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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on September 17, 2019, I was unable to be present for Roll Call Vote 532, on the Motion to Close Portions of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act Conference.

Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND OSHANA

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share my deepest condolences with the family and friends of Raymond Oshana. Ray was a dear friend of mine and my district office team for over two decades, and a prominent leader in the Assyrian community. Ray unexpectedly passed away earlier this week, and my heart breaks for his wife, Nadia, and his children Pierre, Ninon, and Mary, and everyone in the community who feels the weight of his passing, including me. His exuberant personality and generosity touched everyone he met, and anyone who knew Ray was better for it. He will be missed deeply.

Born in Baghdad in 1951, Ray came to the United States as a young man in 1970. Ray's story and contributions exemplify the fact that immigration makes our nation and our communities stronger and better. Shortly after arriving in the United States, Ray started the Assyrian Athletic Club. This club has supported thousands of Assyrian youth since its inception and next year, the organization will celebrate its 50th anniversary. During this same period, Ray helped found a group called the East Bird Band, helping create an iconic Assyrian Nationalist song, despite the fact that the band members didn't know how to play musical instruments in the beginning.

Ray was an active member of dozens of civic organizations including the Assyrian American Association of Chicago, and he was the Midwest Regional Director for the Assyrian American National Federation at the time of his passing. His name and contributions were known by everyone in the Assyrian community, and my office and I worked closely with him and the community in the 9th Congressional District on many issues and projects.

Ray Oshana had a smile and personality that brightened every room he entered. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met, and I looked forward to each opportunity that he and I had to sit down and talk about our families and what we could do to help Assyrians here in Illinois and back in the Middle

East, where they face many deadly challenges. Ray was a lifelong fighter for and an effective advocate on behalf of his community.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank Raymond Oshana for his tireless work. We will miss him.

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REMEMBERING UNDERSHERIFF STEPHEN B. McLOUD

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Undersheriff Stephen B. McCloud, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and a devoted public servant, who passed away on August 29, 2019. For nearly 25 years, Undersheriff McCloud worked in law enforcement, selflessly dedicating his life to service of those in our community and nation.

A lifelong member of the Central New York community, Undersheriff McCloud graduated from Weedsport Central High School and from Cayuga Community College with an associate degree in criminal justice. After college, Undersheriff McCloud became the first full-time police officer for the Village of Weedsport. In 1983, Undersheriff McCloud joined the Cayuga County Sheriffs Office, starting as a patrol deputy. From there, Undersheriff McCloud was promoted to investigator in 1991 and again to Undersheriff in 2003. He held this position until retiring in 2006.

Along with Undersheriff McCloud's work in law enforcement, he was also a 35-year member of the Weedsport Volunteer Fire Department. Additionally, he served with the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force and as a Cayuga County Fire Investigator.

Following the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11th, Undersheriff McCloud bravely traveled to New York City to assist in search and rescue efforts at Ground Zero. Tragically, Undersheriff McCloud developed an illness stemming from his work to aid in the emergency recovery efforts.

Outside of his work in public service, Undersheriff McCloud was a member of the Weedsport Presbyterian Church, a former member of the Brutus Town Board, and owner of Oakland Acres Firewood, a family operated firewood and land management company. Undersheriff McCloud was also an avid outdoorsman, and a loving family man who cared deeply for his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the life of Undersheriff Stephen B. McCloud. A lifelong public servant and beloved member of our Central New York community, Undersheriff McCloud will be dearly missed. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we remember the selfless contributions he has made to our community and country.

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HONORING ALISON CUNNINGHAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COLUMBUS HOUSE

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to join friends, fam-

ily, colleagues, and community leaders who have gathered today to celebrate Alison Cunningham as she bids farewell to Columbus House, the organization she has fearlessly and adeptly led for more than two decades.

There is no one reason why an individual becomes homeless and so there is no one solution that will end it. More than three decades ago a group of folks concerned with the plight of the homeless came together and began what has become one of the strongest, most respected advocacy organizations for the homeless in our state. For most of its existence, the mission of Columbus House has been guided by Alison Cunningham, whose unparalleled passion to make a difference is reflected in every success they enjoy. Alison's commitment is nothing short of inspiring and it has encouraged hundreds of supporters to volunteer their time and energy to support this extraordinary organization.

Under Alison's direction, Columbus House has continued to grow and expand to meet the ever-changing needs of our homeless population. Today, the small staff of ninety come from all walks of life—many are former clients themselves which provides them a unique perspective not only from which to provide services, but also to direct the organization's efforts. Columbus House also partners with a variety of local service agencies with the goal of ensuring that all of their clients receive access to every possible opportunity to transition from homelessness. With facilities in New Haven and Middletown and a presence in Waterbury, New Britain and elsewhere, programs and services that range from shelter and meal service to employment, recovery, and case management, Columbus House has touched the lives of hundreds of our most vulnerable citizens. Columbus House is a community effort in every sense of the word, and it is because of the strong leadership and vision that Alison has provided. I have been proud to work with her during my tenure in Congress and consider myself fortunate to call her my friend.

Over the course of her career, Alison has grown into a respected leader in her field with her expertise often be sought out by neighboring communities as well as elected leaders. In fact, over the last several years, she has been a member of the task force that directed a state-wide change to a successful approach to ending chronic homelessness, which combines providing permanent housing with the necessary social services on site for clients. To say her everyday presence at Columbus House will be missed is an understatement, however, I have no doubt that, though she is pursuing a new opportunity, Alison will remain a staunch and active supporter of Columbus House and the people they serve.

Though I will miss her leadership at Columbus House, I was excited to learn that Alison will be taking on a new and unique role at the Yale Divinity School where she will help guide students there interested in the kind of non-profit work to which she has dedicated her

professional life. Her students will be learning from one of the best and that can only benefit those non-profits that they will eventually lead.

It is my great honor to stand today to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Alison Cunningham for the visionary leadership and tireless advocacy she has brought to Columbus House, the City of New Haven and the State of Connecticut. I wish her all the best in this new endeavor and have no doubt that it will be a great success.

CONGDON STREET BAPTIST  
CHURCH BICENTENNIAL

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague, Congressman DAVID CICILLINE, to celebrate the bicentennial of the Congdon Street Baptist Church. Over the last 200 years, the church has been a pillar of the black community in Providence, serving as a place of worship, education, and fellowship for Providence residents.

From its founding, the church has thrived in the face of adversity. In 1819, under the backdrop of racial segregation and slavery, a small group of residents came together to create a safe space for black members of the Providence community. In 1869, hostile neighbors had the church demolished. Nonetheless, the community rallied together to rebuild the church in 1875, and it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

Over the years, the church has continued to carry out the mission of its founders: supporting civil rights for the black community. In 1968, the church became a sanctuary for black students at Brown University and Pembroke College during the student walkout, and during the 1960s, members of the congregation marched down Cranston Street with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the fight for equal rights.

On its 200th anniversary, we reflect on the Congdon Street Baptist Church's incredible history and wish the church another 200 years of success in connecting community members to their faith and to one another.

CELEBRATING MR. JAMES TURNER'S 85TH BIRTHDAY AND 45 YEARS OF TEACHING AT LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. James "Coach T" Turner, on his 85th birthday as well as recognize his 45 years of teaching at Liberty High School.

Mr. Turner was born and raised in Liberty, Texas. Upon graduating from West Liberty High School in 1954, he was named valedictorian and subsequently received a full scholarship to Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana. After earning his master's degree from Texas Southern University, he traveled back to his hometown where he began

teaching and coaching at West Liberty High School. During his time there, he was named Liberty ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year once and Liberty High School Teacher of the Year nine times. While instructing students, he coached the University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) high school team for math, calculator, and number sense for 17 years. As a U.I.L. coach, he was awarded the U.I.L. Southwestern Bell Academic Sponsor Excellence Award and the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association Salute for U.I.L. Excellence Award for his outstanding contributions to the team and to his students. Mr. Turner also received the City of Ames Award for devoted years of service to West Liberty High and Elementary Schools.

While attending graduate classes at Texas Southern University, Mr. Turner met the love of his life, Mrs. Dorothy Robbins Turner. During their more than 51 years of marriage, they raised one son, Mr. Dedic James Turner. Dedic followed in his dad's footsteps by becoming a math teacher—leading the math department at C.E. King High School—and athletic and academic coach. However, he now works for the ExxonMobil corporation. Throughout his life, Mr. James Turner has continuously made significant contributions to his Southeast Texas community, and it is an honor to recognize him for his outstanding dedication to his fellow citizens.

Madam Speaker, it is because of excellent citizens like Mr. Turner that we have wonderful role models for the next generation of students to aspire to. I am proud that Mr. Turner is a constituent of Texas's 36th Congressional district, and I am thankful for the positive impact he has made in the lives of students. I applaud Mr. Turner for his many accomplishments, and I wish him a very happy 85th birthday and congratulations on his 45 years of teaching.

TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH PLAINS  
HONOR FLIGHT

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I recognize the participation of 120 veterans from Northern Colorado who visited Washington DC this past weekend with the High Plains Honor Flight. I am tremendously grateful each of these individuals had the opportunity to visit the memorials built in their honor in our nation's capital and to be recognized for their service to our country. With strong courage of conviction, these veterans took flight from Loveland, Colorado and traveled to Washington, DC to visit the memorials which recognize their contributions to our nation and world.

The Northern Colorado community, as well as the American people, extend a debt of gratitude to these veterans and all of their fellow service members for their service and for all they have done to maintain and preserve the rights of the American people at home and promote peace and democracy abroad.

I commend High Plains Honor Flight for continuing the work of Honor Flight Northern Colorado and advancing their effort to serve and honor the veterans of Colorado. I know I join with all my fellow Coloradans who wit-

nessed their departure in expressing our gratitude and recognition of this historic Honor Flight.

These veterans, above all, understand the gravity of the sacrifices that Washington, DC's memorials document, and I am grateful they had the opportunity to visit these monuments in-person, both to reflect on the enormous service they contributed to our nation and to pay respect to the fallen soldiers on behalf of each of us.

I send my sincerest gratitude to the participants of the High Plains Honor Flight for all they have done for our Northern Colorado community and for the American people. Their service will never be forgotten.

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 Thursday, September 19, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

SD-124

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

SD-192

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation and Space  
To hold hearings to examine improving air traffic control for the American