

scales in favor of certain employers over the retirement security of their employees.

Because the good in the bill before us today as a whole outweighs the harm of this one provision, I will be voting yes on the underlying bill. But my "yes" vote on this bill is not an endorsement of the CSEC provision which I strongly oppose for the reasons I've just discussed.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DANNY HOWARD

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend, Danny Howard, upon his retirement after dedicating 24 years of public service as Mayor of Harlan, a historic coal mining town in Kentucky's Appalachian region.

Learning from his father, who served as a long-time magistrate and Sheriff for Harlan County, Danny wanted to serve the beloved small coal town where he was born and raised. Despite his father's warning that the "spot doesn't pay," my friend moved forward with his courage of conviction to help the people of Harlan and was elected in 1993.

It was not the first time Danny Howard chose Harlan. An alumnus of Harlan High School, he graduated in 1973 from Mercer University College of Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia. At a time when many young people were moving away from small towns in the Appalachian coal fields, he and his wife, Debby Webb Howard, returned to Harlan to start their family. They raised two children, Seth Howard and Whitney Howard Mendiondo in the shadow of the mountains. Since then, the Howards have never had an empty nest, with Earl Raglin and Jordan Foster joining their family in 1995 and 2006, and generously opening their home to three other children over the years.

Danny not only served people from his post at City Hall, but also as a practicing pharmacist. He is known for his personable style, often walking around the counter to give customers an entertaining dose of local tales and jokes that demonstrate his love for his small hometown. His genuine interest in others always shines through, winning people from all walks of life.

As Mayor of Harlan, Danny has always faced a challenging economy with a small municipal budget strapped by a shrinking tax revenue and a deteriorating infrastructure. However, he has worked diligently for economic development projects, infrastructure improvements, flood control, environmental cleanups and much more. In fact, we became close friends through our work together for the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE program, removing illegal dumps from our hillsides, cleaning up litter along our roadways, and expanding access to clean water and sanitary sewer across the county. He has also been a trusted partner for first responders and Operation UNITE, supporting narcotics investigations, treatment and education efforts across the city to combat the drug epidemic.

Additionally, Danny effectively boosted tourism and community development efforts,

through the establishment of the Harlan Tourism Commission and construction of The Harlan Center in the heart of the city. Today, the tourism industry has an annual economic impact of approximately \$18 million.

Danny's expertise in both city management and pharmaceuticals have been highly coveted by numerous boards and commissions, including the Housing and Urban Development Board on which he served many years. He worked tirelessly, advocating for projects that would provide housing for those most in need.

Without question, Danny Howard's loyal leadership will have a long-lasting impact in the City of Harlan and throughout the county. I wish Danny, his wife, Debby, and their family many blessings, joy and peace in the years ahead.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMINENCE, MISSOURI

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sesquicentennial of Eminence, Missouri. Located in Shannon County, Eminence began as a small settlement along the Current River near Round Spring. In 1868, after the courthouse was burned in the Civil War, it was determined the town and county seat should be moved to a more centrally-located area. County Judges Alfred Deatherage, Thomas J. Chilton, and William Mahan commissioned William S. Chilton to find the new location. Utilizing the help of his brother, Thomas J. Chilton, they moved the town to its current location.

The early structures in Eminence were constructed out of log and plain lumber. The first businesses in town, a saloon, store, and post office, were constructed by Colonel Thomas Freeman and A.J.P. Deatherage.

Today, Eminence is known for its canoeing, trail riding, hunting, fishing, and camping. It is also the home of former astronaut Tom Akers, a veteran of four space shuttle missions and former Principal of Eminence High School.

The people of Eminence have shown their resiliency through the years by overcoming fires, floods, and other obstacles. This resiliency has made Eminence what it is today. It is my honor to acknowledge this historic birthday before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON LEWIS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, on December 21, 2018 I was unable to be present on the floor for recorded votes. As a proud father, I was attending my eldest daughter's college graduation in Minnesota.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF BARBARA J. HOOVER

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and remember Barbara Jeanne Hoover who passed away October 14, of this year. Unwaveringly altruistic, Barbara learned early the importance of family, dedication, and community.

Barbara was born on September 4, 1953 in Jamaica, Queens, New York. After graduating from St. John's College, she was employed in Human Resources for Citibank, in New York City.

It was at Citibank where Barbara met the man of her dreams and future husband, James Hoover. They were quickly married and it wasn't long before Barbara gave birth to their first son, Bradley. Barbara chose to leave Citibank, eager to build a loving home for her family. She would later give birth to two more boys, Courtney and Logan.

It is without question that Barbara's number one passion day in and day out was her three sons. Her unconditional love, devotion, patience, attentiveness, and personal sacrifice were unwavering.

Her ability to see beauty in the world fueled her passion for the environment and gardening. She was a member of the North Country Garden Club and her tenure was defined by impeccable leadership. Over the course of twenty years, she served as President, Chair of the Communications Committee, and most recently as Co-Chair of the Projects Committee. She pioneered a new era in the Club's communications, bringing a fresh, engaging design to the quarterly Gazette and even creating a new website.

Her leadership never went unnoticed and was often celebrated. She was given the Mentor Award for her many contributions to the NCGC for her bravery and ability to handle roadblocks with grace and dignity. Never boastful, Barbara was eager to share her expertise and wisdom to NCGC newcomers. Always happy to hold meetings in her house, her three English Springer Spaniels, her other passion, were always at her side.

Barbara's commitment to the environment did not stop there. From 2007 to 2011, she worked on the staff of the North Shore Land Alliance, a non-profit devoted to the conservation of land on Long Island. She tirelessly planned and executed fundraisers, advocacy campaigns, meetings with elected officials, and countless other events to protect the place she called home.

Barbara felt strongly about having a first-rate community hospital and tirelessly worked to provide her support for the Glen Cove Hospital, where she was a founding member of the Advisory Council and served as its Chairman since 2011. Her family witnessed the appreciation for her by the numerous interactions with the hospital staff during her frequent visits as a patient. She, in turn, was always thankful to anyone who helped her, no matter how small the gesture.

Always wanting to ease the burden for others and take on more responsibility, Barbara deliberately and thoughtfully gave her family a short eulogy a few days before her death:

"I did not live an extraordinary life, but I lived the life I chose. I chose the man I adored to marry, and I loved the man I chose. And we raised the three most beautiful and joyous boys. I was born into a beautiful family with two sisters and a brother. I was blessed with the best life raising my joyous boys, and they kept me laughing all the way. I had meaningful work, through which I developed some of my best friends.

I enjoyed being on the staff of the Land Alliance, and I loved my service to the Glen Cove Hospital and the North Country Garden Club.

I lived my life well and I lived in peace. My many friends have been caring and generous to me; and I will miss them all greatly."

Barbara's devotion to her family and our community will be sorely missed. While she leaves behind large shoes to fill, she also leaves behind a life to aspire to.

HONORING THE GREATER HARLEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce:

Whereas, The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce has been a steadfast presence in Harlem since its establishment in 1896 originally chartered as the Harlem Board of Commerce; and later to the Uptown Chamber of Commerce to better represent itself as the first and ongoing business organization in Upper Manhattan; and now as the omnipresent Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce;

Whereas, The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce has been committed to Harlem and Upper Manhattan with a demonstrated focus on commercial development, educational services, as well as special attention to arts & culture, travel, and tourism;

Whereas, The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce for over 130 years has been a key community stakeholder integral to the development of major infrastructure including the construction of the George Washington and Tri-Borough Bridges connecting Manhattan to the outer boroughs and New Jersey and New York's first subway line, the IRT (No. 2 & 3 Train);

Whereas, The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce brought Harlem out of the Great Depression and into the national discourse as a beacon of social-commentary and expression through the Harlem Renaissance and home to the 1939 World's Fair;

Whereas, The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce has been at the vanguard of the development and revitalization of Harlem including Strivers Gardens, an extraordinary example of mixed-use residential and commercial development projects, and the Striver's Center Development Project that has been a tremendous benefit to the community at large;

Whereas, The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce to elevate Harlem, created a singular celebration of Harlem's unique culture and history which began as "Harlem Day" and has since grown and scale and breadth to "HARLEM WEEK". This extraordinary celebra-

tion of Harlem Life features a diversity of cultural events: Afro-Cuban, Gospel, R & B, and Jazz music, sports, cinema, business fairs and vintage automobiles, and a unique "Taste of Harlem" at local eateries and clubs. In 2017, Harlem Week attracted more than 3.5 million people. In 2018, it included the celebration of Aretha Franklin's legacy and featuring Janet Jackson as an honoree;

Whereas, The visionary leadership including Lloyd Williams, President and CEO; Voza Rivers, 1st Vice President; Andrew Reddick; Michele Scott; and, Valerie Roberson among others who have lent their talent and passion to the concern for the next generation; acknowledging historical contributions of Women and LGBTQ in the African-American community as well as creating opportunities for recruiting youth to be trainees for Wall Street firms;

Now, therefore I, ADRIANO ESPAILLAT, Representative of the Thirteenth Congressional District of New York in the United States House of Representatives, do hereby recognize The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce and its long history and contributions to the vitality of Harlem's economic growth, arts & culture, educational institutions, health awareness, and mixed-use residential-commercial developments as well as to the creation of HARLEM WEEK which has a local and global impact, and commitment to strengthening ties to the Harlem community during the "End of the Year" Holiday Gala Reception, on Tuesday, December 18 2018.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately was unable to be present for a vote taken on the House floor on December 20, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall Vote No. 472: nay.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF BONG'S JEWELERS

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the legacy of Bong's Jewelers in Corning, New York.

For the last one hundred and twenty-six years the residents of Corning have celebrated birthdays, engagements, weddings, and anniversaries with gifts from Bong's Jewelers. Founded by two brothers in 1892, Bong's has been run by the family for generations, helping the people of Corning celebrate their happiest occasions.

It is with a heavy heart that I recognize the final closing of this community institution. Jeff Bong has owned the family shop since 1975 and after more than forty years of hard work and success, Jeff has announced his well-deserved retirement.

Having known Jeff and his family for decades, he represents a pillar of our community

that will be sorely missed with the closing of his business. However, I know his ties to our community will endure and we are forever grateful for his efforts and commitment to all of us.

We wish the Bongs well in their retirement and thank them for their service to our community.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Bong's Jewelers, a family-owned business of the Corning community for the last one hundred and twenty-six years.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALEM NEWS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100-year anniversary of the Salem News, the local newspaper of my hometown—Salem, Missouri. The Salem News began operations on June 13, 1918, with O.H. Grosse as the owner/publisher and M.W. Gustin as the editor. For \$1.50 subscription, you could enjoy the newspaper for an entire year. The late Charles Stacey, Robert L. "Bob" Vickery and W.R. "Ray" Vickery also served as publishers of the Salem News, a position currently held by Donald Dodd.

Very few businesses reach 100 years of existence. This is a testament to the staff for consistently providing relevant and timely information to the community. Today, it is my great privilege to congratulate and honor the Salem News before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING JAMES "CHIEF" WILSON

HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a legend in the Orlando community—the peerless James "Chief" Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was father to two daughters, but a father figure for thousands. As band leader at Jones High School—a program he built from scratch into one of the finest programs in the country—he brought a lifetime of learning, music, and joy to his students and his community.

Mr. Wilson was famous not only for his high expectations, but for his lifelong advocacy for the young men and women in his care. He helped them prepare for college and win scholarships. He stayed in touch with them for years after they graduated. Many credit him with turning their lives around.

Simply put, he was a role model. He provided the guidance that only an incredible teacher can give. Telling his pupils that "perfect practice makes perfect performance," he cultivated an attitude of excellence in his students that would last a lifetime.

But underneath the demand for excellence and the incredible legacy that he built, there was also the man himself—a man whom his