

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2023, I was unable to be present for the recorded suspension votes on Roll Call Nos. 329 and 330. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 329, S. 111—Providing for Accountability Through Transparency Act, as amended; and YES on Roll Call No. 330, H.R. 813—Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2023, as amended.

LECOM 30TH ANNIVERSARY
PROCLAMATION**HON. MIKE KELLY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I proclaim the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) as a pillar of the community.

Whereas, LECOM has been established since 1992 in Erie, Pennsylvania as a college of Osteopathic Medicine and now celebrates its 30th Anniversary; and

Whereas, LECOM has grown to become the Nation's largest medical college with campuses in Erie, Pennsylvania, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Bradenton, Florida, and Elmira, New York; and

Whereas, LECOM has prepared and graduated more than 16,000 students to become osteopathic physicians, pharmacy practitioners, and dentists through programs of excellence in education, research, clinical care, and community service to enhance the quality of life through improved health for all humanity; and

Whereas, LECOM has expanded its reach to include exceptional programs in graduate studies designed to provide scholars superlative education in the respective areas of study; and

Whereas, LECOM is opening a new School of Podiatric Medicine and pursuing opportunities to open additional campuses, further demonstrating their steadfast commitment to continue expanding healthcare education; and

Whereas, LECOM offers a quality medical education at an affordable price with one of the lowest, private medical college tuitions in the Nation; and

Whereas, LECOM provides students a choice of student-centered pathways that match the learning styles of individual students to promote success.

Whereas, LECOM has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top medical colleges for graduating primary care physicians; and

Whereas, LECOM is the most applied to medical college in the United States; and

Whereas, LECOM has the Nation's only osteopathic academic health system with its own teaching hospitals, a physician network, and a full continuum of services for older adults;

Now therefore be it resolved, that I proclaim LECOM as an acclaimed school of Osteo-

pathic Medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Be it further resolved, that during their 30th anniversary, LECOM is commended for the exceptional impact the organization has on the communities they serve and for their contributions to improving healthcare for all.

HONORING THE BRAVERY OF
GICELA ALEMAN**HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, on May 6 our North Texas community was left scarred by the shooting at Allen Premium Outlets.

Nine people were killed, and 7 others were injured.

But today, I recognize the brave story of the service of Gicela Aleman.

An unsung hero who that day was shopping for new shoes at the outlet mall with her daughter, Adele.

When the gunman opened fire, he severely wounded Preeti Patel, a mother and grandmother who was visiting family in North Texas and like so many others—was just trying to do some shopping.

Amidst the chaos and violence, Gicela sprung into action. She grabbed Preeti and tried to slow her bleeding.

After seeing that ambulances were struggling to get through security, Gicela drove Preeti herself to get the care she needed.

Preeti is alive today because of Gicela.

An amazing story that deserves a hero's praise.

We thank her for her bravery, selflessness and representing the best of North Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BECCA BALINT

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present on July 17, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 330, and YEA on Roll Call No. 329.

RECOGNIZING ROSA CART-
WRIGHT'S SERVICE TO THE CITY
OF YPSILANTI**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rosa Margaret Cartwright of Ypsilanti, Michigan, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Her dedication to her family and local community over the last century is worthy of commendation.

Rosa was born on July 18, 1923, in Roanoke, Alabama to Eva and George Dozier. Rosa came to Michigan by way of Ohio in the 1940s. During this time, she attended the Na-

tional Beauty Culturists' League for Cosmetology and held the title of 3rd Vice President and Secretary to the League. Rosa also pledged Theta Nu Sigma sorority and is currently 1 of the oldest living sorority members. She has also held the title of Theta Nu Sigma's Ambassador for the State of Michigan for many years.

After receiving her degree in Cosmetology, Rosa married her husband Benjamin in 1951. Together the couple had 4 children. A proud small business owner, Rosa was the owner and proprietor of Tony's Beauty Salon for over 70 years in addition to a small convenience store. Rosa is still an active community member and has served in many city and local organizations, including the Eastern Star as well as serving as Choir Director and Vice President of Mount Olive Baptist Church. Rosa still meets up weekly with a group of avid game players, and until recently taught piano.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Rosa Cartwright. We are so proud of her continued tenacity and spirit at such a well-seasoned age. She continues to be a pillar of the Ypsilanti community and is a true beacon of love and friendship to all family and friends that are lucky enough to be in her presence. Happy birthday to Rosa.

CONGRATULATING EMILIA
LABRUYERE ON HER CLASS 5
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Timberland High School's Emilia Labruyere on her victory in Missouri's Class 5 Discus State Championship.

Emilia claimed the Class 5 title, becoming the Wolves' first female track and field state champion. Her incredible, winning throw of 42.14 meters matched both her personal best and school record-winning toss of the same distance a month prior. Emilia should be commended for all her hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home the state championship to her school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Emilia Labruyere for a job well done.

RECONGIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF THOMAS "TOMMY" CARLISLE**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Carlisle following his 37-year career at Anniston Army Depot. Mr. Carlisle's service includes travel throughout the United States as well as 4 deployments overseas supporting the mission of the U.S. Army.

Tommy has served as a supervisor in 4 divisions including Fielding, Reciprocating Drive Train, Weapons and Track Systems. Additionally, Tommy has served as a Division Chief in

3 divisions including Logistics Management (Fielding), Reciprocating and Tracked Systems. In 2010, he was named Deputy Director of Production where he served for 8 years before becoming selected to serve as the Director of Production. Building on this service, he was selected as Deputy to the Commander at Anniston Army Depot on September 29, 2019.

Mr. Carlisle is a native and resident of Lincoln, Alabama. Tommy has been married for 34 years to his wife, Susan. Together, they have 2 children as well as 2 grandchildren. Tommy is an avid University of Alabama fan who enjoys tailgating and traveling to games. Additionally, Tommy enjoys being on the river, riding his Harley and socializing with his friends.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the retirement of Mr. Thomas Carlisle for his 37-year career at Anniston Army Depot.

KOREAN-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, July 27th marks the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement, which formally ended the Korean War.

As Co-Chair of Congressional Caucus on Korea, I was grateful to have joined my colleagues in welcoming new Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States, His Excellency Hyun-Dong Cho and the Korean National Assembly ruling party delegation to the U.S. Capitol for a breakfast recognizing veterans of the Korean War.

I valued the opportunity to have met with 6 members of the ruling People Power Party Leader, Assemblyman Gi-Hyeon Kim, members of the National Assembly Chul-Gyu Lee, Seok-Ki Kim, Sang-Bum Yoo, Min-Kuk Kang, and Chairman of the International Relations Committee of the People Power Party and former National Assemblyman Jae-Young Lee.

Visible proof of affection by Americans for the people of the Republic of Korea was the Joint Session of Congress speech by President Yoon Suk Yeol.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEGACY OF LANCE CORPORAL (RET.) JOHN E. DEVOLL, SR.

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Lance Corporal (ret.) John E. DeVoll, Sr., of New Paltz, N.Y., a devoted partner; beloved father, grandfather, and uncle; proud U.S. Marine and Vietnam War Era veteran; and cherished friend, who passed away in Poughkeepsie, New York, on December 5, 2022.

John DeVoll was born on November 30, 1944, in Staten Island, N.Y., to the late John "Jack" and Agnes (Bennett) DeVoll. He worked in security for Iron Mountain. Previously he worked as a night manager at

Shoprite and manager at the International Pancake House, and worked with his parents in their family restaurants, Cherri's I and II, in High Falls, N.Y.

Lance Corporal DeVoll was a U.S. Marine who served his country with the 1st Battalion, 28th Marines, 5th Marine Division, 5th Marine Division (Fleet Marine Force) during the Vietnam War. For his service, he received awards including two Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge (M-14 Rifle). LCPL DeVoll was a selfless and faithful patriot.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Margaret Brandow, Barbara Hasbrouck, and Jacqueline Santowski, former wife Dorothy DeVoll, longtime companion Katherine Wagner, and stepson Billy Jo.

He is survived by his children John Jr., Melissa Jennifer and her husband Rasheed Sr., and Michael; stepchildren Coleen and her husband Joseph Sr., and Kathy; grandchildren Anthony, Nicholas, Ava, Rasheed Jr., Ramya, Joe Jr., Damyn, Kaitlyn, Kaylona, Jerome, Christopher, Brittany Johnathan and Miranda. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and legacy of Lance Corporal (ret.) John E. DeVoll. It is my privilege to rise in recognition of his service and to honor his memory.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2670) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I rise today to speak on the rule for H.R. 2670, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024.

This is an important measure that for over 60 years, Republicans and Democrats have come together to support investments authorized in the NDAA that will help address the changing global landscape and prepare the country for future challenges and threats.

I along with my colleagues have offered a number of robust and thoughtful amendments in furtherance of a process that has generally been bipartisan work on behalf of America's national defense.

However, I am dismayed that this year, my Republican colleagues in the majority have refused meaningful consideration of the majority of amendments offered by my Democratic colleagues.

While I am grateful that one of my amendments was made in order, the Jackson Lee Amendment No. 1075 (No. 136 as reported in the Rule) and included in the En Bloc package No. 3, it is beyond disappointing and disgraceful that my additional 19 amendments were

not made in order—and particularly ones I have offered for many years and have been made in order.

With respect to my amendment that was made in order, I ask for a favorable vote on the En Bloc package No. 3 in support of the Jackson Lee Amendment No. 1075.

The Jackson Lee Amendment No. 1075 would require that a report be submitted within 220 days of the NDAA's passage detailing our national capacity to provide disaster survivors with short term housing.

In the aftermath of emergencies and national disasters, victims have much on their minds.

Homes, properties, businesses, and livelihoods may have been damaged in the disaster, and families, friends, and community members may be mentally and physically affected by the disaster, not to mention additional challenges as they seek to return to work and school.

As these communities begin to face the long process of recovery and rebuilding, short term housing is one of the first things disaster survivors need to get back on their feet.

Unfortunately, my constituents and I are no stranger to these kinds of disasters.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey devastated the Houston area, affecting over 100,000 homes across the city. In the aftermath of the storm, finding temporary housing was one of the biggest challenges to recovery for many survivors.

Short-term housing was difficult to coordinate due to the sheer number of Houstonians affected.

As such, it is crucial that Congress have a strong understanding of our current capabilities and, specifically, our ability to provide these survivors with short term housing before disaster strikes.

If voted on favorably, this report will not only inform us of our current capacity to provide housing but will also better equip Congress to respond to disasters and support survivors in the future.

In addition to this amendment, I offered the below listed amendments.

Jackson Lee Amendment No. 1010 condemns the actions of Boko Haram and directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on efforts to combat Boko Haram.

Since 2009, Boko Haram has subjected women and girls to unbearable and severe forms of abuse, including sexual slavery, sexual violence, forced marriages, forced pregnancies, and forced conversions.

The United Nation's Human Rights Council report on violations and abuses committed by this despicable organization reveals the negative impact of such violent acts on the affected communities and individuals.

And this year, in March of 2023, Boko Haram displaced at least 3,000 people in fighting along Nigerian border towns and villages.

In April of this year, Boko Haram militants also destroyed hundreds of homes in Cameroon.

Despite regional coordination efforts by the African Union in creating Multinational Joint Task Force to fight Boko Haram, this violent organization continues to commit gross human rights abuses and serious violations of international humanitarian law, resulting in ongoing casualties and further destruction of property.

The Jackson Lee Amendment No. 1010 would have supported efforts by the African