

COMMANDING HARTSELLE POLICE OFFICERS ROBERT BAKER AND ROGER SPEAKE, LIEUTENANT ROBERT FINN, AND HARTSELLE UTILITIES EMPLOYEE STEPHEN JOHNSON FOR BRAVE, LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS

**HON. MO BROOKS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2019

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hartselle Police Officers Robert Baker and Roger Speake, Hartselle Police Lieutenant Robert Finn, and Hartselle Utilities employee Stephen Johnson for their brave, life-saving actions on February 22, 2019.

In the early morning hours of February 22nd, Officers Baker and Speake, and Lieutenant Finn responded to a house fire. Upon their arrival at the home, they found the fire was spreading quickly and a woman with limited-mobility was trapped. Thankfully, Hartselle Utilities employee Stephen Johnson, who had been working nearby, was already on the scene. As a team, Baker, Speake, Finn, and Johnson, risking their safety, broke down a fence at the side of the house and successfully evacuated the woman from her bedroom window with only minutes to spare before the house was completely engulfed in flames.

Madam Speaker, in the face of imminent danger to their own lives, Officers Baker and Speake, Lieutenant Finn, and Mr. Johnson, acted decisively and selflessly, saving the life of our fellow community member.

I commend Officers Baker and Speake, Lieutenant Finn, and Mr. Johnson for their courageous actions in service to others.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, on July 12, 2019, I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on No. 461, 462, 472, and 474. I would have voted NAY on No. 459, 460, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, and 473.

**IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN (RET.) KENNETH GRIFFITH**

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Captain (Ret.) Kenneth Griffith who passed away on July 5, 2019. A Full Military Honors graveside service will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at Crook Cemetery in Ohatchee.

Kenneth is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Sandra (Bowman) Griffith; three daughters, Keli Griffith, Kendra G. Hollaway, and Kerri G. Ladd; seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

He was born in Blue Mountain on January 29, 1940, and grew up in Anniston, Alabama. After graduating from Anniston High School, he joined the U.S. Army. He began his career with the Military Police at Ft. McClellan and was stationed throughout the Southeast and in Europe. His final station was in Cu Chi, northeast of Saigon, with the 25th Infantry Division. On the ninth time he was shot down by the enemy, while defending his load of wounded casualties, the front bubble of the helicopter was shattered by gunfire, grievously wounding both himself and his co-pilot who passed out. Griffith fought on and succeeded in flying his disabled helicopter back to camp, accomplishing a controlled crash landing before succumbing to his own wounds.

For his heroism he was awarded the third highest military honor, the Silver Star. He was also awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster after a seven-hour helicopter battle with Viet Cong guerillas. He was recommended for the Medal of Honor by his commanding officer. During his military service he also received the Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Aviator Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with three stars, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal with two loops and the National Defense Medal.

After completing physical rehabilitation due to the loss of his leg in combat, Capt. Griffith officially retired and returned to his hometown. Griffith chose Jacksonville State University to continue his education where he completed a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 1974, a Master of Public Administration in Criminal Justice in 1975 and a Master of Science in Personnel Counseling in 1976 from Jacksonville State University.

Griffith was a Master Mason and long-time member of Golden Springs Baptist Church. Told that the loss of his leg would limit his physical capabilities, he took great satisfaction in proving the doctors wrong. He went on to teach his children how to water and snow ski, playing and coaching them in several sports. Lovingly referred to as 'The Captain' or 'Cap' by everyone, he will be forever remembered as a loving and devoted man.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring his life of service.

**IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIS JOHNSON**

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**  
OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Willis Johnson for his induction into the 2019 Texas Radio Hall of Fame.

Mr. Johnson spent the majority of his career as a program manager and radio talk show host for the Dallas-based KKDA-AM. He used his show to advocate on behalf of the African American community in Dallas, highlighting critical issues that disproportionately affected our community and providing a platform for underrepresented voices.

In addition to his career in radio, Mr. Johnson is the CEO of JBJ Management—a public affairs firm specializing in business to govern-

ment community engagement. He is also a recipient of the Lifetime Leadership Award from the Dallas Business Journal for his exceptional social and civic service.

Mr. Johnson will join a distinguished crowd of inductees into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame including Walter Cronkite, Verne Lundquist, and Willie Nelson, to name a few.

I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Mr. Johnson and wish him continued success. His contributions to the Dallas community are truly immeasurable.

**RECOGNIZING JOHN DICUS' SERVICE TO TOPEKA**

**HON. STEVE WATKINS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2019

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize a man that embodies everything it means to be a Kansan, and a Topekan. As the Topeka Capitol-Journal recently highlighted, John Dicus has made himself a fixture in the Topeka community. While some decide to take their talents elsewhere, John decided to use his talents to better his hometown. John has taken it upon himself to lead the charge of revitalizing our downtown area, most notably a \$2.5 million dollar investment in the Energy Plaza. John has taken action on his vision for Topeka and the city is better because of it. I know John shares the same sense of pride for his hometown as I do. Keep up the great work. He is making us all proud.

**HONORING MARK B. GRIER**

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2019

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Mark B. Grier as he retires from an outstanding 25 year career at Prudential, which I am proud to note is headquartered in the 10th District of New Jersey.

Mark is the Vice Chairman of Prudential and has overseen the Finance, Risk Management, Chief Investment, Corporate Actuarial, Global Business and Technology Solutions departments and functions. Mark joined Prudential as Chief Financial Officer in May of 1995 and was named Vice Chairman just six years later in 2002. Since that time Mark has been the company's intellectual leader when it comes to positively and constructively engaging with regulators at both the state and federal levels, and with the Congress.

I have enjoyed working with Mark over the years on an array of public policy matters that were critically important to my district, state, and our nation. I was fortunate to always have the benefit of his insight and experience when debating complex financial services policy challenges, and I appreciate his willingness to reliably serve as a resource to me and my colleagues.

Beyond his commitment to excellence in corporate governance and public policy, Mark also ensured that Prudential was always a good corporate citizen. During his tenure as Vice Chairman and member of the Board of

Directors, Prudential has maintained and expanded its commitment to the city that it has always called home with over \$1 billion donated to Newark through impact investing, grants to non-profits, and more. Mark has also been very active in education reform and chaired an organization called “Achieve”, which is committed to making sure every student graduates from high school ready to succeed in the college or career of their choice.

I am confident that Mark will continue to serve as a leading voice for the industry and I look forward to seeing his contributions and success within his future endeavors. I congratulate Mark again on an extraordinary career, and wish him all the best as he begins his retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I was not present to vote on July 11, 2019 and July 12, 2019 due to a family obligation.

Had I been present for roll call No. 473 on passage of H.R. 2500, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, I would have voted AYE.

Had I been present for roll call No. 474 on passage of H.R. 1327, the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act, I would have voted YEA.

#### RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LEGENDARY UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM IN WINNING THE 2019 WORLD CUP

##### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as the representative of the 18th Congressional District of Texas, home of the Houston Dash, and a die-hard soccer fan, I rise to commemorate the historic performance of the United States Women's National Soccer Team in the 2019 Women's World Cup.

These women brought honor and glory to our country through their dominant performance in the tournament, defeating a gallant team from The Netherlands, 2–0, in the championship match on July 7, 2019, in Lyon, France.

During this World Cup, the United States Women's National Team set many records, including the most goals scored (26) in a single World Cup.

The United States Women's National Team also set the record for the most goals ever scored in a single match, scoring 13 against Thailand.

This was also the largest margin of victory in World Cup history.

Jill Ellis, the coach of the United States Women's National Team, became the first Women's National Team coach to win two

World cup titles, and the first American coach to do so.

Madam Speaker, I wish to congratulate Meghan Rapinoe, Captain of the United States Women's National Team, for winning the Golden Ball Award for the best player in the tournament, and the Golden Boot Award for most goals scored in the least amount of time on the pitch.

I also congratulate team captain Alex Morgan for winning the Silver Boot Award for most goals scored in a longer period of time, and to Rose Lavelle for the Bronze Ball Award for her extraordinary contributions to the success of the American team throughout the tournament.

Madam Speaker, the glory brought to our country by this remarkable cohort of accomplished women could not have occurred had it not been for the passage in 1972 of the landmark Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally-funded educational program or activity.

Title IX has given generations of women and girls the opportunity to participate in many extracurricular programs, but it has especially opened the door for women to participate in athletics.

Title IX also extended the opportunity for women to compete at the next level, on highly-skilled and highly-competitive college teams.

Without Title IX, many women and girls would have been forced to give up their dreams after high school.

The opportunity for women's soccer players to compete at the collegiate level opened the doors for the creation of the Women's National Team.

And, as demonstrated earlier this month in the 2019 World Cup, when given the opportunity to compete, American women will succeed.

Madam Speaker, superior performance should be recognized and rewarded.

In the 2019 World Cup, the United States Women's National Team set the record for winning the most World Cups of any women's team.

The inaugural Women's World Cup occurred in 1991, and since then the United States Women's National Team has won four of the eight tournaments.

Let me repeat that: The United States Women's National Team has won half of all the World Cups in history.

During this same time period, the Men's National Team has not won a single World Cup.

Yet, even after winning the 2019 World Cup, the members of the United States Women's National team will earn \$31,000 less than the Men's team, which lost in the first knock-out round in 2014 World Cup and failed even to qualify for the 2018 World Cup.

This pay disparity is outrageous and indefensible, and led members of the United States Women's National team to challenge this pay disparity in court action, which is now pending.

Madam Speaker, at a minimum, our women's team should be paid equally for equal work, as is mandated by the Equal Pay Act and other civil rights laws.

In addition, Congress should amend the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 to address professional athletics, where women and men compete in the same sports, but play for different teams in different leagues.

Instead, they are receiving inferior pay for superior work.

But despite all of the obstacles they faced, our national team still achieved immortality through their legendary feats in the 2019 Women's World Cup.

I thank all the members of the United States Women's National Team for inspiring the next generation of female athletes to follow their dreams and reach for the stars.

While they are doing that, it is incumbent for us in Congress to do all that is necessary to ensure that this generation of female athletes, and the next, have no barriers preventing them from manifesting the greatness which lies within them.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2019

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I intended to vote yes on amendment number 50 by Representative JUSTIN AMASH to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (H.R. 2500).

I should have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 460.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 17

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine unprecedeted migration at the United States southern border, focusing on bipartisan policy recommendations from the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Subcommittee on Economic Policy  
To hold hearings to examine economic mobility, focusing on whether the American dream is in crisis.

SD-538

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine combating robocall fraud, focusing on using