

Serrano	Swalwell (CA)
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Shalala	Taylor
Sherman	Thompson (CA)
Sherrill	Thompson (PA)
Shimkus	Thornberry
Simpson	Timmons
Sires	Tipton
Slotkin	Titus
Smith (MO)	Tlaib
Smith (NE)	Tonko
Smith (NJ)	Torres (CA)
Smith (WA)	Torres Small (NM)
Smucker	Watson Coleman
Soto	Wild
Spanberger	Williams
Spano	Wilson (FL)
Speier	Wilson (SC)
Stanton	Upton
Stauber	Van Drew
Stefanik	Vargas
Steil	Veasey
Steube	Vela
Stevens	Velázquez
Stewart	Viscosky
Suozzi	Wagner
	Walberg

NAYS—1

Mooney (WV)

NOT VOTING—16

Abraham	Maloney, Carolyn B.
Clyburn	Ryan
Crawford	Stivers
Cummings	Mast
Garamendi	Thompson (MS)
	McEachin
	Ratcliffe
	Rooney (FL)
	Webster (FL)
	Wexton

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on September 18, on rollcall No. 535 for passage of H.R. 4285, the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2019, I mistakenly voted “nay” when I meant to vote “aye” in support of the bill.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3632

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove Representative COHEN of Tennessee as a cosponsor of H.R. 3632.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. OMAR). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

HONORING PRISCILLA GARDNER

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a distinguished member of my district. Priscilla Gardner has been a staple of the Jersey City community during her 50-year career at the Jersey City Free Public Library. Priscilla is known for many successes during her time there.

She created the library’s first computer learning center when the internet was in its infancy.

Ms. Gardner established the Jersey City Free Public Library Foundation to raise desperately needed funds to

improve and expand the library when necessary, a successful venture that still exists today.

Ms. Gardner was project director when they built the first new library since 1962, a gorgeous new facility with community and children’s areas that opened in 2004.

Ms. Gardner drove fundraising efforts for the library to have a bookmobile, one that provided residents with 2,000 books, computer terminals, and other media stations.

Most importantly, Ms. Gardner has been instrumental in the renovation and restoration of Jersey City’s historic 120-year-old main library.

Ms. Gardner leaves the library and her city a much better place. Ms. Gardner will be sorely missed, and I wish her all the best in her retirement.

CELEBRATING 72ND BIRTHDAY OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

(Mr. SPANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to and celebrate the birthday of the United States Air Force.

Today’s Air Force traces its lineage to the U.S. Signal Corps in 1907 but officially became its own branch as part of the National Security Act of 1947.

During this period, the Air Force has been on the front lines of racial integration, helped keep the city of Berlin fed for 11 months, placed the first artificial communications satellite into orbit, and continually maintained round-the-clock flights of an airborne command post for three decades.

More significantly, their vigilance and reach have deterred aggression while their speed, power, and sacrifice of life have restored peace.

Today, on the 72nd birthday of the Air Force, the branch has grown into a staple of the United States defense community. With over 600,000 Active Duty, Reserve, and civilian personnel, thousands of whom serve at MacDill Air Force base in Tampa, it is imperative we give these American heroes, past and present, the respect that they deserve.

Please join me in wishing the United States Air Force a happy birthday and honoring the lives of all who have served.

AMERICANS MUST NOT FAIL TO CONFRONT CLIMATE CHANGE

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, this morning, I heard moving testimony from some of the young people leading the fight against climate change, including Greta Thunberg. It was inspiring to see the faces leading the next generation.

We must work together across the aisle to confront these challenges that will be faced now and by the next generations, and our time is running out.

In the San Joaquin Valley of California, which I represent, I have witnessed the devastating effects of climate change for too long, the droughts, the fires.

As a farmer, I know firsthand the struggle that our agricultural communities go through, and I know that climate change isn’t making them any easier.

As I have said before and I will say again, mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change will require a multipronged, commonsense approach. We must not fail to confront these challenges.

As today’s testimony reminded us, the most devastating effects of climate change will be the impact not only today but of the young and future generations to come. I refuse to sit by and do nothing.

For years, in California and Washington, I have worked for meaningful solutions to address climate change, and that will continue.

HONORING CAROL SMOLENSKI

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an extraordinary leader on her retirement, Carol Smolenski.

She has been involved in ECPAT for 20 years as the executive director, a renowned organization with a single mission: end child exploitation and trafficking.

Two decades ago, Carol noticed that America did not have an ECPAT-like organization like some other nations had, and so she took charge. ECPAT-USA was born.

Carol’s mission has been pure and simple: raise awareness of modern-day slavery in America and end human trafficking in our world.

As Carol moves on, I would like to let her hear some Texas wisdom. Carol may not be in a class by herself, but whatever class she is in, it don’t take long to call the roll. I thank Carol. She has saved lives.

HONORING PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

(Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act, which is scheduled for a vote on the House floor tomorrow.

George Washington himself created the Purple Heart in the closing days of the Revolutionary War. Since it was

revived to honor veterans of World War I, it has been awarded to nearly 2 million brave service men and women, yet there is no comprehensive list of Purple Heart recipients.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor located in my district in New Windsor, New York, was created to collect and preserve the names and stories of the men and women wounded or killed in service of our Nation. The proceeds of this coin, which will be produced nearby at the West Point Mint, will support the hall in its critical mission, along with other programs that help veterans and their families.

Today, I am thinking of two men who inspired our work on this bill. One was my dad, who was a Navy vet who was hurt on the USS *Manchester* and who taught me the reverence we must have for our service men and women. The other was Republican Senator Bill Larkin, a New York State Senator, a dear friend who passed away just days ago. He and I worked closely to advance the mission of the hall.

I also thank the Military Order of the Purple Heart and volunteers like Stephanie Keegan, who helped round up 300 of our colleagues in support of this important legislation and who will make tomorrow's vote a reality.

SUPPORTING WITHDRAWAL OF THE WOTUS RULE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Andrew Wheeler, Administrator at EPA, and R.D. James, administrator at the Army Corps of Engineers, for withdrawing the very devastating WOTUS rule, the waters of the United States rule that was put in about 4 years ago under the Obama administration which went way beyond the bounds of what the Clean Water Act passed and was intended by this Congress in 1972.

It has been devastating to farmers, ranchers, and others outside that do things with the management of water seeming to be not just in what is called navigable waterways but every mud puddle across the United States.

This was a massive overreach by the previous administration on that, and we can put this back on a better path so that we have the type of management that actually does help keep our water clean in this country but also not onerous regulations that make it impossible to farm and ranch in this country.

We have seen farmers receive million-dollar fines because of merely re-engaging crops have been fallow for a while or changing a crop, which is way beyond the scope of what the Clean Water Act intended and had provisions for exemptions for agriculture.

It is a great step. Thank you, EPA and Army Corps, for the repeal of this measure.

IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING CLIMATE CHANGE IN SCHOOLS

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of teaching climate change in schools.

This Friday, on September 20, students from around the world will be protesting the need to combat climate change. Led by Greta Thunberg, a climate activist from Sweden who boldly skipped school to protest the need for more climate action, her act of defiance has evolved into a movement and set precedent for a generation of climate activism. More than 25 percent of America's students are taking action to urge us to address climate change.

In order to meaningfully act upon our climate change and eliminate climate change, young people need education on its causes, consequences, and possible solutions. That is why I am introducing a resolution to support climate change education in American schools.

It is a fact that American students do not learn enough about climate change. We need to teach every young person the human impacts of climate change and how to address our warming planet before it is too late. I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution and to hear the voices of the students protesting in Friday's climate strikes.

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HONORING THE MEMORY OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS BARRETO-ORTIZ

(Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Sergeant First Class Elis Barreto Ortiz, fallen in Afghanistan on September 5.

When Sergeant Barreto enlisted 10 years ago, he followed the tradition of many Puerto Ricans, including his father, in answering the call to defend America.

He served with distinction, earning many awards and the praise of his comrades. Now he joins those who also made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

The people of Puerto Rico share the pain that fills this hero's family in his small hometown of Morovis and his unit's base at Fort Bragg.

Nothing can fill the void for his parents or his wife and children, but we must resolve that his sacrifice will be remembered and honored, and his memory will always endure.

May you rest in peace, Sergeant Barreto, a hero and a proud Puerto Rican.

STEPHANIE TIMOTEO'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, Stephanie Timoteo, a resident of Bridgeton in South Jersey, turned 100 years old on August 25.

Stephanie has always been an incredibly active person in her community. She values faith, family, and heritage as the most important aspects of her life.

She was born into a family of Polish immigrants, and in her midtwenties, she became a seamstress and she made uniforms for soldiers during World War II.

After the war, Stephanie spent most of her time with her children, but she continued to work at home as a seamstress and a dressmaker.

Over the years, Stephanie has given her time as a den mother, a Girl Scout leader, a Christ Child volunteer, a coordinator for the Polish American Club, and many, many, many other roles. They are actually countless.

Now she loves to crochet, read, and spend time with her seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Happy birthday to Stephanie. We are incredibly lucky to have her. May God bless her. South Jersey is proud of her; New Jersey is proud of her; and America is proud of her.

HONORING GENERAL ROBERT P. CARSON, THE CITADEL MASCOT

(Mr. CUNNINGHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of General Robert P. Carson, the beloved bulldog mascot of The Citadel, who passed away this Friday.

The General came from a distinguished lineage, and his relatives include former mascots of the University of Georgia, the United States Marine Corps, and Mississippi State University.

The General's caretaker, Dr. John Bradford, reported that on game days, he would often find the bulldog waiting in the corner of his backyard, facing the stadium. He just couldn't wait to fire those cannons, and his spirit helped his fellow Bulldogs pull off an incredible upset this past Saturday.

The General was with his fellow mascot, Boo X, when he passed away. The two were the pride of The Citadel campus and cherished members of the institution.

Anyone with a pet knows how deeply they impact our lives, and I offer my sincere condolences to the entire Citadel community.

Go 'Dogs.