

Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

HONORING MR. SAL LUCIANO

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Sal Luciano of Watertown, Connecticut, for his lifelong commitment to improving the lives of working women and men. For decades, Mr. Luciano has been a passionate advocate for state, county, and municipal employees across Connecticut. On this, the occasion of his retirement, I would like to take the opportunity to thank and recognize him for his tireless and effective efforts that have helped so many, especially those who might not be able to speak up for themselves.

Mr. Luciano began his career as a social worker for the State of Connecticut's Department of Children and Youth Services in 1980, investigating cases of abuse and neglect of children. Mr. Luciano was elected president of Local 2663, a Connecticut chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in 1989 based on his record of proven leadership. In 2001, Mr. Luciano was appointed Executive Director of Council 4 in 2001 and was subsequently elected to this position four times. In every one of these posts, Mr. Luciano has fought to ensure that dedicated public servants in Connecticut are treated with dignity and respect.

In addition to representing working families in Connecticut, Mr. Luciano also served on my Congressional Labor Advisory Board. In this capacity, Mr. Luciano worked with other community leaders to advise me on issues important to working people across Connecticut's Fifth District.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Luciano has spent the last 38 years being a powerful voice for children and working men and women. Sal is passionate, knowledgeable, and effective—A worthy opponent and a devoted friend. I thank him for his decades of hard work ensuring the protection and success of others, as well as his friendship and wise counsel to me. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Mr. Luciano here today.

HONORING DARNIKA MAYFIELD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Darnika Mayfield. Darnika has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

On March 6, 2018, Darnika Mayfield made history as the first female from Warren County to graduate from the Mississippi Highway Patrol Training Academy. A former Warren County sheriff's deputy who was the Sheriff's Deputy of the year in 2017.

A native of Tchula, Mayfield moved to Hollandale and then Vicksburg, where she has lived for the past 23 years. She worked as a

school bus monitor and teacher assistant in the GED program at the Vicksburg Warren School District's Alternative School before joining the sheriff's office, where she started working in the county jail. She worked in the courthouse for three years before deciding to join the Highway Patrol and attend the MHP Academy in Pearl.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Darnika Mayfield for her dedication to serving her community and desire to strive for success.

HONORING JIM SHRADER'S CAREER IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS' NEWS

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Shrader from Madison County, Illinois upon his retirement from a long news and publishing career in Southern Illinois.

After attending Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Jim began building an impressive career. He started in advertising at the then-Granite City Journal and eventually became advertising director and publisher for the Alton Telegraph. Jim was also vice president of sales for Alton radio station WBGZ.

Jim saw first-hand how the delivery of daily news evolved in the Information Age. Through it all, he succeeded in his industry and served as a great example of leadership in the newsroom. For these reasons, I am proud to honor Jim Shrader for a great career with well-wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, if I were present, I would have voted NO on roll call number 234, ordering the previous question on H. RES. 918.

If I were present, I would have voted NO on roll call number 235 the rule for H. Res. 918.

If I were present, I would have voted no on roll call number 236.

If I were present, I would have voted yes on roll call number 237 the motion to recommit on H.R. 8.

If I were present, I would have voted yes on roll call number 238 to H.R. 8.

If I were present, I would have voted yes on roll call number 239 to H.R. 3249.

LISA LAMERE RETIRES AS SENIOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST FOR CITY OF HESPERIA

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary career of City of

Hesperia Senior Economic Development Specialist Lisa Lamere, who will officially retire from her position on June 22, 2018.

Since her hiring by the City of Hesperia sixteen years ago, Lisa has worked to improve her city and community. During her time, she has attracted, retained, and helped to expand businesses that have opened or relocated to Hesperia. Additionally, she has worked on grant applications to successfully secure state, federal, and private funding for projects to improve everything from infrastructure to education. When she's not hard at work improving the business environment in Hesperia, Lisa is the President of the Mojave River Valley Horseman's Association.

Lisa has been a tremendous asset to City of Hesperia and the entire High Desert Community for well over a decade. I congratulate Lisa Lamere for her years of service and wish her the best in her retirement.

HONORING JESSICA HAYGOOD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, Jessica Haygood is the daughter of Pearlie Haygood of Marks, Mississippi. She is a goal-oriented senior at Madison Shannon Palmer High School and has been an honor student since her freshman year. She is a cheerleader and a member of the Beta Club, Tri-County Workforce Alliance, Yearbook Committee, Student Council, and Lackey Scholar. She has received many awards and has been recognized for her outstanding academic performance through programs such as the ACT Scholars and Superintendent's List.

Jessica is an active member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Lambert, Mississippi. She is the Sunday School and Bible Class secretary, the sound room technician, and serves on both the praise dance team and mass choir. Occasionally, she teaches the youth Sunday school class.

Not only is she active in her school and church, but she also volunteers in her community. She assists classmates after school, volunteers at Mule Train festival events, tutors students at Quitman County Elementary School, and is a member of the Reject all Tobacco volunteer group. She plans to obtain a degree in Biology at the University of Mississippi. Afterwards, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center and pursue a career in medicine. Jessica is an exceptional student and extraordinary young lady who desires to make a difference in her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jessica Haygood as an extraordinary student who is goal oriented and making a difference in her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 15, 2018, I missed votes. Had I been

present, I would have voted YEA on roll call votes no. 267 and 268.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during the votes held on June 19, 2018, I was inescapably detained and away handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. If I had been present I would have voted YES on the SOUND Disposal and Packaging Act (H.R. 5687) and YES on Final Passage of the SENIOR Communities Protection Act (H.R. 5676).

153RD ANNIVERSARY OF
JUNETEENTH

HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize and celebrate Juneteenth.

153 years ago, General Gordon Granger and his Union troops rode into Galveston with an announcement that would change the course of history:

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are freed."

These powerful words took Galveston, Texas, and our nation by storm. The remem-

brance of Juneteenth is of great national significance. It is a day of reflection that inspires each of us. We commemorate the heritage and achievements of the African American community. The strength and spirit displayed at each passing anniversary of Juneteenth is remarkable.

We must never forget our nation's past. The evils and oppression of slavery have no place in society—not then and not now. We must remember the moments like Juneteenth, that changed our nation for the better. We must grow from here and strive to always celebrate life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—the unalienable rights that are the foundation of our nation.