

has also been one of the strongest advocates to increase funding for New Mexico's colleges and universities, especially for Northern New Mexico College.

Mr. Speaker, the New Mexico House of Representatives will not be the same without Representative Salazar who has been a fixture and an institution for over 4 decades. He is the longest-serving legislator in New Mexico's history and one of the ten longest-serving members of any legislature throughout the country. It amazes me to think about just how many lives Representative Salazar touched and improved throughout his decades of public service, and I am certain that his numerous accomplishments will be felt for generations to come. Representative Salazar's service to our state is unmatched, his integrity is second to none, and he will be sorely missed by his colleagues, constituents, and friends.

A THREAT TO LABOR UNIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues this evening to recognize the great importance of unions and speak to the danger to middle-class, working families if the Supreme Court undercuts public-sector unions in the pending *Janus v. AFSCME* case.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot forget that the story of unions is the story of America's middle class.

I know this story firsthand, because my dad was a union worker. I was able to go to college because of union support, and I'm proud of it.

We all know that union jobs continue to offer higher salaries to workers and provide quality health care, pensions for a secure retirement, and benefits that give families peace of mind, along with the ability to send their children to college or trade schools.

This is the American Dream, and unions have helped ensure that more Americans have a chance to live it.

Through collective bargaining, members of strong unions are scoring victories that help entire communities.

Collective bargaining has given workers—even those who aren't represented by a union—more access to paid holidays, paid sick leave, life insurance, medical and retirement benefits, and higher pay.

That power has closed the wage gap between women and men in the workplace. The wage gap between women and men in unions is about 9 cents, while most non-union women still earn only 78 cents for every dollar their male counterparts make. African-American women in unions earn almost \$22 per hour, while non-union women earn only \$17.

African-American union members today earn 14.7 percent more than their non-union counterparts and Latino union workers earn 21.8 percent more.

In other words, unions are the best way to fix an economy rigged in favor of the wealthy and powerful against working people.

Despite all these benefits, the Supreme Court case, *Janus v. AFSCME*, may limit the opportunity for working people to join together

to speak up for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Let's not be naïve to the fact that the special interests behind this case simply do not believe that hardworking people, like my father, should have the same freedoms and opportunities as they do: to negotiate a fair wage for their work so that they can provide for themselves and their families.

It is fitting that we are talking about public-sector unions right now, with the 50th anniversary of the start of the Memphis sanitation workers strike falling just two weeks from today, on February 12. The sanitation workers strike was Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last campaign and what brought him to Memphis where he was assassinated. It was there that Dr. King said, "Let it be known everywhere, that along with wages and all of the other securities that you are struggling for, you are also struggling for the right to organize and be recognized."

It is also fitting that we recognize Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, Dr. King's chief of staff who died last week at the age of 88. He, too, was a tireless civil rights champion and defender of unions because he knew that there is power and recognition in numbers.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. King fought for public unions 50 years ago, and I am calling on all people, including our community and national leaders, to join me in taking up his call to work to protect our unions and their ability to negotiate for better wages and conditions of work.

RECOGNIZING EDWIN HAWKINS ON HIS PASSING

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Pleasanton resident Edwin Hawkins on the occasion of his passing on January 15, 2018.

Edwin was born and raised in Oakland, California, and began his musical performances early in life, performing on the keyboard in local church groups. In 1967, he helped co-found the Northern California State Youth Choir with his friend Betty Watson.

In 1968, as part of a fundraising effort for the Youth Choir to attend a competition in Southern California, Edwin composed, and led the Edwin Hawkins Singers in recording, *Let Us Go into the House of the Lord*, the album that included his first musical hit, "Oh, Happy Day." That song won a Grammy for Best Soul Gospel Performance in 1970, having reached a top-5 spot on both the Billboard pop and R&B charts the year before, and helped launch Edwin's national career.

Edwin would continue to compose and record gospel music, often pushing the limits of the genre by incorporating elements of other styles, including rap, into his music. "To My Father's House," "Give Me a Star," and the Grammy-winning hits "Every Man Wants to Be Free" and "Wonderful!" are among his many later works. Edwin also toured around the world, including with his late brother Wayne Hawkins, and he was voted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame in 2007.

Many artists would come to reference Edwin and his works as inspiration for their own per-

formances. "Oh, Happy Day" was recorded by numerous singers, including Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, and Johnny Mathis, and George Harrison said it was the inspiration for his work "My Sweet Lord." Edwin also sponsored the Edwin Hawkins Music and Arts Seminar to teach music business practices to new artists.

Services in celebration of his life will be held on February 6 and 7 at the Harbor Light Church in Fremont, California. In keeping with Edwin's altruistic legacy, the Hawkins family has asked that donations be made to the Music and Arts Seminar in lieu of flowers.

Edwin's contribution to the musical world was truly extraordinary. I want to acknowledge him for his remarkable work and pass along my condolences to his family and friends.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, January 27, 2018, we observed International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day in which we take time from our busy lives to remember and mourn the millions of souls lost in the Holocaust, the worst example of man's inhumanity to man in human history.

Nearly 73 years have passed since the end of World War II but for those who survived, and the descendants and relatives of those who perished, the Holocaust is not ancient history but a reminder of the evil that can be unleashed when humans give into their worst instincts and appetites.

The Holocaust's magnitude of destruction numbered more than 12 million deaths, including 6 million Jews and 1.5 million children (more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of European Jewry).

A haunting quote in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum refers to the story of Cain and Abel:

"The Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground (Genesis 4:11).'"

The Holocaust forces us to confront uncomfortable questions such as the responsibilities of citizenship and the consequences of indifference and inaction, and the importance of education and awareness.

The Holocaust is a testament to the fragility of democracy.

We must resolve to resist prejudice and intolerance in any form.

It fills me with grief to know that the leaders of nations can destroy their own, as did the Nazi regime; yet I hope that we can continue to strengthen the means by which we can pursue justice.

And I am saddened, outraged, and embarrassed that the current President of the United States could think it proper to characterize, as he did on August 15, 2017, as "very fine people," persons who adhere to the ideology of the Nazi regime and deny the existence of the defining crime of the 20th Century, the murder of 6 million persons for no reason other than they were Jews.

Before that date, never before in history had a President of the United States, the nation that led the alliance that defeated Nazism and fascism in the greatest conflict in world history,

ever publicly defended or tried to normalize neo-Nazis or White Supremacists.

But the vast majority of American do not share the current President's view and reject the suggestion that there is a moral equivalence between those who advocate racial separation and white supremacy and those, like the Anti-Defamation League and the NAACP, who are unalterably opposed to that evil, racist ideology and are united in this prayer and promise: Never Again.

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA AND RON MARTIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donna and Ron Martin of Greenfield, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 28, 2017.

Donna and Ron's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but the best.

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY "DOTTIE" JEANETTE SHEA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Dorothy "Dottie" Jeanette Shea, an active member of our community and a devoted mother and grandmother who passed away at the age of 82.

A native of Hopland, California, Dottie graduated from Analy High School in Sebastopol and attended Santa Rosa Junior College. While working as a legal secretary in Santa Rosa, Dottie met her husband, local attorney John "Jack" Shea, in 1964.

Dottie cared deeply about Sonoma County and spent her life dedicated to community service. She was not only active in local politics, but she also hosted countless gatherings in her home to discuss local issues, charity efforts and community needs. From these diverse gatherings came many of the innovative ideas that helped Santa Rosa grow from a rural, agrarian community into the large city it is today.

Dottie was also an enthusiastic member of the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival, which celebrates the start of the Salmon fishing season. And, she enjoyed sharing with her grandchildren and her community all things that Sonoma County had to offer.

Mr. Speaker, Dottie Shea was my friend, a loving mother, a proud native Californian and emblematic of community service. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her and extend our condolences to her family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, recovering from a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted: No on roll call no. 47, on ordering the previous question to provide for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 695; No on roll call no. 48, on agreeing to the resolution (H. Res. 714) to provide for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 695; No on roll call no. 49, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendments with an amendment to H.R. 695; and Yea on roll call no. 50, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 4292.

HONORING MRS. HELEN SHIPP

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor one of my constituents, Mrs. Helen Shipp, for her dedicated service to the community of Orange County.

Mrs. Shipp passed away at the age of 82 on January 25, 2018, but her life and legacy will continue to vibrantly live on. Mrs. Shipp founded and organized Orange County's first Black History Parade and Cultural Faire in 1980. Mrs. Shipp dreamed of a gathering where the history, accomplishments, and culture of the African-American community would be remembered and celebrated. This quickly became Orange County's premier event for Black History Month, and Mrs. Shipp's dream was realized. Her commitment and diligence in organizing the Black History Parade has inspired many members of the community, within and outside Orange County.

Mrs. Shipp thought of the event as a gathering of old friends, where a community of neighbors and friends could better understand each other. This event also brought together many new friends. Mrs. Shipp's passion led to many prominent figures serving as grand marshals in the parade, and continually attracted crowds from diverse backgrounds. This year, the parade will be entering its 38th anniversary—this longevity is a testament to Mrs. Shipp's selfless dedication to the community.

Mrs. Shipp enjoyed a career of giving, from her parade organizing to her service working for the Head Start program, where she provided early-education for children from low-income families. Her life shows us the capability, within all members of the community, to create something that enriches the lives of their fellow Americans. Mrs. Shipp's legacy will be continued by her children, her neighbors, her friends, and all who are inspired by her life.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would be honored to recognize and remember Mrs. Helen Shipp for her dedication to connecting and uniting people in the community. I thank her for her generosity and example. I extend my deepest condolences to her children, and the rest of her family. May God bless her soul and her family.

A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JANET RILEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Colonel Janet Riley. Colonel Riley retired from military service on January 27, 2018 after over 30 years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

She is retiring from her last duty station at Carlisle Barracks, PA, serving as an instructor for the U.S. Army War College. She has held numerous leadership positions from Supply Officer, Commander of Battalions, Chief of Staff, Brigade Commander and many more. She currently serves as the State Recovery Planner for Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Colonel Riley for this outstanding achievement, and for providing leadership so faithfully in our country's military. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Colonel Riley and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 714 (Roll Call No. 47), I would have voted no. Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H. Res. 714, the rule providing for the consideration of the House amendment to Senate amendment to H.R. 695, the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Roll Call No. 48), I would have voted no.

Had I been present for the vote on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 695, the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Roll Call No. 49), I would have voted no. I voted against a nearly identical defense appropriations bill in July—and all the same issues remain.

Finally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 4292, the Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act of 2017 (Roll Call No. 50), I would have voted aye.