

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on Thursday April 23 and Friday, May 15, 2020, I was not able to make the recorded votes below. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 103; YEA on Roll Call No. 104; YEA on Roll Call No. 105; YEA on Roll Call No. 106; YEA on Roll Call No. 107; NAY on Roll Call No. 108; and YEA on Roll Call No. 109.

HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, we have had a lot of talk on this floor today about this bill with people pointing fingers and saying: It doesn't do this or it doesn't do that.

However, if we were to examine the intent of this bill we can see one thing with crystal clarity.

What it does do is to provide real support for American heroes: our physicians, our nurses, our cops, our teachers, our firemen, and our first responders.

But there are many other heroes moving our country forward during these perilous times.

Our grocery store clerks, bus drivers, mental health counselors, food bank employees, farmers and the list would certainly include leaders at every level of State and local governments.

And this is not just a Democratic effort.

This is an effort that is supported by Republicans as well, and somebody needs to say that.

Republican Governors, Republican mayors, Republican County officials, and there will be some Republican Members on that side of the aisle who vote for this bill because it is the right thing to do.

It provides needed testing, and it provides the resources those on the front lines in this war against our common enemy—the Coronavirus pandemic—who need to survive and to thrive once again.

It is a critical way for us to do more than to simply offer words.

It allows us to offer hope to these true American heroes.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO MARK PETTITT FOR HIS SERVICE TO AMERICA

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, after ably and honorably serving as my chief of staff for more than 9 years, Mark Pettitt will

retire in June. Mark has provided exceptional leadership, and I've greatly benefited from having him as my chief advisor. I will miss his sound and candid guidance.

When asked how he came to be my chief of staff, Mark will often reply, "I complained about politics too many times to an old friend." That is only partly true. Really, it was Mark's deeply ingrained sense of patriotism that led him to Capitol Hill.

Mark's tenure as chief of staff caps an already exemplary career as a successful private sector engineer. For Mark, there are few more patriotic acts than simply working hard and contributing each day to America's economic and industrial prowess.

Mark worked hard throughout his career. He earned both his masters and undergraduate degrees in engineering from Brigham Young University. He served as an R&D Engineer and Project Manager at Wylie Laboratories in Huntsville, Alabama from 1978–1989. While at Wylie, Mark earned his Professional Engineer license. He went on to work as an Executive Consultant and Product Manager for Intergraph Corporation from 1989–2010. As an aside, Mark is a 10th degree Jiu Jitsu black belt.

Given his private sector background, Mark offers a unique perspective on federal policy issues. Always one to put America first, Mark has been particularly active in addressing America's trade imbalances and has long advocated for trade policies that benefit American workers.

As Mark's career concludes, I cannot thank him enough for the value he provided me, the Tennessee Valley, and America. I wish Mark joy and contentment as he embarks on this next phase of life. He is looking forward to enjoying well-deserved time with his wife, Diane, five children—John, Jared, Ben, Nichole, and Joseph—and 12 grandchildren! Mark has earned every bit of that family time.

America is a stronger, more prosperous nation thanks to Mark's exemplary career.

ALDEN BURCH NARANJO, JR.
TRIBUTE**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alden Burch Naranjo, Jr. of Ignacio, Colorado, a leader within the Southern Ute Tribe who recently passed away.

Alden attended Ute Vocational School and later graduated from St. Catherine's Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico. After pursuing his education, Alden enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and served his country honorably. His service to others continued following the Vietnam War, when he transitioned into a career with the Southern Ute Tribe which spanned 40 years.

Alden served as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Coordinator, working to ensure federal laws protect Native American lineal descendants with respect to the treatment, repatriation, and disposition of Native American human remains and culturally important objects were implemented. He also served as a police officer, staffer for the Division of Wild-

life, probation officer, and historian. He was also a member of Keepers of the Treasures—which predated NAGPRA—a spiritual leader for tribal members. This role sent him around the world to educate people on Native American rights, spirituality, and culture.

Alden also held the role of President of the Native American Church of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the United States Chapters. In what free time he had, he was a traditional Sun dancer and took great pride in his Native American heritage. He will be sorely missed by his large extended family, the entire Southern Ute Tribe, and State of Colorado.

Madam Speaker, Alden's death is a loss for not only the Southern Ute Tribe but for the entire State of Colorado, and all of us who value the rich culture and historical heritage he worked so passionately throughout his life to share. Alden's legacy will be remembered and live on for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING HANK BROWNE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Mr. Hank Browne, who was inducted into this year's Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame by the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation.

Hank is a lifelong hunter and dedicated supporter of the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation.

He also founded his own business in Arkansas in 1975, Hank's Fine Furniture, which was recognized as one of America's Top 100 Independent Furniture Retailers.

As a member of The Nature Conservancy Arkansas' Last Great Places Society, he has been a champion of conservation efforts in the Natural State throughout his lifetime.

His service to the state of Arkansas and to wildlife and conservation will never be forgotten, and I join all Arkansans in congratulating Hank on this achievement and wish him much continued success.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
PAM BROWN LARSEN**HON. DAN NEWHOUSE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, today, the Tri-Cities community celebrates and honors the career of Pam Brown Larsen. For the past 25 years, Pam has served as Executive Director of Hanford Communities, an intergovernmental cooperative organization embraced by four cities, two counties, and a port district. Pam began this journey in 1994 when she became the first and only person to fill the position created by the City of Richland.

Throughout her career, Pam has been a steadfast advocate for the cleanup of the Hanford Site and for the people and communities surrounding it. Her leadership has been crucial to the progress seen at the 586 square mile site. Pam has played a pivotal role in increasing the public's access to information about

Hanford, and her efforts advocating for a cost-effective, safe, and prompt cleanup will continue to shape the mission at the site in the years to come.

Pam has not only been an expert on nuclear cleanup issues at the local level; she has also shared her collaborative leadership model at the national and international levels as well.

The Tri-Cities was the only Department of Energy community with a government advocacy association at the time of its creation. Since then, communities like those in Los Alamos, New Mexico and Oak Ridge, Tennessee have followed the example of Hanford Communities in creating their own associations. Pam has gone on to share her model of waste cleanup community advocacy with agency leaders in Fukushima, Japan. Her leadership has made, and will continue to make, a sustaining mark on the cleanup efforts of the future.

Pam, it is an honor to know you, both as a constituent, and as a friend. I know I am not alone in thanking you for your years of service and in wishing you the very best in retirement. Congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN F. PRENTICE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, John Prentice, who passed away at the age of 66 on April 30, 2020. John was a loving husband, a dedicated community member, and a dear friend of mine. He will be deeply missed.

John was born on December 2, 1953, the son of Rita and George Prentice. John and I grew up together in Corona, California and had an incredible friendship that spanned from kindergarten to today. After graduating at the top of his class from Corona High School, John attended Cal Poly Pomona and earned a Bachelor of Science degree which led him to become a Certified Public Accountant.

In 1980, John married the love of his life Melody Cissna, a wonderful woman who I have the pleasure of also calling a friend. Together they shared almost forty years of marriage filled with exciting travels, and lots of skiing, boating, and golfing. John and Melody took on their adventures together and surrounded themselves with good friends.

John was an active CPA for more than 40 years, joining Eadie & Payne, LLP as a staff accountant in 1976. He worked his way up to becoming the firm's managing partner in 2000 and served in that role until he retired in 2017. John served as my accountant for many years, and I can personally attest to the many lives he touched throughout his career where he was known for his humor, warmth, intelligence, and optimistic outlook.

John was an active member of the Rotary Club of San Bernardino and Inland Action, organizations which he graced with his time, leadership skills, and wit. He made lifelong friendships through his associations in professional accounting, agricultural, and construction trade groups. John was incredibly dedicated to his colleagues, clients, friends, and family.

John is survived by his wife Melody, mother Rita, and his brothers Dan, Joe, and Jim Prentice. He is fondly remembered by his cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends for his generosity and kind spirit.

I had the pleasure of knowing John both personally and professionally throughout most of my life. He was a wonderful friend, a talented professional and a passionate advocate for our region. He was a great American and I extend my heartfelt condolences to my dear friend Melody and to all those who knew John. Although he may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MASTER PATROL OFFICER SPENCER BRISTOL

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of a distinguished public servant from Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District, fallen Master Patrol Officer Spencer Daniel Bristol. Officer Bristol committed his life and career to keeping the city of Hendersonville, TN safe from crime, after serving 5 years in the United States Navy.

His loss has been profoundly felt in and around Hendersonville and across the law enforcement community in Tennessee and beyond. Hundreds of Hendersonville residents from all walks of life lined the town's main street to pay their respects the day he was laid to rest. It is important that we recognize the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers, not only during police week, but every day. We have them to thank for keeping our families, neighborhoods, and communities safe.

Everyday heroes like Officer Bristol are the ones who continue to make this nation great. I offer my condolences to the family he leaves behind; his wife, Lauren, and their 3-year-old daughter, Eloise.

STEPHANIE ROSSI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Rossi, who after 40 years of teaching, is retiring. Stephanie's dedication to education in the Jefferson County School District and to the State of Colorado has made a significant impact on students which will last for years to come.

Stephanie started teaching in the Jeffco School District in 1994. Currently she teaches courses in social studies—including AP U.S. history, world religions, and psychology—as well as geography and American government. Her reputation has become so legendary that kids who haven't even reached high school cross their fingers to one day join her classroom. She even has special nicknames, becoming known as Rossi Woman or Mama

Ross within Wheat Ridge High School. And she does all of it with a smile on her face, and the passion and creativity that she gives to her students each and every day is tremendous.

In addition to her teaching career, Stephanie has provided countless hours and resources to the Jefferson County community by serving on local and state boards and commissions. She spent countless hours working with the Jefferson County Education Association and in 2015 received the Williams College's annual George Olmsted, Jr. Class of 1924 Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching. In her spare time, she works to improve school culture by promoting and encouraging diverse perspectives for students and adults alike. She also leads a Peace Jam Club, which promotes peaceful problem solving, and Compassion Crew, an anonymous student group that recognizes people who commit acts of kindness.

Her contribution to the Jefferson County School District and the Jefferson County community is remarkable and her teaching has inspired thousands of students to pursue their dreams. I congratulate Stephanie on a lifetime of service and wish her all the best in retirement.

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Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Democrats' next comprehensive coronavirus relief package, the HEROES Act.

The HEROES Act contains an additional \$75 billion for the testing, tracing and treatment required to match the threat posed by the coronavirus. We have also ensured that access to medical services is prioritized and safeguarded, such that every American can access free COVID-19 treatment. The HEROES Act eliminates cost sharing for coronavirus treatment for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, as well as those with private health insurance, TRICARE, VA Health Care, and Federal Employee Health Benefits. Additionally, we have infused an additional \$100 billion into the Health Care Provider Relief Fund and have ensured that these funds are distributed to providers in an equitable and efficient way. All these investments in our public health and medical systems will further support our communities as they withstand this coronavirus pandemic.

In order to assist the small businesses bearing the brunt of the economic impact of the coronavirus, the HEROES Act strengthens the Payroll Protection Program and adds safeguards to ensure equal funding distribution to underserved communities. These, paired with an extension of weekly unemployment payments through January of 2021, are vital lifelines to small business owners and those they employ.

The HEROES Act also commits nearly \$1 trillion alone to state and local governments for the purpose of paying those workers fighting this disease and its effects on the frontlines. Additionally, it creates a \$200 billion