

Hindu Brahmin Telugu community in India. Throughout her life, she educated thousands of students and believed that America is the greatest nation in the world. Lakshmi held strong beliefs that education, discipline, diligence, cleanliness and devotion to God are of utmost importance to succeed in life.

Lakshmi is the loving mother of one of my constituents, Praveen. She is also survived by her husband, Dr. Babji Chaparala, along with her two other children, Suneetha and Swapna. She was an extraordinary woman who touched the hearts of many. Although no words can really help to ease the loss, her life was truly a blessing and she is held very close in thought and prayer. In honor of her memory, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Lakshmi Chaparala for her service to our country and her faith in our great nation.

PVT. ALBERT M. PERRY

### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private Albert Perry, who was killed in action in Saarlautern, Germany on December 18, 1944.

Private Perry was born on October 1, 1920 in Banta, Indiana, to William Herman Perry and Dessie Day Perry. He was the ninth of ten siblings, with two sisters and seven brothers. He attended Bargersville and Center Grove schools, but after only one year of high school he went to work full-time at the Earl Wilson Service Station and Garage in Franklin, Indiana to help his family.

Private Perry enlisted in the Army on March 3, 1944 at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. After several months of training, he was deployed on August 6, 1944 from Boston, MA on the SS *Mariposa*. He served with the Company K, 378th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division of the Third Army, which earned the nickname "Iron Men of Metz" after defending the town in France from repeated German attacks.

Like many of our brave young soldiers, Private Perry paid the ultimate sacrifice defending and protecting our freedom. Although our debt to him can never be repaid, we have a duty to honor and recognize the sacrifice that he made protecting this great country.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF EDMUND L. REGALIA

### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Contra Costa resident, Mr. Edmund Regalia.

At an early age, Ed committed to his passion for serving others by participating in school leadership, acting as President of a social-civil rights club, and joining the Naval ROTC while attending U.C. Berkeley. He spent his summers with the Navy in locations around the country and abroad, including trav-

el through the Panama Canal. After graduating with a degree in Political Science in 1952, Ed reported for duty immediately to San Diego where he served mainly on destroyers in the Pacific during the Korean War. Toward the end of his tour, he served as Legal Officer on his ship, the *Laws*. During his time with the Navy, Ed visited Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Guam, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Hawaii. Ed retired from active service in 1955 as a Lieutenant.

After he left the military, Ed enrolled at Boalt Hall Law School at U.C. Berkeley, and in 1964 was a co-founder of Miller Starr Regalia, a law firm focusing on real property cases. During his time as a practicing attorney, Ed received numerous awards for his work and contributions to the legal field. Ed went on to serve two terms on the California Law Revision Commission, appointed first by Governor Davis and re-appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger.

Motivated by the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy in 1968, Ed and other members of the Walnut Creek Democratic Club formed the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. From 1968 through 2017, he served continuously on the Board where he oversaw \$4.4 million in scholarships awarded to assist 750 students from Contra Costa County Community Colleges transition to four-year universities. Ed also served on Homeowner's Boards, both as President and pro-bono legal advisor, and the Board of both the Diablo Symphony and the Walnut Creek Library Foundation.

Ed's dedication to his job, his family, and his community was admirable. Ed passed away on February 6, 2018. He will be missed sincerely by those who had the pleasure of knowing him, including his wife Gwen; children Doug, Ken, Phil, and Connie; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING MELISSA BURNISON

### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melissa Burnison on her recent confirmation to serve as the Department of Energy's Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Melissa is well known to Members of the House, and President Trump made an excellent choice when he nominated her for this important position.

Melissa Burnison is a native of Kentucky and she began her career on Capitol Hill working for Senator Mitch McConnell. Melissa later worked for Congressman Zach Wamp of Tennessee where she focused on Department of Energy issues. She later served as a senior advisor at the Department of Energy and most recently represented the Nuclear Energy Institute as Director for Federal Programs. In that capacity, my staff and I have worked closely with Melissa to address challenges and opportunities facing the nuclear industry. Melissa also worked tirelessly to foster increased collaboration between the DOE national labs and the nuclear industry. I have especially appreciated her work in this area.

While Melissa Burnison is a respected and effective professional, she truly stands out as a wife and mother. Melissa is an adoring mother of three daughters and with her husband, Scott, they have formed a warm and close family.

One of the pleasures of serving in the U.S. House of Representatives is seeing young, talented people come to Washington to serve their country. I commend Melissa for her confirmation in this important position, and I expect we will be hearing more about this talented and gracious public servant in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on the passage of H.R. 1865 (Roll Call No. 91). Had I been present, I would also have voted yea.

I was also absent for the vote on the passage of H.R. 4296 (Roll Call No. 89). Had I been present, I would have voted no.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen flight delays, I was absent for roll call votes 92 and 93 on March 5, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 92 and AYE on Roll Call No. 93, both naming certain post offices.

TRIBUTE TO POLICE CHIEF ALAN R. GORDON

### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Chief Alan R. Gordon for his 43 years of exceptional service to the people of Westborough, Massachusetts. Though Alan retired as Chief of Police in January, his reputation of integrity, excellence, and service above self will remain an example for law enforcement officers throughout the nation.

Alan first joined the force in 1972, and became a full-time officer in 1978 after attending the Worcester Police Department Academy. While supporting a family and working long hours, often on the midnight shift, Alan rose through the ranks of the department, becoming Sergeant in 1988, Lieutenant in 1994, and Chief of Police in 2005.

His bravery and quick thinking have saved lives and property countless times. One night in particular stands out in his mind; in October of 1983, he raced to the scene of a 911 call. A baby was not breathing. With seconds to spare, Alan's training kicked in, and alongside another officer, Alan administered CPR and saved the baby's life.

Though Alan's duties changed as Chief, he always put the people of Westborough first: spending time listening to residents, addressing their concerns, and communicating the work of the department to his neighbors. And he always led by example—ensuring that his officers had the tools, training, and compassion they needed to effectively do their jobs.

Mr. Speaker, all of Alan's professional accomplishments would be praiseworthy on their own. Alan's work has no doubt made Westborough a safer community and a better place to live. But what really makes Alan a model public servant—what really sets him apart—is how he goes above and beyond to give back to his community time and time again.

As President of the Westborough Police Patrolmen's Association, Alan started a program to provide food for the less fortunate on Christmas and Thanksgiving. As a volunteer at the Lighthouse Mission Soup Kitchen, Alan regularly served meals to the homeless in Worcester.

Alan continues to volunteer at the Boston Marathon, the Falmouth Road Race, and as a baseball umpire and basketball referee at Westborough Middle School and High School. And, he serves as the Police Department's liaison to numerous statewide boards.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to Alan on his retirement, and our heartfelt gratitude to him and his family on behalf of the residents of Westborough and the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 3183—to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13683 James Madison Highway in Palmyra, Virginia, as the "U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby Post Office", (Roll Call No. 92), I would have voted "aye."

Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 4406—to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 Macombs Place in New York, New York, as the "Tuskegee Airman Post Office Building", (Roll Call No. 93), I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, February 13. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 70 and 71.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 26, 2018, and Tuesday, February 27, 2018 I was unable to vote on any legislative measures. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

(Roll no. 81) On passage of H.R. 1222—Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act, had I been present I would have voted yes;

(Roll no. 82) On passage of H.R. 2422—Action for Dental Health Act, had I been present I would have voted yes;

(Roll no. 83) On motion to table the appeal of the PERSONAL EXPLANATION ruling of the chair, had I been present I would have voted yes;

(Roll no. 84) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of 1865—Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes;

(Roll no. 85) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1865—Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes;

(Roll no. 86) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 4296—to place requirements on operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency and H.R. 4607—the Comprehensive Regulatory Review Act, had I been present I would have voted yes;

(Roll no. 87) On adoption of the combined rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4296—to place requirements on operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency and H.R. 4607—the Comprehensive Regulatory Review Act, had I been present I would have voted yes;

(Roll no. 88) On democrat motion to recommit, had I been present I would have voted no;

(Roll no. 89) On passage of H.R. 4296—to place requirements on operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency, had I been present I would have voted yes;

(Roll no. 90) On Walters of California Amendment to H.R. 1865—Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, had I been present I would have voted yes;

(Roll no. 91) On passage of H.R. 1865—Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

HONORING OWEN J. ROBERTS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER JAMES B. FREES II

HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a true cham-

panion for students and a tireless advocate for educational excellence in the Owen J. Roberts School District.

James B. "Jamie" Frees II graduated from Owen J. Roberts High School in 1989. He began giving back to his alma matter in December 2009, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather by becoming a third-generation member of the Owen J. Roberts School Board.

With a background in banking, Jamie was instrumental in the annual budget process and served as Finance Committee Chairman. He was later selected as Board Vice President and Board President.

Jamie's contributions went well beyond serving as a School Board Member.

As an OJR Music Parents Organization member, Jamie spent many weekends driving the equipment truck for the Marching Band and serving as announcer at the Fall Preview and Annual Cavalcade of Bands.

In addition, he founded and served as president of the Coventry Rugby Football Club, was a member of the Famous Bucktown Boosters and a member of the board of the Charlestown Playschool.

Sadly, Jamie passed away unexpectedly on February 1st. His death is a profound loss for the entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Owen J. Roberts community in mourning Jamie's passing, expressing gratitude for the countless ways he made the entire district better during his three terms on the school board, and extending my condolences to the Frees family.

RECOGNIZING THE TREMENDOUS SERVICE OF COUNCILMAN LANCE LIVERMAN

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous service of Councilman Lance Liverman as he prepares to retire from Princeton's Town Council this year.

Born at Princeton Hospital in 1962, Lance Liverman has been a lifelong resident of the town he loves. He was educated in Princeton public schools before attending college at Fairleigh Dickinson University and then transferring to Trenton State College, now known as the College of New Jersey so that he could be closer to home to help his ailing stepfather. After graduating college, Lance went into his stepfather's business before working for himself—first as a special courier and then in real estate.

A native son of Princeton, Lance has given 30 years of public service to his community. For the last 15 years, Lance Liverman has served as a member of the Princeton Town Council where he has been hands on in addressing the issues facing residents.

With his deep understanding of how Princeton works and with his charitable nature, Councilman Liverman has been a great asset on his council assignments. On the Affordable Housing Board, the Councilman uses his real estate knowledge to benefit the community, while he provides counseling for youth and their families dealing with alcohol and drug addiction on the Princeton Alcohol & Drug Alliance.