

"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 PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. 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 Hannukah 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 Hannukah, 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.

Beginning as a Math Teacher in 1985, he swiftly rose through the ranks, serving as Dean of Students at North High School in 1991. His leadership journey continued with roles as Assistant Principal and as Principal in 1998. In 2010, Dr. Schaefer assumed the role of Assistant Superintendent, and in 2014, he ultimately accepted the role of Superintendent, guiding the district with prudence and dedication. Beyond his contributions within the Kern High School District Dr. Schaefer extended his impact to higher education, serving as an adjunct faculty member for Point Loma Nazarene University—Bakersfield Regional Center for over two decades.

Though Dr. Schaefer has an impressive list of achievements in educational leadership throughout his 38 year career, his greatest legacy can be found in his diligent and ambitious mission for student education and personal growth. His commitment to providing quality education in Kern County has left an enduring impact on the community, shaping the future of countless students.

I know that Dr. Schaefer is looking forward to this next chapter of his life and spending mom time with his wife Beth, two children Shannon and Haley, and granddaughter Delilah. On behalf of the 20th Congressional District of California, I would like to congratulate Dr. Bryon Schaefer on a well-deserved retirement, a successful career in education, and for his many contributions to our community.

BAILEE TELL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bailee Tell for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Bailee has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Bailee, 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 Bailee's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen rescheduling conflict, I was unable to vote on the Motion to Recommit and passage of H.R. 357 on December 12, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 716, and Yea on Roll Call No. 717.

RECOGNIZING THE 2023 NORTHEAST WISCONSIN VETERAN OF THE YEAR, JOHN GILLESPIE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Northeast Wisconsin's 2023 Veteran of the Year, John Gillespie.

The Northeast Wisconsin Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee of veteran and civilian community members. It recognizes veterans in Northeast Wisconsin who continue to demonstrate service, excellence, and dedication in all they do.

John's service began in 1955 at the University of Wisconsin, where he first signed up as an ROTC student with the Army Corp of Engineers. His career of service would see him honorably discharged from the United States Army and rise to the rank of Captain in the United States Army Reserve. His service extended far beyond his time in uniform, however, as he was appointed to Gov. Tommy Thompson's Juvenile Justice Commission in 1991 and in 1992 to the National Child Labor Committee.

A longtime resident of Northeast Wisconsin, John's service to our country and community went far beyond his time in uniform. In 1965, John and his wife Jan began the Rawhide Boys Ranch with the fundraising help and support of a quarterback some may know, Bart Starr. This support allowed John and Jan to help turn around the lives of numerous at-risk youth throughout Wisconsin. The ranch was more than just housing and mentor assistance for these youth. It became an integral part of the community, establishing a firefighting service that served the nearby municipalities at no charge. Today, through their car donation program, residential services, and youth counseling programs, they serve over 750 at-risk youth across Wisconsin. They operate several family services centers, three equine therapy centers, and over 40 full-time therapists stationed at public high schools serving at-risk youth.

But John's commitment to our community went beyond the ranch. He dedicated much time and effort to projects like establishing Plamann Park, spent countless hours volunteering with American Legion Post 38 in Appleton, where he is a 30-year member, and also spent years advocating for a local veteran whom he kept in contact with after his two years at Rawhide as a youth, Jerry Monson. He worked tirelessly to ensure Jerry received the VA benefits he deserved and went so far as to compile donations from local builders to get Jerry back on his feet after he found himself homeless. John enlisted the help of 45 local builders and suppliers to build Jerry a home free of charge.

In every walk of his life, John and his family have led a life of selfless service and sacrifice. The lives he has changed through his work in our community can never be quantified. John continues to demonstrate the highest degree of service, dedication, and excellence in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I once again congratulate John Gillespie for his service to Northeast Wisconsin and the veteran's community and for being the 2023 Northeast Wisconsin Veteran

of the Year. Northeast Wisconsin can be proud of the many great veterans who call Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District home. I urge all colleagues to join me in recognizing these outstanding men and women.

GRACIELA MENENDEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Graciela Menendez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Graciela has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Graciela, 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 Graciela'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 Graciela Menendez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

BIDEN AND UKRAINE NEED A SENATE DEAL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an Editorial: Biden and Ukraine Need a Senate Deal, by William Galston from the Wall Street Journal to underscore the need for a deal on supplemental aid funding before Congress leaves Washington.

[From the Wall Street Journal, Dec. 12, 2023]

BIDEN AND UKRAINE NEED A SENATE DEAL

(By William A. Galston)

The West's security and his presidency require a compromise on border policy.

If the continuing Senate negotiations on border security fail, U.S. economic and military aid to Ukraine will end. And if this happens, a pillar of President Biden's foreign policy will collapse, Ukraine's ability to resist Russian aggression will diminish, and Vladimir Putin will broaden his mission to reconstitute the Russian empire.

Mr. Biden must take charge. He should invite Senate negotiators, who are steeped in the issues, along with Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, to Camp David and keep them there until they reach agreement.

Mr. Biden's entire career—his 36 years in the Senate, his chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee, his role during the Obama administration as chief negotiator with Mr. McConnell—has prepared him for this moment. He will fail only if he flinches.

To be sure, this won't be an easy deal. Since winning the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020, Mr. Biden has relentlessly pursued party unity, first as an electoral strategy, then as a governing philosophy. Giving ground on immigration would weaken his party's unity and provide more ammunition to the left-wing insurgency that has erupted over his support of Israel.