

Rept. 116–353) to accompany House Resolution 765, the Committee was unaware that the waiver of all points of order against consideration of the motion to concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1158 included a waiver of Clause 10 of rule XXI, which prohibits consideration of a measure that has a net effect of increasing the deficit or reducing the surplus over the five- or 10-year period.

HONORING LYONS FILMER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Ms. Lyons Filmer on the occasion of her retirement as radio station KWMR's long-standing program director. Ms. Filmer has been associated with KWMR, a nonprofit radio station located in Point Reyes, California, for nearly two decades and is a cherished and vital voice of the community.

A native of San Francisco, Ms. Filmer is a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont, where she studied sociology and worked on the college radio station. Upon graduation, she returned to the San Francisco Bay Area and worked as a volunteer programmer at KPFA in Berkeley.

Ms. Filmer joined KWMR in 1999. She was quickly promoted to Program Manager as the station undertook technical upgrades, gained its FM broadcast license from the Federal Communications Commission, and expanded its reach and signal into other parts of West Marin. During her tenure at KWMR, she has featured countless local luminaries, activists, and artists on the station, and has ably hosted the local news segment Epicenter and KWMR's on-air literacy program, Turning Pages. She was part of a leadership team that now finds KWMR on three different FM signals in Marin County, and a station whose signal can now be heard deep into Sonoma County. The station's role as emergency-services beacon for the region has extended in recent years as the region has been beset by floods, fires, droughts, and earthquakes.

In her capacity as Program Director, Ms. Filmer has trained numerous on-air hosts as part of the station's mandate to be a community resource for all. As a DJ, her confident and mellifluous voice sets the standard for a top-tier radio personality. Ms. Filmer can be heard, by turns, informing her audience about a local news event, reading from non-fiction books about nature, and celebrating a new album of contemporary music. Known around the KWMR offices for her good humor, attention to detail, and tenacious loyalty to her beloved KWMR, Ms. Filmer's successful career may be most notable for her zeal for forging lasting connections in her community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Lyons Filmer for her many years of incomparable leadership at KWMR. While Ms. Filmer is stepping down as Program Director, she has pledged to continue to be an on-air presence at the station. Her leadership will be missed, but I join with her many listeners who look forward to hearing from Ms. Filmer in her new role and wishing her well on her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF JONATHAN WOLMAN AS HE RECEIVES THE LET FREEDOM RING AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jonathan Wolman's distinguished life and career as he receives the Rainbow PUSH Let Freedom Ring Award. Wolman's contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Jonathan Wolman was the editor and publisher of The Detroit News for twelve years. Wolman's years at The Detroit News capped a career spanning five decades serving in newsrooms from Denver to Washington, DC. Before serving as a top executive at The Detroit News, Wolman previously worked as a reporter and as Washington bureau chief and executive editor at the Associated Press. Throughout his tenure, Wolman covered some of the biggest and most consequential stories of his time and was regarded as a compassionate, effective, and dedicated leader.

After a long battle with pancreatic cancer, Jonathan Wolman died on April 15, 2019 in Detroit. His passing is a loss for our entire community, but his legacy will be remembered for generations to come. Johnathan Wolman is—and will continue to be—recognized as one of the most outstanding and impactful journalists of the last century. He championed hard news coverage that was fair, transparent, and balanced and was instrumental in keeping the Detroit News among the best regional newspapers in the country. Beyond his work in journalism, Wolman applied his skills to lend support to civil rights issues, particularly the Fannie Lou Hammer's voting rights campaign in Mississippi that compelled thousands of African Americans to become registered voters.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the distinguished life of Jonathan Wolman. Wolman embodied all the characteristics of a dedicated journalist. He demonstrated a profound commitment not only to fairness, accuracy, and objectivity, but to tackling some of our nation's most difficult questions regarding race and economic equality. His work provides a lasting example for what we should all endeavor to accomplish—to effect change, speak the truth, and not sit idly by.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I could not attend the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 14, and YEA on Roll Call No. 15.

IN APPRECIATION OF DR. DAVID PATE'S SERVICE TO IDAHO AND ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Dr. David C. Pate for his service to the great state of Idaho as he retires from St. Luke's Health System following a decade of achievement and success there.

I'm proud to say one of the best health care systems in the United States is in my home state of Idaho, thanks in large part to Dr. Pate's transformative leadership. Dr. Pate has served as president and CEO of St. Luke's Health System for the past 10-plus years.

When Dr. Pate came to St. Luke's in 2009, he pledged to turn the health-care system into a national leader in quality. He has done exactly that. Under his leadership, St. Luke's has earned the distinction of being a Top 15 Health System in the U.S. for six years in a row; it is one of only four in the entire nation to have achieved this objective level of excellence, ranking it with the Mayo Clinic.

His academic background is equally impressive. Dr. Pate received his bachelor's degree from Rice University, his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine and his law degree cum laude from the University of Houston Law Center. He completed his residency training at Baylor College of Medicine and is board-certified in internal medicine. A physician and a lawyer, Dr. Pate has been a wealth of knowledge regarding health-care policy and law and a sought-after speaker throughout his career.

As noteworthy as Dr. Pate's career and accolades are, what has struck me the most about him is how he treats everyone he meets. He is an ethical, approachable and personable man, and his warm and genuine demeanor, coupled with his remarkable expertise, has made him an inspiring leader to medical professionals in Idaho and across the country.

He has mentored many young professionals and mid-career executives, and gone out of his way to meet with and advise leaders and executives in health care, education and other industries. At St. Luke's, Dr. Pate has been known to surprise hardworking employees with cards, gifts, pop-up pizza parties, and other gestures of appreciation and respect. He has touched the lives of nurses, physicians, support staff members, and patients. He has shaved his head to support children with pediatric cancer, donned a pink mullet to bring awareness to breast cancer—and regularly, without fanfare, has given blood to support all those in need through the American Red Cross.

In addition to his medical career, Dr. Pate is an author, lecturer, teacher, volunteer and active member of various professional boards and committees. A father of two adult daughters and a proud grandfather, Dr. Pate and his wife, Lynette, call the Treasure Valley of Idaho home.

I am proud to honor Dr. Pate for his service to health care in Idaho, and would like to congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DR. HILLIARD
LAWRENCE LACKEY III

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. Hilliard Lawrence Lackey, III.

Hilliard Lawrence Lackey, III, was born to the late Hilliard Lawrence, Jr. and Cora Lackey on October 9, 1942.

Dr. Lackey earned three degrees from Jackson State University: Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, Master of Science Degree in Education Administration/Supervision and an Education Specialist Degree in Educational Administration. Dr. Lackey also earned a Master of Arts in Historical Geography at the University of Arkansas and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Hilliard L. Lackey was an Assistant Professor of History and Alumni President (2004 to 2010) before he became Assistant to the Executive Vice President for External Affairs at Jackson State University (1967 to 2002). He also taught at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis in 2003 and 2004, and parts of 2005 and 2006.

Dr. Lackey's talent and hobbies include: being a football referee and baseball umpire; a columnist for the Mississippi Link, St. Louis American, Clarksdale Press Register, and The Scope; and a television program host for Scope and radio news director of the WMPR radio station.

Dr. Lackey is married to the love of his life, former Lillian Troupe, a math teacher at Powell Middle School. They have four beautiful children: Dr. Katrina Lackey Davis, a Medical Doctor at the University of Tennessee Medical School; Hilliard L. Lackey, IV, a recipient of a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas; Tahiri Charyse Lackey, a Ph.D. candidate at Georgia Tech; and Darryl William Lackey, an undergraduate student at Jackson State University who retired from Jackson State in 2010.

Dr. Lackey became a writer at an early age and published a book, "Marks, Martin and the Mule Train" in 1998 because there was no written information about the events of the Mule Train and the Poor People's Campaign during 1968 from Marks, MS to Washington, D.C.

Another major accomplishment is that Dr. Lackey was the First Black Park Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Carlsbad, New Mexico during the summers of 1964, 1965, 1966.

Dr. Lackey felt it was his appointed duty to answer the call of President Lyndon Baines Johnson and help integrate the National Park Service. Although he was terrified as a young man being so far away from the cotton fields of Marks, his birthplace, he conquered his fear.

Dr. Lackey survived three summers, mastered his job and paved the way for others. One of his encouraging encounters was when a black custodian working at the site put down his broom and became a Park Ranger during the time of his last year working there.

Dr. Lackey also an unpublished book about being the First Black Park Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Hilliard Lawrence Lackey for his successes and accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAUREEN
TAYLOR AS SHE RECEIVES THE
LET FREEDOM RING AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maureen Taylor's distinguished career and honor her remarkable work as she receives the Rainbow PUSH Let Freedom Ring Award. Taylor's contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

In 1983, Maureen Taylor received her Bachelor of Social Work from Marygrove College, where she was the distinguished valedictorian of her graduating class. After graduation, Taylor quickly immersed herself in social causes and became a dedicated community activist for poor and low-income families. In 1993, Taylor became the State Chair of the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization, the union for public assistance recipients and low-income people and was elected Treasurer of the National Welfare Rights Union in 1994.

Maureen Taylor makes a difference in our community. She has worked with countless people, residents, and community organizations to stop water, gas, and electricity shut offs for thousands of low-income families. Beyond this, Taylor has testified on the local, state, and federal level about the plight of poor people and continues to work with administrators and public officials to draft policies that protect poor and low-income families. Taylor's work has a profound impact on our community and reflects many of the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by selflessly giving a voice to those who are silenced, powerless, or suppressed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maureen Taylor. Taylor's tenacity for change and commitment to improving the lives of our community's most vulnerable makes her a deserving recipient of the Let Freedom Ring Award. I am grateful for her impact on our community and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on January 8, 2020 during roll call no. 2, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoid-

ably detained during roll call no. 3, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 4, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Secure 5G and Beyond Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CELEBRATING RALPH OWENS' 30
YEARS OF SERVICE AS MAYOR
OF LAVONIA

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ralph Owens for his retirement as Mayor of the City of Lavonia. Mayor Owens retired on December 31, 2019, after serving the people of Lavonia as Mayor for over 30 years.

Since first being elected to the Lavonia City Council in 1987 and, two years later, being elected Mayor in 1989, Mayor Owens has dedicated over 30 years to serving the people of Lavonia. During his tenure as mayor, Mr. Owens oversaw dramatic changes to the city's departments and emergency services. When Mayor Owens took office, the city's police department had only six officers and two police cruisers at their disposal. His expansion of the city's police department and their capabilities resulted in the construction of a new complex, hiring of an additional eight officers, and providing each officer with their own vehicle.

Throughout his 30 years of service, Mr. Owens remained focused on Lavonia's economic and industrial growth. As chair of the Franklin County Industrial Building Authority, he worked to successfully bring new businesses to the community, such as the AutoZone Distribution Center and St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital, who now employ hundreds of people in and around the area.

In 2012, Owens was honored for his leadership by being named the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission's (GMRC) Elected Official of the Year Award. The GMRC focuses on advancing economic and administrative cooperation amongst the various Northeast Georgia communities. As mayor of Lavonia, Mr. Owens made considerable efforts to do his part in representing the interests of the people of Lavonia.

In addition to being named Georgia Mountains Regional Commission's Elected Official of the Year 2012, Mayor Owens was also recently named Lavonia Chamber of Commerce's Good Citizen of the Year and was honored with the Margaret Ayers Award for Civic Health.

For over three decades, Mayor Owens has made great sacrifices to serve the people of Lavonia. I want to congratulate him and his wife, Judy, on his retirement. But most of all, I want to thank him for dedicating his life to the betterment of the people of Lavonia.