

On Roll Call No. 227 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 4502, I am not recorded because I was fulfilling my Congressional duties at Fort Benning, Georgia. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 228 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 4502, I am not recorded because I was fulfilling my Congressional duties at Fort Benning, Georgia. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 229 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 4502, I am not recorded because I was fulfilling my Congressional duties at Fort Benning, Georgia. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 230 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 4502, I am not recorded because I was fulfilling my Congressional duties at Fort Benning, Georgia. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

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RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL  
OF THE TOWN OF CLYMER, NEW  
YORK

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2021*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the bicentennial of the Town of Clymer and congratulate the town for reaching this milestone.

The Town of Clymer is a tight-knit, well-established community nestled in Chautauqua County with a rich and vibrant history. Clymer was formed from the mother town of Chautauqua and was organized on February 9, 1821. The town also has deeper roots, as far back as the founding fathers of our Nation. The town's name shows the patriotic spirit of the early settlers as it bears the name of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, George Clymer.

During the time when it was founded, the town consisted of twelve families. The community has grown since then, but the small-town charm has not faded. Farming and agriculture remain a staple industry, including dairy farming and poultry farming. Neckers Company General Store has been located in the main intersection in town since 1910 as a fourth-generation family-owned business.

The people of Clymer have continued the legacy of community, kindness and togetherness that have bound the town together now for two-hundred years. We applaud their efforts toward cultivating, celebrating, and continuing their traditions of small-town living in such a prolific way.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize the bicentennial of the Town of Clymer and congratulate the town for reaching this milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF  
LONGMONT, COLORADO

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2021*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Longmont, Colorado.

In 1870, a group of Chicagoans established a new settlement in northern Colorado. Calling themselves the Colorado-Chicago Colony, the new settlers sold memberships in their adventurous enterprise, using those funds to finance the construction of a town hall and the purchase of 60,000 acres of land for their new town. By mid-1871; the settlers had decided on a name for their town—Longmont, after the nearby Longs Peak. Since then, immigrants from around the world have flocked to Longmont.

Longmont has thrived amid rapid population growth and the arrival and expansion of both its agricultural and technological industries. Today, more than 94,000 individuals call Longmont home. Not only is the city full of history, but it remains a popular place to live. With many major STEM employers, miles of recreational trails, a thriving dining and beverage scene, and stunning views of Longs Peak, Longmont has been ranked by numerous publications as one of the top cities in the United States.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I am honored to celebrate this special occasion alongside the tens of thousands of my constituents who call Longmont home.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2021*

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, I was unable to vote due to attending a classified briefing on an issue important to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call Vote 225, S. 1910—the Major Medical Facility Authorization Act.

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LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022

SPEECH OF

**HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the \$6 million appro-

riated in Division D of this bill that will be used to carry out postal banking pilot projects across the country. Let's be clear, implementing postal banking is one of progressives' top priorities.

In 2018, the previous Administration created a special task force to specifically review the Post Office and identify necessary reforms. The Treasury Department was directed to release the Task Force's recommendations, which it did in its report, "United States Postal Service: A Sustainable Path Forward."

The Task Force's recommendations were clear: "given the USPS's narrow expertise and capital limitations, USPS should not pursue expanding into new sectors, such as postal banking, the USPS does not have a demonstrated competency or comparative advantage, or where balance sheet risk would be added."

The Post Office agreed. In response to a widely criticized and highly unusual report by the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (OIG), the Post Office made clear that despite any recommendations to the contrary from the OIG, the Post Office core mission "is delivery, not banking." Postmaster General DeJoy reiterated this position earlier this year.

The Task Force said no. The Post Office said no. Yet progressives want it.

Why? Postal banking is one step closer to overhauling our banking system. It's one step closer to creating a public bank option. It's one step closer to the federal government knowing everything about a consumer's financial history—from each credit card transaction to each deposit and withdrawal. Big brother will be watching you.

Not to mention this would stifle private sector innovation by banks and fintech firms that have already shown promise for reaching underbanked and rural consumers.

Progressives argue postal banking is needed to address the decreasing number of bank branches and the rise in the number of people without access to a checking account or short-term credit. Democrats automatically believe that means that the government should provide these banking services, including through the Post Office.

What Democrats fail to acknowledge is branch closures and consolidations result from overly burdensome government regulation. It can't be solved with more government.

Postal banking has been tried before. From 1911 to 1967, the United States had the "Postal Savings System," run by the USPS' predecessor. The system provided savings accounts with interest rates set by the USPS and funds deposited in national banks near depositors post office. The system failed. Postal banking couldn't compete with private sector banking institutions. It did not have the flexibility to meet the needs of customers.

Private sector financial institutions are highly regulated and operate competitively and flexibly in a market-based system. The ensures consumers' demands for financial products and services are met, and they receive the best pricing for them.

Postal banking is harmful to the financial system and ultimately harmful to consumers. It will crowd out private sector financial innovation and ultimately fail to reach the very underserved communities Democrats claim they want to reach.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL JOSEPH  
REED

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2021*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with deep gratitude and great admiration that I rise today to honor and commend an extraordinary public servant, husband, and friend of long standing, Mr. Michael Joseph Reed. Michael, my Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor, will be retiring from federal public service effective August 3, 2021. He will leave behind a stellar career and a void in my office that will be hard to fill. A retirement reception will be held for him at 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2021 in Washington, D.C., attended by numerous friends, family, colleagues, and others with whom his life and career have intersected.

Michael Joseph Reed is a native of Buffalo, N.Y. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. He also earned a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Michael's career in public service began as a Presidential Management Intern (PMI) at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Budget Policy. This experience led him to his first Capitol Hill position as an intern for former Congressman Louis Stokes of Ohio, who was a member of the House Appropriations Committee. After leaving Congressman Stokes, he joined the staff of Congressman William Gray, Chairman of the House Budget Committee and a member of the Appropriations Committee, as Legislative Director.

After leaving Congressman Gray's office, he was Vice-President for Marketing at the United Negro College Fund. He was also the Director of Regional Card Marketing and Vice-President for Government Affairs for the American Express Company.

In 2003, when I was selected to serve on the House Appropriations Committee and was searching for a seasoned Appropriations Specialist and Legislative Policy Advisor, I was blessed to hire Michael as my Special Assistant for the Appropriations Committee. He served in that capacity for twelve (12) years until he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff in 2011 and Chief of Staff in 2015.

For eighteen (18) years, I have been matriculating in "The Michael Reed School of Budgetary Policy." He has been a master teacher of the process and its nuances. While he initially had no working knowledge of agriculture issues, he worked hard to learn these issues and used his skills to help my growth and effectiveness in the Agriculture Subcommittee of Appropriations and facilitate my securing the Chairmanship. Michael drove the Congressional response in the form of agriculture disaster relief over the past three (3) years to include typhoons, volcanic eruptions, wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, droughts, and other exigencies. Georgia and American Agriculture were able to get relief because of his significant work. Georgia agriculture producers and rural communities benefited mightily from his efforts. Michael led my staff with great aplomb. He never told me only what I wanted to hear but always told me what I needed to hear. Because of him, we have been able to serve the people better.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said, "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Michael has paid his rent and paid it well.

Having served in the public sector, corporate sector, and the nonprofit sector, he has truly made a difference. But none of this would have been possible without the grace of God, the love and support of his loving wife, Attorney Diane Fields Reed, his father-in-law, Judge Richard Fields, and their beloved dog, Alexandra.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives, to join my wife, Vivian and me, along with our entire Congressional staff, past and present, and the 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia in honoring and commending Mr. Michael Joseph Reed on his outstanding career and upon the occasion of his retirement. We wish him well as he begins a new chapter in his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2021*

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, during Roll Call Vote number 230 on Rep. Ocasio-Cortez Amendment, I mistakenly recorded my vote as nay when I should have voted aye.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF  
NARDIN ACADEMY ART TEACHER  
GAILE AMIGONE

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2021*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Gaile Amigone. Gaile has been an art teacher at Nardin Academy Elementary in Buffalo since 1993. Her 30-year tenure has left an indelible imprint on Nardin Academy.

A 1975 graduate of SUNY Buffalo State College, Gaile spent much of her career teaching elementary art to kindergarten through eighth grade students. As a result of her encouragement to develop their creativity and talent, many of her students have gone on to study art at the high school and college level.

Aside from her classroom duties, Gaile was actively involved in the school community. She served as the director for yearly theatre productions presented to the Nardin Community and their families. She also dedicated her time to conducting After School Art Enrichment Programs for students who were interested in additional studio art immersion and instruction.

Gaile routinely welcomed her former students back into her classroom where they shared their growth and development with her, as well as their appreciation for her foundational role in their success as artists. It is clear that she has made a significant impact on many students' talents, creative abilities, and passion for the arts.

Wife of attorney Nicholas P. Amigone III, mother of three sons, and grandmother to nine

grandchildren, Gaile is retiring with a legacy of dedication to the artistic and cultural enrichment of young minds.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mrs. Gaile Amigone for her service to the Nardin Academy community and the positive impact she has had on generations of Nardin students.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
"JAY" KALPAKOFF

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John "Jay" Kalpakoff. Jay passed away on June 16, 2021. Jay was a selfless husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Jay was born on November 8, 1948 in Los Angeles, California where he was raised. He became a third-generation garbage collector, as part owner of Metropolitan Waste. Jay was a boss who enjoyed helping his employees through sponsoring many local sports teams and would help with scholarships to encourage continuing education.

When Jay decided to move to the Central Valley with just one truck, he had a dream. Jay hoped to one day own his own garbage collection company. Through dedication and perseverance his goal was achieved, and Mid Valley Disposal was established. His dream was to have the ability to continue to give back to his community. Jay cherished his business and was an integral part of its day to day operations. Jay treated all his employees like his own family, and he cherished each of the local communities that his company served.

Jay was known for having a huge heart and always giving back to others, whether through this philanthropy or just lending a helping hand. He lived to see the community around him thrive and it was apparent as he gave back to local charities and food banks, to name a few. He made friends everywhere he went and loved to tell stories.

Jay was truly an inspiration and he moved many with his wisdom, character and humor. But the most important thing to him, was his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Natalie; children Joshua, Jonathan, Joseph, Tatiana, Justin; his daughter-in-law Wendy and his grandchildren Harrison, Remy and Cash.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of John "Jay" Kalpakoff. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I join his family and friends in honoring and celebrating his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE  
AND SERVICE OF CHRISTOPHER  
CARTWRIGHT

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Christopher Cartwright, who passed away in May 2021, at age