

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, 2018, I am not recorded on one vote because I was unavoidably detained due to weather impacting my commercial flight.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on Roll Call 336.

**AGOA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF  
SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE RELATIONS WITH AFRICA**

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the privilege of attending the annual forum on the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), where we focused on forging new strategies for U.S.-Africa trade and investment. It was an honor meeting with African leaders to continue the discussion on how we can continue to develop trade between the United States and sub-Saharan Africa.

I want to thank all of the Members of Congress who have worked together to support and maintain the African Growth and Opportunity Act. Since the legislation's passage in 2000, the strong bipartisan support that AGOA has received is proof of our nation's commitment to expanding global markets for U.S. goods and services. It shows that at our core, despite President Trump's protectionist views on trade and recent attacks on our allies, we as Americans value any opportunity to strengthen international relations and develop strong democracies.

Trade with Africa has greatly benefited the United States and Africa. By allowing duty-free access to the U.S. market for exports from 40 sub-Saharan countries, AGOA offers African countries tangible incentives to continue their efforts in opening their economies, while also reinforcing internationally recognized human rights. While exporting \$13.8 billion in goods to the United States under the act in 2017, AGOA nations also continued to make efforts to enact policies that observe the rule of law, political pluralism, and the right to due process, fighting poverty and corruption along the way. As a member of the Ways and Means committee, and as a representative of the state of Alabama, whose economy is highly dependent on trade, I will continue to be supportive of AGOA because it promotes investment and strengthens our global economy.

I applaud both American and African government officials, the private sector, and the people of the AGOA nations for working so hard to maximize the benefits of AGOA. I encourage us to continue working together to enhance our commitment to Africa.

**RECOGNIZING OSS VETERAN  
HOWARD POLLARI**

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Howard Pollari, a World War II veteran of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), and a resident of Illinois's Tenth District.

The OSS was a wartime intelligence agency, and precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), that played an integral part in our military and intelligence operations during World War II. Members of the service trained, supplied, and fought alongside resistance organizations throughout Europe and Asia as they battled against the Axis Powers.

For two and a half years, Mr. Pollari committed his life to the service of our country. Beginning in 1944, he participated in five "Carpetbagger" operations as part of the 857th Bomb Squadron of the OSS delivering much-needed supplies to resistance fighters and allies in Nazi-occupied Norway. These dangerous stealth missions were typically flown on moonlit nights and at low level to avoid enemy detection.

Mr. Pollari's role as a flight engineer was vital to the success and survival of these missions, as he was responsible for making in-flight repairs to the B-24 aircrafts during the airdrop missions.

Mr. Pollari was one of more than 13,000 individuals employed by the OSS at the war's peak. Today, fewer than 100 former OSS members remain alive, and for too long their service and sacrifice was not properly recognized.

Earlier this year, Congress awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor, to those who served in the OSS in recognition of their heroic and pioneering service to our country.

It is my great honor and privilege to recognize Howard Pollari on behalf of a grateful nation for his service to our country and allies during World War II. I look forward to presenting him and his family with a copy of the Congressional Gold Medal in person this August.

**TRIBUTE TO MALL CHANEY ON  
HER 75TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a person of great merit on the occasion of her 75th birthday. It is often stated that the United States is great because it is a nation of immigrants. Mr. Speaker, I would agree with this statement with the addition of the word legal in front of immigrants. Mall Chaney is an example of such a person who worked within the law to become a citizen of the United States. I understand that it is not an easy task.

Mall was born in Estonia in 1943 in the middle of World War II. At that time Estonia was in peril at the hands of Russia as well as Ger-

many. However, it was her parents' concern about Russia that caused them to flee. Russia had seized her mother's brother and sent him to Siberia never to be heard from again. As a professional chemist, Mall's father feared being pressed into Russia's weapons development program or much worse.

When Mall was about six months old the family consisting of her mother, father, and sister fled under cover of night with basically nothing but the clothes on their backs. The family spent several years in a Swedish refugee camp and then in the general population of Sweden. In 1951 Mall and her family were sponsored by a family friend from Canada and were able to migrate to Canada.

Mall lived in Canada until she married John Chaney, a resident of Florida, in 1982. Mall became a U.S. citizen and has paid homage to the United States by respecting our laws, becoming a respected and loved member of the community, the state of Florida, and the country.

Happy Birthday Mall, and best wishes.

**SUMMER INTERN ELIJAH ALLISON****HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elijah Allison for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the summer of 2018.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Elijah plans to continue working in public service after this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Elijah Allison for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th District.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 366 and 367 on Monday, July 23, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

**JOBS AND INVESTOR CONFIDENCE  
ACT OF 2018**

SPEECH OF

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 17, 2018*

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, S. 488 would not have been possible

without the hard work of staff. I thank them for their efforts and include in the RECORD the following names:

Katelynn Bradley, Kris Erickson, Eric Hershey, Bruce Johnson, Erika Jeffers, Erica Loewe, Esther Kahng, Marcos Manosalvas, Charla Ouertatani, Lisa Peto, Courtney Robinson, Glen Sears, Katy Strohmeier.

#### HONORING TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE NCAA MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Javelinas on their 2018 NCAA Division II Men's Outdoor Track and Field National Championship.

The Javelinas capped off an impressive season as National Champions on May 26, 2018 thanks to the enduring dedication and leadership of head coach Ryan Dall and the entire coaching staff. During the highly competitive national meet of 113 total teams, the Javelinas scored 65 points and won four individual National Champion titles.

I want to congratulate the athletes. Charles Greaves secured a critical first place finish in the triple jump event for the Javelinas, and joined Deon Hope, Javier Lopez and Todd Nicholas in their first place win in the 4 x 100 meter relay race. Senior Javier Lopez claimed back-to-back titles in the 100 meter hurdles in his last event as a Javelina. Richard Cervantes impressively finished first overall after trailing behind in 15th place in the shot put event. I am very proud of the hard work and perseverance these gentlemen demonstrated on the national stage.

The National Championship team was comprised of: Joshua Adame, Seth Barker, Marckenley Betony, Jamarkus Birks, Raymond Borjon, Jesus Caballero, Richard Cervantes, Johnnie Davila, Robert Downs, Damian Feeney, Kentwan Freeman, Hilario Garcia, Charles Greaves, Daniel Guerrero, Miguel Hanze, Johnathon Harper, Drew Hill, Deon Hope, Arturo Huerta, Kenneth Jackson, Lane Janecka, Sean Landez, Javier Lopez, Elias Madrid, Ricky Medrano, Lane Michna, Todd Nicholas, Jasiah Patterson, Andrew Perez, Supun Randeniya, Jorge Rios, Francisco Solis, Shane Stehle, Juan Suarez, Joseph Swierc, Jose Ventura IV, Dean Wallace, Christopher Williams, Brandon Wilson, Ayman Zahafi, Kenny Zamorano, and Vitaly Zhgun. The coaching staff included: Ryan Dall, Tim Miller, Aared Sampson, and Amber Perry.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the great accomplishment of the Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas. As their Representative in Congress, I am very proud of all their hard work and commitment that resulted in this exceptional achievement.

#### SUMMER INTERN ANGEL CALDWELL

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angel Caldwell for her hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the summer of 2018.

The work of this young woman has been exemplary, and I know she has a bright future. She served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing her build her career in public service.

Angel plans to continue pursuing her degree at Virginia Union University at the end of this internship. I wish her the best as she pursues her career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Angel Caldwell for her service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th District.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CITI OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to recognize the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, taking place July 28 through August 5, 2018, in Rock Creek Park, on its 50th edition in the District of Columbia. This tournament is not only a Washington tennis tradition, but also an economic staple in the region.

The Washington tennis tournament, now known as the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, was founded in 1969 by tennis legend and Hall of Famer Donald Dell and his business partner John Harris with the support of Arthur Ashe, the first African American to win both the U.S. Open and Wimbledon tournaments. Ashe declared he would participate in the inaugural tournament under two conditions: that the tournament would take place in a naturally integrated neighborhood, and that it would be played on public land where all people could come together, enjoy the sport and share the experience. Today, the tournament remains at its original location, 16th & Kennedy Streets NW, in Rock Creek Park.

In 1972, Dell gifted the tournament to the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation (then called the Washington Area Tennis Patrons), a nonprofit organization supporting local education causes for over 1,500 low-income and underserved children in the District.

The Citi Open Tennis Tournament draws the best players in the world, making D.C. a global tennis destination. The tournament is also seen on television in over 140 countries, contributing to the city's reputation as a tourist destination. Recent economic impact studies found that the estimated total gross impact of the Citi Open Tennis Tournament on the regional economy exceeds \$25 million annually. The tournament is the only Association of

Tennis Professionals 500 level event in the United States and one of only four professional tennis tournaments combining men's and women's events. It is also recognized as an international level tournament by the Women's Tennis Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the tournament's 50th edition by celebrating "Tennis Week in the District of Columbia," commemorated July 28 through August 5, 2018, as well as acknowledging the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation for a world-class sporting event and contributions raised for D.C. youth.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on July 23, 2018 and missed Roll Call Votes 366 and 367. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on both roll calls.

#### TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SAGINAW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROBERT VAN DEVENTER

#### HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert Van Deventer, the President and CEO of the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, upon his retirement.

During his more than fifteen years with the Saginaw County Chamber, Bob has been a recognized community leader and a leading advocate for enhancing the Great Lakes Bay Region. In fact, numerous non-profit organizations have recruited Bob to serve as an advisor and have sought his expertise; Bob has served on the Great Lakes Bay Regional Branding and Communications Council, Saginaw County Business and Education Partnership, the Great Lakes Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau, Saginaw Future, Inc., the SVSU College of Business and Management Advisory Board and the CMU Alumni Advisory Board of Directors just to list a few.

Bob also served as President and member of the Board of Directors for the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance. Under his leadership, Bob increased communication and joint ventures amongst Bay, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw counties. At a time when the City of Saginaw was about to close the doors on the Saginaw Civic Center, Bob along with the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, led a successful campaign to restore and upgrade the building into what is now the Dow Event Center. This advancement set in motion the campaign to redevelop the deteriorating downtown Saginaw. Bob and the Alliance have been able to enhance our local communities by drawing tourism to the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Throughout Bob's illustrious career with the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, he