

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, due to COVID-19, I was unable to vote the week of 12/2/2020. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea" on rollcall No. 228.

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I had a possible exposure to COVID-19 and have gone into quarantine in accordance with CDC. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 228.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE
RESOLUTION 965, 116TH CONGRESS

Barragán (Beyer)	Keating (Vargas)	Payne
Bera (Aguilar)	Kennedy (Kuster)	(Wasserman
Bonamici (Clark	(NH))	Schultz)
(MA))	Kim (Davids	Peters (Kildee)
Boyle, Brendan	(KS))	Pingree (Kuster
F. (Jeffries)	Kirkpatrick	(NH))
Brownley (CA)	(Stanton)	Pocan (Raskin)
(Clark (MA))	Lamb (Golden)	Porter (Wexton)
Carson (IN)	Langevin	Pressley
(Cleaver)	(Lynch)	(Trahan)
Castor (FL)	Lawson (FL)	Price (NC)
(Demings)	(Demings)	(Butterfield)
Cohen (Beyer)	Lee (NV) (Kuster	Roybal-Allard
Costa (Cooper)	(NH))	(Garcia (TX))
DeSaulnier	Lieu, Ted (Beyer)	Ruiz (Dingell)
(Matsui)	Lipinski	Rush
Deutch (Rice	(Schrader)	(Underwood)
(NY))	Lofgren (Jeffries)	Schneider
Doggett (Raskin)	Lowenthal	(Casten (IL))
Escobar (Garcia	(Beyer)	Schrier
(TX))	Lowey (Tonko)	(DelBene)
Frankel (Clark	McEachin	Serrano
(MA))	(Wexton)	(Jeffries)
Garamendi	McNerney	Sherrill
(Sherman)	(Raskin)	(Pallone)
Grijalva (Garcia	Meng (Kuster	Sires (Norcross)
(IL))	(NH))	Thompson (CA)
Hastings	Moore (Beyer)	(Kildee)
(Wasserman	Mucarsel-Powell	Titus (Connolly)
Schultz)	(Wasserman	Watson Coleman
Higgins (NY)	Schultz)	(Pallone)
(Sánchez)	Nadler (Jeffries)	Welch
Jayapal (Raskin)	Napolitano	(McGovern)
Johnson (TX)	(Correa)	Wilson (FL)
(Jeffries)	Pascrell	(Hayes)
Kaptur (Dingell)	(Pallone)	

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2036

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor on H.R. 2036.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Idaho?

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING ALAN JENNINGS

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Alan Jennings, a constituent of mine and a very good friend, who has spent decades working to weed out hunger and poverty in my community.

Alan joined the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, CACLV, as a young man in 1980. For the past 30 years, he has served as the executive director of the agency, touching countless lives, challenging barriers of race and bias, and working to expand diversity in the nonprofit sector.

Now Alan is stepping down to get some much-needed rest after a lifetime of hard work.

Under Alan's leadership, CACLV's funding has increased 30-fold. His entire life's work has been about building a just and equitable society for all.

From providing food to hungry families to raising funds for low-income and working-class kids to be the first in their families to go to college, Alan has lived the mission of community action every single day.

Alan, on behalf of the people of the Seventh District, thank you for your extraordinary leadership. We are so grateful to you. As you begin a new chapter, I join people in every corner of our community in wishing you the very best.

AMERICAN FRONTLINE WORKERS
HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL OF
DUTY

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, throughout American history, generations of American frontline workers have answered the call of duty to support our Nation, States, and local communities.

From those in the factories who fueled the Allied advance in World War II to the men and women who cleared the rubble after the attacks on September 11, there is a strong, storied reference that comes with being a frontline worker.

Today, across Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District and America, our nurses, doctors, and healthcare providers are answering that call of duty.

In the face of a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic and global uncertainty, our healthcare professionals have not wavered in their mission, exemplifying compassion, determination, and resilience. Most importantly, our healthcare workers have given our Nation reassurance that we can defeat this virus.

To PA-12's frontline healthcare workers at Evangelical Community Hospital, UPMC, Geisinger, Endless Mountains, Bucktail Medical, Robert Packer, Guthrie Towanda Memorial, Troy Community, Divine Providence, Mount Nittany, Barnes-Kasson, and Tyler Memorial, I know your job is not easy, but your impact is felt throughout our community and across our Nation. Please know that we are forever grateful for your service.

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UNITED STATES FOSSIL FUEL
INDUSTRY

(Mr. CASTEN of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CASTEN of Illinois. Madam Speaker, imagine that you are a banker reviewing a corporate loan application. Over the last decade, competition has eroded this company's market share. They slashed prices in response; they burned through their cash. 250 similar companies have gone bankrupt since 2014.

Would you make that loan?

This is today's U.S. fossil fuel industry. Since 2010, coal demand is down 45 percent. Natural gas prices are down 40 percent. Oil prices are down 45 percent. Shale producers have chewed through \$342 billion of free cash flow. Exxon just wrote off \$20 billion in value. Wells Fargo booked \$121 million in sector losses.

And yet, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has recently proposed a rule to mandate that banks provide "fair access to capital" to this sector. They would force you to use your balance sheet to take on excessive risk without commensurate return. They would reduce our financial stability and raise our energy costs.

I look forward to a full-throated and bipartisan condemnation of the OCC's attempt to use, dare I say, socialist tools to prop up an industry that is unable to succeed in the rough-and-tumble world of free-market capitalism.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF WANDA MOODY

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, late last week, east Tennessee said goodbye to a beloved member of our community, Wanda Moody, a close, dear friend of mine, and mentor, who led incredible careers in the field of public service and education. She passed away on Sunday at the age of 91.

Wanda was a strong, tough leader who spent her entire life making east Tennessee a better place, Madam Speaker. Wanda was a lifelong educator and early advocate for special education.

In the late 1980s, after leaving the city school system, she fought to expand special education initiatives as an assistant commissioner of education under then-Governor LAMAR ALEXANDER. She later served a similar role developing special education programs for the City of Knoxville under then-Mayor Kyle Testerman.

Wanda's success compelled her to run and win a seat on the Knox County Commission in 1986. She was one of the first women to serve on that legislative body.

During her three decades as a Knox County Commissioner, Wanda asked tough questions and painstakingly reviewed budgets and financial documents. She wasn't shy of speaking up for increased government accountability and transparency, Madam Speaker.

Wanda led the charge on many reforms that continue to influence Knox County government to this day. Even after leaving public office in 2006, Wanda remained active and influential in our community.

Wanda was one of my oldest friends, and her mentorship will forever influence my public service career. Although she will be greatly missed, I am

proud to celebrate Wanda's life and recognize her many contributions to our community.

My friend, Wanda, will be missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. MARY WOODRUFF

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to recognize Mrs. Mary Woodruff of Amherst County, Virginia, who turned 104 years young last week.

Born and raised in Amherst, Mrs. Woodruff and her husband of 63 years built their iconic country store in 1952 with their own two hands, near the site where Mary's grandfather opened the first Black-owned business in the county.

For decades they served their community, providing groceries to locals and gas to travelers, all while raising five children and several foster children in the apartment above the store.

This multigenerational family business was reinvented as Woodruff's Cafe and Pie Shop by Mary's youngest daughter, Angela Scott, in 1998. Since then, business has been booming, attracting patrons from far and wide to try their delicious pies, including a visit from Al Roker from the "Today" show last year.

To this day, nearly 70 years after opening the country store's doors, the 104-year-old Mary Woodruff still works at the shop and "holds court" at the back table where she greets customers and tells stories. Mrs. Woodruff, her family, and the pies are truly a blessing to our central Virginia community.

I wish Mrs. Woodruff a very happy birthday, and I look forward to stopping by the shop sometime soon.

HOLDING FOREIGN COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE

(Mr. BARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 945, the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act.

The United States has the most robust, liquid, and advanced capital markets in the world. Companies from around the globe flock to the U.S. capital markets to fund their businesses.

However, to participate in our markets, companies need to play by our rules, and Chinese firms listed on American exchanges are the worst and most frequent violators of the rules.

Gone are the days when we can sit idly by and let Chinese firms, many with strong ties to the Chinese Communist Party, participate in our markets at the expense of protection for everyday investors.

Most publicly traded firms are audited by public accounting firms which,

in turn, are overseen by the PCAOB. This gives investors confidence that the books are accurate. China, however, refuses to let the PCAOB review its auditors.

The results are that investors lack confidence in the validity and reliability of a company's financial data. Worse, thousands of investors are defrauded. And the worst case scenario, American savers are funding Chinese state-owned enterprises which are fueling China's civil-military fusion and, in some cases, directly financing China's military space and cyberspace buildup, threatening U.S. national security.

As a member of the China Task Force, I strongly support this legislation. I urge this body to pass it. And we can no longer allow China to take advantage of our rules and defraud our investors.

CELEBRATING BETTY AND ELLINGTON PEEK'S 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, on Thanksgiving Day this year, Betty and Ellington Peek were also celebrating something else, their 70th wedding anniversary.

After meeting at a dance in 1950, Betty and Ellington got married and moved to Oakdale, California, which is a well-known ranching and rodeo town south of Sacramento.

Shortly after that, Ellington was drafted for the Korean war and he served in our military for 1 year. He came home to Betty and their first son, Andy, who was born while he was overseas. They lived in both Susanville and then later the Cottonwood/Anderson area, running auction yards for cattle until Ellington was finally able to live the dream and buy the Shasta Auction Yard that he had worked at for so many years.

For over 30 years, Ellington and Betty have been staples, not just in their Shasta County livestock community, but all northern California with their innovative way of doing business, helping ranchers from across the country sell their cattle via satellite and on the internet.

Through hard work and a strong bond, the Peeks have found great success in livestock, but even greater success in marriage and family and their long list of friends, of which I count myself, and am proud to do so.

So Betty and Ellington, happy 70th anniversary. I wish you continued happiness for many years to come. You are pillars of our community. We are proud of you.

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. FLETCHER). Under the Speaker's an-

nounced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, when I was about 8 years old, I read a book. It was on a famous New York Yankee first baseman named Lou Gehrig. He was nicknamed "The Iron Horse" because of his great athletic ability. He could hit, he could field. His durability was legendary. As a great athlete, his character was marked by that ability to adjust and overcome.

But then something happened. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis caused Lou Gehrig to lose control of his bodily functions. That famous durability of his was mocked by this cruel, unforgiving, neurodegenerative disease, which is aggressive, that we now know as ALS. There was no cure then and there is no cure now. ALS has also come to be known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

But before he died in 1941, Madam Speaker, at a ceremony at the home plate in Yankee Stadium, Lou Gehrig looked up at the crowd and he said:

For the past 2 weeks, you've been reading about a bad break. Yet today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth.

That story, Lou Gehrig's story, stayed with me as a child.

Now, Madam Speaker, as a Member of the United States Congress, fast forward decades later. This same cruel disease has swept upon my own family and we, as a family, quickly learned about the profound trauma it has caused so many other Americans.

ALS takes about 2 to 5 years to destroy a body and exhaust a family. It is 100 percent fatal. Its victims lose the ability to write and walk and talk and eat and move and, finally, to breathe.

Earlier this year, several hundred persons deeply affected from ALS, along with their courageous caregivers and friends, joined me and another Member of Congress on the other side of this body to discuss a legislative initiative.

We are all now really familiar with Zoom calls, and on that particular Zoom call, on the little chat box on the side of the screen, one kind person said: "I wish all of America could hear this constructive conversation between Members of Congress."

Madam Speaker, we are in the midst of a horrific pandemic. COVID-19 has become a daily reminder of our fragility and mortality. It is an urgent health crisis, and scientists and government regulators worldwide are responding to this urgency, as are we, by accelerating the testing and improving approval processes for treatments and vaccines.

I recently discussed these dynamics with our Food and Drug Administration Commissioner, Dr. Stephen Hahn, who was optimistic that we may just be able to put this pandemic behind us by early summer.

So, Madam Speaker, I divert for a moment because I want to applaud the