

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, due to travel with the Vice President on July 29, 2020 in North Carolina, I was not able to be in the Chamber and present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; and NAY on Roll Call No. 172.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I was not in attendance to cast votes on consideration of the Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 7617) and the related amendments. Had I been present, I would have vote YEA on Roll Call No. 174; YEA on Roll Call No. 175; NAY on Roll Call No. 176; NAY on Roll Call No. 177; and YEA on Roll Call No. 178.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I rise because the country has lost a true American hero. A giant whose sacrifices and relentless pursuit of equality paved the road for so many of us who stand here now.

One of the greatest honors of my life was serving with Congressman Lewis. Occasionally, I'd have the privilege of walking with him to this very Chamber. Along the way, there wasn't a single Capitol employee whom he didn't greet effusively, and often by name. Put simply, he was a truly generous, humble and decent man.

We find ourselves in times when we must struggle not only for the safety of our communities, but also the soul of our nation.

But as Mr. Lewis said, "Freedom is not a state; it is an act . . . it is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society."

It is, indeed, difficult times like this for which we are made—times when we must embody

the spirit and drive for freedom in every one of our actions.

Our fight continues while Mr. Lewis has earned his rest, and we benefit always from his life-long example and the paths he forged for each of us.

From an indebted nation, thank you to Mr. Lewis for his endearing spirit and example.

HONORING FREDERICK WILLIAM RUSTEBERG

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the extraordinary life of Frederick William Rusteberg of Brownsville, Texas. Mr. Rusteberg played an instrumental role in the economic and educational development of the Brownsville community.

Born in Brownsville, Texas, on July 1, 1946, Mr. Rusteberg attended Brownsville High School and then Texas A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance. He later attended Texas Tech University, where he completed his graduate studies and met his future wife, Frances Hill.

In his youth he trained as a Huey helicopter pilot and served in the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant in South Korea. He later returned to Brownsville where he worked as the assistant Port Director at the Port of Brownsville. He then went on to become the Vice-President at First National Bank, and in 1984, became the founding President and CEO of IBC Bank in Brownsville, where he served for over 35 years until his retirement.

Mr. Rusteberg was not only a successful businessman; he was also a respected leader in his community. He served on many academic and city boards throughout his career where he helped to build the city of Brownsville's economy and raise millions of dollars to support education in the Rio Grande Valley. His family established the first scholarship endowment at the University of Texas at Brownsville, now known as the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Rusteberg was a man of great character who helped inspire and motivate those around him. In an interview with UT Brownsville Mr. Rusteberg said, "I believe we have a certain amount of control over our destiny—you can either sit by and watch things happen, or you can help make them happen." Mr. Rusteberg made great things happen.

Mr. Rusteberg is survived by his loving wife Frances, his children William (Tammy) Rusteberg and Liz Rusteberg (Chad) Hainley, his two grandchildren Jessie and William Hainley, and his sisters Joy (Bill) Burns and June (Adolph) Dittman.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Frederick William Rusteberg. He will be remembered as a great banker, a great boss, a great mentor

and a great friend. He was a fundamental part of the South Texas community and his legacy will forever be remembered. I join his family in honoring his exemplary life.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS IMPROVE- MENT ACT OF 2020

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Improvement Act of 2020. This bill would make several important changes to improve the operations of the D.C. Courts.

First, this bill would remove the consent requirement for D.C. Superior Court magistrate judges in certain situations. Currently, consent from the parties involved is required for a magistrate judge to perform duties in the Civil, Criminal and Probate Divisions of the Superior Court. Removing this requirement from the Civil and Probate Divisions in certain matters will further the efficiency of the judicial process. The bill also authorizes magistrate judges to issue search and arrest warrants and gives all magistrate judges contempt authority.

Next, the bill updates several aspects of juror service in the Superior Court. First, it ties Superior Court juror pay to the pay jurors receive in federal court. Currently, the Board of Judges of the Superior Court has authority to set the pay of jurors, but it is capped at the rate paid to federal jurors. Despite this, Superior Court jurors are currently paid less than federal jurors. The bill also modernizes juror summonses by allowing jurors to complete the questionnaire electronically, which will save the court money on postage and staff time. The bill further allows jurors who are 70 years old or older to be excused from jury service if the individual so chooses.

The bill also makes improvements for the employees of the courts. D.C. Courts non-judicial employees and Public Defender Service (PDS) employees are deemed to be federal employees for the purposes of early retirement provisions in federal law, but the Courts and PDS do not currently have the permanent authority to make voluntary separation incentive payments or "buyouts"—to employees who separate by voluntary retirement or by resignation, unlike the authority possessed by federal executive and judicial branches. The D.C. Courts and PDS currently have this authority in fiscal year 2020 under the fiscal year 2020 District of Columbia Appropriations bill, but this bill would provide permanent authority.

Next, this bill allows the D.C. Courts to pay attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal proceedings and indigent children in delinquency and need of supervision proceedings up to the amount currently allowed in federal court. The D.C. Courts' current rate has not been updated in eight years,

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and is \$42 per hour less than the federal rate. Similarly, the bill eliminates the \$25 hourly rate fixed rate for D.C. Criminal Justice Act investigators. Federal investigators in D.C. are currently paid \$65 an hour, and up to \$75 an hour in death penalty and other complex cases.

This bill also would move the appointment and removal of the Register of Wills (ROW) and supervisory responsibilities from the Superior Court and the Chief Judge of the Superior Court; respectively, to the Executive Officer of the D.C. Courts. This change would provide the Executive Officer oversight of the personnel for the entire Probate Division, including the ROW, which will improve efficiency in making personnel decisions and in the overall administration of the Probate Division.

While both the federal government and the District of Columbia government have statutory authority to give retroactive pay increase to employees on board at the time the increase is ordered and to employees who have retired (not resigned) or died between the date the increase becomes effective and the date it is ordered, the D.C. Courts do not have this authority. This bill corrects this deficiency.

The bill also makes corrections to portions of the D.C. Code that reference the Domestic Violence Division where it still refers to its old name, the Domestic Violence Unit, and updates how title 11 of the D.C. Code references individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Under the Home Rule Act, Congress has exclusive jurisdiction over title 11 of the D.C. Code (relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. Courts). Because of this, in recent history, legislation to improve the operations of the D.C. Courts has been enacted into law every few years. I hope this bill will likewise be adopted, and hopefully in a bipartisan manner.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

RECOGNIZING CLARKDALE POLICE OFFICER CARLOS GODINA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valor of Clarkdale, Arizona Police Officer Carlos Godina on February 27, 2020. Officer Godina's selfless action in the midst of a confusing and dangerous scene relieved a family in deep distress.

Responding to assist a medical call, Officer Godina found an active crime scene as a suspect had attacked a grandmother and her grandchild with a blunt object. In fact, shortly after arriving, the suspect charged Officer Godina with the same object, forcing Godina to use nonlethal force to push the suspect inside and away from the woman.

It was this time that Officer Godina learned that the injured child was also inside the home, and without hesitation, he rushed into the house, again confronted by the suspect who was now also wielding a butcher knife. Determining that the child was in a critical state, Godina called upon the suspect to subdue so the child could be cared for. Instead, the suspect charged with both weapons, requiring Godina to use lethal force.

Officer Godina's composure saved the grandmother's life and preserved the suspect's life as long as possible. While I am heartbroken to announce that the child succumbed to his injuries, Godina's selfless action allowed medical attention to provide enough time for the mother to spend the last minutes of their child's life with them.

Madam Speaker, I am here to recognize Officer Godina's bravery and professionalism in this active and dangerous situation. Officer Godina displayed the best qualities of our country's police officers, and at a time when police across the nation are wrongly looked down on, Officer Godina reminds us of our officers' service to the nation and the constant safety we take for granted on the backs of their sacrifice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, due to a recommendation by the Attending Physician to quarantine due to an interaction with a person having a confirmed COVID-19 infection diagnosis, I was unable to be present during House votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; NAY on Roll Call No. 172; NAY on Roll Call No. 173; NAY on Roll Call No. 174; NAY on Roll Call No. 175; YEA on Roll Call No. 176; YEA on Roll Call No. 177; and NAY on Roll Call No. 178.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROSA JAMES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Rosa James: an invaluable leader in Kansas City's African American community who dedicated her life to improving public education issues, encouraging voter registration, and addressing civil and racial injustices. On Tuesday, July 22, 2020, Ms. Rosa James was called home to heaven after a profoundly impactful 86 years of life and service.

Ms. Rosa James was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina where she received the bulk of her education. In the early 1960s, Ms. James moved to Kansas City, Missouri where she served as a reading specialist for the Kansas City Public Schools for the next 36 years. Ms. James retired from this work in 1998 but remained committed to serving the education system. Ms. James also befriended and mentored future superintendent Mark Bedell—a testament to her desire to positively shape education in Kansas City for generations to come. Ms. James' retirement would only be the beginning of her journey to solving persistent issues and working to dismantle injustices.

Ms. Rosa James also spent many years of her life bridging the racial divides that continue

to persist throughout our nation today. As someone who came of age and worked when the African American Civil Rights movement was at its peak, Ms. James dedicated herself to furthering the movement and actively advocated for the adoption of various civil rights bills in the 1960s. Even after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed, Ms. James continued to work toward racial justice, serving as a board member for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and as an executive committee member for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Her work with the NAACP earned her the Kansas City Spirit Award and the NAACP President's award. Ms. James also served as the 7th-ward committeewoman for the Jackson County Democratic Committee, helping distribute ballot information on election days, and would serve as a member of the municipal judicial nominating commission.

The profound impacts Ms. Rosa James had on the Greater Kansas City area extended to the citizens and those she worked with and mentored as well, always having a positive effect on everyone with whom she interacted. Dr. Mark Bedell, Superintendent of Kansas City Public Schools, said that Ms. James "was a great, great lady who genuinely cared about this school district and the children in this community." Each and every person that knew Ms. James, even those whom she simply helped register to vote, attest not only to her incredible commitment to bettering the community and the city, but also to her warm-hearted kindness that filled the room.

Ms. James was someone who had a passion for public service, positive change, and bringing about that change. In every instance where there was an injustice, she was there, standing alongside others attempting to fix it. Her immeasurable commitment to bettering public schools, registering voters, and addressing racial injustices, along with her cheerful nature and friendly demeanor, left a lasting impact on many Kansas Citizens. Her legacy is defined by meaningful change, leadership, selflessness, and compassion. Madam Speaker, please join Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the life of Ms. Rosa James.

CITIZEN COSPONSORS OF THE GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on June 25, the House passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to address systemic racism and police misconduct, increase accountability and transparency, and change the culture of law enforcement. Since passage, thousands of Americans have visited the website JusticeinPolicing.us to learn about the bill, weigh in with their support, and sign on as citizen cosponsor in support. I would like to include in the RECORD the following names of citizen cosponsors:

Rosemary Cavazos, Kyle, TX; Barbara Lino, New York, NY; Teresa L. Fincham, Prince Frederick, MD; Javier Cavazos, Kyle,