

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, due to adverse weather and numerous flight delays and cancellations in North Carolina, I was unable to vote yesterday during Roll Call 269, the motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended H.R. 5687, the Securing Opioids and Unused Narcotics with Deliberate Disposal and Packaging Act of 2018, as well as Roll Call 270, the motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended H.R. 5676, the Stop Excessive Narcotics in our Retirement Communities Protection Act of 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call 269 and Yea on Roll Call 270.

HONORING FULTON CHAPTER NO. 35, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fulton Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, on their 100th Anniversary.

On September 21, 1917 Chapter No. 35 was founded by first Worthy Matron Anna Christian and first Worthy Patron Howard B. Lang. While the chapter has roots in Fulton, the dedicated members live throughout Missouri and surrounding states. There were 22 original signers who saw the vision of what the Fulton Chapter No. 35 could become. These signers were: Lena Newkomm, Julia Ann Neal, Anna Christian, Charles H. Christian, Selena Loveng, Bertie Fay Jackson, J. Roy Jackson, Gertrude Clatterbuck, Edgar Clatterbuck, Norma Lang, Howard B. Lang, Gertrude M. Brown, Jella D. Brown, Doyle S. Brown, Lulu Beaven, Theodore Beaven, Marie Le Noir, William Meng, John R. Pratt, Harry H. McIntire, Alice Koontz, and Elmer L. Koontz. Currently, the Fulton Chapter No. 35 is 102 members strong.

The members of this Masonry organization are dedicated men and women who consistently represent the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together to benefit mankind. Their hard work and charity is constantly felt by the community and dearly appreciated by the many lives they have and continue to touch.

They have been active in many charitable causes to benefit the community: Callaway Relay 4 Life, MoChip, Cancer Research, and the Masonic Home to name a few. Since the

foundation of the organization, the lessons shared at the meetings have remained scriptural, the purpose beneficent, and the teachings moral. This type of teaching is a nod to the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star, Dr. Robert Morris, who had the vision of using beautiful and inspiring Biblical examples which in turn would be the noble principles Eastern Star members are encouraged to emulate. With this vision, the environment within the Eastern Star organization is dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness.

I ask you to join me in honoring Fulton Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star on their 100th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAT RIORDAN

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the career and service of Green Bay resident, Mr. Pat Riordan.

A St. Norbert College graduate, he was appointed chief executive officer of Nsight in 1975 and oversaw the 1987 launch of the wireless provider, Cellcom. Nsight evolved from a modest company providing cellular services to Pulaski, Wisconsin, to a robust business supplying wireless services to Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Mr. Riordan's leadership as CEO was incredibly valuable, and the impact he has made on the industry in Wisconsin is indelible. His extensive knowledge of the industry has earned him many key positions on boards and organizations including the Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association, Associated Carrier Group, and Ha Ha's Hero Foundation, to name a few. Adding to his accolades, Mr. Riordan received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Rural Carriers Association in 2008.

As we pause to look back on the ways Mr. Riordan has impacted Northeast Wisconsin, it is without a doubt that Mr. Riordan himself continues to look forward. Upon his retirement as CEO, Mr. Riordan will assume a new role in looking to future trends. He will be tasked with thinking three to five years out and charting how to best incorporate new emerging employee skill sets.

Mr. Riordan's applications of extraordinary skills and knowledge of his industry have helped grow his company and brand. His commitment to both his company and to his community are worthy of the highest commendation.

MICKIE MAY LEVIN: CLEATS FOR A CAUSE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, one of the most important values that we strive to teach our children is to give back to others. Well, it's time for us adults to go back to school, as 13-year-old Mickie May Levin is teaching us a thing or two about generosity.

This year, Levin had her bat mitzvah, and in preparation for this rite of passage, she decided to undertake a service project that would give back to her local community in the spirit of Jewish tradition. In brainstorming ideas, she kept returning to soccer, a sport that she had already fell in love with. She played on her school team, and she enjoyed how the sport brings people together from a variety of backgrounds.

From her own time on the field, she understood the importance of having a good pair of cleats on your feet during a game, particularly when the rain started to come down. She also knew that she and many of her friends had pairs of gently used cleats piling up in their closets and garages—at that age, kids outgrow clothes and shoes very quickly. An idea was thus born: she would collect these cleats and donate them to kids who couldn't afford to buy them.

Levin started out small, asking around her friend group and eventually placing yellow cardboard boxes labelled "Cleats for a Cause" around her school and elsewhere in her community. She then started reaching out to individuals and organizations, asking if they had any shoes to spare. Her donations soared after Tarik Guendouzi, the director of the boys' teams for Rise FC, responded and told her that his club wanted to help. Although Levin provided just one cardboard box, the families of the club brought so many shoes that she had to utilize her mother's pickup truck to transport them all back to her house.

Levin then gave the hundreds of shoes she had collected to the All Nations Sports Academy, an organization in Houston that provides underprivileged children opportunities to play soccer. The young kids received them jubilantly, taking the field with new shoes on their feet and a noticeable swagger in their step.

Mr. Speaker, Mickie May Levin has a heart of gold, and she leads by example in making an impact in her community. It is because of the generosity of individuals like Levin that our country is what it is today. Young and old, we can all learn something from her about kindness.

And that is just the way it is.

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IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AZERBAIJAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Republican of Azerbaijan for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, which was celebrated on May 28, 2018.

In the Republic of Azerbaijan, May 28th is known as the "Republic Day". This past Republic Day celebrated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, the first secular parliamentary republic in the Muslim VWorld.

In 1991, the United States recognized Azerbaijan as an independent state following the collapse of the Soviet Union, and established diplomatic relations the following year. I would like to highlight that, over the last 26 years, Azerbaijan has established itself as a reliable friend of the United States. Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, Azerbaijan has been a critical ally of the United States in combating international terrorism through several joint U.S.-Azerbaijani operations in Afghanistan, the Balkans, and Iraq.

On a more international level, Azerbaijan has strong economic, military, and strategic ties to Israel, representing one of Israel's greatest allies in the region. Azerbaijan's energy sector is also key to combating Russian influences across the region. Altogether, the country plays a critical role in the diversification of energy routes, and helps support allies of the United States' allies by doing so.

I would like to formally congratulate the Republican of Azerbaijan for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, and I look forward to continued strong relations between the United States and Azerbaijan for many years to come.

JOINT TASK FORCE TO COMBAT OPIOID TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my committee's bill, the Joint Task Force to Combat Opioid Trafficking Act.

Dangerous narcotics and other synthetic opioids are fueling a drug epidemic that is destroying people's lives.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), about 115 people die every day from an opioid overdose. Just think about that—115 people every day.

They are not just strangers. They are moms and dads, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors.

Most of us know someone who has struggled with substance abuse or drug addiction.

We cannot allow these numbers to climb. We have to reverse this dangerous trend. We need to act together now.

I am proud to say that the Committee on Homeland Security has been taking action on this issue.

Recently, President Trump signed our INTERDICTION Act. This bill provides CBP with additional funds and resources to screen and detect synthetic opioids at the border.

Today, we held a field hearing in Pennsylvania to review ways to strengthen coordination at the local, state, and federal levels in our fight against drugs.

We are taking many positive steps, but we must do more.

We can start by passing this bill that establishes a Joint Task Force at DHS to prohibit narcotics, such as fentanyl, and others from entering the United States.

It also strengthens partnerships between federal agencies and the private sector.

This is a unifying cause. Stopping the flow of drugs into our country will allow more Americans to follow their dreams and build a bright future.

I would like to thank Congressman LANDEVIN and Congressman PETER KING for their leadership and hard work on this issue. And I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on June 19, 2018, I was unavoidably detained due to a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 269, and YEA on Roll Call No. 270.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on June 19, 2018, I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on No. 269 and 270 and I would have voted "NAY" on No. 271.

BACKUP IS COMING FOR HOUSTON'S FIRST RESPONDERS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Hurricane Harvey pushed Houston first-responders to the limit. While groups like the Cajun Navy and other private citizens provided invaluable support to the Houston community in helping with emergency relief, peace officers and firefighters were under-equipped to deal with the massive flooding that displaced thousands from their homes. With only old and decrepit boats at their disposal, they were forced to conscript canoes and kayaks.

To put it simply, they needed more boats.

The Houston Fire Department requested 20 boats from the city to help bolster their water

rescue fleet, but the city was strapped for cash and could not feasibly pay for 20 boats on their own. Luckily, one group decided to step up and help.

The 100 Club donated 14 new rescue boats to first responders in Houston and Harris County. The group gave the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff's Office five boats each and the Houston Fire Department four. This will provide a much-needed boost to the fleets of these departments, who are now only in need of just a handful of boats from the city.

The 100 Club has a history of helping Houston's finest. The organization has provided millions of dollars in financial aid to the families of fallen officers, scholarships and grants to officers and fire fighters, and equipment for first responders. After observing the water rescue efforts during the hurricane, the group began conversing with the authorities in Houston, who all highlighted the need for more rescue boats.

Mr. Speaker, our first responders provided invaluable assistance to the Houston community during and after Hurricane Harvey, despite their lack of equipment. After all, the tools do not make the man. But the gracious donation by the 100 Club will allow these selfless individuals to serve their communities more effectively. The generosity shown is just another example of why the greatest people on earth live in America: they will always help each other.

And that is just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, due to cancellations and delays to my scheduled return flights to Washington.

If I had been able to vote, I would have voted as follows:

On H.R. 5687, the SOUND Disposal and Packaging Act, I would have voted "yea."

On H.R. 5676, the SENIOR Communities Protection Act, I would have voted "yea."

On the Journal Vote, I would have voted "nay."

DR. TODD GRAHAM PAIN MANAGEMENT, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6110, the Dr. Todd Graham Pain Management, Treatment, and Recovery Act of 2018. Introduced by my colleague on the Ways and Means Committee, Representative JACKIE WALORSKI, this legislation would direct the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to conduct a review on how to improve the use of non-opioid treatments for pain management for Part A and B Medicare beneficiaries.