

supplies for students of Lake Wales. He also is a member of the Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of the board since 1998.

Epps has said that the mortuary business is a lot of hard work and dedication, but the rewards that come with helping people get through a difficult time are great. He is a firm believer in the adage, "The village raises the child," and plans to continue giving back to his adopted home for many years to come.

And for that, Mr. Epps, we salute you.

#### SALUTING AND HONORING RUSSELL DRAKE

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Russell Drake.

Russell Drake is the president of the Orange County Democratic Black Caucus. He is a Christian man, community activist, engineering professional; and he attended Howard University with a focus in systems and computer science.

Upon finishing school, he moved to Orlando, Florida, where he has worked as a systems engineer at two Fortune 500 corporations over the last 15 years.

Outside of work, Russell has a focus and passion for uplifting the community, leading him to be a very active member in the Orlando metropolitan area through individual and group efforts of service.

On his own accord, Russell is a supporter of various youth programs, mentoring activities, food drives, homeless empowerment initiatives, voter action rallies, and civic and political awareness causes.

Mr. Drake is part of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, Central Florida Urban League Young Professionals, National Pan-Hellenic Council of Metro Orlando, NPHC, the NAACP Orange County Branch, the National Society of Black Engineers, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and the Democratic Black Caucus of Florida.

Mr. Drake's active nature has earned him appointments to the African American Advisory Board of WESH 2 News Orlando and to the Boy Scouts of America, Whitney M. Young Council.

In spiritual life, Mr. Drake is a member of the Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church where he serves on the trustee board, usher board, praise and dance team, and men's choir.

Last but not least, Mr. Drake regards his lovely family to always come first. For that, Mr. Drake, we salute you.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RECY TAYLOR

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Recy Taylor.

Recy Taylor was a 24-year-old African American in 1944 when she was kidnapped and raped maliciously by six White men in Abbeville, Alabama.

The NAACP sent a young activist, Rosa Parks, to investigate this travesty. Like so many other crimes involving African-American victims in this era, this crime was never brought to trial.

After reporting the crime to local officials, Mrs. Taylor was intimidated to recant by vigilantes, but she did not. Even after an all-White, all-male jury dismissed the first case after 5 minutes of deliberation, Recy Taylor, with the help of Rosa Parks and the NAACP, continued to organize and form the Committee for Equal Justice for the Rights of Mrs. Recy Taylor.

This committee had 18 chapters across the Nation and included activists such as W.E.B. Du Bois, Mary Church Terrell, and Langston Hughes. The committee lobbied Alabama Governor Chauncey Sparks until he called for another investigation.

In the documentary, "The Rape of Recy Taylor," Mrs. Taylor said: "... they didn't try and do nothing about it. I can't help but tell the truth of what they done to me."

Mrs. Taylor's acts of courage were one of the catalysts that led to the modern-day civil rights movement. She was also recently referenced by the famous and world-renowned Oprah Winfrey in her "Time's Up" speech and will forever be memorialized as a result.

Many of the members of the committee went on to plan and lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott as well.

Today, I posthumously honor this long-term Winter Haven resident in my district, Recy Taylor, for her act of courage and bravery, and for that I recognize you, Mrs. Taylor.

#### HONORING DESMOND MEADE

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Desmond Meade.

Desmond Meade is a formerly homeless returning citizen who overcame many obstacles to eventually be the current executive director of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, chair of the Floridians for Fair Democracy, chair of the Florida Coalition on Black Civic Participation, and Black Men's Roundtable.

Desmond is a graduate of the Florida International University College of Law. As president of the FRRC, which is recognized for its work on felon disenfranchisement issues, Desmond led the citizen's initiative to allow Florida voters to decide to end the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with felony convictions, create a more human reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce mass incarceration, and increase public safety by empowering those impacted by our criminal justice system.

Desmond spoke before national organizations, such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Bread for the World, on the challenges of returning citizens as well.

Desmond recently orchestrated a historic meeting at the White House between returning citizens and the President's administration. He was recognized as a foot soldier on the Melissa Harris-Perry show on MSNBC.

Desmond recently successfully got a restoration of rights amendment onto

the ballot which gives Floridians the right to vote to end this legacy of Jim Crow laws in the South that bar felons from restoring their rights after they have fulfilled their sentences and met their debt to society. We are one of only four States left with this terribly discriminatory law.

Desmond is married and also has five beautiful children, and for that, Mr. Meade, we honor you.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4708. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 534. An act to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3890. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting an updated Strategic Plan for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation covering the period 2018 through 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3891. A letter from the Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Federal Housing Finance Agency's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 — 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3892. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Kentucky Regulatory Program [KY-256-FOR; OSM-2012-0014 S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 189S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000

18X501520] received February 2, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3893. A letter from the General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Fees received February 2, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3894. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting an action taken to extend and amend the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Mali Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological and Ethnological Material of the Republic of Mali, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2602(g)(1); Public Law 97-446, Sec. 303(g)(1); (96 Stat. 2354); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3895. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Guidance on Withholding Rules [Notice 2018-14] received February 2, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 727. Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1892) to amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty (Rept. 115-547). Referred to the House Calendar.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire:

H.R. 4938. A bill to address the opioid epidemic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TIPTON:

H.R. 4939. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the membership of the Commandant of the Coast Guard on the Joint Chiefs of Staff; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. VELA (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. CORREA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Miss RICE of New York):

H.R. 4940. A bill to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff, to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means,

and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MARINO:

H.R. 4941. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to protect common household pets from harmful confinement; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. MITCHELL (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. SMUCKER):

H.R. 4942. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to award grants for promoting industry or sector partnerships to encourage industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COLLINS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. ISSA, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. MARINO, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mrs. DEMINGS):

H.R. 4943. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve law enforcement access to data stored across borders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MENG, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. CORREA, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. HANABUSA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SOTO, Mr. NADLER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. LEE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. SCHAROWSKY, and Mr. VEASEY):

H.R. 4944. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote family unity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 4945. A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish a Rural Health Liaison; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mr. COOK, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. PETERS, Mr. ISSA, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ROYCE of California, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. COSTA, Ms. BASS, Mr. KNIGHT, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. BERA, Mr. DENHAM, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. LEE, Mr. NUNES, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. SHERMAN,

Ms. SPEIER, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California):

H.R. 4946. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the "Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. ESTY of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. KATKO, Mr. FASO, and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 4947. A bill to improve infrastructure in small towns and rural areas; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FOSTER (for himself and Mr. MASSIE):

H.R. 4948. A bill to provide a Federal charter to the Fab Foundation for the National Fab Lab Network, a national network of local digital fabrication facilities providing universal access to advanced manufacturing tools for learning skills, developing inventions, creating businesses, and producing personalized products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. GABBARD (for herself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Ms. HANABUSA):

H.R. 4949. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Director of the Federal Communications Commission to take certain actions regarding civil defense related to the growing ballistic missile threat and the communications errors in Hawaii on January 13, 2018, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 4950. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to require the annual human rights reports to include information on instances of sexual assault in refugee camps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. DESJARLAIS, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 4951. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with State and local governments to provide for the continued operation of public land, open air monuments and memorials, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 4952. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and submit a report on the effects of the inclusion of quality increases in the determination of blended benchmark amounts under part C of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LANCE (for himself, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. WELCH,