

the college presidents and the college boards all over America.

In the absence of a real program for America, the majority is filling our hours with censures, expulsions, motions to vacate the speakership, overthrow their own leaders, and, of course, impeachment of President Biden for what? For doing nothing wrong. That is all that they give us. This cannibalistic instinct they have unleashed now turns on private citizens, academic leaders who will wear the scarlet letter "A" so they can have some more press conferences.

Vote "no" on this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address my absence from Roll Call Votes on Thursday, October 26, 2023, through Monday December 11, 2023. I was detained in my District-TX18. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

ROLL CALL NO. 558, On the Passage of Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 557, On the Motion to Recommit, Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 564, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for the expulsion of Representative George Santos from the House of Representatives, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 563, On the Passage of Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL No. 562, On the Motion to Recommit, Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL 561, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended Hamas and Other Palestinian Terrorist Groups International Financing Prevention Act, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 560, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Declaring it is the policy of the United States that a nuclear Islamic Republic of Iran is not acceptable, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 559, On the Motion to Table, Censuring Representative RASHIDA TLAIB for antisemitic activity, sympathizing with terrorist organizations, and leading an insurrection at the United States Capitol Complex, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 578, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, Condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education, which may lead to the creation of a hostile environment for Jewish students, faculty, and staff, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 577, On the Passage of Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 566, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4821) Dept. of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024; (H.R. 4820) Dept. of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024; and (H.R. 6126) Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 565, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4821) Dept. of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024; (H.R. 4820) Dept. of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024; and (H.R. 6126) Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 597, On the Passage of Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 596, On the Motion to Recommit, Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 622, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Censuring Representative RASHIDA TLAIB for promoting false narratives regarding the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel and for calling for the destruction of the State of Israel, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 608, On the Motion to Table, Censuring Representative RASHIDA TLAIB for promoting false narratives regarding the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel and for calling for the destruction of the State of Israel, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 602, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4664) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 601, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4664) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 645, On the Motion to Refer, Impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 643, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Debbie Smith Act, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 658, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 647, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5894) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 646, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5894) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 660, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5961) No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 659, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5961) No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 677, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 676, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during October 2023 attack on Israel, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 679, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of (H.R. 5283) Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act; (H.R. 5961) No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act; (S.J. Res. 32) providing for congressional disapproval, relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)", I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 678, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of (H.R. 5283) Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act; (H.R. 5961) No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act; (S.J. Res. 32) providing for congressional disapproval, relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)", I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 689, On the Passage of Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 687, On the Passage of No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 691, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for the expulsion of Representative George Santos from the United States House of Representatives, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 690, On the Passage of, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)", I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 697, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Strongly condemning and denouncing the drastic rise of antisemitism in the United States and around the world, I would have voted PRESENT.

ROLL CALL NO. 693, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of (H.R. 4468) Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act; (H.R. 5933) DETERRENT Act; and (H.J. Res. 88) congressional disapproval relating to

"Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program", I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 692, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of (H.R. 4468) Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act; (H.R. 5933) DETERRENT Act; and (H.J. Res. 88) congressional disapproval relating to "Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program", I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 706, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Censuring Representative JAMAAL BOWMAN, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 705, On the Passage of Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program", I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 709, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2023, Part II, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 708, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Lower Costs, More Transparency Act, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 707, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension Act, I would have voted YEA.

ANGELO FIELD

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angelo Field for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Angelo has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Angelo, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Angelo's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Angelo Field on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I did not vote on Monday, December 11, 2023 because I was invited to the White House Hanukkah Recognition event, which I felt was important to attend given the rise in antisemitism. Out of respect for the Jewish holiday and, particularly

for Jewish Members of Congress, I believe that votes should have been postponed, just as they were for the White House Holiday Ball last week. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

NAY on Roll Call No. 708, H.R. 5378;

YEA on Roll Call No. 707, H.R. 3224; and

YEA on Roll Call No. 709, H.R. 6503.

I also want to include in the RECORD the following letter to Speaker Johnson, which explains my decision in more detail:

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: I write to urge you to postpone votes this evening given that President Biden and Dr. Biden are hosting a Hanukkah Reception at the White House at 6:00 p.m. On Monday, December 4, the White House hosted a Holiday Ball for Members of Congress at 6:00 p.m. I know several Members appreciated that December 4 votes were postponed as early as Friday, December 1, to allow Members the opportunity to attend the ball without missing votes. Given that the Hanukkah Reception was planned within the same time parameters as the Holiday Ball and that there are votes planned today on December 11, I was hopeful that votes would also be postponed until December 12 to give Members an opportunity to celebrate Hanukkah, especially given current events. While my office, in addition to several other Member offices, reached out to request that votes be postponed, I understand that your office plans to continue with votes tonight as scheduled. I find this incredibly disappointing. I would expect that the Jewish Members of our body be given the same consideration and deference as our other colleagues. With that in mind, I respectfully urge that votes be postponed. However, given the horrific October 7 massacre and our minds in the war continually in Gaza against Hamas is more important than any Hanukkah that we meet with our constituents and reassure them that we will stand with Israel as a priority, for its existence is in danger. I appreciate your prompt response to this urgent matter.

HONORING ANTHONY LAMBERT

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Lambert of the United States Air Force on the completion of his Legislative Fellowship with my personal office. Lieutenant Colonel Lambert has been assigned to my staff since January 2023 and has done an outstanding job as my trusted advisor for national security, foreign operations, space/technology, and veteran policy issues.

Currently a Deputy Material Leader for the Advanced Battle Management System, Lieutenant Colonel Lambert started his military service at United States Air Force Academy, graduating in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics. Before his assignment with my office, Lieutenant Colonel Lambert served as the Program Element Monitor for the B-21 Raider Program, where he was the Air Staff lead for programming, planning, executing, scheduling, and budgeting of the classified \$80 billion program.

Lieutenant Colonel Lambert also served as the Deputy Program Manager for the Hard Target Void Sensing Fuze and the Milestone C IPT Lead for the Family of Advanced Be-

yond Line-of-Sight Terminals program. He also served as a Deputy Branch Chief, and Branch Chief prior to his assignment as Executive Officer for the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office.

During his fellowship in my office, Lieutenant Colonel Lambert was instrumental in helping my staff and me develop the fiscal year 2024 House Defense Appropriations bill. His direct contributions will help provide our nation's uniformed men and women with the resources needed to defend our great nation. Texas' 12th district is home to numerous DOD priorities including the F-35 program, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, and thousands of Active Guard and Reserve service members. Lieutenant Colonel Lambert quickly built a relationship with these entities, mastered their issues, and was essential in helping me represent them. Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Lambert coordinated dozens of engagements with senior administration officials, representatives of foreign nations, and industry leaders. Above all, he has been a tireless advocate for servicemembers and veterans.

Airmen like Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Lambert are the reason why our nation's defense forces are the best in the world. On behalf of the 12th District of Texas, I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Anthony, his wife Leah, and his children, Sloane, and Jack, as they continue their military journey in service to our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING KERN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT BRYON SCHAEFER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a distinguished educator and leader, Dr. Bryon Schaefer, who has dedicated 38 years of his life to educating our children in Kern County, California. Dr. Schaefer's journey from a math teacher in East Bakersfield to Superintendent of the Kern High School District is a testament to his unwavering commitment to learning, leadership, and community. It also represents the growth and optimism that comes to mind when one thinks of the Central Valley.

Dr. Schaefer embarked on his educational journey at the University of South Dakota, earning his Bachelor's degree in 1985. His passion for education led him to California, where he pursued and successfully obtained his Master's degree from California State University, Bakersfield in 1989. Even in the early stages of his career, Dr. Schaefer demonstrated a deep commitment to both his students' and his own professional development, simultaneously teaching high school math while earning his Master's degree. Not content to stop his academic advancement, Dr. Schaefer continued his pursuit of knowledge and earned his doctorate from the University of La Verne in 2002, specializing in organizational leadership.

Dr. Schaefer's ascent within the Kern High School District reflects the rapport he has held with the faculty and parents with whom he continues to hold mutual care and affection.