

manufacturing capabilities to promote Peace Through Strength.

The addition of Finland would increase the border of NATO with the Russian Federation by 830-miles, which could inspire Russian patriots to reestablish democracy as a valued partner in Western Civilization.

I will be clear that democracy (rule of law) will prevail to authoritarianism (rule of gun).

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ADDITIONAL WAIVERS FOR H. RES. 1224 AND H. RES. 1232

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**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, when the Committee on Rules filed its report (House Report 117-405) to accompany House Resolution 1224, the Committee was unaware that the waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 7900 included a waiver of the following:

Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget unless referred to or reported by the Budget Committee.

When the Committee on Rules filed its report (House Report 117-420) to accompany House Resolution 1232, the Committee was unaware that the waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 8294 included a waiver of the following:

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.

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TRIBUTE TO REV. MCKINLEY WASHINGTON, JR.

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**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, whose life was a testament to the biblical admonition “faith without works is dead.” Reverend McKinley Washington, Jr. spent his career in the pulpit while serving a quarter of a century in the South Carolina legislature. His passing on July 24, 2022, has silenced a beloved faith and community leader along the Sea Islands of South Carolina.

McKinley was one of eight children born to the late McKinley Washington, Sr. and Mattie Peterson Washington in the Stackhouse community of Sumter County, South Carolina. He graduated from Goodwill Parochial School, the same institution that educated Mary McLeod Bethune. He subsequently attended Johnson C. Smith, a historically Black college, in Charlotte, North Carolina. There, he joined the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, helped organize civil rights marches, and was arrested for his activism. McKinley also made time for his studies and earned a B.A. in 1961 and a master’s degree in divinity from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in 1964.

Although both of us were born and raised in Sumter County our paths did not cross until

we arrived in Charleston County around the same time in the early 1960s. He had accepted a call to pastor at Edisto Presbyterian Church and I had accepted a teaching position in the Charleston County public school system. We both became actively engaged in local politics and it was not long before we and our wives became great friends.

He was young, energetic, and determined to make a difference in his community and throughout the Sea Islands of Charleston County. In Charleston he rekindled his activism, establishing the Edisto Branch of the NAACP, helping to stand up the Franklin Fetter federally qualified community health center, and later, the Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corp.

When I left the classroom and became a Counselor with the Charleston County Employment Security Commission in 1965 and later Director of the Charleston County Neighborhood Youth Corps and New Careers project, McKinley helped in my effort to get part time jobs for high school students and work experiences for high school dropouts. Our signature effort came through the creation of a Talent Search project that sent hundreds of low-income high school graduates to colleges and universities across the country. Most of those students went to Wilberforce University in Ohio. Among them were Larry Whaley pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church and the Rev. Nelson Rivers, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and Vice President of National Action Network who is a dynamic faith leader in his own right.

It was during this time that McKinley became an active board member of the South Carolina Commission for Farm Workers, an agency created to aid migrants and seasonal farm workers. After some fits and starts, that Commission hired me to be their Executive Director in 1968.

McKinley and I bonded, and he became my go-to guy. We worked together to develop an adult education project, a Self-Help housing program, and he helped me form a rural version of the Talent Search concept to provide opportunities to the children of migrants and seasonal farm workers.

After working in the trenches to improve the quality of life for his community, McKinley decided he could better serve his community by running for public office. Although he lost his first campaign for the State House of Representatives, he ran again during a special election and won; He went on to represent District 116 in the House from 1975 to 1989, and then served in the State Senate representing District 45 from 1990 to 2000. He continued his public service after 25 years in the State legislature by serving an additional eight years on the S.C. Employment Security Commission.

His career in public service was marked by his dedication to issues of equity and justice. McKinley was always focused on providing for, “the least of these,” and communities that have been historically neglected. To honor his service, the modern bridge that connects Edisto Island to the mainland is named in his honor. It is a fitting tribute to the man who spent his life building bridges and solving problems.

Throughout his public service and community work, McKinley served 50 years as pastor of Edisto Presbyterian Church until his retirement in 2012. His faith informed his service

and was at the core of who he was as leader. McKinley met Beulah Jeffries, the love of his life while at Johnson C. Smith, and the two became the proud parents of Michael and Katrina, and grandparents of two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of McKinley Washington, Jr. May we all learn from the example of this outstanding South Carolinian, born during the Jim Crow era in the ghettoized Stackhouse Place community of Sumter County, South Carolina who went on to live a transformational life. It has been one of my life’s blessed experiences to call him a dear friend.

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NICHOLAS LUCIANO

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**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of attending Nicholas Luciano’s (Lu-see-ah-no) Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nicholas achieved the Eagle Scout rank as a part of Troop 26. Throughout his scouting career, he earned 21 Merit Badges and served his troop in a variety of leadership roles. For his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas built and rehabilitated planters at the Estell Manor Park in Atlantic County, which is home to a large diversity of plants and animals. This young man should be proud of his accomplishments, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for his service to South Jersey. God Bless Nicholas, and God Bless our United States of America.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF MICHAEL GATES

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**HON. MICHELLE STEEL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, and a dedicated public servant, for his efforts to protect taxpayers and his commitment to our community.

Since 2015, Michael Gates has served as the independently elected Huntington Beach City Attorney. He has been an effective advocate for law enforcement and worked to keep the citizens of Huntington Beach safe by leading the charge to fight local crime.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, as Governor Newsom enacted unilateral and draconian restrictions, Mr. Gates worked to preserve local control of our world-class beaches.

He has upheld the rule of law, pushing back against the “sanctuary state” law that has made California especially vulnerable to the ongoing border crisis.

In all these ways and more, Michael Gates has proved to be a hardworking and effective advocate for the people of Huntington Beach, and for that, I thank him for his service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF SERGEANT  
IVAN M. RUIZ

**HON. RONNY JACKSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, today I recognize a lifetime of service and the retirement of Chief Master Sergeant Ivan Miguel Ruiz, a native of the great State of Texas. After 26 years of service as an Air Force Pararescueman, CMSgt Ruiz is relinquishing the responsibilities as Chief Enlisted Manager 58th Rescue Squadron, 563rd Operations Group, 355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. The Air Force has consistently relied upon Ivan's exceptional leadership and unparalleled work ethic. He has led our Nation's men and women both overseas and at home, leading numerous joint combat rescue and humanitarian operations around the world. Ivan has excelled in numerous other leadership positions in the Air Force, as well as becoming a physical fitness legend in the Special Warfare Community.

The Pararescue Creed is "It is my duty as a Pararescueman to save life and aid the injured. I will be prepared at all times to perform my assigned duties quickly and efficiently, placing these duties before personal desires and comforts. These things I do, that others may live." Ivan committed these words to every aspect of his career and especially displayed them during a nighttime operation in Afghanistan on December 10, 2013. During a raid in Kandahar Province, Sergeant Ruiz engaged and neutralized four insurgents, becoming isolated from his element. Sergeant Ruiz and two teammates quickly encountered insurgent crossfire. Sergeant Ruiz eliminated one enemy fighting position; however, enemy fire wounded his two comrades, rendering them immobile and exposed to the enemy. Sergeant Ruiz courageously pressed ahead through intense small arms fire and grenades to reach his wounded comrades. He successfully brought them back to a covered position, where he administered life-saving trauma care to his teammates. The heroic actions of Sergeant Ruiz saved the lives of two teammates and contributed to the elimination of eleven insurgents. Through his extraordinary heroism, and aggressiveness in the face of the enemy, this native Texan was awarded the Air Force Cross, the United States Air Force's second highest military decoration for Airmen who distinguish themselves with extraordinary heroism in combat with an armed enemy force.

On November 1st of this year, Ivan will retire back to the great State of Texas. On behalf of the entire Congress and a grateful Nation, I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Chief Master Sergeant Ruiz for his outstanding leadership and unwavering support for the missions of this nation. I would like to also recognize the dedicated service of Ivan's family to our country. His mother, Josefina, a civil servant, his father, MSG Ruiz, USA, Ret., his siblings, SFC Aerial Ruiz, USA, Ret., MAJ Elizabeth Ruiz, USA, MAJ Ino Ruiz, USA, and Lt Jazmin Reed, USN, and SrA Charles White, USAF, all have served or are serving honorably. I would also like to recognize his supportive and loving wife of 12 years, Mrs. Maria Ruiz, and their children, Jason, Sofia, Elijah, and Elena. I wish the

Ruiz family safe travels back to Texas, and I look forward to seeing Ivan continue to excel as he enters his next chapter.

NOAA CHIEF SCIENTIST ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. MIKIE SHERRILL**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 26, 2022*

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 3952, the NOAA Chief Scientist Act.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is the premier federal agency in oceanic and atmospheric research. From climate modeling to aquatic habitat preservation, NOAA conducts scientific research that improves the lives of all Americans, especially in my home state of New Jersey.

The agency's Chief Scientist performs an integral and extensive role in facilitating the coordination of research efforts across each of NOAA's six unique line offices and with other federal agencies. Previous Chief Scientists come from decorated and distinguished backgrounds, including scientists from preeminent roles in oceanography and atmospheric science. Dr. Sarah Kapnick, an executive with 18 years of experience at the intersection of climate science and economics, has been most recently named to this role.

The Chief Scientist also plays a critical role in ensuring that NOAA can accurately predict future weather events, an essential service to help Americans prepare for severe weather. In New Jersey, the forecast residents received in advance of Hurricane Ida did not adequately prepare them for the storm, which killed 25 people across the state and cost the United States \$65 billion. As weather events become more frequent and severe due to climate change, accurate weather forecasting from the agency will save lives and money.

This bipartisan bill clarifies the role that the Chief Scientist has in advising NOAA on scientific technology policies and strategies. The Chief Scientist's role requires an established and experienced background in producing sound scientific work as well as respect from the scientific community to facilitate connections towards cutting edge research that does not merely reflect partisan interests. It is important that NOAA's Chief Scientist is insulated from political interference and maintain scientific integrity. That is why this bill requires the Chief Scientist to both adhere to, and uphold, scientific integrity policies.

This bill directs the NOAA Administrator to give due consideration to recommendations that are submitted by reputable and diverse scientific and academic organizations within the U.S. This includes scientific organizations such as the National Academies and NOAA's Science Advisory Board, which have extensive experience with scientists of this caliber. It also requires the Chief Scientist to be knowledgeable in the scientific disciplines associated with the work at NOAA—a reasonable requirement given the complexities of NOAA's work.

This bill further establishes an Office of the Chief Scientist, to be staffed by Federal employees of NOAA which will be detailed into the office on a rotating basis. Detailing em-

ployees from all line offices ensures that each will remain represented in overseeing the research at NOAA. The new role of Deputy Chief Scientist, designated by the NOAA Administrator, will further support the functions of the Chief Scientist, and will perform the role of Acting Chief Scientist in the event of a vacancy in the position. These steps will provide crucial support to the Chief Scientist to further the mission of NOAA.

Finally, this bill requires that the Chief Scientist produce a yearly, public report which describes the accomplishments and implementation of NOAA's scientific and technological strategies. This report will also detail any challenges faced by the agency and provide a transparent summary of all research funded by NOAA. This will include a breakdown of the percentage of research funded and carried out by the private sector, cooperative institutes, academia, nongovernmental organizations, and other institutions. This yearly report will further ensure that the research mission of NOAA is transparent and forward-thinking.

I want to thank my colleague from the Science Committee, Representative FEENSTRA of Iowa, for working with me to introduce this bill. This bill has also been endorsed by the American Meteorological Society and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Scientific research is at its best when it is approached collaboratively and includes a variety of perspectives and skillsets. This bill outlines the responsibilities and requirements for a NOAA Chief Scientist to ensure that a qualified individual can help the agency advance its cross-cutting mission of science and service. This will support NOAA's efforts to provide world-class research to serve communities through future research endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON ESTES**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call vote No. 386, On Ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted NAY;

Roll Call vote No. 387, On Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res 1254, Providing for consideration of the bills: H.R. 3771 South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act, H.R. 5118 Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act, and H.R. 6929 Susan Muffley Act, I would have voted NAY.

**NATHAN MANGOLD**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 27, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of attending Nathan Mangold's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nathan is a recent graduate of Cedar Creek High School Class of 2022 and has plans to continue his education at a University in the fall. During his time as a scout, he earned 21 Merit