

celebrate his work, accomplishments, and significant community impact. We thank him for his outstanding leadership and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call 228: H.R. 7995 Coin Metal Modification Authorization and Cost Savings Act—On the Motion To Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill—YEA.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SCIOTO COUNTY COMMISSIONER MICHAEL CRABTREE

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the death and celebrate the life of Scioto County, Ohio Commissioner Michael Crabtree, who passed from this Earth earlier this week.

Mike was a staple of the community, a dedicated public servant, and an unwavering advocate for Scioto County. His love of country and commitment to bettering our community were indisputable.

Michael Crabtree was a true patriot who served in the US Army with the 82nd Airborne Division, then stayed engaged in many civic organizations, ultimately serving 18 years as County Commissioner.

While Mike's earthly mission is complete, his impact on Scioto County and all that knew him will be felt for generations as his legacy lives on.

We are all forever grateful for his service and I will miss working with him.

I ask for everyone to join me in praying for Mike's wife, Dianna, his friends and family, for the community he served, and the lives Mike touched.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on 12/2/2020, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 228.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, due to a test indicating a positive re-

sult for a COVID-19 infection during the most recent district work period, I was unable to travel to the Capitol to vote on December 2, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 228.

RECOGNIZING THE HARD WORK OF WILLINGBORO OFFICER SALLY LANDRUM

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer Sally Landrum. She is one of just twenty-three officers in our nation to receive the U.S. Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Community Policing. I, and the town of Willingboro, cannot be prouder of her.

The Attorney General Award for Distinguished Service in Community Policing is given to exceptional officers who have gone above and beyond their call of duty to protect their communities, implementing "innovative community policing strategies, criminal investigations, and field operations that have proven effective in enforcing our laws." The Attorney General could not have picked a better officer than Officer Landrum, who exemplifies good community policing.

Officer Landrum has been a stalwart of the community. Throughout her time at the Willingboro Police Department, Officer Landrum has organized story times, toiletry drives for the homeless, a resiliency program for officers in distress, and elderly training programs. I commend Officer Landrum for her work, and I know I speak on behalf of my constituents across Burlington and Ocean County when I say this award is well-deserved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately prevented from traveling and unable to make votes on December 2, 2020. Had I been present I would have voted in favor of H.R. 7995.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I was notified that I was exposed to COVID-19 and am following quarantine guidelines set by the CDC.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 228.

CONGRATULATING CALVARY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2020 CLASS I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Calvary Lutheran Lions cross country team for winning the 2020 Missouri Class I State title.

This is the Calvary Lutheran high school's first state championship in school history. This team should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state title to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Calvary Lutheran Lions cross country team for a job well done.

COMMEMORATING COMMISSIONER ED HUMPHREY'S SERVICE TO CLERMONT COUNTY

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Commissioner Ed Humphrey for his years of tireless service and dedication to the Clermont County community as he is set to retire at the end of the year. Commissioner Humphrey has been a fixture of Clermont County for his entire life, and his service to our community has been felt for generations.

Mr. Humphrey's early volunteer work as a firefighter with the Miamiville Fire Department led to the development of the Life Squad on which he served as EMS Chief for 12 years. He went on to serve as Fire Chief from 1987 to 1989 before transitioning to elected official to serve on the Miami Township Board of Trustees.

During his time as trustee, Mr. Humphrey helped facilitate profound change in Miami Township. He improved Fire and EMS services, police services, established a first-class park system, and more.

Beyond his government roles, Mr. Humphrey devoted countless hours to a variety of community programs: coaching youth sports, serving as President of the Clermont County Township Association and Chairperson of the Clermont County Health District Advisory Council, and joining his local masonic lodge, Milford Lodge 54 F. & A.M.

It is a privilege to know Mr. Humphrey, not only because of his incredible service to our community, but also as a friend. He has led a life of service devoted to his commitment to leave his community better than he found it.

I wish Mr. Humphrey the best on his well-deserved retirement. I know I can speak on behalf of myself and the Clermont County community when I say we are grateful for his many years of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 228.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RUPERT LEWIS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Rupert Lewis as he delivers the keynote speech at The PuLSE Institute Literary Circle Forum. Dr. Lewis's significant academic achievements are worthy of commendation.

Dr. Rupert Lewis is Professor Emeritus of Political Thought in the Department of Government at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica. He is a scholar of the Garvey movement and Caribbean radicalism in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, and he holds years of experience lecturing political science, political thought in the Caribbean, and African and global politics. Currently, Dr. Lewis is a research fellow in the PJ Patterson Centre for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy at the UWI, working alongside Jamaican Prime Minister PJ Patterson to strengthen the relationship between the Caribbean and Africa.

Dr. Lewis is recognized globally as a leading academic in political thought. He has published a host of essays and biographies that have propelled the academic discipline forward and have been formative in scholars' understanding of politics in the Caribbean. Beyond academics, Dr. Lewis is an activist for reparative justice and has earned the Order of Distinction, Commander class honor from the Government of Jamaica for his efforts. Dr. Lewis's selection to deliver the keynote speech underscores his wide expertise and exemplifies his commitment to enhancing awareness of the Caribbean's impacts on the global community. As the United States celebrates the election of Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, the first Black woman of Jamaican descent to assume the vice presidency, Dr. Lewis will provide valuable insight of the Caribbean's many contributions to United States politics and how it continues to shape American political life today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Rupert Lewis as he delivers the keynote speech at The PuLSE Institute Literary Circle Forum. Dr. Lewis's academic expertise continues to make a difference, and his testimony will enhance our community's understanding of the role the Caribbean has played within our own nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. ZACHARY JACOB "ZAC" PLANTZ

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dedicated staff member and friend, Zachary Jacob "Zac" Plantz. His life was tragically taken in a car accident on November 26th at the age of 27. Zac was an incredibly gifted young man who had immeasurable potential and the ability to bring joy to others. He loved his family, served his community, and was passionate about helping people.

A Frankfort native and lifelong Chicago loyalist, Zac was a proud graduate of Providence Catholic High School and the University of Notre Dame where he played for the Fighting Irish rugby team. After college, Zac began his career as a successful consultant, but found a new sense of purpose in pursuing his true passion for public service. In 2018, Zac began his political career by coordinating a Chicago mayoral campaign for Jerry Joyce, Jr. Last year, I brought Zac into my campaign and quickly learned what a gifted young man he was. Before long, he became my Campaign Manager. After the campaign, Zac joined my congressional staff as a Senior Policy Advisor. During his time in my office, he demonstrated a great ability to bring people together and make a difference in the lives of constituents in Illinois's 3rd Congressional District. Zac's contagious energy and ability to lift people up was nothing short of remarkable.

Though Zac had many career accomplishments in his short life, he also demonstrated his exceptional character through charitable endeavors. For the past six years, Zac ran sixty miles in November to raise money for Movember, a charitable organization dedicated to improving men's mental health. His efforts through this organization will have a lasting impact on countless lives.

Zac was a friend to so many of us and I extend my heartfelt condolences to Zac's loving parents Ron and Laura, his siblings Logan, Tyler, and Abby, his longtime girlfriend Kathleen, and all of Zac's family and friends. While

his journey on Earth might be over, his legacy will live on in the advice he gave, the stories he told, and the people he brought together.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Zachary "Zac" Plantz. He was a man who lived his life for others and brought joy into the world. I know that Zac's passion and commitment to his family, friends, and community will have a lasting impact on all of us.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT FREEMAN "BOB" SMITH

HON. PETER A. DEFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of former Representative Robert Freeman "Bob" Smith.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of my friend and former colleague and offer my deepest condolences to his friends and family.

I served with Bob in Congress for a decade. He spent his life serving Oregonians in various roles, including president of the Public Lands Council, and in the Oregon legislature as House Speaker and subsequently Senate Minority Leader. He dedicated his life to his community, his constituents, and all Oregonians.

Growing up in Burns, he worked as a rancher. His experiences provided a deep knowledge of the needs and concerns of rural Oregonians, and he was one of their fiercest advocates. Bob was also a man of principle. He retired from Congress in 1995, yet ran again in 1997 because his successor, a member of his own party, had lied about his military service, among many other problems. He won, and when he returned to Congress for what would be his last term, he was elected Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, placing him in a powerful role championing policies important to rural communities.

Make no mistake, Bob and I had policy disagreements, but we were always friends and worked together often. One of my fondest memories is when Bob and I worked alongside former Senator Mark Hatfield to designate the Newberry Crater as a Monument in order to protect the area from energy development. Though we came from different sides of the aisle, this designation effort was just one example of how we were able to come together as Oregonians to protect the people, resources, and great outdoors that make Oregon home. Bob is missed, but his life of service and inspiring legacy lives on.