistol Shot in record time.

In May of 1959, Mr. Walker married his wife, Elaine, and they began building their home on South Berlin Pike in Lovettsville, Virginia, where they lived since Mr. Walker's retirement from the Marine Corps in 1961. Mr. Walker went on to work for DECO Electronics in Leesburg, the Painter Lumber Company in Lovettsville, and finally the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, where he served for thirteen years as the manager of the Department's Office of Property and Evidence.

During that time, Mr. Walker also served his community in various capacities. He was previously a member of the Lovettsville Town Council, the Lovettsville Planning Commission, and the Lovettsville Lions Club. He also volunteered for 35 years, starting in 1966, as a member of the Lovettsville Rescue Squad, which chartered as the Lovettsville District Vol-

unteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. In recognition of his honorable service, he received the second Rescueman of the Year Award in 1971 and the Most Dedicated Member of the Year Award in 1980. Through his long and impressive career Mr. Walker became one of the most well respected members of the entire fire Company, and the memory of his dedication to service will always be present as a true inspiration to our local community.

Mr. Walker leaves behind a selfless legacy and career of service and will be greatly missed by the countless lives he has touched. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and three daughters, Debbie, Linda and Carol, his grandson, Brandon, and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of, and bidding farewell to, Clifton Thomas Walker. May he rest in peace, and his family be comforted.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC DAY OF AZERBAIJAN

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2017*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 99th anniversary of the Republic Day of Azerbaijan, and to extend my best wishes to all Azerbaijanis as they celebrate Republic Day. May 28th marks the founding of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan, when the people of Azerbaijan first gained their independence from the Russian Empire in 1918. Although Azerbaijan's independence was ended by Soviet forces in 1920, it is noteworthy that the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan was the world's first secular parliamentary democratic republic in a predominantly Muslim nation—earning diplomatic recognition from the United States during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson. We also recall, with admiration, that the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan granted universal suffrage to its citizens in 1918, making it the first Muslim country to give women the right to vote.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Azerbaijan restored its independence on October 18, 1991, when its Parliament adopted the Constitution Act on the Restoration of the State of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

For the people of Azerbaijan, these last two decades of independence have not been without challenges. At the top of the list would be the ongoing conflict with Armenia. Although a cease fire was signed in 1994 more than 20 percent of Azerbaijan's territory—including Nagorno-Karabakh and seven surrounding districts—remains under Armenian occupation and more than 1 million Azerbaijanis remain refugees unable to return to their home villages. In 1993, the U.N. Security Council adopted four resolutions demanding complete, unconditional and immediate withdrawal of Armenian forces from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. I am happy that Azerbaijan is committed to a peaceful resolution of the conflict with Armenia, and I support a swift and peaceful resolution to this conflict as well.

Azerbaijan is a key global security partner for the United States. As an active member of