

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE TAMAYO

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American and prominent leader in the veteran community in Burlington County, Joe Tamayo.

Joe Tamayo's life was defined by his service to his country, his community, and those in need. Joe was drafted into the Army to fight in the Korean war, where he served five tours and earned a Purple Heart for wounds received in combat during the battle of Pork Chop Hill. After he left Korea, Joe served two tours of duty in Germany, as well as a tour in Vietnam, before eventually returning to the United States on assignment at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

In addition to his Purple Heart, throughout his time in the Army Joe received a number of awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star with "V" for Valor, a Combat Infantry Badge, a National Defense Service Medal, and an Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal. After twenty-two years of service to his country, Joe retired from active duty in 1973.

Despite his retirement, Joe continued to seek out ways to serve his community and care for those in need. Joe focused his energy on troubled youth and took a position working at the New Jersey Children's Home in Mt. Holly, New Jersey. For thirty years at the Children's Home, Joe worked to instill a sense of pride, self-respect, discipline and self-worth in his students.

After retiring from his work with the Children's home, Joe continued to be an active member of several Veteran Service Organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Purple Heart Association, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the 24th Infantry Regiment Combat Team Association, otherwise known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Throughout his life after his time in the military, Joe maintained his commitment to service and helped to support his fellow veterans in Burlington County.

Joe Tamayo's story is a reminder to all of us that our veterans make incredible sacrifices not just to defend our nation, but also to support our communities and those most in need. I thank Joe for his lifetime of service to our nation and offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ALLEN

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of Christopher Michael Allen, who passed away at the age of 47 in his home in Jackson, Mississippi, on March

28, 2019, while surrounded by his family and friends. Chris dedicated much of his attention to raising his three daughters, Anna Leigh, Addy Katherine, and Mills, was an avid Ole Miss sports fan, and loved attending sporting events with friends.

Chris also enjoyed spending time with his many friends and loved ones and was known as a loyal friend. A close companion of Chris once said that every one of his friends has thought of Chris Allen as their best friend at one time or another. Chris used his smile, humor, and kind heart to comfort those around him and to create joy in those who shared his company. His family and his friends viewed his company as a blessing.

Earlier last year, Chris was diagnosed with progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML), a rare viral brain disease that never impacted Chris's desire to care for his loving family and close friends. He is survived by his daughters, Anna Leigh Allen, Addy Katherine Allen, and Mills Allen; their mother Leigh Ann Allen; his mother, Debbie Allen; siblings Robby Allen (Ashley) and Brooke Chandler (Chan); and a multitude of extended family and friends who continue to remember the joy he brought to their lives.

ALAN CABRAL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alan Cabral for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Alan Cabral is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alan Cabral is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Alan Cabral for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LIZZIE FLETCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mrs. FLETCHER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3, I was not present for votes as I was in Houston for the Texas Primary Election. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79; YEA on Roll Call No. 80; YEA on Roll Call No. 81; and YEA on Roll Call No. 82.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SALARY HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Salary Home Rule Act, which would give the District of Columbia the authority to raise the pay of its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). There is no reason the District should not have the authority to set the pay of every local official who is paid with local funds, as a matter of its existing home-rule authority.

In 2013, Congress enacted a law that gave the District more authority to set the CFO's pay. However, Congress did not give D.C. full and complete authority over this local matter. This bill would give D.C. the authority to set the CFO's pay commensurate with its best judgment based on factors such as comparisons with similar positions elsewhere, the competitive market, and other factors generally used in determining pay. I was able to get at least some needed change in 2013 by amending the Home Rule Act to change the CFO's salary from a fixed rate of pay that was tied to a federal pay schedule to a maximum allowable pay, or ceiling, tied to a federal pay schedule. That ceiling was and is substantially higher than the fixed rate. However, D.C. should have full control over setting the salaries of its own employees.

I introduced the 2013 bill after a D.C. CFO search committee indicated that the fixed rate of pay was not high enough to attract the best talent needed for this complex and demanding job. The responsibilities of the CFO, a position created by Congress, are unique in the United States. The CFO is extraordinarily powerful and independent. The District cannot obligate or expend funds without the CFO's approval, and the CFO can be terminated only "for cause." My bill would not allow the CFO's salary to be lowered and maintains the "for cause" termination provision, so as to preserve the independence of the position. The District needs the authority to pay the rate necessary to retain and attract the best CFOs, especially since the District must compete with the private sector for highly qualified CFOs.

This is an important step to increase necessary home-rule authority for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes taken on Tuesday, March 3, due to it being primary election day in California. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 81 (Passing H. Res. 387): YES; and

Roll Call Vote Number 82 (Passing H.R. 4508, the Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act): YES.

ADDISON FAURBO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Addison Faurbo for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Addison Faurbo is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Addison Faurbo is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Addison Faurbo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING NANCY MARTIN ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nancy Martin who plans to retire next month after nearly 43 years of service to the federal government.

After growing up in the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights in Illinois, Nancy earned an Associate of Arts degree from Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the American University in Washington, DC. Nancy's career as a civil servant began at the Veteran's Administration in 1977. Less than a year later, she accepted a job at what was then called the Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. She helped with the transition team during the creation of the Department of Education as a separate Cabinet agency in 1980. She has shaken hands with every U.S. Secretary of Education.

In 1987, Nancy joined the Department of Education's Budget Service. Over the past 33 years, Nancy has been involved in the formulation and presentation of the President's Budget and related documents and tables and is the lead in the development of the annual Congressional Budget Justifications. I thank Nancy for her dedication to the Department and its mission to foster educational excellence and ensure equal access.

Nancy has been an indispensable resource to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, which I chair. In addition to her expertise in the budget process, she has always approached our technical assistance needs with the utmost professionalism and attention, providing the support necessary for us to craft Department of Education appropriations bills. For that I am deeply grateful.

Nancy's dedication to public extends outside of the Department of Education. She served as a volunteer and docent with the Friends of the National Zoo for over 20 years and currently serves on the board of an organization that connects our Nation's military veterans with shelter animals.

We will feel the void left by her retirement going forward. I thank Nancy for her service and congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

RECOGNIZING GOVERNOR BRAD LITTLE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an Eastern Idaho Agriculture Hall of Fame inductee, Governor Brad Little.

Governor Brad Little has been a champion for agriculture his entire life. His advocacy started while being raised on his family's Emmett, Idaho sheep and cattle ranching operation. Later in life, Little became a public servant and continued to protect and advance the agriculture industry in the Idaho State Senate then as Idaho's Lieutenant Governor and currently as Idaho's Governor.

In 1977, Little graduated with an Agribusiness Degree from the University of Idaho. He went on to work on his families ranching operation. With over three decades of managing the farming and ranching, our Governor is a leader who understands what it takes to be successful in agriculture.

In 2001, Little began his public service career when he was appointed to fill an Idaho State Senate seat. In the senate, he focused on the agricultural affairs, resources and environment, and economic outlook. As a member of these committees, Little played a substantial role ensuring the security and increasing productivity of farms and ranches across Idaho. He went on to become both Idaho's Lieutenant Governor and Governor where he has continued to promote and defend agriculture in Idaho.

Whether he is meeting with the President in the White House or a neighbor on his family farm in Emmet, he can be found wearing cowboy boots, and demonstrating a commitment to hard work and integrity. Governor Little is a proud voice for Idaho and our agriculture community, and I am honored to call him a friend.

Madam Speaker, I would like to join the Eastern Idaho agriculture community in congratulate Governor Brad Little on being inducted into the 2020 Eastern Idaho Agriculture Hall of Fame.

ABORTION RIGHTS AND JUNE MEDICAL SERVICES LLC V. RUSSO

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Congresswoman LAWRENCE of Michigan for anchoring this very important Special Order to affirm our unequivocal opposition to any effort to turn the clock back or to limit or undermine women's right to make their own choices regarding their reproductive healthcare.

The United States Supreme Court ruled over 40 years ago, in *Roe v. Wade* (410 U.S. 113 (1973)), that a woman's constitutional right to privacy includes her right to abortion.

Since this landmark decision, abortion rates and risks have substantially declined, as have the number of teen and unwanted pregnancies.

Restricting all access to reproductive and women's health services only exacerbates a woman's risk of an unintended pregnancy and fails to accomplish any meaningful overthrow of *Roe v. Wade*.

In recent years, state policymakers have passed hundreds of restrictions on abortion care under the guise of protecting women's health and safety. Fights here in Congress have been no different.

In my state of Texas, a law that would have cut off access to 75 percent of reproductive healthcare clinics in the state was challenged before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2014 and 2015.

On October 2, 2014, the Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional a Texas law that required that all reproductive healthcare clinics that provided the full range of services would be required to have a hospital-style surgery center building and staffing requirements.

This requirement meant that only 7 clinics would be allowed to continue to provide a full spectrum of reproductive healthcare to women.

Texas has 268,580 square miles only second in size to the state of California.

The impact of the law in implementation would have ended access to reproductive services for millions of women in my state.

In 2015, the State of Texas once again threatened women's access to reproductive health care when it attempted to shutter all but 10 healthcare providers in the state of Texas.

The Supreme Court once again intervened on behalf of Texas women to block the move to close clinics in my state.

It seems every month we are faced with a new attack on women's access to reproductive health care, often couched in those same terms.

If opponents were so concerned about women's health and safety, they would be promoting any one of the number of evidence-based proactive policies that improve women's health and well-being.

Instead, they are continuing their assault on women's constitutional rights and their campaign to outlaw abortion.

That is their number one priority; it is certainly not about protecting women's health, it is about politics.

The consequences of these efforts are often felt most acutely by people who already face barriers to care, including communities of color, young people, LGBTQ people, and people with low incomes.

For the first time since Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch were seated on the Supreme Court, and this morning the Court heard oral arguments in June Medical Services LLC v. Russo, a case that could render the protections of *Roe v. Wade* virtually meaningless, paving the way for states to effectively ban abortion for over 25 million people of reproductive age.