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Had I been present for rollcall vote number 697, my vote on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 1892 would have been "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 699, 700, and 701, I was unable to cast my vote due to a delayed arrival to Washington, DC, caused by a mechanical problem with the aircraft.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JAN REEVES ON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Reeves, a 2011 recipient of the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. The Award is given by the Sacred Heart School Community in Atherton, California, to individuals who have made sustained and significant contributions to the Schools and embody the Goals and Criteria of a Sacred Heart education.

Jan Reeves has taught for thirteen years at Sacred Heart Lower and Middle Schools. As a teacher for 33 years, Jan says her years at Sacred Heart have been the most rewarding because she has had the "opportunity to expose students to a deeply enriched art experience." Her lessons combine art history and world history, anthropology, music appreciation, poetry, religion and current events. This combined approach brings art to life for the students and keeps it fresh and relevant to them.

Jan Reeves credits her own middle school art teacher with introducing her to the visual arts and teaching her to appreciate them. She has patterned her teaching on his inspirational work, and has worked to teach her students as she was taught.

Jan Reeves says that receiving the St. Madeleine Sophie Award is "amazing," but what she will remember most fondly from her years as a teacher is "how the students responded to those fine arts experiences".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jan Reeves as she receives the prestigious St. Madeleine Sophie Award and salute her for her extraordinary work and deep commitment to teaching her students the life-enriching appreciation of the arts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ELBERON MEMORIAL CHURCH'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Elberon Memorial Church as its members gather to celebrate its 125th anniversary. Since its founding in 1886, the church has provided a safe and hospitable environment for summer residents to worship. Their upcoming celebration is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

The Elberon Memorial Church touts a proud and longstanding history. From its humble beginnings when it was dedicated in 1866, the Elberon Memorial Church has continued to flourish. The lavish antique furnishings and beautiful stained glass windows continue to enhance the church's rich carvings, high ceilings and various gothic designs. Beautiful music can still be heard from the Roosevelt organ, an instrument built by the prestigious Hillborne Roosevelt. Ninety-eight percent of the church's original structure remains intact and continues to provide a venue for the parishioners to host family-oriented and community events. Sunday services, held from the first weekend in July through the first Sunday in September remain the cornerstone of the Elberon Memorial Church's activities. The success of this organization could not have been accomplished without the generous public support of parishioners and the community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in acknowledging The Elberon Memorial Church as the parishioners celebrate its 125th anniversary and thanking the countless men and women who supported this thriving community. The Elberon Memorial Church community is tremendously valued in my district and the State of New Jersey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I was not in attendance on Friday, September 9, 2011, due to catastrophic flooding in Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District. My presence was needed at home, on the ground, with my constituents, first-responders, and recovery teams. While back in Pennsylvania, I met with local officials and constituents to help assist in disaster recovery efforts. I also toured many of the towns in the 5th District of Pennsylvania that were most affected by the floods. Consequently, I missed the vote on final passage of H.R. 1892, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

Had I been present for rollcall vote number 698, my vote on passage of H.R. 1892 would have been "yes."

CONGRATULATING GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Grambling State University (GSU) on its 110th anniversary. This milestone is a testament that GSU is a true leader in education.

Opening on November 1, 1901, GSU was organized by a group of African American farmers who wanted to organize and operate a school for African Americans in north Louisiana. What began as an industrial school, Grambling State shifted its focus to rural teacher education in the late 1930s. GSU transformed in the early 1950s into an institution that offered students education in the areas of science, liberal arts, and business. The university now offers 68 degree programs to its students.

In recent years, Grambling has incorporated new academic programs and has added new facilities including a business and computer science building and school of nursing. Throughout the university's 110-year history, the value of each individual student has always been emphasized. GSU continues to be an institution "where everybody is somebody."

I commend Grambling State University on this significant milestone, and its dedication to positively influencing the lives of its students. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Grambling State University for this momentous occasion.

INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR VIOLENT CRIMES ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2076, the Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011. This legislation is an appropriate and necessary measure to keep our citizens safe.

Currently the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) does not have statutory authority to assist in the investigation of mass killings or other violent crimes that are carried out in non-federal public places, such as schools and universities. As of now, when the FBI is asked by state and local law enforcement to assist with related investigations, they frequently comply with the request, despite the possibility that in doing so, the responding officers may be found to be acting outside of their jurisdiction.

The Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act grants the FBI specific authority to respond when asked for help by state and local law enforcement, without expanding the FBI's jurisdiction. The bill allows the FBI to assist in the investigation of violent crimes or mass killings, only when asked to do so.

In recent history the FBI has lent their resources to several high profile investigations. Last September, when an armed intruder entered the Discovery Communications Building