

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I was in the Chamber but was unable to execute my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 32.

HONORING 2020 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE BOBBY LABONTE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend Bobby Labonte upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Bobby Labonte perfectly embodies the NASCAR spirit. Before becoming a premier series driver in 1993, he was known to race any car he could find. His persistence paid off when he became the first of four drivers to win both the Xfinity Series and a premier series championship.

During his exceptional career, Bobby Labonte accumulated 21 premier series wins, four Brickyard 400 championships, and a Southern 500 victory. Along with his brother, Terry Labonte, Bobby represents a pair of just two racing brothers who each claim a premier series championship.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Bobby Labonte is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Bobby Labonte on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF STEPHANIE WINSTEAD

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Winstead for her extraordinary service as the Chair of the Board for the Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate of Chapman University College of Law, Ms. Winstead has diligently worked to represent her clients' interests while continuing to give back to the Laguna Niguel community. Further, her leadership skills have enabled her to create and implement new programs that have improved the quality of life of our friends and neighbors.

Under Ms. Winstead's leadership, she empowered local business leaders to enhance

their impact on the community. She also played a key role in expediting the Holiday Shop Laguna Niguel Program to keep sales tax dollars in the city as well as encouraged Board members and staff to seek professional development through programs offered by the California Chamber of Commerce.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing the outstanding work of Stephanie Winstead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I was traveling on official business with the Vice President to my home state. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 25, Previous Question; NAY on Roll Call No. 26, H. Res. 811 (Rule); and YEA on Roll Call No. 27 H.R. 4331.

TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION AND STUDY OF THE EMERGENCY SCHEDULING OF FENTANYL ANALOGUES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3201—the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act, although I have reservations about the impact of the bill on African American men.

I am concerned that provisions in this bill will have an unintended impact on African Americans being disproportionately charged and sentenced to prison. In 2018, 77 percent of individuals prosecuted for fentanyl related substances were people of color. This is not acceptable. The average sentence for fentanyl trafficking offenders was 74 months; 97.4 percent were sentenced to prison.

In 2018, the DEA issued a temporary order which placed 17 fentanyl related substances on Schedule I of the list of controlled substances. The order expires on Thursday, February 6, 2020, and could not be extended without congressional action, which extends the order until May 6, 2021.

While I understand the need to combat fentanyl abuse, we cannot allow our solutions to disproportionately hurt our community. Since this is a temporary reauthorization, I will continue to work to ensure that the issue of mandatory minimums, as it relates to fentanyl, does not disproportionately affect African American. This temporary extension will give us time to work on long term solutions that do not have the potential to negatively impact our communities of color.

HONORING 2020 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE TONY STEWART

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my friend and racing legend Tony Stewart upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Known for his grit and blue-collar style of competition, Tony Stewart captivated America with three victories in his debut season. With a nickname like "Smoke," he understandably ran away with the 1999 Winston Cup Rookie of the Year award.

Throughout his 17-year career, Tony Stewart won three premier series championships and was one of the most versatile drivers in NASCAR. He accumulated 49 premier series wins, two Brickyard 400 championships in his home state, and tallied victories on every style of track. After forming Stewart-Haas Racing in 2009, he saw his organization post 51 wins and mount one of the most memorable championship pursuits in history.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Tony Stewart is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Tony Stewart on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on January 29, 2020 due to the death of a family member. Had I been present, on roll no. 28, On Agreeing to the Clay Amendment, I would have voted "aye;" on roll no. 29, On Agreeing to the Brown Amendment, I would have voted "aye;" on roll no. 30, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "aye;" on roll no. 31, On Passage of H.R. 3621, I would have voted "aye;" and on roll no. 32, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3201, I would have voted "aye."

REPORT ON WORKPLACE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TRAINING

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, under House Resolution 30 and Committee on House Administration Resolution 116-10, all

Members, Officers and employees of the House are required to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities applicable to offices and employees of the House. The Chief Administrative Officer has informed the Committee that all current Members, Officers and employees of the House have completed the required training for 2019.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, I was unable to cast roll call votes from January 10th–16th and on January 27th and 29th. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: on roll call 9, I would have voted No; on roll call 10, I would have voted No; on roll call 11, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 12, I would have voted No; on roll call 13, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 14, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 15, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 16, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 17, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 18, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 19, I would have voted Nay; on roll call 20, I would have voted Nay; on roll call 21, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 22, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 23, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 24, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 28, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 29, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 30, I would have voted Nay; on roll call 31, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 32, I would have voted Nay.

HONORING 2020 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE WADDELL WILSON

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend Waddell Wilson upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

As an engine builder and crew chief, Waddell Wilson helped power some of racing's greatest drivers, including fellow NASCAR Hall of Famers David Pearson, Glenn Roberts, Bobby Allison, Cale Yarborough, and Darrell Waltrip. Combined, his engines boast a total of 109 wins and 123 poles.

Waddell Wilson's engine is responsible for a Southern 500 victory and as crew chief, he guided three drivers to Daytona 500 titles. He won "The Great American Race" with Buddy Baker and Cale Yarborough and in 1980, was responsible for assembling the engine that snapped the track's record with an average race speed of 177.602 MPH.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR

legends in the Hall of Fame. Waddell Wilson is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Waddell Wilson on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN WHEELER FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will soon bid farewell to its Senior Advisor for Congressional Appropriations, Mr. Brian Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler has been the TSA's liaison to the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee for the past 17 years, and will be retiring from the federal government after nearly 30 years of dedicated service. He will be greatly missed by his TSA colleagues, as well as by the members and professional staff of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

As chairwoman of this subcommittee, and as a member of the subcommittee since its creation, I am grateful to Mr. Wheeler for his diligent and reliable work to relay key financial and security matters to our subcommittee. He has accurately addressed our requests, and consistently met tight timelines. The information he has provided to us has been invaluable in our subcommittee's efforts to mitigate future threats to our nation's transportation systems, including our work to fund such TSA needs as more advanced detection equipment and crucial increases in personnel at airport checkpoints across the nation.

Our Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee has greatly benefited from Mr. Wheeler's commitment, dependability, and experience. He has provided invaluable insights into the operations of a complex transportation security system managed by a large domestic agency sourced with both appropriated funds and mandatory fee revenue. He also has a keen awareness of the kinds of information appropriators need as we make informed judgments and decisions about the TSA.

Mr. Wheeler's superb analytical skills, including his graphic and chartmaking talents, have been essential to our subcommittee's review of the TSA's annual budget requests, which now exceed \$8 billion worth of budget authority. He translates several hundred pages of budget submissions into concise summaries. He has built detailed spreadsheets that have synthesized funding issues into easily understood programmatic rationales, which has put the subcommittee in a position to optimize our use of taxpayer dollars by ensuring that only critical requirements are funded.

Mr. Wheeler has given outstanding service to our subcommittee, the House, the TSA, and the nation. His professionalism, perception, superb analytic focus, and technical skills have been invaluable to us. On behalf of all of us at the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, I wish him all the best as he moves into retirement and the next phase of his life's journey.

THE RETIREMENT OF U.S. BORDER PATROL CHIEF CARLA PROVOST

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of U.S. Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost. After serving our nation for 25 years, she is retiring this Friday.

A native of rural Kansas, Chief Provost first joined the U.S. Border Patrol on January 8, 1995, and was assigned to Douglas, Arizona. Despite the significant culture shock, Chief Provost remained in southeast Arizona another ten years. In 2006, she was transferred to Yuma, where she served for an additional five years. As an Arizona resident, I am grateful for the 15 years she spent keeping our border secure and our communities safe.

Chief Provost went on to hold several leadership roles throughout her career, serving the El Paso and El Centro Sectors, the Office of Professional Responsibility, and was appointed Chief of U.S. Border Patrol in April 2017.

Every American should be grateful for the men and women who serve in the U.S. Border Patrol. Safeguarding our nation's border can be dangerous and grueling work. But I hear time and again from border-region residents that their work is vital. Chief Provost describes her background as "pride-in-country and service-to-country." She is a great example of and for the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol.

I thank Chief Provost for her many years of service and leadership of the agency, and I wish her well in her retirement.

HONORING WELDON DAVIS

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Arkansan Weldon Davis, who passed away on December 17, 2019.

Weldon, a native of Mount Vernon, Arkansas, graduated from Mount Vernon high school in 1944, and attended college at Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway.

He later attended the University of Arkansas Law School, taking classes at night after a full day's work, from which he received his law degree in 1964.

He began his career at Arkansas Farm Bureau Insurance Company in 1954, where he helped guide it to its success today.

The Arkansas Farm Bureau even presents an outstanding adjuster award presented in his honor at the Farm Bureau's claims conference.

During his career with the Farm Bureau he continued to maintain his 640-acre cattle farm in Mount Vernon.

According to his family, he will be remembered as a man of character, honesty, directness, integrity, and fairness.

Weldon's life is a testament to the hard work embraced by Central Arkansans.