

IN REMEMBRANCE OF RALPH WILLIAM HALL, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT AND WORLD WAR II VETERAN WHO SERVED HIS COUNTRY WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to inform the House that Ralph William Hall, a distinguished military officer and World War II veteran, passed away on December 18, 2018, in Washington, D.C. He was 99 years old.

Born January 25, 1919 in Metcalf, Georgia, the oldest of five siblings born to Adam and Maggie Hall.

Ralph William Hall attended Johnson C. Smith University from which he graduated in 1941. While a student there, Ralph William Hall pledged in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and was inducted into Rho Chapter, an active association he maintained for the ensuing 80 years, until entering Omega Chapter.

Mr. Speaker, Ralph William Hall was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served heroically in World War II. He was subsequently promoted to First Lieutenant and upon his honorable discharge from active duty, Ralph William Hall continued his service to our nation by working as a civil servant for the U.S. Government.

Ralph William Hall relocated to Washington D.C. where he was an active member of the St. Timothy Episcopal Church, and Southeast Washington, D.C.

Ralph William Hall leaves to cherish his memory two children, Douglas and Angela Hall; two grandchildren, Shaune Cannon and Drew Cannon; and a host of relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of Ralph William Hall, a great American and one of the last members of the World War II generation, which is regarded by many historians as the "Greatest Generation."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed some votes on Wednesday, December 19, all votes on Thursday, December 20, and some votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 440 (Passage of H.R. 7327, the SECURE Technology Act): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 441 (Passage of H.R. 7279, the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 442 (Passage of H.R. 6227, the National Quantum Initiative Act): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 443 (Passage of H.R. 6652): YES;

Roll Call Vote 444 (Passage of S. 1520, the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 445 (Passage of S. 3530, the Museum and Library Services Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 446 (Agreeing to H. Res. 1180): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 447 (Agreeing to H. Res. 1181): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 448 (Concurring in the Senate Amendment to the House Amendment to S. 756, the First Step Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 449 (Passage of H.R. 7328, the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 450 (Concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5075, the Ashanti Alert Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 451 (Passage of H.R. 7093, the Clean Up the Code Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 452 (Passage of S. 2896, the Justice Against Corruption on K Street Act of 2018 or JACK Act): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 453 (Passage of S. 2961, the Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 454 (Passage of S. 2679, the Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 455 (Passage of H.R. 7227, the Taxpayer First Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 456 (Concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 4227, the Vehicular Terrorism Prevention Act of 2019): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 457 (Passage of S. 2652, the Stephen Michael Gleason Congressional Gold Medal Act): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 458 (Passage of S. 2765, the RBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 459 (Concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5509, the Innovations in Mentoring, Training, and Apprenticeships Act): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 460 (Passage of S. 7, the NASA Enhanced Use Leasing Extension Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 461 (Passage of S. 2200, the National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 462 (Concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 767, the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Act of 2018 or the SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 463 (Passage of S. 2322, the Codifying Useful Regulatory Definitions Act): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 464 (Passage of H.R. 6418, the VA Website Accessibility Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 465 (Passage of S. 3444): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 466 (Passage of S. 3777, the Forever GI Bill Housing Payment Fulfillment Act of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 467 (Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 468 (Adoption of the Previous Question): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 469 (Agreeing to H. Res. 1183): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 470 (Passage of House Amendment to the Senate Amendment

to H.R. 88, the Retirement, Savings, and Other Tax Relief Act of 2018 and the Taxpayer First Act of 2018): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 471 (Concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2606, the Stigler Act Amendments of 2018): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 472 (Concur in the Senate Amendment to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 695 (making continuing appropriations for FY 2019)): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 473 (Passage of H.R. 6602): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 474 (Passage of H. Res. 1063): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 475 (Passage of H.R. 7318): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 476 (Passage of H.R. 7319): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 477 (Passage of H.R. 7329): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 478 (Passage of H.R. 3367): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 479 (Passage of H.R. 7293): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 480 (Passage of S. 2276, GAO-IG Act): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 481 (Passage of S. 3031, the Federal Property Management Act): YES; and

Roll Call Vote Number 482 (Passage of S. 3191, the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018): YES.

HONORING GLEN MOBERG

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Glen Moberg, a great man and staple of the greater Wausau area. Glen is the award-winning news bureau director for Wisconsin Public Radio in Wausau. I have known Glen since I first ran for office, and Mr. Speaker, whether you're conservative, liberal, or moderate, Glen Moberg asks tough questions but also fair questions. It's easy to see Glen's character not only in his desire to keep the Wausau area informed, but also in his commitment to serve others. Glen has served on the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, the Center for Visual Arts in Wausau, and the Marathon County Literacy Council. Glen is a great guy who always has a smile on his face, Mr. Speaker. And for all those reasons I am heartbroken. He was recently diagnosed with inoperable stomach cancer. My wife Rachel, our eight children, and I are praying for Glen and the Moberg family, and hope that the Lord comforts them as he bravely takes on this battle. He is a role model for aspiring journalists across Wisconsin and across the nation, and central Wisconsin is lucky to have had Glen as an anchor of the community.

HONORING MAYOR CHRIS COURSEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chris Coursey for his four

years of service on the Santa Rosa City Council as Council Member and Mayor.

The son of a military officer, Mr. Coursey grew up in many states across the United States. After he graduated from the University of Northern Colorado, Mr. Coursey moved to Santa Rosa, California. Prior to his service on the Santa Rosa City Council, Mr. Coursey had been a writer at the Santa Rosa Press Democrat for many years and was a spokesman for the SMART commuter rail system.

Mr. Coursey was elected to the Santa Rosa City Council in 2014 and served as Vice Mayor in 2015. He has served as Mayor since 2016. During his tenure as Mayor, Mr. Coursey oversaw the annexation of Roseland and the reunification of Old Courthouse Square. Mr. Coursey led our community in the immediate aftermath of the October 2017 wildfires that devastated Santa Rosa. He dedicated many long days to the rebuilding process. He also saw the city begin to address the needs of the homeless and housing crises.

Additionally, Mr. Coursey has held many committee positions during his term on the Santa Rosa City Council. He has served on Ad Hoc Rent Subcommittee, the Economic Development Subcommittee, the Violence Prevention Partnership Policy Subcommittee, the Long Term Financial Policy Subcommittee and the Courthouse Square Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Chris Coursey is an admirable leader who is dedicated to serving our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING MARGO PRICE
ON HER GRAMMY NOMINATION
FOR BEST NEW ARTIST

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margo Price, who has been nominated for a 2019 Grammy Award for Best New Artist. Ms. Price is a talented country musician and I would like to congratulate her on this achievement.

Ms. Price grew up in Aledo, Illinois, where she played piano and sang in church choir before studying dance and theater at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. At age 20, she moved to Nashville where she worked a number of jobs while pursuing her music career. She and her husband, Jeremy Ivey, were part of the band "Secret Handshake" before they started "Buffalo Clover" and "Margo and the Pricetags." Ms. Price has been on Saturday Night Live and her music was featured on the show "Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown." Her first album, "Midwest Farmer's Daughter," went to number 10 on the U.S. Country chart and her second album, "All American Made," went to number 12 on the U.S. Country chart.

It is because of talented artists such as Ms. Price that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Ms. Price on her Grammy nomination and her commitment to making music for so many fans to enjoy across the country.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ROY
HARGROVE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life of a man whose artistic abilities and musical prominence were born of my hometown. Roy Hargrove was a world-renowned jazz trumpeter, who won two Grammys in his career for best Latin Jazz performance in 1998 and then best jazz instrumental album in 2003. The impact of his musical career, however, was defined by much more than the five albums he released or the many awards he won.

A Waco, Texas native, like myself, Mr. Hargrove moved to Dallas at a young age, where he attended the Booker T. Washington School for the Performing and Visual Arts to study music. Though only 49 years old when he passed, Mr. Hargrove earned respect for his musical abilities from his peers while in his teens. For over 30 years, Mr. Hargrove's musical genius was celebrated by accomplished musicians who's path he followed. These musicians included Dallas' very own David "Fathead" Newman, who inspired Mr. Hargrove to continue pursuing his passion for music in the 1980s. After beginning his performing career in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex during his teenage years, Mr. Hargrove moved to New York City to continue his studies of music. In addition to launching his professional career, it is here that he founded The Jazz Gallery, a space that serves as a hub for new music.

It is noted by those who value his career that Mr. Hargrove created a unique sound that bridged traditional jazz with hip-hop and R&B. He was instrumental in bringing neo-soul to prominence. Mr. Hargrove will be most remembered as both an exceptional soloist and a brilliant collaborator.

Mr. Speaker, jazz is one of my favorite genres of music, and Dallas is my hometown. Roy Hargrove represents both of these two things, which are dear to me. Today, I wish to offer my condolences to the Hargrove family and the Booker T. Washington family who have lost one of their most adored members. Let us remember the joy Mr. Hargrove brought to others through his music and continue the tradition of passing on his passion through the teaching of music to the young people of this country.

HONORING THE CAREER OF J.
SCOTT PETERSEN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of J. Scott Petersen, whose time on Capitol Hill will come to an end this Friday, December 21, 2018.

Mr. Petersen began his journey here in the House of Representatives as a Science and Technology Fellow in the office of former Congressman Dennis Cardoza, where his natural resource expertise and political acuity were quickly recognized and rewarded. Since he

joined Team Costa, Scott has proven himself an exceptional employee, advisor, and friend. His ability to forge consensus in difficult negotiations and his expert knowledge of water resources is unparalleled here in Congress. Over the years he has played a key role in passing legislation such as the WIIN Act. He holds the respect of his staff, peers, and principals for his bipartisanship, effectiveness, and decisive judgment.

Scott Petersen was born in Riverside on September 2, 1979. Scott attended California State Polytechnic University-Pomona, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, and later receiving a Certificate in Land Use and Planning from the University of California, Riverside.

As a California native, Scott enjoys being in the great outdoors, whether capturing nature's wonder behind the lens of his camera, hiking, or climbing the face of Yosemite's iconic Half Dome. Scott will always be remembered for his sense of humor, love of protein shakes, and ability to equally appreciate both the finer and simpler pleasures in life.

As a member of Team Costa, Scott left his mark through his commitment to the natural resources issues affecting the San Joaquin Valley, with his greatest contributions coming from his work on water resources issues impacting Californians. In continuing pursuit of these goals, Scott will be moving back to California to become the Director of Water Resources and Science Policy for the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority. I can think of no better person for the job.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Mr. Scott Petersen and wish him the best in this transition, and what will undoubtedly be a bright future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, on December 20, on roll call votes 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, and 473, I was not present due to the death of my brother the prior evening. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 446, 463, 467, 468, 469, 470, and 472. I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes: 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 464, 465, 466, 471, and 473.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF NEW
YORK STATE SENATOR JOSÉ
RAFAEL PERALTA

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and accomplishments of my colleague and fellow Dominican-American, New York State Senator José Rafael Peralta who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 47.