

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian and the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring the remarkable career of John Powell as an extraordinary advocate for America's peanut industry and service to his community. May God continue to bless him and his family as he moves to the next chapter of his remarkable life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I had to miss yesterday's vote due to illness. During that time, I was unable to make Roll Call Votes No. 387 through No. 399. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

NO on Roll Call No. 387, H.R. 8998 On Agreeing to the Amendment;

NO on Roll Call No. 388, H.R. 8998 On Agreeing to the Amendment;

NO on Roll Call No. 389, H.R. 8998 On Agreeing to the Amendment;

NO on Roll Call No. 390, H.R. 8998 On Agreeing to the Amendment;

NO on Roll Call No. 391, H. Res. 1376 On Ordering the Previous Question;

NO on Roll Call No. 392, H. Res. 1376 On Agreeing to the Resolution;

YES on Roll Call No. 393, H. Res. 1367 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, As Amended;

NO on Roll Call No. 394, H.R. 8998 On Agreeing to the Amendment;

NO on Roll Call No. 395, H.R. 8998 On Agreeing to the Amendment;

NO on Roll Call No. 396, H.R. 8998 On Agreeing to the Amendment;

NO on Roll Call No. 397, H.R. 8998 On Agreeing to the Amendment;

NO on Roll Call No. 398, H.R. 8998 On Agreeing to the Amendment; and

NO on Roll Call No. 399, H.R. 8998 On Passage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 22, 2024, I missed one Roll Call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 356.

CELEBRATING THE INCREDIBLE CAREER OF THE HONORABLE DIANA E. BAJOIE

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an incredible New Orleans Matriarch, former State Senator Diana

Bajoie. She is one for the history books. As a young woman in her twenties, she began her public service in the Louisiana House of Representatives, where she served as the only woman in that body during her first term. In 1991, she became the first African American woman ever elected to the Louisiana State Senate. In 2004, she took the oath as Senate President pro-tempore, and became the first woman ever elected to a leadership post in the Louisiana State Senate. In 2012, Senator Bajoie was appointed by Mayor Landrieu to fill a vacancy on the New Orleans City Council in District B.

Former Senator Diana E. Bajoie is not just a public servant in title—she is a public servant in spirit, heart, and deeds. Her colleagues describe her as one who fights for communities, families, and Louisiana with tireless compassion. The Senator nurtured her early interest in community service by attending Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, earning a bachelor's degree in political science. She also attended the Southern University School of Law. An Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree was conferred upon former Senator Diana E. Bajoie at their Fall 2018 Commencement. The University recognized the Senator as a pioneer in state politics and acknowledged the many contributions and efforts in improving the quality of life for all.

Former Senator Diana E. Bajoie is a part-time member of the staff of LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans as Director of Community Relations. She works with LSU Health Sciences Center's six schools to define and implement community relations programs and work to promote cultural diversity among faculty, staff, and students.

As a State Legislator, Ms. Bajoie served as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee that handled the operating budget for the State of Louisiana. At that time, the operating budget was over several billion dollars. Her health care experience is extensive. She was a ranking member of the Health and Welfare Committee where she served for over 25 years between the House and the Senate.

She led the efforts to create school-based health clinics and wrote legislation to provide breast cancer screening and treatment for low income and uninsured women, mandated coverage of mammography and other cancer screening tests, and increase health care coverage for citizens with mental health disorders. She sponsored legislation that created the Louisiana Cancer Research Center in New Orleans, The Metropolitan Human Services District that services Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines Parishes to treat vulnerable residents for mental illness, addictive disorder intellectual and or developmental disabilities and she also created The Minority Health Care Commission.

She worked to ensure recognition of the contributions of African Americans to New Orleans, Louisiana, and the nation. Her efforts resulted in legislation to create the Louisiana State Museum on Civil Rights, that has finally come to fruition in 2023, and the expansion and renaming of the New Orleans Convention Center in honor of the city's first African American Mayor, "The Ernest N. Morial Convention Center." Bajoie introduced the Civil Rights Museum legislation during the Governor Foster administration.

Governor Murphy James Foster Jr. was Louisiana's 53rd governor. His grandfather,

Murphy J. Foster Sr., the 31st Louisiana governor, supported the 1898 Louisiana Constitution, which disfranchised the Black majority. Murphy Jr.'s conservative platform included attacks on welfare abuse, gun control, affirmative action, and racial quotas during the era of affirmative action. Undeterred by Foster's position, every year, Bajoie ensured "something" was put in the state budget for the Civil Rights Museum.

During speaking engagements, Bajoie credits Hassan Haley (son of Oretta Castle Haley and Richard Haley), Don Hubbard and Loyce Wright for keeping the dream of the museum alive. "I also want to thank Lieutenant Nungesser. We need people to keep the fight going because we're just beginning. We want to make sure we tell our own story. It's taken a long time. It's like making gumbo. If you go too fast, it won't come out right." She continues to express a need to focus on raising more money to keep the museum going. The Civil Rights Museum will be permanently housed on this property.

Ms. Bajoie is a founder and former chair of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus and the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus. She also is a founder and served as President of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, a national legislative women's organization which encourages and supports women in public and community service. She also served on the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board helping to rebuild the state after the devastating disasters of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Outside of state politics, Ms. Bajoie has been involved in a myriad of civic organizations where she served as a Trustee for the National World War II Museum, a member of the WYES-TV Board of Directors, Xavier University of Louisiana Board of Visitors and Dillard University Advisory Board.

The Former Senator presently serve as a commissioner on the board of the New Orleans East Hospital, the National Organization of Black Women Legislators, LePetit Theater, and Mercy Endeavor Senior Center, just to name a few.

She is a Life Member of the Southern University Alumni Federation and a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She has received numerous awards, including the City of New Orleans' Mayor Morial Medal of Honor. Former Sen. Bajoie was named the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Survivor of the Year in 2000. She was honored at the Delta Sigma Theta's 48th National Convention with the National Patricia Harris Award for Excellence in Government. She was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2007 and was later honored in 2010 by The Louisiana Center for Women in Government with its Lifetime Achievement Award. She was also named by the New Orleans Tribune as one of 18 Black Women "That Made New Orleans Better", who changed the City in the last 300 years. Mayor Landrieu named the former Senator a New Orleans Legend in honor of the city's Tricentennial.

Last, but certainly not least, Sen. Diana E. Bajoie is a mentor—a mentor to students, to young people and families across the state striving to better themselves, their communities and Louisiana. She frequently shares her experiences and ideas in the classroom as well as with civic organizations and leadership development programs.

The former Senator Bajoie legacy has spanned over three decades, she has fearlessly opened doors, not for herself but for others. Her work paves the way for young people to grow and build a better Louisiana. This shall be her Legacy.

On a personal note, I am honored to have served alongside Former Senator Diana Bajoie, as a true mentor, supporter, and dear friend. She is a true fighter—as a “lioness at heart,” but Don Hubbard calls her “killer”. The Greater New Orleans Community is blessed to have this incredible gem still making a difference in our great state. I am proud to say I can connect with her throughout my political career, and as Congressman, respecting the guidance and support she gives. I am forever grateful for her commitment to the residents of Louisiana, and guidance to our program. I will forever carry her direction as I serve the Constituents of LA02. May God continue to bless her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, on July 24 and 25, I regrettably missed the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

No on Roll Call No. 391, Ordering the Previous Question (H. Res. 1376);

No on Roll Call No. 392, H. Res. 1376;

Yes on Roll Call No. 393, H. Res. 1367;

No on Roll Call No. 394, Perry Amendment No. 81;

No on Roll Call No. 395, Perry Amendment No. 82;

No on Roll Call No. 396, Perry Amendment No. 83;

No on Roll Call No. 397, Perry Amendment No. 85;

No on Roll Call No. 398, Tenney Amendment No. 91;

No on Roll Call No. 399, H.R. 8998; and

No on Roll Call No. 400, H. Res. 1371.

PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU'S JOINT ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my opposition to the speech given in this chamber by Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu. The speech given by the Prime Minister was outrageous. He disrespected his role as a foreign leader speaking before a joint session of Congress. He used the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to make blatantly political attacks on American citizens who disagree with his policies. He also made a full endorsement of former President Trump. One wonders if the Prime Minister's attacks were an attempt to salvage his own political survival in Israel by making it appear that he has the full support of the American people, which he does not.

This was a disturbing day for many Americans and a tragic day for Israelis and Palestin-

ians who are desperately looking for leadership—not political grandstanding. What the American people want, and what Prime Minister Netanyahu failed to deliver, was a clear plan to end the violence and bring about a lasting two state solution in the region.

HONORING DOROTHY LAWRENCE ON HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the astounding life of Dorothy Lawrence, who celebrates her 95th birthday this week.

Dorothy was born on July 29, 1929, along with her twin brother Dick, on the Borden Farm in Walkill, NY. She is the youngest of five children and spent her childhood on Borden Farms in Walkill and Earlville NY, which her father managed. In 1947, she graduated from Earlville High School. The following year, Dorothy earned a business certification from the Central City Business Institute in Syracuse, New York. She worked as a secretary until she married her beloved husband, John, in 1955.

Dorothy is a lifelong member of St. Malachy's Catholic Church in Sherburne, New York. Coming from a musical family, Dorothy has had a passion for singing all her life. When she was only four years old she and her twin brother sang “Little Old Lady Passing By” for a radio contest. In the 1960s, she helped found the Sherburne Community Chorus and was an active member until just recently. At the age of 95, Dorothy still enjoys music, attending local concerts whenever possible.

Currently, Dorothy still resides in the same house that she and her husband built in 1955. She is a loving mother to four children with whom she spends time with nearly every day. She has ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren who she loves dearly, and she keeps informed about her many nieces and nephews as well. Dorothy is one of four surviving members of her high school class, and she has remained in contact with each of her former classmates since they graduated together in 1947. Dorothy is known by her family, friends, and other members of her community for her delicious apple pie.

Dorothy Lawrence is an exceptional member of her community whose dedication and love for her family and community is truly inspiring. I am thrilled to recognize her for her many accomplishments and wish her a very happy 95th birthday.

RECOGNIZING JOSAYNE ANDERSON-TEJERA

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Josayne Anderson-Tejera, for receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award, an honor bestowed by the President of

the United States to recognize the invaluable contributions of volunteers in our Nation. Over the course of her career, Josayne has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to making a difference in her community, specifically in the areas of civil rights and women's advocacy.

Josayne was driven to a career in public service after she lost a close friend to domestic violence. Coupled with her own experiences surviving domestic violence, she has since dedicated her life to speaking out against domestic and sexual violence. In 2004, she founded the Love Quest Foundation, an organization that seeks to provide a safe space for young adults and survivors of domestic violence to learn healthy relationship habits and heal from trauma. Over the past 2 decades, the Love Quest Foundation has transformed the lives of countless young people and survivors across Dutchess County.

In addition to her work with her foundation, Ms. Anderson-Tetera has served as Dutchess County's Equal Opportunity and Inclusion Officer since 2020. In her position, Josayne is charged with maintaining and improving the County's commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Previously, she worked for the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision where she conducted investigations which aimed to prevent discrimination, misconduct, and assaults in the workplace. She has also served as: Financial Secretary and recruitment presenter for the New York State Minorities in Criminal Justice, Board Member for Life Flows Through Every Body, and Fellow for CEO Action for Racial Equity.

I commend Josayne's impressive contributions to the Hudson Valley. Through her work, she has undoubtedly made a positive impact on the lives of countless men and women. The President's Volunteer Service Award is a formal acknowledgment of the hundreds of hours she has devoted to improving her community, but I want to take this opportunity to attest to the immeasurable contributions that she has selflessly made to Dutchess County and to our state.

RECOGNIZING THE QUAPAW CANOE COMPANY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with immense pride to acknowledge a standout business from our community that has been honored with the 2024 National Small Business Week Award, Quapaw Canoe Company. This recognition is a testament to the exceptional contributions of John Ruskey and his team, whose dedication has not only enhanced our local economy but also enriched the cultural and environmental landscape of our region.

Quapaw Canoe Company, founded by John Ruskey, provides guiding and outfitting on the biggest river in North America, the mighty Mississippi River. They have been making a significant impact for about 26 years. By offering guided canoe tours and educational programs on the Mississippi River, they have created opportunities for people to connect with nature, learn about our history, and appreciate