

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 143 regarding the "Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of the Taxpayer First Act and the 21st Century IRS Act." Had I been present, I would have voted No.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 144 regarding the "Rule providing for consideration of the Taxpayer First Act and the "21st Century IRS Act." Had I been present, I would have voted No.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 145 regarding the "21st Century IRS Act." Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 146 regarding the "Taxpayer First Act." Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 147 regarding the "Justice for Victims of IRS Scams and Identity Theft Act." Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF  
**ALFONSON L. CAMPBELL**

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Alfonson L. Campbell.

Mr. C, as his family and friends affectionately call him, is celebrating his 100th birthday. He was born on the Theo Baker Dairy Farm in Culpepper, Virginia on April 20, 1918. His father, who was white, and his mother who was black, raised 5 children in a two-room farmhouse.

At a very young age, Mr. Campbell helped his father on the farm by shoveling hay, milking cows and feeding chickens. He also spent his childhood gathering wood for the stove, storing milk in the well to keep cool, stuffing bedding with hay to use as mattresses, and breaking ice that formed on a nearby lake to store meat and hunted opossum. Mr. Campbell walked over a mile to attend a one-room school, where the teacher was also his preacher.

His father took care of the farm to pay his debts to the property owner and left the farm after the debt was paid. A few years later, Mr. Campbell also left the farm at 16 years old to begin a new life in Washington, DC.

Mr. Campbell joined the Army and served seven years in the Army National Guard. During his time of service, he participated in the Korean War Conflict. After leaving the military, he followed his childhood dream of becoming an automobile mechanic. He was the favorite amongst his co-workers, always teaching them the "tricks of the trade." His intelligence, mechanical skills and his ethics were so impres-

sive that his boss rewarded him with \$100.00 when the business closed. His love for cars secured him an auto-mechanic job with the District of Columbia Government for 45 years. Upon retiring from the DC government, Mr. Campbell went on to operate a successful lawn service business for 16 years.

Mr. Campbell credits his longevity to his faith in Jesus Christ and love of life. He enjoys fishing, tinkering with cars, eating the three C's (cabbage, collard greens and cornbread), and enjoyed travels with his late wife to various destinations such as Africa, Acapulco, Aruba, Germany and Hawaii. His greatest loves now are his son, daughter, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and Jesus Christ.

Mr. Alfonson L. Campbell turned 100 years old on April 20, 2018. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our warmest birthday greetings to him and wishing him many more healthy and happy years.

## HONORING GERI SHAPIRO

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize a dear friend, a dedicated public servant, a tireless advocate, and one of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing, Ms. Geri Shapiro. Geri is receiving the "Legacy Award" at this year's "Volunteers Spirit Awards" in Westchester, hosted by Volunteer New York. I cannot think of a more deserving or impressive honoree.

A Senior Advisor to Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, Geri is a longtime Westchester resident who is intimately involved with a wide array of important issues that impact our community and its residents. She is a staunch advocate for the county, working with leadership from all levels of government, nonprofits and the business community. Geri understands finer details of the "big picture" of any issue—seniors, people with disabilities, access to social services, nuclear power, healthcare—but her primary focus is always on the person or family whose life is directly impacted.

The story of how Geri got into public service is an inspiring one. Her first career was as a stay-at-home mom who devoted much of her time volunteering at her daughter's school and caring for her aging parents. She was active in the Edgemont PTA and served as PTA president. In 2000, she began volunteering for Hillary Clinton's U.S. Senate campaign. Known by her family as the "expeditor," her skills and experiences were quickly recognized and, at age 59, she was asked to serve as Westchester County Regional Director for Senator Clinton. In 2009 she transitioned to Regional Director for Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, and currently serves as a Senior Advisor.

Though Geri is not always in the spotlight, you can be certain she is always working to make Westchester County a better place, all while inspiring and empowering others. Throughout her career, she has mentored staff, volunteers, and members of the community, particularly women. Geri has been honored with the National Association for Female Executives 2012 Women of Excellence Award

for Service to New York for her "vision, courage, compassion, proven success and generosity as demonstrated by how they help other women succeed."

Volunteering, and a bit of tenacity, opened a new door in Geri's life. I'm certainly glad it did. Geri has done some amazing work on behalf of Westchester County and its residents, and we are all grateful for her advocacy. As Volunteer New York honors her with their Legacy Award, I too would like to send my appreciation to Geri, and my personal thanks. She has been a great partner to me in the community for many years, but more importantly, she has been a wonderful friend. Congratulations to Geri on this great honor.

TRIBUTE TO MARIEL BAILEY, MELISSA BUSS, JOHN ENGEL AND  
**ETHAN KOZAK**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mariel Bailey, Melissa Buss, John Engel, and Ethan Kozak for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Sixth District as interns in my Washington, D.C. office for the spring of the 115th Congress, Second Session.

The work of these young professionals has been nothing short of exemplary. During their time in my office, Mariel, Melissa, John, and Ethan served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, conducted legislative research and learned a great deal about the United States Congress. I know they all have especially bright futures ahead of them and I look forward to seeing them build their prospective careers.

Mariel, Melissa, John, and Ethan have made plans to continue their education and professional occupations in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mariel Bailey, Melissa Buss, John Engel, and Ethan Kozak for their service this spring.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANE BLACK**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 and Wednesday, April 18, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for the following bills:

H.R. 2905, H.R. 4403, H.R. 5440, H.R. 5446, H.R. 5438, H.R. 5437, H.R. 5439, H.R. 5443, H.R. 2901, H.R. 1512, H.R. 5192, H.R. 5444, and H.R. 5445

Together, these bills offer long overdue reforms to the Internal Revenue Service that would strengthen taxpayer protections as well as reduce compliance and administrative burdens on small businesses.

TRIBUTE TO VELVALEA "VEL"  
HORTENSE RODGERS PHILLIPS

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Vel Phillips a public servant, judge, civil rights activist, mentor, stateswoman and trailblazer. Vel Phillips was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and like me was a graduate of North Division High School. She graduated from Howard University and graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Madison Law School. Vel Phillips passed away on April 17, 2018 at the age of 95 years.

Vel Phillips' life has been a series of firsts: the first African American woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin—Madison Law School; the first woman and African American to win a seat on the City of Milwaukee's Common Council; the first woman and African American to win statewide election by becoming Secretary of State of Wisconsin; the first woman and African American to become a judge in Milwaukee County. She was the first African American in the country elected to the National Committee of a major political party, and knew three presidents on a first-name basis: John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Jimmy Carter. Vel realized all of these accomplishments at a time when many African Americans were not allowed to exercise their civil rights.

Vel ran for elected office to improve the lives of people and in 1956, she won a seat on the City of Milwaukee's Common Council. The heart of Vel's district was known as the Inner Core which consisted of poor housing stock, ill equipped schools, and few jobs. This was further exacerbated by several other facts: city leaders who refused to provide funds to repair roads and schools in the Inner Core; white landlords who would not rent to black people outside of the Inner Core; and Black families who were denied access to buy homes in other parts of the city. Vel knew something had to be done and introduced a Fair Housing Law in 1962 that would make it illegal not to rent to black people. It was not fair to tell people where they could and could not live, work and go to school because of the color of their skin and Vel began marching with Catholic priest, Father James Groppi to bring change. They led people, including me, on 200 consecutive nights of marching from the Inner Core across the 16th Street Viaduct to a destination on the Southside of Milwaukee. Angry white men and women lined the streets and swore and threw rocks and bottles at the marchers. Finally, in 1968, the Fair Housing Law that Vel had written six years earlier passed the city council.

In addition to the positions previously mentioned, Vel taught at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and was appointed "Distinguished Professor of Law" at Marquette University School of Law. In 2006, Phillips founded the Vel Phillips Foundation which supports the work of people who are engaged in projects of social justice and change including opposing voter ID and other attacks on voting rights.

Vel was the beloved wife for 38 years of the late W. Dale Phillips and the loving mother of

Michael Damon Phillips and of the late Dale Franklin Phillips. She was the proud grandmother of Elijah Thomas Phillips, Nathaniel Douglas Phillips, Rachael Velvlea Phillips and Robin Dale Phillips; great-grandmother of Tianna, Mya, and Phoenix and dear aunt of Shaune Maria Curry. She leaves a strong legacy of leadership for all people to model.

Mr. Speaker, Vel was my friend, champion and mentor. She cheered me on through every victory in my life and taught me to always keep the faith. In fact, she chaired my successful congressional campaign in 2004 at eighty years young. I draw strength from her unshakable spirit and she will live on forever in my heart. Vel is a Milwaukee and Wisconsin treasure and I not only valued her service to the 4th Congressional District but to the entire nation. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in a salute to the late Velvlea "Vel" Hortense Rodgers Phillips, may she Rest in Power.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEVIN NUNES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2018*

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Wednesday, April 18, 2018, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on several Roll Call Votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 145—YES, Roll Call No. 146—YES and Roll Call No. 147—YES.

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 Tuesday, April 24, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 25

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 2717, to reauthorize provisions relating to the Maritime Administration, S. 2369, to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling pursuant to the regulations of the

International Whaling Commission, S. 2511, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, S. 2343, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force for meeting the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States, and the nominations of Vice Admiral Karl L. Schultz, to be Admiral and to be Commandant, and Vice Admiral Charles W. Ray, to be Vice Commandant, both of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, Patrick Fuchs, of Wisconsin, and Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Laura Gore Ross, of New York, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Alan E. Cobb, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

SD-106

1 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine how the innovation economy leads to growth.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine enhancing the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine H.R. 597, to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and H.R. 1491, to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S. Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Michael