

RECOGNIZING THE GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM AT CHEROKEE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL IN AURORA, COLORADO, FOR WINNING THE 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. COFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the girls varsity volleyball team of Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora, Colorado, on winning the 2015 Colorado 5A State championship game on November 14, 2015.

The students and staff who were a part of the title-winning Cougar team deserve the utmost respect and commendation for winning in what has been a season full of challenges. Following the tragic death of one of their players, Celeste James, and a serious injury to another, Amazing Ashby, the Cherokee Trail Cougars showed courage in the face of true adversity to complete a title-winning season which honored their teammates.

These volleyball players were led to the championship title through the extraordinary leadership of their head coach, Terry Miller, and his hard-working staff.

It is with great pride that I join all of the residents of Aurora, Colorado, in congratulating the Cherokee Trail Cougars on their State championship.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. PETERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETERS. Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 19, 2013:

Jael Griego, 5 years old.

Angelina Griego, 2 years old.

Greenwood, Minnesota, September 17, 2015:

Karen Short, 48 years old.

Cole Short, 17.

Madison Short, 15.

Brooklyn Short, 14.

Bell, Florida, September 18, 2014:

Sara Spirit, 28 years old.

Kaleb Kuhlmann, 11 years old.

Kylie Kuhlmann, 9 years old.

Johnathon Kuhlmann, 8.

Brandon Stewart, 4.

Destiny Stewart, 5.

Alanna Stewart, 3 months old.

Federal Way, Washington, April 21, 2013:

Roland Scobee, 62 years old.

Bradley Fischer, 47.

Justine Baez, 24.

Cesar A. Valdovinos, 23.

Spanish Fork, Utah, January 16, 2014:

Marie King, 55 years old.

Kelly Boren, 32.

Joshua Boren, 7.

Haley Boren, 5.

CONGRATULATING CLINCH COUNTY PANTHERS

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Clinch County High School football team. Last Friday night, the Clinch County Panthers faced off against the Irwin County Indians for the Georgia Class A Public State Championship.

Early in the game, both teams were well matched, with both scoring touchdowns in the first quarter. However, the Panthers scored a second touchdown early in the second quarter and never looked back.

In total, the Panthers racked up 292 rushing yards in the 24-7 win. This was the sixth title in the school's history and the first since winning it in 2010.

I commend Coach Dickerson and the Clinch County Panthers for a great season. You deserve it.

REMEMBERING LILLIAN VERNON

(Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, Lillian Vernon, a woman who personified the American Dream and inspired generations of girls and boys, passed away this week.

Lillian was born Lilli Menasche in Leipzig, Germany, in 1927. Her family arrived here in 1937 after fleeing the new Nazi regime. She attended NYU for a couple of years before leaving to get married. And shortly after her nuptials, the newly pregnant Lillian gathered together what little wedding money she had to start a mail order business from her home in Mount Vernon, New York. She took the name Vernon as her own, and the Lillian Vernon Company was born.

She put an advertisement in "Seventeen" magazine for a personalized purse and belt for \$5; and within weeks, she had \$34,000 dollars in orders.

By 1970, Lillian Vernon had her first million-dollar year. A few decades later, she had nine catalogues, 15 outlet stores, two Web sites, a business-to-business division, and yearly revenue close to \$300 million.

She was a role model for women. She started her company when working mothers were often criticized and female entrepreneurs could rarely get credit. But undeterred, she persevered.

She was also a trailblazer outside the business world and was known for her charity and her devotion to so many causes, including her dedication to the Lillian Vernon Foundation, which supports the U.S. Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Literacy Volunteers of America, and a number of other charities. In 2011, Vernon was honored with the Project Sunshine Award for Philanthropic Leadership and was appointed by President Clinton as chairwoman of the National Women's Business Council in 1995.

Above all, she was a mother. She was dedicated to her two sons, David and

Fred, both of whom worked in the family business with her.

I had the pleasure of meeting Lillian throughout the years. And I can say that even a reading of her accolades and accomplishments would fail to give a sense of just how special this wonderful woman truly was.

We have lost a great American, and she will be sorely missed.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise for a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CURBELO of Florida). The gentlewoman will state her parliamentary inquiry.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is facing a dire economic crisis, and our fellow Americans who live there need our help.

Just now, I introduced the Puerto Rico Emergency Financial Stability Act, a bill that provides Puerto Rico some critical, temporary breathing room from creditor lawsuits until Congress acts.

Puerto Rico urgently needs this respite while Congress considers restructuring legislation—legislation to provide the 3.5 million U.S. citizens that call Puerto Rico home the tools they need to comprehensively address the territory's unsustainable debt burden.

Mr. Speaker, my parliamentary inquiry is: Is it in order for this bill to be considered and voted on by this House right now by unanimous consent?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair will not entertain a unanimous consent request for the consideration of a measure unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, that only adds to the urgency of our acting by March 31, 2016, as the Speaker indicated. He also indicated that hearings on this important legislation would begin on our first day back.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 566 and clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Concurring in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2029 with the House amendment specified in section 3(a) of House Resolution 566; and

Suspending the rules and passing H.R. 2241, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on concurring in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, with the House amendment specified in section 3(a) of House Resolution 566, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on concurring in the Senate amendment with an amendment.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 316, nays 113, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 705]

YEAS—316

Adams	Cramer	Honda
Aderholt	Crenshaw	Hoyer
Aguiar	Crowley	Huffman
Allen	Culberson	Huizenga (MI)
Ashford	Cummings	Hurd (TX)
Barr	Curbelo (FL)	Israel
Barton	Davis (CA)	Issa
Bass	Davis, Danny	Jackson Lee
Beatty	Davis, Rodney	Jeffries
Benishek	DeFazio	Jenkins (WV)
Bera	DeGette	Johnson (OH)
Beyer	Delaney	Jolly
Bilirakis	DeLauro	Joyce
Bishop (GA)	DelBene	Kaptur
Bishop (MI)	Denham	Katko
Bishop (UT)	Dent	Keating
Blumenauer	DeSaulnier	Kelly (IL)
Bonamici	Deutch	Kelly (MS)
Bost	Diaz-Balart	Kilmer
Boustany	Dingell	Kind
Boyle, Brendan	Dold	King (NY)
F.	Donovan	Kinzinger (IL)
Brady (PA)	Doyle, Michael	Kirkpatrick
Brady (TX)	F.	Kline
Brooks (IN)	Duckworth	Knight
Brown (FL)	Duffy	Kuster
Brownley (CA)	Edwards	Langevin
Buchanan	Ellmers (NC)	Larsen (WA)
Bucshon	Engel	Larson (CT)
Burgess	Eshoo	Lawrence
Bustos	Esty	Lee
Butterfield	Farr	Levin
Calvert	Fattah	Lewis
Capps	Fitzpatrick	Lipinski
Capuano	Fleischmann	LoBiondo
Cárdenas	Flores	Loebsack
Carson (IN)	Foster	Loudermilk
Carter (GA)	Foxo	Love
Carter (TX)	Frankel (FL)	Lowenthal
Cartwright	Frelinghuysen	Lowe
Castor (FL)	Fudge	Lucas
Castro (TX)	Gabbard	Luetkemeyer
Chabot	Garamendi	Lujan Grisham
Chaffetz	Gibson	(NM)
Chu, Judy	Graham	Luján, Ben Ray
Cicilline	Granger	(NM)
Clark (MA)	Graves (GA)	Lynch
Clarke (NY)	Graves (MO)	MacArthur
Clay	Grayson	Maloney,
Cleaver	Green, Al	Carolyn
Clyburn	Green, Gene	Maloney, Sean
Coffman	Grothman	Marchant
Cohen	Guthrie	Matsui
Cole	Hahn	McCarthy
Collins (GA)	Hanna	McCaul
Collins (NY)	Harper	McCollum
Comstock	Hartzler	McGovern
Conaway	Hastings	McHenry
Connolly	Heck (WA)	McMorris
Conyers	Hensarling	Rodgers
Cook	Herrera Beutler	McNerney
Cooper	Higgins	McSally
Costa	Hill	Meeks
Costello (PA)	Himes	Meng
Courtney	Hinojosa	Messer

Mica	Rice (NY)
Miller (MI)	Rice (SC)
Moolenaar	Richmond
Moore	Rigell
Moulton	Rogers (KY)
Mullin	Rokita
Murphy (FL)	Rooney (FL)
Murphy (PA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Nadler	Roskam
Napolitano	Ross
Neal	Rouzer
Neugebauer	Roybal-Allard
Newhouse	Royce
Noem	Ruiz
Nolan	Ruppersberger
Norcross	Rush
Nugent	Russell
Nunes	Ryan (OH)
O'Rourke	Ryan (WI)
Olson	Sánchez, Linda
Palazzo	T.
Pallone	Sanchez, Loretta
Pascrell	Sarbanes
Paulsen	Scalise
Payne	Schakowsky
Pearce	Schiff
Pelosi	Scott (VA)
Perlmutter	Scott, Austin
Peters	Scott, David
Peterson	Sensenbrenner
Pingree	Serrano
Pittenger	Sessions
Pitts	Sewell (AL)
Poe (TX)	Sherman
Poliquin	Shimkus
Price (NC)	Simpson
Price, Tom	Sinema
Quigley	Sires
Rangel	Slaughter
Reed	Smith (NJ)
Reichert	Smith (WA)
Renacci	Speier
Ribble	Stefanik

NAYS—113

Abraham	Grijalva
Amash	Guinta
Amodei	Gutiérrez
Babin	Hardy
Barletta	Harris
Becerra	Heck (NV)
Black	Hice, Jody B.
Blackburn	Holding
Blum	Hudson
Brat	Huelskamp
Bridenstine	Hultgren
Brooks (AL)	Hunter
Buck	Hurt (VA)
Byrne	Jenkins (KS)
Carney	Johnson (GA)
Clawson (FL)	Johnson, Sam
Crawford	Jones
DeSantis	Jordan
DesJarlais	Kelly (PA)
Doggett	King (IA)
Duncan (SC)	Labrador
Duncan (TN)	LaHood
Ellison	LaMalfa
Emmer (MN)	Lamborn
Farenthold	Lance
Fleming	Latta
Forbes	Lieu, Ted
Fortenberry	Lofgren
Franks (AZ)	Long
Gallego	Lummis
Garrett	Marino
Gibbs	Massie
Gohmert	McClintock
Goodlatte	McDermott
Gosar	McKinley
Gowdy	Meadows
Graves (LA)	Meehan
Griffith	Miller (FL)

NOT VOTING—5

Cuellar	Johnson, E. B.	Kildee
Fincher	Kennedy	

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Messrs. SAM JOHNSON of Texas and SANFORD changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Ms. FUDGE changed her vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the second portion of the divided question was adopted.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, December 18th, I am not recorded on any votes because I was absent due to a death in the family.

If I had been present, I would have voted: “yea” on rollcall 705, on the Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2029 with House Amendment Number 1—Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.

Stated against:

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, on December 18, 2015 I missed a rollcall vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 705 on Amendment No. 1 to the Senate Amendment of H.R. 2029 and providing for appropriations for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016.

GLOBAL HEALTH INNOVATION ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 2241) to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, December 17, 2015:

H.R. 2297, to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3831, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage;

S. 1090, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.