

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on December 21, 2018, I experienced technical difficulties with the electronic voting machine on the House floor, and my vote for S. 3628, the National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act, was not recorded. My intention was to vote yea for roll call No. 500.

date growing membership. The move has allowed Rev. Thompson to further expand services, which now include Back to School Festivals and clothing donation distribution.

Rev. Thompson has accomplished so much for his congregants and for the entire northeast Bronx community as a whole. This year, Bronx Miracle Gospel Tabernacle World is celebrating his 38th Pastoral Anniversary. On this wonderful occasion, I want to congratulate Rev. Thompson and thank him for the wonderful work he and his ministries continue to do.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, due to an illness, I regret that I was unable to make votes from December 19, 2018 to December 21, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 446, Roll Call No. 463, Roll Call No. 467, Roll Call No. 468, Roll Call No. 469, Roll Call No. 470, Roll Call No. 472, Roll Call No. 494, Roll Call No. 497, and Roll Call No. 498.

I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 436, Roll Call No. 437, Roll Call No. 438, Roll Call No. 439, Roll Call No. 440, Roll Call No. 441, Roll Call No. 442, Roll Call No. 443, Roll Call No. 444, Roll Call No. 445, Roll Call No. 447, Roll Call No. 448, Roll Call No. 449, Roll Call No. 450, Roll Call No. 451, Roll Call No. 452, Roll Call No. 453, Roll Call No. 454, Roll Call No. 455, Roll Call No. 456, Roll Call No. 457, Roll Call No. 458, Roll Call No. 459, Roll Call No. 460, Roll Call No. 461, Roll Call No. 462, Roll Call No. 464, Roll Call No. 465, Roll Call No. 466, Roll Call No. 471, Roll Call No. 473, Roll Call No. 474, Roll Call No. 475, Roll Call No. 476, Roll Call No. 477, Roll Call No. 478, Roll Call No. 479, Roll Call No. 480, Roll Call No. 481, Roll Call No. 482, Roll Call No. 483, Roll Call No. 484, Roll Call No. 485, Roll Call No. 486, Roll Call No. 487, Roll Call No. 488, Roll Call No. 489, Roll Call No. 490, Roll Call No. 491, Roll Call No. 492, Roll Call No. 493, Roll Call No. 495, Roll Call No. 496, Roll Call No. 499, and Roll Call No. 500.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. THOMAS CHARLES BRAUN

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of my constituent and neighbor, Mr. Thomas Charles Braun. A beloved

artist, activist, family man, and small business owner, Mr. Braun passed away in October 2018. I join my neighbors in recognizing the tremendous gifts he gave to our community.

Born in Lake City, Minnesota, Mr. Braun was always an artistic and passionate person. After getting his degree in theater from Lawrence University, Mr. Braun taught theater at Lea College, Ekerd College, and Normandale Community College. He inspired countless young adults through his commitment to fun and daring productions before he left academia to run Wild Rumpus in Minneapolis in 1988.

Consistently recognized as one of the most inventive bookstores nationwide, Wild Rumpus is symbolic of the type of person Mr. Braun was—open and inviting, passionate about having fun, and always up for trying something new and mischievous. Under his devoted management, the store garnered national awards, including being named Bookstore of the Year by Publisher's Weekly in 2017. As described in his obituary, "One never really 'worked for' Tom. Rather, you became a co-conspirator in his sense of mischief and philosophy of 'why not?'"

But Mr. Braun was passionate not only about light-hearted ventures. He founded Linden Hills Power & Light, an organization that fights for climate action on the grassroots level. They were a key constituency pushing for citywide door-to-door compost collection, spearheading the first pilot program with the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County. Mr. Braun's drive to model the world he wanted to see through his own choices and actions was a driving force for some of our most important city-wide sustainability efforts.

Though Mr. Braun is no longer with us, the impact he has made on our community will be visible for years to come. I am grateful that he gave us so much of his energy and vision, and that he created lasting organizations that will continue to model his commitment to being a good person, doing right by his neighbors, and fighting for a better world. I thank Mr. Braun for all that he has given to Minnesota.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, on December 21, I was not present due to the death of my brother two days prior. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 495, 496, 499, and 500. I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 485, 494, 497, and 498.

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HONORING TARYN DUFFY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, our community here in New York's 16th Congressional District is very fortunate to have Taryn Duffy, a friend who this year is being honored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians for all her outstanding work. I want to take a moment to recognize her on the occasion.

Taryn has extensive experience within the New York State public policy arena, as well as public relations and communications. As Vice President of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs for Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, Taryn oversees public relations and external affairs. She is also principal of TSD Strategies, Inc., a public relations and communications firm founded in 2014.

As a former Vice President at Mercury Public Affairs, a national public strategy firm, Taryn put her experience to work for clients in a variety of industries. She has worked on dozens of political campaigns and briefly departed the political world to serve as Director of Admissions of Mercy College's Bronx Campus.

Recognized as an advocate for volunteer service and civic engagement, Taryn was a

recipient of City & State Magazine's Above and Beyond Award, a Bronx Chamber of Commerce Honoree for distinguished service, and honored as a Women of Influence by the Irish Voice.

Outside of her many professional accomplishments, Taryn is passionate about mentoring young women in their careers and served as a panelist for the Workforce Development Institute's "Women in Leadership: Securing a Seat at the Table" forum hosted by Senate Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and then-Assembly Member Shelley Mayer. She was also a panelist at City & State Magazine's "On Advocacy" conference to assist non-profit organizations in their advocacy efforts and has led campaign readiness trainings for women interested in running for political office.

Active in numerous civic and professional organizations, Taryn serves on a variety of boards including United Way of Westchester & Putnam Counties, Business Council of Westchester, ArtsWestchester, Yonkers Workforce Development Board, the Yonkers Mayor's Women's Advisory Council, Bronx Advisory Council for Visions Services for the Blind, Yonkers Career & Technical Education Advisory Council, and Bronxville Terrace Owners Corporation. She is also a member of The Public Relations Society of America.

Taryn Duffy has accomplished a great deal and has made some tremendous contributions

to the community. AOH picked a most deserving honoree. Congratulations to Taryn.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.