

Securing Florida's Coastline Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1146), Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1941), Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 519, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2852, Homebuyer Assistance Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CONGRATULATING DR. LEWIS SQUIRES ON CHIROPRACTOR OF THE YEAR

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Dr. Lewis Squires, a West Michigan resident who was recently named Chiropractor of the year by the Michigan Association of Chiropractors.

This prestigious award perfectly captures Dr. Squires' 41 years of leadership, service, and dedication to Communities in West Michigan and beyond. Through his outstanding work, Dr. Squires has improved the lives of countless Michiganders, reducing chronic pain, providing rehabilitative care, and encouraging a holistic approach to one's well-being.

Dr. Squires has dedicated his life to elevating the chiropractic profession, both directly to people and within the health care industry itself. He has played a crucial role in unifying chiropractors across Michigan, where his leadership earned him a spot on the Michigan Association of Chiropractors Board of Directors.

Receiving the Chiropractor of the Year award is the culmination of numerous recognitions that Dr. Squires has earned. Dr. Squires has also been presented with the Outstanding Alumni President Award from the Michigan Palmer International Alumni Association, the Public Service Award from the Mason County Central High Schools, and was named Mason County's Favorite Chiropractor from 2011–2016.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Lewis Squires on being named Chiropractor of the Year, and to thank him for his many years of service to Mason County and all West Michigan.

LILLIAN STEWART

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Lillian Stewart and to extend my deepest condolences to her family upon her passing at the blessed age of 95. Ms. Stewart was a devoted mother, grandmother, and community activist. I am also privileged to have been able to call Ms. Stewart my friend.

Born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in 1923, Ms. Stewart was born the middle of five children. She spent her formative years in Washington, D.C., where she attended Gar-

net-Patterson Junior High School and Cardozo High School.

After graduating from high school, Ms. Stewart went on to continue her education, completing a post-graduate course in Cosmetology at Madame CJ Walker's College of Beauty Culture; a foreign language course at the University of the District of Columbia; and medical secretary training by the District of Columbia Medical Society; and earning a Montgomery Ward Consumer Education "Art of Interior Decorating Home Fashion Forum" certificate.

Ms. Stewart spent much of her professional career at Howard University Hospital, where she served in several support and junior management positions. She retired from the hospital as Hospital Utilization Review Coordinator. Upon retirement, Ms. Stewart dedicated her time to a range of community activities and small business ventures. She was active in the AARP Shepherd Park Chapter No. 2667, chair of the Southwest Advisory Council-Southwest Health Clinic and was a DC Public Notary. Ms. Stewart was also an outspoken activist. She actively protested the planned closure of DC General Hospital, located in a predominately African American neighborhood, in 2001.

As a mother, Ms. Stewart encouraged a pursuit of education in her children. She was privileged to live to witness her three children's professional accomplishments in communications, medicine, and photography. She also leaves behind six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

On a personal note, I had the honor of spending private time with Ms. Stewart thanks to her loving son Dwight who has been a dear friend for decades. I loved being with her. She brought me joy and made me laugh. Her colorful descriptions and deep insights were remarkable. I attended mass with her on several occasions and she demonstrated in words and deeds her belief in God, who she knew was all merciful and loving. I will deeply miss Ms. Stewart, but her indomitable spirit will endure forever.

Today, I join Ms. Stewart's family in celebrating her life and enduring legacy. May she rest in power and in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRED KELLER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on 9/20/19 because I was attending a funeral in Pennsylvania. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on H.R. 1423, FAIR Act, and "yea" on Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 1423 offered by Rep. JORDAN (R-OH).

IN RECOGNITION OF HELEN BLACKWELL

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Helen

Blackwell. Mrs. Blackwell was a tireless champion for conservative principles.

Mrs. Blackwell served as the Virginia State Chairman of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum for 25 years. She was also the director of the Virginia Conservative Alliance and the Voting Integrity Project, of which she was the original chairman. A dedicated political activist, Mrs. Blackwell was elected chairman of the Arlington County, Virginia Republican Committee three times and was the Republican captain of the Lyon Village precinct in Arlington for 41 years. She served on the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia and was a Delegate from Virginia to the 2008 Republican National Convention.

Mrs. Blackwell was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She attended one year at Randolph-Macon Womans College and received her B.A. in History of Art and M.B.A. from Louisiana State University, where she was the co-founder and secretary of Students for Conservative Government. She was a volunteer docent for many years at the National Gallery of Art.

Since 1972, Mrs. Blackwell resided with her family in Arlington, Virginia. She was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother who lived out her conservative principles every day of her life. Mrs. Blackwell was an active member of Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church and the Eleanor Wilson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her activism has left an indelible impact on the conservative movement, and she leaves a legacy of dedication, kindness, and boldness for years to come. Helen Blackwell will be dearly missed by many in this Chamber.

IN HONOR OF ERIC LARSON'S SERVICE TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, the success of any organization is entirely dependent upon its leadership. The San Diego County Farm Bureau (SDCFB) is a strong and effective advocate for our local agriculture industry, not only in San Diego County, but throughout California. At the helm for the past 23 years has been Eric Larson as its Executive Director. Eric recently announced his retirement from this position and I rise today and ask the House to join me in thanking him for his dedicated service and in congratulating him on this new chapter in his life.

Like many young people, Eric was first introduced to agriculture in school as a member of the Encinitas 4-H Club and San Dieguito High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. This would lead to a 48-year career that included everything from cut flower and nursery crop production to serving as General Manager of the California Floriculture Growers Association for 13 years to eventually leading the SDCFb.

Eric's standing in the agriculture industry grew with his positions on the Board of Directors with the Living Plant Growers Association, the San Diego County Flower and Plant Association, and the San Diego County Water Authority. Simultaneously, dedication to local

community was also an important aspect to Eric's character where he served the City of Carlsbad as a Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Planning Commissioner and twice being elected to the City Council.

For over 100 years, the SDCFB has successfully championed our local agriculture industry and Eric came to the Bureau in 1996 immediately continuing this legacy of leadership. During Eric's tenure as Executive Director, the SDCFB was honored as the California Farm Bureau "County of the Year" three times, successfully relocated and acquired income property, launched San Diego Grown magazine, established the San Diego Farm & Nursery Expo, kept members informed on all important issues, defeated two countywide ballot measures opposed by farmers, shielded farmers from the State of California's drought water use restrictions, created the San Diego Regional Irrigated Lands Group, initiated strategic planning to better serve members, and elevated the standing of local farmers and the Farm Bureau in the eyes of elected officials, regulatory agencies and the public as a whole.

Eric's strong reputation of mastering complex issues and helping create successful strategies toward achieving goals is well-earned. On many occasions, my office has used Eric as a resource to not only ensure we had a full understanding of matters affecting our agriculture community, but to also help us effectively communicate on a broad range of policy issues. Eric's retirement is well-deserved and, while he will definitely be missed, I am confident Eric's leadership and advocacy will continue in new and exciting ways.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 11, 2019 during roll call no. 520, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 3, as Modified, to H.R. 205, Protecting and Serving Florida's Coastline Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 521, On Passage of H.R. 205, Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act of 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 522, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Part F Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 1941, Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 523, On Agreeing to the Amendment, Gosar of Arizona Part F Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 1941, Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted, "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 524, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1941, Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 525, On Passage of H.R. 1941, Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF EDDIE AGUERO

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the service Eddie Aguero has provided to the residents of the State of California and to our nation. Today, Mr. Aguero is being recognized for his twenty-five years of service to California Volunteers. I ask my colleagues to stand with me in celebration of his commitment to our community.

Made at Sacramento State and a U.S. Air Force veteran, Mr. Aguero has dedicated his life to service. Prior to his last twenty-five years with California Volunteers, he worked at the Sacramento Job Corps as Recreation Supervisor and Counselor to the young people attending for academic and technical training. He later served as the CalSERVE Program Manager for the California Conservation Corps. In this capacity, he implemented and managed grants. He also served in other capacities where he oversaw projects from start to finish for 150 corps members.

In 1994, Mr. Aguero began his career at California Volunteers, which was known as the California Commission at the time. During his time with the organization, he served as an Assistant Director of Programs, Training and Technical Assistance Director, Disability Coordinator, and Manager of Program Operations. Mr. Aguero has also been at the forefront of disaster release efforts. In response to Hurricane Katrina, he oversaw the deployment of AmeriCorps members and most recently for the Camp Fire in Paradise. Over the years, he has partnered closely with AmeriCorps programs, providing them with essential training and technical assistance, focused on developing the capacity of program associates to oversee programs, and much more. Mr. Aguero's efforts have not gone unnoticed. The legacy of his work garnered him the honor as one of twenty AmeriCorps Trailblazers in 2014.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Eddie Aguero for his successful career and his tireless advocacy for service programming and engaging Californians in service. Mr. Aguero is a true California treasure and a leader in our community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing him congratulations for the past three decades of service and best wishes for his continued service.

IN HONOR OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. JUANITA ABERNATHY

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and legacy of Mrs. Juanita Abernathy, a selfless and determined leader in the struggle for civil rights, whose direction and tireless engagement were integral to the progress of the movement. From the Montgomery bus boycott to the marches from Selma to Montgomery

and on Washington, D.C., and beyond, Mrs. Abernathy played a key role in our nation's proudest instances of citizen activism. She fought boldly alongside her husband, the Reverend Dr. Ralph Abernathy, and their dear friends and fellow architects of the movement, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, to enact necessary and meaningful change, whose effects reverberated throughout our country. While many male leaders of the civil rights movement have rightfully become household names, the women whose struggles and sacrifice were equal and whose participation was necessary, have not enjoyed the same recognition. Mrs. Juanita Abernathy was a brilliant, courageous leader in her own right, and today we recognize her remarkable and distinct contributions.

Mrs. Abernathy was born on December 1, 1931 in Uniontown, Alabama, the youngest of Alexander and Ella Gilmore Jones' eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who made their living as dairy, beef and cotton farmers, did well for themselves, and were named the most successful farmers in the Black Belt by Tuskegee Institute in the 1940s. At an early age, Mrs. Abernathy was sent to live with her older sister to attend an African American boarding school, Selma University Prep School, from kindergarten through graduation. In the ninth grade, she met her future husband, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy, who wrote in his memoir that he was impressed by her audacious spirit and inherent dignity. Both were on display at the local grocery store when a white clerk refused to carry Mrs. Abernathy's groceries to her car. She replied that if he was unable to carry her groceries to the car, he should instead go ahead and return the groceries to the shelves. In 1952, after Mrs. Abernathy completed her B.S. in business education at Tennessee State University in Nashville, she and Dr. Abernathy were married.

Mrs. and Dr. Abernathy moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where she became a secretary for the Alabama chapter of the NAACP and taught high school courses on business education, while Dr. Abernathy served as pastor of the First Baptist Church on Ripley St. In 1954, the couple hosted a new pastor, who had been brought in to lead the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife, Coretta Scott King. In 1955, around the family dining room table, Mrs. Abernathy wrote the business plan for the Montgomery bus boycott, a plan which later served as a blueprint for the Civil Rights Movement. Meant to last only one day, the boycott went on for 381 days, eventually leading to the courts desegregating public transit and the country. In retaliation to the success of the Montgomery bus boycott, the Abernathy house was bombed while Dr. Abernathy was in Atlanta with Dr. King, establishing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Thankfully, Mrs. Abernathy, who was home with her oldest daughter Juandaleigh, and pregnant with her youngest, Donzaleigh, was safe, though firefighters said that if the bomb had landed only a foot away, it would have exploded the house's main gas line. That same night Dr. Abernathy's church was bombed. Over the years, Mrs. Abernathy endured terror, harassment and unbridled hatred from white supremacists in her community and beyond; and yet, in the face of unimaginable threats, Mrs. Abernathy maintained her innate dignity and bravery.