

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, on roll call no. 437, I mistakenly voted “nay” when I intended to vote “aye.” I was a co-sponsor of H.R. 1044 in this and the previous Congress. I firmly believe that our immigration system needs comprehensive reform and this legislation is a small but important first step to alleviate the decades-long backlog in our outdated employment and family-based immigration systems.

CONGRATULATING SHANE JOHNSON FOR HIS SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my appreciation and commendation to Shane Johnson who will be leaving the Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Energy after thirty years of service and success.

When you have the honor of representing Idaho’s Second Congressional District and the Idaho National Laboratory, you learn a lot about nuclear energy and the important role the federal government plays researching, developing and deploying this amazing technology. Another part of that education is collaborating with the people at the Department of Energy who oversee the labs and these programs. It is in that capacity that I was able to see Shane Johnson lead the Office of Nuclear Energy on multiple occasions with extreme professionalism and vision.

If you go back and look at the major programs and accomplishments of the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy, you will see Shane Johnson’s fingerprints all over the place. When DOE helped industry get two advanced light water reactor designs licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Shane was there; when DOE worked with industry to get the first small modular reactors ready for deployment, in Idaho, Shane was there; when the Office of Nuclear Energy set up a robust university program to educate and graduate the next generation of nuclear scientists and engineers, Shane was there; when the Office of Nuclear Energy made its labs and facilities available to industry and universities to support technology development, Shane was there; and, when the Office of Nuclear Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission began working together to use lab developed codes to enhance reactor safety and security, Shane was there again. At the end of the day, when you look at Shane’s career and you see significant impacts and lasting contributions. A “thank you,” and a “job well done is deserved.”

While Shane’s accomplishments are real and impactful, his leadership of the Office of Nuclear Energy and his stewardship of the Idaho National Laboratory deserve special recognition. As administrations and initiatives come and go, it is the enduring leadership of the federal staff that keep our government op-

erating. In his career at the Office of Nuclear Energy, incoming administrations have asked Shane to lead the office and the staff to keep our fundamental goals and objectives in sight. Shane excelled in this role and when he came before my Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, you could see the confidence and pride his colleagues had in his leadership.

As he leaves federal service, I want to thank Shane for his outstanding contribution at the Office of Nuclear Energy and wish him and his wife, Susan, all the best in the future. His service will benefit generations of Americans to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD H. NETTLETON

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Richard H. Nettleton, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Richard far too soon.

Richard worked as an engineer for the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Virginia Beach. For decades, Richard served Virginia Beach faithfully. Richard was well-known by all in his field and many of his colleagues admired and respected his work.

Not only was he a public servant, but he also served overseas. Richard served in the United States Army in Germany. Friends described Richard as a dedicated worker and a leader. Richard’s life of hard work and service to the community, as well as his selfless attitude, will forever be remembered.

Richard will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.

IN MEMORY OF DR. WRIGHT L. LASSITER, JR.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the distinguished life and legacy of Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., who passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019. Dr. Lassiter was known throughout the Dallas community for his wisdom as an educator, his leadership as a businessman, and his selflessness as a volunteer.

Dr. Lassiter served in the higher education system for an impressive thirty-plus years. His positions included President of Schenectady County Community College, President of Bishop College, President of El Centro Community College, and most recently Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, the largest community college system in Texas. He was also a Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Leadership Studies and Management/Ethics at Dallas Baptist University, a Master Professor in the Educational Leadership Program at the University of Texas, and a Visiting Professor at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Lassiter had a passion for higher education and made it a priority of his to ensure that underrepresented students had equal access to it.

In addition to his career as an educator and administrator, Dr. Lassiter earned national recognition for his diversity and inclusion advocacy. He held presidential appointments to the White House Commission on Minority Business Development and the National Advisory Council to the National Endowment for the Humanities under Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, respectively. He also held an appointment from former Texas Governor Rick Perry to the Task Force to Develop the State Higher Education Plan.

Dr. Lassiter was recognized for his work as the first African American recipient of the Russell Perry Distinguished Leadership Award by Dallas Baptist University, the Distinguished Service Award by the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council, and the Jubilee History—Maker Award. He also published thirteen books and collections of speeches and sermons.

Outside of his professional life, Dr. Lassiter lent his free time to our community. He was a board member of the Dallas Salvation Army, United Way, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Foundation, and the Dallas Housing Authority, to name a few. His contributions to the Dallas area are truly immeasurable, and his work will have a lasting impact on our community.

Dr. Lassiter is survived by his wife Demetria; son Wright Lassiter III; daughter Michele LassiterEwell; and two granddaughters, Ryan and Loren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Dr. Lassiter and his contributions through public service, his dedication to his students, and his love for the Dallas community. We will miss him dearly.

HONORING THE BERETTA FAMILY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable Jared Huffman to honor the Beretta Family as the recipient of the 2019 Sonoma County Farm Bureau Luther Burbank Conservation Award, which recognizes an individual, business, or family that is committed to environmental stewardship. The Beretta Family Dairy has become increasingly environmentally friendly over the last 70 years.

The Beretta Family started focusing on their farm’s impact on the environment in the 1950s. They stopped using chemical fertilizers, focused on pasture management, and committed to growing as much of their own feed as possible to reduce the amount of food that had to be trucked long distances. They currently produce 60 percent of the feed required for their 350 dairy cows, which not only helps the environment, but reduces the cost of feed as well. Starting in 1981, the Beretta family has used recycled water from the City of Santa Rosa to water the hay and silage on their 200 acres. By using recycled water, the family is conserving the groundwater in the aquifer underneath the Santa Rosa Plains. In 1992, the Beretta Family developed their

fertigation system which combined the cows' manure with the recycled city water and kept the manure from contaminating waterways. After they started using this system, their crop yields increased by one ton per acre. The Beretta Family Dairy was one of the first farms to collaborate with the City of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma Resource Conservation District on a nutrient offset project. The Beretta Family has hosted students from the Sonoma Resource Conservation District's FARMS (Farming, Agriculture, and Resource Management for Sustainability) Leadership program. They have provided opportunities to students that otherwise may not get to experience a working dairy.

The Beretta Family Ranch is currently operated by Doug and Sharon Beretta and their children Jennifer, Lisa, and Ryan. Lisa's son Brayden has shown an affinity for agriculture and may be the fifth generation of the Beretta Family to continue the family dairy business. In 2015, Doug Beretta, and the whole Beretta Family, were given the Water Quality Stewardship Award by the North Coast Water Quality Control Board in recognition of the family's management of water and resources on their dairy. Doug Beretta is the current Director and past President of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and the Sonoma County Fair and is a member of the 4H Replacement Heifer Committee and the Youth AG and Leadership Foundation.

Madam Speaker, the Beretta Family is dedicated to environmental stewardship and has worked to make their dairy environmentally friendly over the last 70 years. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

RECOGNITION OF MRIGLOBAL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of MRIGlobal in Kansas City, Missouri.

As World War II was ending, Americans were in awe of technology's role in ending the greatest global struggle in history. The quality of American science turned the tide of the war.

In order to harness further scientific advancements, create amazing new technologies, and employ returning veterans, Kansas City civic leadership founded MRIGlobal, an independent, not-for-profit research organization.

I am thankful that those civic leaders had the vision to create MRIGlobal and am pleased that Kansas City has remained its home.

Through the years, MRIGlobal has attracted top scientific talent, worked across disparate specialties, and addressed some of the world's most challenging problems. Their research and development have impacted a wide array of endeavors including: defense; infectious disease and biological threat detection; human health; pharmaceutical science; energy, in-vitro diagnostics; global health; and transportation.

MRIGlobal brings a significant share of Federal Research and Development investment to

the Kansas City region. Since 2013, MRIGlobal has been awarded more than \$495 million in applied R&D grants. Furthermore, MRIGlobal employs 288 dedicated individuals between its Plaza and North Kansas City campuses and 416 people nationwide.

MRIGlobal is a strong and active corporate citizen. They partner with regional Missouri and Kansas Universities and Colleges to develop scientific talent and secure qualified employees. MRIGlobal has been and remains one of the strongest supporters of Kansas City's science, technology, engineering and math education programs. For example, it proudly serves as the Presenting Sponsor for the Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair. MRIGlobal is also a key civic contributor, supporting such organizations as BioNexus KC, The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, KC Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Area Development Council, Union Station Kansas City, the Nelson-Atkins Museum Business Council, the Animal Health Corridor, and the National World War I Museum.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent the employees of great non-profit companies like MRIGlobal. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating MRIGlobal on 75 years of progress and wishing them continued growth and success in the years ahead.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, as the United States faces a humanitarian crisis at its southern border, we must reaffirm and restore our commitment to provide aid to our southern neighbors in the Northern Triangle.

We must recognize the impact of U.S. support in reducing corruption, crime, and drug trafficking in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. The resolution also recognizes that U.S. aid has spurred economic development and job growth in the Northern Triangle. Cutting funding for various preventative programs is not the answer.

Cutting foreign aid will undo the progress that has been made within the region and will make the root causes of migration greater, which in turn will force even more individuals to flee their home country. We must ensure that the United States remains committed to helping individuals in need.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY LOUISE GAYLE

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Mary Louise Gayle, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Mary Louise Gayle far too soon.

Mary Louise Gayle, also known as Mary Lou, worked as a right-of-way agent for the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach for 24 years. Friends described Mary Lou as happy, loving, and a good person. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother. Mary Lou's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as her cheerful attitude, will forever be remembered.

Mary Lou will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

CONGRATULATIONS ON RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the successful career of Dr. Judy Lynn Genshaft. After 19 years of service as President of the University of South Florida, Dr. Genshaft has retired. Under her leadership, USF has become a world-class institution of learning.

During Dr. Genshaft's tenure as President, she established the University of South Florida as one of the nation's top research universities. It now ranks ninth in size and is formally recognized as "top-tier" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Genshaft also raised the caliber of study at USF by creating the Honors College in 2002, which has flourished under her guidance. Earlier this year, Dr. Genshaft and her husband donated \$20 million of their own money to the Honors College—a generous gift that represents only a fraction of the care she has given the University over the last two decades. Her dedication to the University and the Tampa Bay area earned her the title of the 2008 Tampa Bay Business Journal Business Woman of the Year and an induction into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame.

Dr. Genshaft's unwavering commitment will have a profound impact on generations of students and Floridians to come. I thank her for everything she has done for the University of South Florida, our region and our state. Sandy and I wish her well and congratulate her on her wonderful career.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRIMARY CARE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Primary Care Enhancement Act of 2019, which would open up more access to affordable primary care.

Direct Primary Care (DPC) is a membership-based alternative payment model for primary care in which patients, employers, or health plans pay a DPC physician practice monthly or periodic fees directly for unlimited access to primary care and prevention services. DPC affords the patient more time with