

HONORING CHP OFFICER ROGER GORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of California Highway Patrol Officer Roger Davis Gore. On April 5, 1970, Officer Gore was one of four CHP officers tragically gunned down in a police shooting near Interstate 5. In remembrance of his sacrifice, a section of State Highway 99 in Merced is being dedicated to him and his colleague, Officer Walter Frago.

Born on February 17, 1947 to Max Gore and Bertha M. Staley, Officer Gore was the second born in his family of three in the Merced County town of Snelling, California. He graduated from Merced High School and later attended Merced College before becoming a CHP officer in 1967. Together, he and his wife Valerie were the parents of one daughter, Elyce.

On April 5, 1970, Officers Frago and Gore were the first to respond to a suspect who had been reported brandishing a weapon. Upon pulling over a vehicle with two men, a gun fight ensued leaving Officers Frago and Gore, as well as Officers George Aleyn and James Pence dead. This tragedy is one still remembered by the law enforcement community and Merced County residents as Officers Frago and Gore were both born and raised in Merced.

In honor of Officer Gore's commitment to duty and sacrifice, the section of Highway 99 between Mission Avenue and Campus Parkway is being dedicated as the CHP Officers Walter Frago and Roger Gore Memorial Freeway. This location is fitting, as Campus Parkway will eventually connect Highway 99 to the University of California, Merced campus. This section of highway being dedicated will continue to ensure our local community and future generations remember and honor the sacrifice of these two young officers, each of whom lost their lives at 23-years-old on that tragic day.

The CHP Officers Walter Frago and Roger Gore Memorial Freeway symbolizes the sacrifice these two gentlemen gave for all citizens to help continue building a better future for our community and country. Furthermore, it will help bridge Merced County's past to its present and remind community members of the dedication to duty exhibited by these two fine officers.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the duty and sacrifice of CHP Officer Roger Gore. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor him as the CHP Officers Walter Frago and Roger Gore Memorial Freeway is dedicated. I wish his family, the California Highway Patrol, and the Merced law enforcement community the best as this section of Highway 99 is dedicated in his honor.

IN HONOR OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF TAPPAN CHAIRS

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tappan Chairs of Sandwich as

they celebrate their bicentennial. First opened in 1819 by Abraham Tappan, Tappan Chairs has become a pillar in the Sandwich community.

This business stayed in the Tappan family for over a hundred years through the work of the founder's son, Daniel, and grandsons, Walter and Winthrop. Although it has changed owners since those early days, the style and durability of Tappan Chairs has remained, and they are still produced on the same vintage equipment that they were crafted on so many generations ago.

The success and longevity of Tappan Chairs is a testament to the enduring work ethic of its owners, who for generation after generation, stepped in to take its mantel. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I congratulate everyone at Tappan Chairs on an exciting anniversary. I hope that they are able to celebrate this impressive milestone and wish them the best of luck in their next 200 years of business! I thank them for all that they do to make the Granite State such a wonderful place to work, live, and play.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ALLOWING BODY CAMERAS IN JOINT TASK FORCES ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, Representative DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. and I introduce the Allowing Body Cameras in Joint Task Forces Act of 2019. This bill would prohibit the federal government from refusing to work with local police departments that require their officers to wear body cameras. Our bill would apply to all federal agencies.

Under current policy, though it appears to be unwritten, the Department of Justice has been refusing to participate in task forces with local police departments that have body camera requirements.

The Justice Department has determined that 47 percent of police departments in the country have body cameras. It is beyond reason to prevent these numerous police agencies from participating in federal task forces if their officers wear body cameras. The federal government should be encouraging the use of officer body cameras instead of discouraging their use. This bill only applies to uniformed officers, which means federal officials could refuse to participate in task forces if body cameras are used during undercover operations.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION CUSTODY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 3239) to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on detainees, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3239, the Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act.

Having visited federal immigration detention facilities along the U.S.-Mexico border, I have seen firsthand the alarming conditions imposed on many immigrant refugees by the Trump administration. There is no question that we have a humanitarian crisis on our border. It is also clear that the immigrant detention system operated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) needs significant reform and passing H.R. 3239 is the first step in the process of improving this distressing situation.

H.R. 3239 would finally establish a basic standard of care for immigrants in CBP custody, including clearly defining the requirements for sanitation, nutrition, and hygiene in CBP detention facilities. The legislation would also ensure health screenings by medical professionals for every immigrant in CBP custody. I would note that this legislation was written with the input of CBP Officers who both understand the scope of the humanitarian crisis and the changes that need to be made in order to ensure that immigrants in CBP custody get the necessary medical care they may require.

With regards to the Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 3239, I am unable to support it because Congress still requires answers from CBP officials on why Members of Congress and immigrants were targeted in a derogatory Facebook group run by current and former CBP employees. However, I would like to strongly state that I will always stand in support of our federal employees who follow their oath of office. Many employees at CBP put their safety at risk on a daily basis, conduct themselves with integrity, and they should be supported.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3239.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. J. FRANK FILGO

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. J. Frank Filgo, on the occasion of his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer for the Alabama Trucking Association after more than 24 years of service. Mr. Filgo made a tremendous impact on the Alabama Trucking Association, leading it with honor and character while advocating for the trucking industry's needs in Alabama's political arena.

Mr. Filgo graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies Teacher Education and is a graduate of the National Institute of Organization Management at the University of Delaware. He received his Certified Association Executive designation in 1988 and served as Chairman of the Alabama Society of Association Executives. Throughout his career, he has been active in several state pro-business coalitions, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Business Council of Alabama (BCA).

Prior to becoming President of the Alabama Trucking Association in 1995, Mr. Filgo served as President of the Alabama Alliance of Business and Industry where he provided political research benefitting business groups. He is also a former chairman of the Region II Trucking Association Executive Council and currently serves as its secretary.

In recognition of his tireless work on behalf of Alabama's trucking industry, as well as his leadership in the state's business community, Mr. Filgo received the Alabama Trucking Association's 2015 H. Chester Webb Award for Distinguished Services and the 2017 Jo Bonner Spirit of Leadership Award as presented by the BCA.

Mr. Filgo is known in both Alabama and Washington for his impressive ability to build coalitions to improve the business climate for all Alabamians, especially those in the trucking industry. His ability to forge relationships, coordination of staff, and leadership style have brought him immense success and significant positive impact on Alabama's trucking community. With extraordinary and sincere gratitude, I thank Mr. Filgo for his dedicated service and outstanding contributions to Alabama and the Alabama trucking community. I wish Mr. Filgo all the best as he retires from the Alabama Trucking Association, and may God bless him, his wife Jackie, his daughter Marianne, his son Jack, and his entire family in the next chapter of his life.

IN HONOR OF ROY BATES

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Roy Bates, of Winchester, Kentucky. Mr. Bates, a true patriot, passed away on July 4, 2019.

Roy Bates was quite eager to serve his country and attempted unsuccessfully to enlist in the Navy and in the Army when he was not yet of legal age. In 1950, when he was 18 years old, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and went to Parris Island for training. He was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Division. He was soon sent to Korea to join his fellow Marines.

On September 1, 1951, just 3 days before his 19th birthday, Mr. Bates was on patrol when his group was ambushed. They were taking heavy fire. Crawling on his belly trying to reach cover, he heard the dreaded click of a landmine beneath him. His left leg was blown away and his right leg sustained numerous wounds. Severely wounded, he was carried off the field by two fellow Marines. One of those who carried him off was killed in action a few days later. Many years later Mr. Bates was reunited with Royce Henry, the other Marine who saved him.

Mr. Bates spent 7 years in and out of hospitals and had 32 surgeries. He received a Purple Heart as well as numerous other medals. He married his wife Betty and they had 4 children. Mr. Bates eventually returned home to Winchester where he always cherished a deep love for his country and for the Marine Corps. He was a well respected member of his community who exemplified good character and a positive attitude all of his life.

Mr. Bates and his fellow veterans are true heroes. He willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. He faced life with an unwavering faith in God and love for this country. I am humbled to honor the life of Mr. Roy Bates before the United States Congress.

DYNAMIC ARGENTINA AND CHILE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this past weekend of the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Landing on the Moon, I was grateful to join with Chairman ALBIO Sires of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee of the Western Hemisphere to participate in a bipartisan delegation to Argentina and Chile. Additional members were TED DEUTCH, TOM GRAVES, TED YOHO, and NORMA TORRES.

The initial purpose of the CODEL was to attend the Remembrance Ceremony commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Argentine Israeli Mutual Association (AMIA) Jewish Community Center. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo provided a heartfelt tribute for the 85 victims viciously murdered by cowardly perpetrators traced to the terrorists of Hezbollah financed by the Iranian regime. AMIA President Ariel Eichbaum welcomed diplomats from across South America.

We also visited the memorial park at the site of the Israeli Embassy which was bombed in 1992 murdering 29 victims who were largely Argentinian citizens who were tragically simply walking in the neighborhood.

Due to the respect of Chairman Sires, the delegation was welcomed to the office of President Mauricio Macri. It was impressive to meet with such a public servant who so clearly loves and appreciates the people he serves of Argentina.

U.S. Ambassador Eduard Prado and his wife Maria hosted our visit to the historic Ambassador's residence where we met the courageous Ambassador from Venezuela Elisa Trotta Gamus. Ambassador Gamus has been appointed by the legitimate government of Venezuela led by Interim-President Juan Guaido opposed to the dictatorship of the disgraced Nicolas Maduro who has plundered the formerly wealthy nation of Venezuela stealing from its impoverished citizens.

In Santiago, Chile, a very professional country team briefing was provided at the Embassy confirming Chile as a very dynamic democracy with extraordinary economic success as a model of free market benefits of reducing poverty. The professionalism of the military of Chile was presented as they are partnered with the Texas National Guard. Charge d'Affaires Baxter Hunt has an enthusiastic staff.

The U.S. Chile Interparliamentary Friendship Group of the Chamber of Deputies led by Chamber President Ivan Flores Garcia hosted a meeting with Chilean parliamentarians of different parties who all were clear in their appreciation and respect for America.

U.S. educated, Fulbright Scholar, President Sebastian Pinera welcomed the delegation to the Presidential Palace. More traveled than the delegation, he has visited all 50 U.S.

states. In his current term and his prior service as President, it is clear his free market success has built a modern, vibrant partner of the United States inspiring democracy in all of South America.

The talented citizens of Argentina and Chile can be proud of their achievements with Argentina having a land mass equal to the U.S., east of Mississippi River and narrow Chile at 8,000 miles—three time the length of California.

IN MEMORY OF DR. EDITH IRBY JONES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the distinguished life and legacy of Dr. Edith Irby Jones, who passed away on July 15, 2019.

Dr. Jones was the epitome of a trailblazer. In 1948, she became the first African American student admitted to the University of Arkansas Medical School—six years before the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. In 1959, Dr. Jones again made history as the first African American woman resident at Baylor College of Medicine. Twenty-six years later, Dr. Jones became the first female president of the National Medical Association, an organization that has represented black physicians since 1895.

For half a century, Dr. Jones committed herself to serving marginalized communities in Houston's Greater Third Ward area. She often went beyond the typical duties of a physician by making house calls and picking up patients in her van in order to expand services to the underserved in the community. Along with her work in Houston, Dr. Jones treated patients, trained physicians, and founded a clinic in Haiti. Service and dedication for the less fortunate were integral components of Dr. Jones's remarkable career, and we are truly grateful for the impact she has had on generations of aspiring African American medical professionals.

Outside of her medical practice, Dr. Jones notably worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as part of the "Freedom Four," a group that traveled throughout the segregated South to encourage people to join the civil rights movement.

Dr. Jones is survived by her daughter, Myra; sons, Gary and Keith; and many wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Dr. Jones and her extraordinary contributions to medicine, social justice, and the Greater Houston community. We thank her and will miss her dearly.

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