

demonstrated impact on improving client outcomes, as opposed to spending billions on the creation of large new bureaucracies to track monthly work tests for millions of SNAP participants as the House passed bill would have done.

I am also pleased that the conferees address a long-standing problem—when a SNAP participant is referred to a training program, and the program determines that the services they provide are not well matched to the needs of the participant. States have long been required to do meaningful assessments in order to properly assign clients. We believe the expanded investment in case management should improve this capacity. And, this bill emphasized that reassessment is important as well. But sometimes, when the state refers someone to a local training provider the provider—after doing their own assessment—determines that their services aren't appropriate for the individual. Under current law, that leaves the individual out of luck and even at risk of losing SNAP benefits and wastes the time and services of the training provider. The bill and report make clear that states must reassess and reassign the participant if appropriate. Participants will no longer lose benefits because states are doing a poor job of assigning them to programs that don't work for them.

The primary role of employment and training programs should always be to transition people to sustained self-reliance rather than to find reasons to cut them off from benefits.

DEPARTURE OF BARBARA ANGUS FROM THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sentiment of gratitude that I rise today to recognize Barbara Angus, Chief Tax Counsel for the Ways and Means Committee, as she departs our Committee staff.

Whenever I travel Texas and the country, folks often ask me when I knew that tax reform was going to be a reality. Without a doubt, that moment hit me when Barbara interviewed for the position of Chief Tax Counsel.

Holding degrees from two Ivy League Institutions, and with decades of experience at the Treasury Department and within the private sector, few in Washington match Barbara's intelligence, leadership, and work ethic. Barbara understands our tax code almost better than anyone else. Which is why she understood that it was time for a rewrite, to get rid of its uncompetitive and unfair nature.

Mr. Speaker, Barbara's efforts changed history. With her guidance and expertise, we were able to create a tax code that finally works for families and Main Street businesses.

For the first time in over 30 years, we did what many said was impossible. We lowered rates while broadening the base; we closed special-interest loopholes that riddled the system for far too long; we gave families first say over their hard-earned money; and we gave our job creators a tax code that allows them to compete and win here at home instead of abroad. None of this would have been possible without Barbara Angus.

On behalf of our entire Committee, I want to say thank you to Barbara for her three years of service to the people's House. I am so thankful for her guidance and friendship. My Chairmanship has been benefited greatly because of Barbara and it has been an honor to work with her.

We wish her all the best as she moves on to the next chapter of her storied career. Barbara will be missed dearly by our Committee staff, and she will always be part of our Ways and Means family.

CONGRATULATING THE EUREKA WILDCATS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI CLASS 4 STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Eureka Wildcats Volleyball team for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Volleyball Championship.

This team and Coach Jodie Fowler should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Eureka Wildcats Volleyball team for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS G. HUNGAR

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, the Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Thomas G. Hungar for his distinguished service as General Counsel to the House of Representatives.

Drawing on his mastery of constitutional law and broad litigation experience, Mr. Hungar has provided thoughtful and effective legal advice to Members, Committees, and staff on a host of legal matters, without regard to political affiliation. As the House's top lawyer, Mr. Hungar has employed his considerable expertise and sound judgment to protect and strengthen the institutional prerogatives of the House, rightfully earning him the respect and admiration of the entire House community.

Of particular importance to the Committee on House Administration, Mr. Hungar has skillfully counseled the Committee's Members and staff on a wide range of significant matters with far-reaching institutional implications. Mr. Hungar has also been a trusted advisor to the Chief Administrative Officer of the House. Mr. Hungar has been a source of tremendous leadership and legal advice to the Committee and the House.

On behalf of the Members of the Committee on House Administration and the Committee staff, we thank Mr. Hungar for his service to

the House and wish him the very best as he takes the next step in his illustrious career.

RECOGNIZING JASON EVERETT FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise, along with HANK JOHNSON, Chair of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet; and SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations—to thank Jason Everett for nearly a decade of service to the House Judiciary Committee.

Growing up in Alexandria, Virginia, Jason attended college at Duke University and law school at William and Mary, before returning to the Washington, D.C. area. He began his career on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Aide to Senator Barbara Boxer, and he later worked for Congressman Mel Watt as a Legislative Assistant covering Judiciary Committee issues. He joined the House Judiciary Committee in 2009 as a Counsel, working on intellectual property and other issues, and he later rose to become Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, as well as a Deputy Chief Counsel of the Full Committee, overseeing the Intellectual Property and Crime Subcommittees.

As Chief Counsel of the Intellectual Property Subcommittee, Jason was responsible for handling highly complex patent, copyright, trademark, and courts issues, among other matters. Many Members and staff relied heavily on his ability to explain, in a clear and understandable manner, the often complicated and highly technical matters that moved through his Subcommittee. He also deftly balanced his substantive expertise with a keen appreciation of the various stakeholders' interests in each issue, and an ability to find consensus among these sometimes divergent interests.

Jason's efforts were vital to enacting significant reforms to the intellectual property ecosystem that will promote innovation and protect the creative community. For example, he worked tirelessly to pass the Defend Trade Secrets Act, which helps firms keep proprietary information—which, if disclosed, could be ruinous to them—from being made public. This legislation will save the American economy many billions of dollars, and preserve many thousands of jobs.

Jason was also a critical player in the Committee's lengthy review of the Copyright laws, leading to passage of the Music Modernization Act, historic bipartisan legislation to reform the music licensing system. He spent countless hours working with a vast array of stakeholders to craft legislation that will better serve music creators and digital music providers, and ultimately consumers. He was also instrumental in passing legislation to promote greater diversity among patent holders, passing legislation to ensure that visually impaired individuals have access to published works, and developing hearings to oversee the implementation of the America Invents Act.