

But something wasn't right. The system showed five missiles heading for the Soviet Union. Petrov's training had indicated that if a nuclear strike came, dozens of warheads would rain down on Russia, not just five.

What was going on? Time wasn't on Petrov's side. Every minute he spent trying to figure it out was a minute weapons might be speeding toward his sleeping homeland.

And nobody in the entire Soviet Union was aware of it—except Stanislav Petrov. His standing order was to immediately notify the Kremlin's big brass in such an emergency. His gut instinct told him to wait. As he was making up his mind, the word "launch" flashed in his face.

In the end, he didn't notify his superiors as protocol required. Had he done so, they likely would have ordered a massive retaliatory strike on the United States, very probably ending life as we know it. Instead, he waited. "Twenty-three minutes later I realized that nothing had happened," he said. "If there had been a real strike, then I would already know about it. It was such a relief."

It was the closest the world had come to an actual nuclear conflict since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

It turned out Petrov's instinct was right. The computer system had malfunctioned. At first his superiors were pleased with his coolness amid the ultimate crisis. But the Soviets were world-class bureaucrats, and he was later reprimanded for not filling out the required paperwork while the crisis was underway. "I had a phone in one hand and the intercom in the other, and I don't have a third hand (for filling out forms)," he said.

Petrov eventually left the military to work for the very research institute that designed the faulty monitoring system. He suffered a mental breakdown due to the emotional trauma he had experienced, recovered, and eventually retired to tend to his wife during her final battle with cancer.

He was living alone when he died quietly at age 77 last May 19, such an obscure figure that news of his passing wasn't learned until just a few weeks ago.

"They were lucky it was me on shift that night," Stanislav Petrov once said. That's putting it mildly.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUROR PAY PARITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Juror Pay Parity Act to require that DC Superior Court jurors receive the same pay as federal jurors.

Currently, Superior Court jurors are paid \$40 per day, and, under the Home Rule Act, only the DC courts and Congress have the authority to increase Superior Court juror pay. My bill would require that Superior Court jurors receive the same pay as federal jurors.

In the fiscal year 2018 omnibus appropriations bill, Congress increased federal juror pay to \$50 per day, the first increase to federal juror pay in 28 years. My bill would give Superior Court jurors the same pay.

Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–33), Congress took responsibility for paying for the DC courts and other state-like functions provide by DC. The DC courts, however, have always been under the control of Congress, even when they were funded by the District. The Home Rule Act prohibits the District government from enacting any law relating to Title 11 of the DC Code. Title 11 provides that the Board of Judges of the Superior Court sets juror pay, but that the pay may not exceed the pay of federal jurors. Therefore, this bill, or action by the DC courts, is necessary to increase Superior Court juror pay.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING FLOYD LOFTON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Floyd Lofton's service to our country during World War II and in celebration of his upcoming 100th Birthday.

Mr. Lofton was born in West Point, Mississippi on February 22, 1920. He joined the Army on December 5th, 1942 in Little Rock, AR. He was trained as a truck driver and qualified as a sharpshooter in riflery training.

During the war he was deployed to the Pacific Theater of operations and served in New Guinea. He spent 2 years, 2 months, and 13 days in theater on foreign soil. As a result of his service, Mr. Lofton was awarded the WWII Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star.

Floyd Lofton is a true American Hero from the greatest generation. I invite Congress to join me in thanking Mr. Lofton for his service to this nation and the free world and in wishing him a happy 100th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JASBIR "GUDDI" KAUR SIDHU

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mrs. Jasbir "Guddi" Sidhu who tragically passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2019. Guddi will be remembered for her dedicated service to the Sikh community of Fresno, California.

Guddi lived an admirable life and made countless contributions to the city of Fresno. For 25 years, she had a weekly television show and was a founding member of KBIF 900, a local radio station. Her weekend program featured interviews with community members, cultural figures and well-known international songs. Her station was aired not only in Fresno, but also in India and streamed by thousands on social media.

Guddi was a well-known and well-respected leader in the Punjabi Sikh community. She was a member of numerous local groups and

worked hard to preserve the Punjabi culture and Sikh religion for children and families in the community. Guddi was a member of the Sikh Women's Organization for 15 years and was Vice President Sikh Institute of Fresno.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of Jasbir "Guddi" Sidhu. She was a respected member in the community and had a passion for the people of the Central Valley.

HONORING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF MELVIN CURTIS WHITLOCK, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Melvin Curtis Whitlock, Jr.

Melvin Curtis Whitlock, Jr. was born on Saturday, June 8, 1957. He was the first born of Melvin Curtis Whitlock, Sr. and Mary Lean Johnson-Whitlock, or "Mary Lean" as she is most affectionately called. As engaged members of their community, Melvin Sr. and Mary Lean's high-spirited union was further harmonized by the joy and laughter Melvin would bring.

As he grew, Melvin became openly passionate and outgoing through his love of music and baseball. He became a member of the band and joined the baseball team during his trajectory at Jim Hill High School. Melvin had a love for motorcycles, percussion, The Temptations, Good Times, and Sanford & Son.

Following high school, Melvin attended Jackson State University. Upon leaving JSU, he married his high school sweetheart and started a family. From their union came three beautiful children which Melvin would tell everyone were his three greatest accomplishments.

Melvin received certification in masonry from Hinds Community College and spent time working with his father, Melvin Sr.

He was known for the phrase, "Y'all think y'all deserve everything on a silver platter", which encouraged his children and others to appreciate the value of earning whatever they wanted in life.

He was an outstanding, faithful member at his spiritual home, Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ until his passing on September 24, 2019.

Melvin is survived by his father: Melvin "M.C." Whitlock, Sr., mother: Mary Lean Whitlock, daughter: Niki Whitlock, grandsons: Tyler Nelson and Lance Jones, great granddaughters: BellaKay Jones and Emerson Jones, son: Brian M. Whitlock, son: Gerren K. Whitlock, Sr., grandchildren: Gerren Whitlock, II and Cayla Whitlock, brothers: James Whitlock and Marvin Whitlock, sisters: Sandra Moses, Joyce Whitlock, Debbie Whitlock, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Melvin Whitlock, Jr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures. If I were present for roll call votes, I would have voted "aye" for the following vote: Roll Call 540, September 20, 2019: On Passage of H.R. 1423, Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act.

In addition, I would have voted "no" on the following vote: Roll Call 539, September 20, 2019: On Agreeing to the Amendment by Jordan of Ohio Part B Amendment No. 1.

OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
IN MARRAKECH**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, two weeks ago, I participated as Ranking Member with Co-Chairman Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS and Co-Chairman Senator ROGER WICKER of the Joint Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (The Helsinki Commission) to attend the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Marrakech, Morocco, with fellow Congressmen EMANUEL CLEAVER and ANDY HARRIS.

We were warmly welcomed to North Africa by President Mohamed Ennaceur of Tunisia in Tunis. We saw firsthand the vibrant democracy conducting parliamentary and presidential elections. America is ably represented by Ambassador David Blome and Deputy Chief of Mission Gregory LoGerfo. A wreath was placed at the North Africa American Cemetery where over 6,500 Americans are memorialized for liberating North Africa from Nazi occupation, escorted by Superintendent Ryan Blum.

In Jerusalem our dedicated U.S. Ambassador to Israel, David Friedman presented an update on the U.S.-Israeli alliance. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu enthusiastically reviewed the ever-evolving political situation. We were inspired with an audience with the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III. Director Ze'ev Orenstein gave an impressive tour of the archeological discoveries of The City of David Ancient Jerusalem.

Chief of Staff Alex Johnson provided well-researched briefing materials for the Assembly in Marrakech. Morocco is a valued Non-NATO Ally of America with a surging economy for the people led by King Mohammed VI.

With parliamentarians from 57 nations it was refreshing that opportunities were available for full participation with members respectful of time constraints led by Assembly President Gigi Tsereteli of Georgia with Secretary General Roberto Montella of Italy.

Co-Chairmen HASTINGS and WICKER hosted a special meeting with nine parliamentarians of different political parties from Ukraine who were appreciative of America's support of their independence. I was grateful to meet dynamic delegates from Andorra, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, San Marino, Serbia, and Tajikistan.

I was fortunate to meet with Speaker of the National Assembly of Burkina Faso Alassane

Bala Sakande who is President of the African Parliamentary Union and Speaker Moustapha Cisse Lo of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) of Senegal.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th and the Global War on Terrorism, with the leadership of President Donald Trump.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY
OF MARIE EDITH MUSTILLO**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Marie Edith Mustillo, a woman of strength, honor and good humor, on her 90th Birthday.

Born on October 5, 1929 to John and Rose Perrello, Sicilian immigrants whose American dream was realized as they settled in Buffalo. The third of five children, Marie and her siblings grew up on Myrtle Avenue in Buffalo. She attended Public School 6 Grammar School and went on to the Girls Vocational High School. Cultural stigmas posed no threat to Marie Perrello as she studied business and took a position at Allstate Trucking where she wrote up manifests for the drivers. While employed there, it was not uncommon for a man to tell her that because she was a woman, she was in the wrong job. Marie proved it was those men who were wrong.

She then took her professional skills to W.H. Edgar and Son, a sugar company at the Clinton Market where she worked as a secretary. Marie moved from the market to a doctor's office as she became a trusted podiatry assistant for almost thirty years at the office of Dr. Herbert Shulefand.

As if out of a movie script, this lively, lovely young woman met the love of her life, Louis Mustillo, Sr., on New Year's Eve in 1950. Three years later they married. Always close to her family, married life would not change that as the happy couple lived upstairs from her parents before moving to Mineral Spring Road in 1956 because her grandmother lived on Hayden, the next street over. The Mustillo's finally planted their roots on Edgewood Avenue, in a home where Marie still lives today. At their new South Buffalo home, Marie and Louis, who would become known as Buffalo's most respected professional bartender, raised three beautiful children together: Concetta (Michael Myers), Louis Jr. (Tricia Brown), and Lisa (Mark Vary). Their children's careers in health care, the entertainment industry and social work continue to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

The Mustillo home, like others on Edgewood Avenue, became a gathering place for the families, children and many friends who found an open door, a warm welcome, an invite for dinner and when needed, a look that meant someone would be sent home for misbehaving. A few years ago, there was even a widely attended Edgewood Avenue reunion where neighbors of all generations, present and past, spent the evening reminiscing about the block parties, life-long friendships, shared celebrations and heartache that made Edgewood a very special place to raise a family.

And, Marie and Louis resided in the heart of that street and personified the values of fam-

ily, faith, friendship, hard work, giving back to one's community, pursuing your dreams, loyalty and love of country that they instilled in their children and grandchildren, Michael, Lisa and Concetta Marie. In true Marie Mustillo style, she soldiered on after the loss of her beloved husband in 1998 even comforting a neighbor getting married that day. Now the undisputed matriarch of the Mustillo clan, she is held in high regard by those who know her and love her and those she loves so well.

Her passion for gardening reflects her love of nature, the pride she takes in doing her own planting and then seeing her work come to life as she curates one of the most glorious presentations in the neighborhood. Its inclusion in the South Buffalo Garden Walk makes her home a true destination for residents and visitors alike. You are truly blessed, as I am, to be the recipient of one her aprons as one of Marie's favorite pastimes is sewing. Her handmade aprons have made appearances on national television programs including Mike and Molly, which starred her son Louis Jr. and are permanent fixtures in the wardrobe department at Warner Brothers Studios. These aprons have been gifted to New York State Governor Cuomo as well as several Parisian cafes.

A longtime, active parishioner at St. Thomas Aquinas (STA) Church, it is appropriate that the color representing 90 years is purple, the same color highlighting so many STA banners over the years. Purple represents wisdom, dignity, independence and creativity; all innate qualities found in the fiber and fabric of Marie Mustillo.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for this time to acknowledge Marie Edith Perrello Mustillo who for 90 years has graced the lives of her family she loves and the friends she cherishes as she built relationships that have lasted a lifetime. We send congratulations and best wishes for continued health and happiness as this beloved wife, devoted mother, caring grandparent, generous friend, honorary Edgewood Eagle and South Buffalo Legend will be celebrated at Chef's Restaurant on the date of her birth, October 5.

TRIBUTE TO EMILIO NICOLAS

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Emilio Nicolas who passed away on October 12, 2019. Mr. Nicolas hails from my hometown of San Antonio, Texas. For decades he led the way in providing a voice for Mexican Americans through Spanish-language television. He is survived by his wife Irma, one sister, three children, five grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Emilio Nicolas was born on October 27, 1930 to Mr. and Mrs. Constantino Nicolas in Frontera, Coahuila, Mexico. In 1948, he moved to San Antonio to study chemistry and mathematics at St. Mary's University; graduating in 1951. Later, he received a master's degree from Trinity University in 1952.

In 1955, Emilio Nicolas came to work at KCOR-AM & TV in San Antonio where he produced live programming and television.