

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 018 and YEA on Roll Call No. 019.

**HONORING DANA MARSHALL-BERNSTEIN**

**HON. JACKY ROSEN**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am here today not only to mourn the loss of a family friend and lifelong Las Vegas resident but to let Congress know what an amazing woman she was.

Dana Marshall-Bernstein died in December at the age of 28, following a lifelong battle with Crohn's Disease. She spent most of her life in and out of the hospital but, even while undergoing countless surgeries, she never let her disease define who she was.

Dana never stopped feeling optimistic about her future. She believed in looking forward. She believed in kindness. And she used her experience to comfort others who were also affected by Crohn's Disease.

Even though she was suffering, Dana never stopped showing empathy. She insisted that medical patients were treated as humans first and medical cases last. She was radiant in her love for others.

Dana believed in these words: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Dana was outspoken and strong-willed. She was firm in her beliefs and did everything she could to stand up for the voiceless. She was fiercely committed to patient advocacy and ensuring that anyone in her situation was heard and cared for.

She served as a beacon of hope to her parents, Ed and Cari, and to her entire extended family. My heart aches for them, but I know that in their fondest memories of Dana lies a strong sense of pride. She shined in more ways than one. She was a light even in the darkest of times, and I know she will continue to shine in the memory of each and every life she touched. May her memory be a blessing for those who loved her.

In her time on this Earth, Dana accomplished what we all should strive for; she touched others and made differences. And though she is gone now, her influence will remain forever in our hearts and minds.

In between the politics and the debates, Congress possesses a very real capability to do good. We can fund grants for research towards cures for the most deadly diseases out there.

We can help people if only we decide to.

I encourage all members here today to carry with them the courage and determination that Dana brought into this world; to always think and live life with positivity; and to never, ever stop believing in doing good by others.

**HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF PIPER, THE CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT K-9**

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the life and service of

the beloved K-9 of the Cherry Capital Airport, Piper. On January 3rd, Piper passed away in the arms of his handler and friend, Brian Edwards, after a yearlong battle against prostate cancer. His impact on the people of Michigan's First District will not soon be forgotten.

Piper joined the team at the Cherry Capital Airport in 2015. Working with Edwards, the airport's director of operations, Piper worked to keep wildlife clear from the runways and facilities, becoming an instant local celebrity. Through social media and news outlets, he became famous nationwide. His goggles, vest, and boots became icons of the K-9's valuable role at the airport and important place in the community. Whether it was chasing down snow owls or posing with the Blue Angels, Piper was not only critical to ensuring the safety of the operations at the Cherry Capitol Airport, but also brought joy to any who had the opportunity to watch him in action.

In 2016, Piper was named the Grand Marshal of the Cherry Royale Parade, the first time an animal has received this honor. He was also featured in Midwest Living Magazine when Traverse City was named the Best Midwest Town later the same year. Following Piper's passing, U.S. Coast Guard personnel lowered the flag flying over the Traverse City base and presented it to Edwards in honor of the K-9. A public memorial service for Piper will be held on January 20th at the City Opera House in Traverse City.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of the beloved airport K-9. Piper's service to the Cherry Capital Airport and his impact on the people of Michigan cannot be overstated. His friends and community can take pride in knowing that Northern Michigan is a better place thanks to his life's work.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. DINA TITUS**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent January 16, 2018 due to unforeseen circumstances. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following:

Roll no. 18—H.R. 4318—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA, and Roll no. 19—S. 117—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA.

**CONGRATULATING JOEL WEISMAN OF WTTW-CHICAGO UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the longtime host of Chicago Public Media's "The Week in Review" for 40 years of helping to keep the Windy City well informed. Joel Weisman conceived the longest-running series in the history of WTTW over coffee at the Palmer House with colleague John Callaway and William J. McCarter, the then-president and CEO of WTTW. The Emmy

Award-winning program has welcomed a rotating four-person panel from print, broadcast and digital news media to discuss politics and other news relevant to Chicago each Friday since. Mr. Weisman's last stint as host will be on Friday, January 19, for an hour-long special with special guests and highlights from the past four decades. Mr. Weisman, a lawyer and lifelong Chicagoan, began his journalism career at the City News Bureau after graduating from the University of Illinois. He has also worked for The Gary Post-Tribune; The Chicago American; as a reporter, columnist and metropolitan editor for The Chicago Sun-Times; and as Midwest correspondent for The Washington Post. He is also the father of my legislative director, Matt Weisman. I want to wish him all the best as he retires from "The Week in Review."

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 17, 2018 for being off the floor momentarily. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Yes on Roll Call No. 021.

**CONGRATULATING DAVID ST. PIERRE**

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David St. Pierre, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), on his election as the President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).

Under Mr. St. Pierre, MWRD and its nearly 2,000 staff members work to effectively protect the health and safety of the public in the Greater Chicagoland area, protect homes and businesses from flooding, protect the quality of its Lake Michigan water supply and improve water quality in regional waterways across MWRD's nearly 900 square mile service area.

In 2011, Mr. St. Pierre was unanimously selected by the Board of Commissioners as Executive Director. He brought to the District more than 25 years of experience working in the water industry in several cities and a record that included significant reductions in operating costs and improvements in utility performance and customer satisfaction. Mr. St. Pierre earned his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Illinois University and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

MWRD owns and operates seven water reclamation plants, including one of the world's largest. Its Tunnel and Reservoir Project (TARP) is one of the country's largest public works projects for pollution and flood control. MWRD treats an average of 1.4 billion gallons of wastewater each day and has over 2.0 billion gallons per day total capacity. Its role in preserving the health, environmental quality

and economy of the region cannot be understated.

Mr. St. Pierre has been a tremendous leader for the District, breaking new ground in promoting the District's resource recovery program across MWRD to transform water treatment and encourage new technologies. Mr. St. Pierre has focused on finding sustainable solutions, including adapting for climate change through storm water management, enhancing resource recovery to generate renewable energy and phosphorus, implementing biosolids composting, developing disinfection facilities, and greening Chicagoland's schoolyards. Mr. St. Pierre has also been instrumental in NACWA's peer-to-peer program, working to partner clean water agencies for mentorship and collaboration.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I congratulate David St. Pierre on his election as the President of NACWA. As he has done with the MWRD, he will lead the Association with integrity and ingenuity. I wish him, MWRD, and NACWA the very best in their endeavors.

#### CONGRATULATING ELAINE WOOD FOR RECEIVING THE 2017 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Elaine Wood for receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service Award from the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce. Through her exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion to her community, Elaine is an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Since 1929, the Distinguished Service Award has been given to leaders who have had a tremendous positive impact on the Traverse City area. With more than 40 years with Networks Northwest, Elaine has led in the creation of innovative programs for employment skills training, streamlined data research, and year-round adult education systems. Her unique work with the government even led to her appointment to Governor Snyder's Talent Investment Board in 2011.

Elaine's steadfast determination has been recognized through numerous awards throughout her career, including being named one of the area's 25 Most Powerful Women by the Traverse City Business News in 2014. She has also served on numerous boards and trustees, including Munson Healthcare, the United Way of Northwest Michigan, the Cherryland Humane Society, and for almost two decades at Northwestern Michigan College. The impact of her work on the Traverse City community and across Michigan cannot be understated.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Elaine Wood for receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service Award. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless and devoted leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Elaine all the best in her future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of S. 117 and H.R. 4318.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on January 16, 2018 due to weather delays in Houston. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 18 and YEA on Roll Call No. 19.

#### HONORING DONALD L. CHRISTIANS

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible life of Donald L. Christians. Donald L. Christians recently marked his 90th birthday. His is an American story of the last century in which an adventuresome, generous soul migrates from a small farming community to cities and broader global experience. Don looked back on Grafton, Iowa where he grew up (recent census of 252) and wrote Homer's Whip, that depicted a tiny prairie town with timeless small-town values. At the same time, he embraced the diverse world.

During his second year at Luther College he enlisted in the U.S. Army to fight in World War II, and served 1½ years in the occupational forces in Japan in 1946 when he was just 18. Like so many farm boys, his world was transformed. Upon discharge, Don finished college with a degree in political science from the University of Northern Iowa in 1950 and later earned a Master's Degree from Northern Colorado University.

Don headed to California in 1955, settling in North Beach, living the life of jazz, card playing, bocce ball, horse racing, and writing, while beginning his 29-year career teaching in the San Francisco Unified School District. There he met and married the artist/fellow teacher, Joan Clay, in 1960 and they spent their honeymoon driving a VW Camper Van to Tierra Del Fuego in Chile. Both often taught the most challenging students to whom they devoted their creativity, respect, and good humor.

In 1967, Don was appointed Associate Director of the Peace Corps Program in Ethiopia where Don and Joan lived until 1969 where Don was assigned to support the work of volunteers in a remote region of the country. He was extremely effective in all aspects of this assignment. He mentored volunteers in the classroom and in school protocol and inter-

action, e.g., with headmasters who required extensive memorization even though the students did not have pencils or paper. He also modeled the expected interaction with the broader community. His expertise, life experience, and winning manner made him the ideal person to relate to volunteers, faculty, administrators, townspeople, as well as the Peace Corps bureaucracy. He supported volunteers who undertook ambitious, often impactful projects that departed from the mainstream and served as the trusted confidant of Peace Corps Ethiopia leadership, shaping policy for the Program as a whole.

In 1969, Don was appointed Country Director Peace Corps Dominican Republic. Visitors recall Don selling co-op crafts to tourists on cruises on Christmas Day. Don and Joan remained in the Dominican Republic until they were recalled by President Nixon and Don worked on the Muskie campaign until Don and Joan returned to San Francisco in 1973. Don taught high school Civics for 29 years, retiring from Galileo High School in San Francisco in 1986 where he was beloved as an inspiring teacher by a wide range of students.

Over the years Don made an enormous number of friends from his many interests and vocations, reflecting his enthusiasm and variety of interests. He and Joan owned shares in 22 race horses and had particular success with "Mac Rhapsody" and "Pleasure Grounds". Don worked at Golden Gate Fields as a mutual clerk. He wrote numerous articles for horse magazines and hosted a radio program for 5 years on KWMR in West Marin interviewing authors. After Joan's passing, he met Neva Beach, a book editor, and they were together until her passing in 2010. Don has been living with their dog Cody in San Francisco's colorful Mission District since he met Neva and they were often seen feeding homeless men and women in a local park as well as taking neighborhood children to zoos and museums.

Don loves bridge and bocce ball and excels at both. He was a member of the Marin Bocce Ball team that won the Northern California Seniors championship, and he played in bridge tournaments around the U.S. as a Silver Life Master. He places bets on horseraces and plays bridge online every day when he is able.

On behalf of the people of California's Third District, I commend Donald L. Christians on his distinguished life and wish him the best in the coming years.

#### RECOGNIZING TRISTEN VIDLUND AND TORREY COOKMAN FOR COMPETING AT THE NATURAL LUGE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Tristen Vidlund and Torrey Cookman for their participation in the Natural Luge World Championship. Through their perseverance and determination, Tristen and Torrey have distinguished themselves as members of the U.S. Natural Track Luge Team.

Tristen, 17, and Torrey, 13, are both natives to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and have