

congratulate them as they continue their honorable work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, on February 11, 2019, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on the Social Media Use in Clearance Investigations Act (H.R. 1065) and the Creating Advanced Streamlined Electronic Services for Constituents Act (H.R. 1079). Had I been present for roll calls No. 76 and 77, I would have voted “aye” for both measures.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY FEDERAL WORKERS DURING THE LONGEST GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IN AMERICAN HISTORY

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the federal workers, both in my district and across the country, who went without pay during the government shutdown.

Across the country, about 800,000 federal employees went without pay for 35 days during the shutdown from December 22nd to January 25th. This wrongheaded situation was hard on all the affected workers, but it was particularly difficult for the 110,000 affected federal employees who earn \$50,000 or less annually. Despite not being paid, more than 420,000 employees were required to work for weeks on end. Worse still, these employees had to live with the uncertainty of not knowing when the shutdown would end, and when they would be paid again. Furloughs and delayed paychecks are not the right way to treat our hard-working employees who provide critical services to Americans across the country, and they are the wrong way to run an effective and functioning government.

Despite a misguided lapse in appropriations, many workers in my community and nationwide admirably and dutifully continued working without pay. Air traffic controllers at the O’Hare International Airport, and other American airports, worked without pay to ensure planes could take off and land safely. TSA Agents worked without pay so that Americans could travel safely, keeping our economy thriving. IRS and Treasury employees worked without pay to ensure our constituents could process their tax returns and plan for their financial security. HUD employees worked without pay so that society’s most vulnerable, our low-income and senior citizens, had safe housing. USDA employees worked without pay so that our food would be inspected, and so working families could receive food aid, preserving public health and family wellbeing. Employees at the National Park Service worked without pay to protect our sacred public spaces. National Weather Service Employees worked without pay to provide critical

weather information that we rely on daily for comfort and accessibility. Madam Speaker, these employees worked tirelessly for the good of their country, even when their government wasn’t working for them.

Unfortunately, this lack of pay required working families to turn to food banks, food pantries and other charitable organizations. These incredible civic organizations, including many faith-based organizations and places of worship, are the lifeblood of our local communities. Their life-saving services during this difficult time will not be forgotten.

Moving forward, I am committed to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan fashion to prevent future government shutdowns at all costs so that no Americans—including federal workers and citizens who rely on critical government services—will have to suffer the consequences of another government shutdown.

To quote the late civil rights icon Martin Luther King, Jr.: “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” In this moment of severe controversy, and in the face of extraordinary challenges, federal workers persevered for the betterment of their community. I want to recognize the vital work and sacrifice of these brave Americans. Their outstanding performance during the shutdown will always be remembered.

CHARLES WARREN POPE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Navy Veteran, Petty Officer Third Class Charles Warren Pope of Somerdale in New Jersey’s First Congressional District.

PO3 Pope was born in Hope Mills, North Carolina on August 22, 1946. He joined the Navy in 1966 and during the Vietnam War he was stationed on the USS Saratoga, an aircraft carrier. During this time, he worked as a Yeoman to the Chaplain and earned the rank of Petty Officer Third Class.

Upon his return to the United States he was stationed in the Philadelphia Naval Yard for maintenance and repairs. In 1972, PO3 Pope made the decision to serve his community as a law enforcement officer with the Somerdale Police Department. After thirty years of protecting the lives and property of citizens, PO3 Pope retired as Chief of Police in 2002.

Afterwards, PO3 Pope continued his lifelong public service career with the New Jersey State Assembly, Sergeant at Arms. Meanwhile, for more than a decade and a half he was a substitute teacher, primarily in the special education classroom at Sterling High School.

After his service to the United States Armed Force concluded, PO3 Pope’s contributions to our country continued through his service to the community, as a volunteer with the Somerdale Fire Department, serving on the Somerdale Planning & Zoning Board and presently he serves as the President of the Somerdale Fire Department.

Petty Officer Charles Warren Pope has four daughters, Dawn, Amy, Meredith and Carrie,

and three grandsons Robert, Joshua and Elijah.

PO3 Charles Pope is an honorable American, having served our great nation in a time of war, the State of New Jersey, his community and his service to the public for over a half century merits our collective appreciation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Petty Officer Third Class Charles Warren Pope for his contributions and dedication to the safety of our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on Monday, February 11, I was unavoidably detained due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 76, and YEA on Roll Call No. 77.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, on February 8, 2019, I was unable to be in attendance for votes on the House floor due to the funeral of my constituent, Detective Bill Brewer of the Clermont County Sheriff’s Department, who selflessly gave his life in the line of duty on February 2, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 72; YEA on Roll Call No. 73; YEA on Roll Call No. 74; and YEA on Roll Call No. 75.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATTI MONTALBANO, UNICAN OF THE YEAR FOR UNICO NATIONAL SCRANTON CHAPTER

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Patti Montalbano, who will be named Unican of the Year by the UNICO National Scranton Chapter. She, along with her husband, Bob, will be honored on February 23, 2019 during the annual UNICO Charity Ball.

Patti Montalbano was born in Scranton to Alfonso and the late Lucy Coviello Giambrone. She graduated from St. Anthony of Padua Grade School and St. Paul’s High School. She then went on to receive her Registered Nurse diploma from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing at the University of Scranton and a Bachelor of Science from Trinity University. Patti’s hospital nursing career was spent in obstetrics, newborn nurseries, and the neonatal ICU. She then moved to community health nursing at the Pennsylvania Department of Health. She was a member of several health-related networking groups in Lackawanna and

Luzerne Counties and a part-time hospital clinical instructor in newborn care at Penn State Scranton Campus. Following 25 years of service Patti retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Health as the school health consultant, where she served over 59 school districts.

Patti joined the Ladies Auxiliary to the UNICO National Scranton Chapter in 2006 and then the Chapter proper in 2009. Patti was very committed to the work of the Auxiliary and was instrumental in its reorganization in 2011 and 2012. After serving as President of the Auxiliary for three consecutive years, she joined the Auxiliary Board of Directors and was elected its President. Patti co-chairs the Scranton UNICO Friday Bake Sale at St. Joseph's Center Summer Festival with her husband. In recognition of her extraordinary volunteerism and service, Patti received the AI Dante Award in 2012.

Patti and Bob Montalbano will be married for 50 years this November. They are the proud parents of Lori Montalbano Nozzi, who is also a dedicated member of UNICO's Scranton Chapter and the Ladies Auxiliary. They currently reside in Dunmore, Pennsylvania and are active members of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

It is an honor to recognize Patti and Bob as they jointly accept the Unican of the Year Award from the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National. May they continue to work for UNICO and the people across Northeast Pennsylvania for many fruitful years to come.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. HERBERT "HERB" LEWIS WHITE, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Herbert "Herb" Lewis White, Jr., who passed away on January 27, 2019. Herbert was 77 years old.

Herbert "Herb" Lewis White, Jr. was known for his love for his community which kept him active in various organizations. He, along with four others, founded King William Rescue Squad (now King William Volunteer Fire and Rescue) in 1963 and was instrumental in adding the fire department to the organization in 1965. Herb remained an active member in the organization for more than 20 years. White also volunteered with the Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad for several years. He assisted the county with zoning as the chairman of the King William County Board of Zoning Appeals for 36 years and redistricting matters as a member of the redistricting committee for two years. Herb also helped maintain and refresh the county's historical properties as director of the King William County Historical Society board during the renovation of the historical Acquinton Church Project and old jail at the courthouse. Herb was involved with the county Ruritan Club and was active in the construction of the new Ruritan Community Building and Park. Herb held 22 years of perfect attendance with the club. Herb also served as director of the Prevent Blindless Mid-Atlantic organization and chairman of the organization's board for two years, a member of the Joppa Lodge No. 40 AF and AM and a devoted member of Colosse Baptist Church. He

additionally gave back to his community as Board Director of King William County Emergency Ministries and worked for many years with its Christmas Wishes program to provide gifts for those less fortunate during the holidays.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in remembrance of Herbert "Herb" Lewis White, Jr. Words cannot express our gratitude. May God bless Herbert White and his family, Herb's wife, Marian, and I look forward to seeing his selfless contributions to our community continue to live on in his name.

RECOGNIZING THE SELFLESS WORK OF MARTHA COLEY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the admirable work of a fellow Northeast Georgian, Ms. Martha Coley.

Ms. Coley began caring for foster children thirty-three years ago, and has since cared for over 100 children in her home in Hall County, Georgia. In June of 2016, Ms. Coley's house tragically caught fire and burned to the ground, forcing her to start from scratch and completely rebuild. But that did not stop her from welcoming children back into her home just six months later, as soon as she moved in.

Ms. Coley's willingness to foster teenagers makes her an especially valuable foster parent. She says that the most rewarding part of being a foster parent is when she has the opportunity to witness her foster children succeeding after they have left her home, and often times giving back to their community, just as she has done for many years. The hardest part of fostering, she says, is when they eventually leave her home.

The State of Georgia has approximately 14,400 children living in foster homes, which is why we are especially fortunate to have citizens like Ms. Coley serving our communities.

All children deserve the opportunity to lead a happy and healthy life, free from any type of abuse or mistreatment, and I want to thank Ms. Martha Coley for the many lives she has touched.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. JASON WITMIER

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize the dedicated service of Jason Witmier, Assistant Fire Chief of the Pottsville Fire Department and President of the Good Intent Fire Company. Jason is ending his tenure after bravely serving the city of Pottsville and its residents for over twenty-five years.

An exceptional public servant, Jason has acted with pride, humility, and courage as a firefighter since 1991 and as Assistant Fire Chief for ten years. He has responded to

countless emergency situations, always with an eagerness to help and a willingness to comfort those who are faced with unfortunate circumstances.

Jason has spent his career safeguarding the wellbeing of his fellow citizens and improving the safety of his community, which has made him a cornerstone of Pottsville. He is a truly valued member of his community and serves as an example for his peers and younger generations to follow.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 9th Congressional District and the U.S. House of Representatives, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to Jason for his dedicated and brave service to Pottsville. We wish him the best as he embarks on this next chapter in life.

IN HONOR OF JUSTICE BILL CUNNINGHAM

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a special man, Justice Bill Cunningham. Cunningham retired on February 1 from the Kentucky Supreme Court. He is among the two longest serving justices in Kentucky history.

Justice Cunningham is from Lyon County, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Murray State University and the University Of Kentucky College Of Law. Cunningham began his career in public service in 1974 as the city attorney for Eddyville, KY, where he served until 1991. He also served as the Public Defender for the Kentucky State Penitentiary from 1974 to 1976. He went on to serve as the Commonwealth's Attorney for the 56th Judicial District from 1976 to 1988, where his peers voted him as Outstanding Commonwealth Attorney of Kentucky. In 1991, he was elected to the Circuit Court. While he was Circuit Judge, he requested and set up a makeshift courtroom in the Eddyville Penitentiary, avoiding the risk of escape when transporting prisoners and saving money for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. On one occasion while doing his courtroom duties, an inmate charged him and physically assaulted him. In 2006, Cunningham was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

In addition to being a lawyer, judge, and justice, Cunningham was a prolific author and published several books, mostly on Kentucky history. One of his books details the history of the state penitentiary at Eddyville, including the major prison riot at Eddyville in the 1920's in which several people were killed, including one of Cunningham's ancestors. He also wrote a book on the tobacco wars of West Kentucky in the 1920's.

Justice Cunningham is married to Paula and they have five sons. Cunningham is a veteran of the United States Army, serving on deployments to Germany, Vietnam, and Korea. I thank him for his service in uniform. I also thank him for his long career in the courtroom, fighting for justice and serving with integrity. After years of service, Justice Cunningham has earned a well-deserved retirement I join other Kentuckians in wishing him all the best.