

TELMEX. However, some of his most notable and impactful contributions have derived from the work he has spearheaded as CEO of TELMEX Telcel Foundation.

In his position as TELMEX Telcel Foundation CEO, Mr. Ayub has brought the resources of the foundation to projects in education, health care, natural disaster relief, human development, and sports. An avid soccer fan, he translated his passion for the sport into efforts to support social justice and increase access to highly-anticipated global sporting events to the Americas. Ganar-Ganar magazine, a specialized publication about corporate social responsibility, selected TELMEX Telcel Foundation as the recipient of the 2013 Social Responsibility and Sustainable Award for their work in organizing the 2012 Homeless World Cup. Additionally, under Ayub's leadership, Claro Sports delivered broadcasting of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi to more than 50 television broadcasters in the Americas.

This year's Mr. Amigo award serves to recognize the positive work Mr. Ayub has contributed to our international relationship. It is also a message of hope as he continues to help our communities, and in doing so, he inspires the next generation of leaders.

Today we honor Arturo Elías Ayub for his dedication to socioeconomic change, business development, and philanthropy. I join Brownsville and Matamoros in welcoming Mr. Ayub to Charro Days.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 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 votes:

Roll 88, February 25, 2019: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 539, the Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2019.

Roll 89, February 25, 2019: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 276, Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL CAROL A. TIMMONS

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of my colleagues Senator TOM CARPER and Senator CHRIS COONS of Delaware, to honor and congratulate Major General Carol Timmons for a lifetime of dedicated service to our country.

After graduating from William Penn High School in 1977, Timmons enrolled in college and enlisted in the Delaware National Guard. With a childhood dream of becoming an airplane pilot, her career in flight would begin that very summer on a C-130 airplane in Savannah, Georgia. Despite her love of airplanes, Air Force rules prevented women from

flying combat-mission planes, like the C-130. Due to these unfair regulations, she joined the Army National Guard in 1980 and would learn to fly Army helicopters, like the UH-1 Huey.

Undeterred and committed to her dream, Timmons joined the Air Force Reserves where she flew noncombat support missions. She soon realized her dream as federal laws ended the discriminatory prohibition on women flying in combat missions, and during Operation Desert Storm, then-Captain Timmons would become one of the first women to fly in combat. Following that operation, her career would come full circle as she rejoined the Delaware National Guard—flying the same C-130s she first learned to operate.

On January 8, 2012, then-Brigadier General Timmons would make history by becoming the Delaware Air National Guard's first female commander, and again on February 1, 2017, when she was promoted to the rank of Major General and named Adjunct General of the Delaware National Guard—the Governor's chief military advisor commanding 1,500 soldiers and 1,100 airmen.

During her storied 42-year career, she earned a Bronze Star for her service in Afghanistan and has flown over 5,200 hours in the cockpit, including 400 combat hours during contingencies, spanning Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Joint Guard, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. She served on the National Guard's Joint Diversity Executive Council and the Air Force Reserve Policy Committee. She has received numerous honors, including induction into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame and the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame.

By refusing to compromise on her dream, Timmons broke down barriers, blazed trails, and inspired women to let nothing stand in their way in service to our nation. I join Senator CARPER and Senator COONS in thanking Major General Carol Timmons for her over four decades of service to our state and country, and we wish her the very best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on February 25th and 26th in order to attend the funeral of Judge Russell B. Sugarmon, a civil rights giant from Memphis. If present, I would have voted YES on H.R. 539, H.R. 276, Motions to Order the Previous Question, H. Res. 145, and H. Res. 144.

I would have also voted YES on H.J. Res. 46, a resolution of which I am a cosponsor, to stop President Trump's unconstitutional attempt to circumvent Congress's authority.

I would have also voted YES on S. 47.

DAVID ELDER

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of David Elder, a

committed public servant, loving husband, and devoted father and grandfather. David passed away on February 23, 2019 at the age of 70. He was a dedicated public servant to Worthington, Ohio, for 36 years.

David's admirable career of service to Worthington began when he interned while completing his master's degree at The Ohio State University. Skillfully demonstrating his capabilities as an intern, he was hired in 1971 to serve as an administrative assistant. Over the course of the following decade, David proved he possessed a dedicated work ethic, which helped him advance in his career. He was appointed as Worthington City Manager in 1981, a title he held for 26 years. Though he left office in 2007, his legacy is not forgotten. His strong ethical character, enthusiastic compassion, and devoted service to his home town made him the consummate example of a public servant.

Though he will be missed dearly, I am confident that his memory will live on through his exemplary life's work and will continue to serve as an inspiration for individuals considering a path in public service. Please keep his beloved wife, Ann, daughters Stephanie and Lauren, and numerous grandchildren in your prayers as they celebrate David's life in the coming days.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably detained and unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call 88, the Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act (H.R. 539), and Yea on Roll Call 89, the Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act (H.R. 276).

RECOGNIZING THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KHOJALY MASSACRE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, this week marks the 27th anniversary of the massacre of hundreds of people in the town of Khojaly in what was the largest killing of ethnic Azerbaijani civilians in the course of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict. Khojaly, which is located in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, was once home to 7,000 people. That was before Armenian armed forces massacred over 600 unarmed people—including 106 women and 83 children—and left less than 2,000 survivors. Hundreds more became disabled due to their horrific injuries. More than one hundred children lost a parent and 25 children lost both parents. At least 8 families were completely killed.

Even though a ceasefire went into effect over two decades ago, more than 20 percent of Azerbaijan's territory, including Nagorno-Karabakh and seven surrounding districts, remain occupied and more than 1 million

Azerbaijanis remain refugees unable to return to their home villages. Ongoing violence along the line of contact surrounding occupied Azerbaijani territory reinforces the urgency of robust American participation in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's (OSCE) Minsk Group as it works toward a peaceful resolution of the Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict.

Azerbaijan has been a strong partner of the United States and its allies in security and energy matters. This cooperation has included: playing a leadership role in nonproliferation issues; providing troops to serve shoulder-to-shoulder with U.S. forces in Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan; allowing transit of non-lethal equipment used by coalition forces through Azerbaijan to Afghanistan, construction of the Southern Gas Corridor from the Caspian Sea

to Italy, thereby providing Europe with an alternative to Russian energy sources; and supplying 40 percent of Israel's oil. Azerbaijan also has a thriving Jewish community and has outstanding relations with Israel.

As Azerbaijanis throughout the world commemorate the massacre and continue to grieve the loss of loved ones, let us commit ourselves to supporting non-violent efforts to resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.