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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 18, 2019 during roll call no. 565, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3624, Huizenga of Michigan Part C Amendment No. 1. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 566, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 3624, Hill of Arkansas Part C Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 567, On Passage, H.R. 3624, Outsourcing Accountability Act of 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND MILITARY SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN DALE FORD

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and military service of Lieutenant Colonel John Dale “JD” Ford, who passed away on October 11 at the age of 56.

JD was born on October 16, 1962, in Laurel, Mississippi. He was a graduate of Taylorsville High School, where he was the second basemen for the Taylorsville Tartars baseball team. After graduation, he pursued higher education at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi.

JD answered the call to serve our great nation in the Mississippi National Guard and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in October of 2018. As a Mississippi Guardsman, JD worked in the United States Property and Fiscal Operations Department for 36 years and deployed to Kuwait and Iraq.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 29 years, Bobbi Jo Ford of Brandon, Mississippi; his sons—John Dale Ford, Jr. and William Robert Ford; his daughter, Maci Ford Whyte of Brandon, Mississippi; his sisters—Marilyn Naron of Brandon, Mississippi, Nancy Ford of Brandon, Mississippi, and Emily Evans of Taylorsville, Mississippi; as well as many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Lieutenant Colonel John Dale Ford’s life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. GERTRUDE NEWSOME-JACKSON

HON. ERIC A. “RICK” CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Gertrude Newsome-

Jackson of Phillips County, who fought for civil rights throughout her entire life. A mother of 11 children, Mrs. Jackson was known throughout the Delta area as a leader in the civil rights movement. Jackson has received recognition and honor from president’s and her community members alike. Her work and legacy will forever continue to impact the great people of Arkansas.

In the 1960’s, Gertrude Jackson and her husband Earlis Jackson hosted the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which was quintessential in the work of desegregation throughout Arkansas and the country. With some ideas from the SNCC and inspiration from her children, she led a boycott and law suit for the desegregation and sewage fixing of Turner Elementary schools and all the surrounding local schools.

Mrs. Jackson’s efforts led the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit to mandate the school district “to fully and effectively desegregate not only all facilities but the faculty and classes effective at the beginning of the 1970–71 school year.” Gertrude Jackson’s spirit to serve her community also led her to establish the Boys, Girls, Adults Community development center that continues to facilitate the community today in Marvell, Arkansas. I am eternally grateful for Gertrude Jackson service in our district and state.

BASELESS ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT TRUMP

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, since the day President Donald Trump was elected, bitter Democrats have been obsessively scheming for any sign of alleged wrongdoing and citing impeachment of the duly elected President. Every time a new accusation comes to light, it is contrived by unsubstantiated evidence and later disproved, wasting already over \$35 million of taxpayers’ hard earned money. It is disappointing that instead of addressing issues for American families, House Speaker NANCY PELOSI continues this divisive, unsubstantiated attack on President Trump.

Instead of addressing issues truly affecting Americans, such as passing the United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement (USMCA) or repealing the unjust “Widow’s Tax,” House Democrats continues this attempt to mislead the American people with baseless attacks on President Trump. The House Speaker’s refusal to hold a floor vote where all House members can vote to authorize this inquiry conceals a public process. Let me be clear, there is no reason for these accusations aside from bitter partisan politics.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

CONGRATULATING DAVE CHAPPELLE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dave Chappelle for receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor this year.

On October 27, 2019, Dave Chappelle will be the recipient of the 22nd annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. He will be the first District of Columbia-born recipient of this award, making D.C. residents exceedingly proud of his recognition.

Chappelle, who graduated from Duke Ellington School of the Arts (Duke Ellington), the city’s premier performing arts high school, attributes a great deal of his success to his upbringing in the Nation’s Capital and to Duke Ellington. At Duke Ellington, he was inspired by his older peers to do better and take risks in artistic expression.

After graduating from Duke Ellington, Chappelle committed to standup comedy. He later went on to produce and star in his own show, “the Dave Chappelle Show,” and earn an Emmy for his performance on Saturday Night Live. His collection of awards now includes two Emmys and two Grammys.

Chappelle has never forgotten D.C. as his home. He has gone back to Duke Ellington to speak and inspire students, often reflecting on his own time at the school. He graciously gave the school his Emmy in 2017, impressing on the students that fighting the odds is possible. He is an advocate for equal rights for D.C. residents, and D.C. residents returned the love in 2017 when Chappelle was painted, alongside other well-known African American Washingtonians, on the wall of Ben’s Chili Bowl on U Street.

The Mark Twain Prize for American Humor is an annual award given to individuals who have impacted society in ways similar to 19th-century novelist and essayist Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). Like Mark Twain, Chappelle is an intense observer of society. I could not agree more with Kennedy Center President Deborah F. Rutter when she said, “Dave is the embodiment of Mark Twain’s observation that ‘against the assault of humor, nothing can stand.’”

As a recipient of the Mark Twain Prize, Chappelle follows in the footsteps of America’s best comedians, most recently, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, David Letterman, Bill Murray, Eddie Murphy and Jay Leno.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to honor Dave Chappelle for his contributions to the art of humor, for his contributions to the District of Columbia through his comedy and advocacy, and for receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call No. 569.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEIL ARMSTRONG TEST FACILITY RENAMING

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, today I introduce bipartisan legislation to rename NASA's Plum Brook Station in Sandusky, Ohio in honor of Neil Armstrong. Plum Brook is part of the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center and is home to unique world-class facilities that conduct critical and innovative ground tests for the international aerospace community. Plum Brook Station is testing a new generation of space exploration hardware for NASA's efforts to explore the lunar surface and to again land humans on the Moon. Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Senators BROWN (D-OH) and PORTMAN (R-OH).

Ohio is not only the birthplace of aviation, it is also the birthplace of one of human history's all-time great explorers and aviators: Neil Armstrong, the first man to ever set foot anywhere other than on our planet Earth. A native Ohioan, Neil Armstrong served as a Navy pilot and later served the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) at the Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory, now known as north east Ohio's NASA John H. Glenn Research Center, of which NASA Plum Brook is affiliated.

Armstrong's 'small step for man, one giant leap for mankind' has gone down as one of the most significant and memorable events in human history. Armstrong has inspired countless young people to pursue careers in aviation and public service, young people who will carry on and build upon his immeasurable legacy. It is an honor to introduce this bipartisan legislation alongside Rep. GONZALEZ in the House and Senators BROWN and PORTMAN in the Senate. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING FALLEN PARATROOPERS OF THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 81 paratroopers of the Army

of the Republic of Vietnam whose remains will find a final resting place in Orange County this weekend.

These brave soldiers—whose names we may never know—were killed in 1965 aboard an American plane and died alongside 4 American crew members. For the last 33 years, the commingled remains of these paratroopers had remained in Hawaii, their destination unknown. After years of ambiguity, they will be laid to rest in the heart of the Vietnamese community in the United States.

This weekend's service reminds us of America's enduring commitment to our allies and partners, to those who stand beside us in the face of great peril to themselves and their families. For too long, South Vietnamese soldiers who fought and died alongside American forces have not received the recognition they earned.

I am proud to represent a community that remembers those South Vietnamese fighters who gave the ultimate sacrifice standing alongside American servicemembers. I join the Vietnamese-American community—especially the ARVN veterans not only in Orange County but across our nation—in remembrance and appreciation for these paratroopers.

I urge all members to join me in recognizing the South Vietnamese fighters who fought alongside United States forces during the Vietnam War, especially those 81 who will be laid to their final resting place in Orange County this weekend.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL J. WILLIAMS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to recognize and honor Children's National Hospital Board Chair Michael J. Williams for his leadership and dedication to the health and well-being of children and families in the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

Mr. Williams' service to Children's National and the children and families of the District of Columbia, the national capital region and beyond has been notable and profound. During his five years as Chair, Children's National has served 22,000 patients in its hospital and 650,000 through its clinics.

Through his leadership, Children's National has continued to achieve and improve its

ranking by US News & World Report as one of the Top 10 Pediatric Hospitals in the country and for three years in a row it has been ranked as the country's No. 1 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Further, Children's National achieved Magnet designation for Outstanding Nursing Care during Mr. Williams' last year as Chair.

During Mr. Williams' tenure as Chair, Children's National launched the creation of the Children's National Research & Innovation Campus at the former Walter Reed Medical Center. This will be the first of its kind in the nation to focus on pediatric research and innovation. It will also be the home to JLabs @ Washington, DC, a collaboration with Johnson & Johnson Innovation LLC, providing incubation space for companies that are seeking to advance the development of new drugs and medical devices, including applications in pediatrics. Children's National also entered into another key partnership aimed at improving access to health care for a unique patient population when it integrated with the HSC Health System.

Even though Mr. Williams retired as Chair of the Board on October 1, 2019, I am pleased that he will continue his service to children by remaining on the Children's National Board through June 2020. In addition, he will be a Director on the board of the HSC Foundation.

As Chair, Mr. Williams has skillfully and successfully guided Children's National through a period of significant change.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to honor Michael J. Williams for his leadership and service to Children's National, and for the exceptionally valuable contributions he has made to the health and welfare of children and families of the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I was attending a funeral Monday afternoon and was not able to get back before the votes concluded. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on Roll Call No. 568; "yea" on Roll Call No. 569; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 570.