

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

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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

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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.

Nicolas and investors later purchased KCOR, renaming it KWEX; precursor to Univision. The fourth Television Network, Univision became a major media company catering to Spanish speaking audiences across Texas and the United States.

Emilio Nicolas was known for his commitment to community and family. His work has given a voice to so many Hispanic Americans on a massive, global scale. But he also never forgot the community that made him, and in turn, we can never forget him.

Madam Speaker, we have lost a pioneer whose story and work inspired so many in our community. He's remembered in our words, in our heritage, and most importantly, in all the stories of Hispanic Americans raising their voices because of the road he paved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I was absent September 18 through 20, 2019 due to a knee injury that inhibited travel to Washington, D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" for H.R. 4378, Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes, and "no" for H.R. 1423, Forced Arbitration Injustice.

I was absent September 24 through 27, 2019 due to a knee injury that inhibited travel to Washington, D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted: "no" on H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act; "no" on Democrat Motion to Table the Question of the Privileges of the House, stating: That the House of Representatives disapproves of the actions of the Speaker of the House, Mrs. PELOSI of California, to initiate an impeachment inquiry against the duly elected President of the United States, Donald J. Trump; "yes" on H. Res. 576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community; "no" on H.R. 3525, U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act; "no" on S.J. Res. 54, Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019; and "no" on Democrat Motion to Table the Question of the Privileges of the House, stating: That the House of Representatives disapproves of the actions of the Speaker of the House, Mrs. PELOSI of California, to initiate an impeachment inquiry

against the duly elected President of the United States, Donald J. Trump.

RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S BREWERS

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate our country's brewers.

This week, some of America's 7,000 beer brewers and importers are in our nation's capital as part of the Beer Institute's beer jobs showcase. They are meeting with lawmakers to discuss how they're creating more than 2.1 million good-paying jobs and generating \$328 billion in economic activity.

One beer job contributes to 31 more in a wide range of industries, including farming, manufacturing, trucking and restaurants.

Every congressional district is home to a brewery. My home state of Pennsylvania has a rich history with brewing that dates all the way back to the 1600s. Currently, we have more than 500 breweries that employ 77,000 people.

That's why I'm proud to have co-authored the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act with my friend and colleague Congressman RON KIND of Wisconsin. Today, H.R. 1175 has 288 cosponsors.

Our bipartisan bill would provide permanent federal excise tax relief to America's brewers and beer importers, ensuring they have the resources to reinvest in their businesses, hire new employees and continue to innovate. The federal excise tax cut was enacted in 2017, but it is set to expire at the end of the year. By extending this tax relief, brewers can continue to invest, produce and create America's favorite beers.

Brewers across our nation exemplify the American dream and our country's spirit of entrepreneurship. As Americans, let's raise a glass to our beer-making heritage.

RECOGNIZING VIERA SUNTREE LITTLE LEAGUE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize two exceptional and accomplished

baseball teams from Florida's eighth congressional district for their recent championship wins. The Viera Suntree Little League sent both their Juniors and Majors All-Stars baseball teams to compete in the state championships, bringing home two stunning victories. Not only did both teams win state championships, but the Juniors team went on to play in the Little League World Series where only 16 teams in the entire country are selected to compete. There the Juniors team placed second in the U.S. bracket and fourth in the World, finishing with a 15 and 2 overall record. The magnitude of both teams' accomplishments cannot be understated. Their dedication to excellence in the sport of baseball is evident in this achievement.

I would like to also mention that this is not the first time that Viera Suntree All-Stars teams have competed for championships. They received their first Majors division state championship in 2010. These teams consistently compete at high levels and voluntarily dedicate themselves to countless hours of practice and playing games.

I am incredibly grateful to have such outstanding young men and their coaches represent our district on the national stage. I would like to extend a special congratulations to Manager Jason Allen, Coaches John Glendinning and Dustin Keith, and players Aaron Brand, Luke Campbell, Lucas Glendinning, Apollos Horrell, Luc Iten, Dylan Jordan, Logan Keith, Luke McDonough, Cameron Ruston, Cameron Simpkins, Cole Smith, Blake Strode, Brycen Weeks, and Camden Wicker of the Juniors team.

I would also like to congratulate Manager Russell Cheatham, Coaches Raul Leoni, Clint Marshall, and players Izzy Birru, Robbie Caruso, Micah Cheatham, Brennan Confreda, Finnegan Goldiner, Dominic Leoni, Evan Lipski, Austin Marshall, Colton Marshall, Deaglan McBride, Mikey Minarik, Jonah Peacock, and Brandon Reiter of the Majors team.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of both the Juniors and Majors All-Star teams and I look forward to seeing what they can achieve next year.