

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD how I would have voted during the first session of the 116th Congress for the following votes had I not been unavoidably detained: YEA on Roll Call No. 44, YEA on Roll Call No. 45, YEA on Roll Call No. 88, YEA on Roll Call No. 89, YEA on Roll Call No. 119, YEA on Roll Call No. 120, YEA on Roll Call No. 218, YEA on Roll Call No. 219, YEA on Roll Call No. 296, YEA on Roll Call No. 585, YEA on Roll Call No. 586, YEA on Roll Call No. 610, and YEA on Roll Call No. 611.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COREY
STANDLEY FOR RECEIVING THE
STATE DEPARTMENT'S CRITICAL
LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Corey Standley of Seven Lakes High School in Katy, TX and the University of Oklahoma for earning the Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship last year.

Corey is one of only 550 students who received scholarships. Through the scholarship, he traveled to Dushanbe, Tajikistan over the summer where he was immersed in the culture and the Persian language.

The Critical Language Scholarship is a merit-based award that gives American students the opportunity to study one of the fifteen critical languages to our nation's world engagement abroad. It aims to help students increase their fluency in the language they are studying and learn more about the culture surrounding it.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Corey on his outstanding achievement. His commitment to learning and diligence in his studies earned him this honor. Corey has made Katy and TX-22 very proud.

IN HONOR OF LEONARD
BERNHARDT

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Leonard Bernhardt, who passed away just before Christmas.

Last year, I was pleased to nominate Leonard and his late wife, Georgene, for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angels in Adoption award. Each year, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute selects individuals, families, and organizations from across the nation who have dem-

onstrated a commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes.

Leonard and Georgene worked tirelessly over the years with Holt International Children's Services to find homes for orphaned and abandoned children. They supported family preservation programs for children and families in Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia, Romania, India, and Uganda. Their generosity, compassion, and dedication to adoption and helping birth families made them stand out in Beaverton, Oregon—and around the globe—as an extraordinary couple, very deserving of this award.

I was honored to meet Leonard Bernhardt in November when he visited Washington, D.C. with his family to receive this award. I am saddened by his loss and so grateful for the service of Mr. Bernhardt and his family to Beaverton, the nation, and countless children and families across the world.

HONORING THE LOWER DAUPHIN
FALCONS' BOYS SOCCER TEAM
ON THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP SEA-
SON

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Lower Dauphin Falcons on their inspiring play at the PIAA 3A State Soccer Championship.

Led by coach Gerry Lynch, the Falcons were a force to be reckoned with in their 2019 campaign, winning 18 of 22 contests for a final record of 18-3-1.

This is the Falcons' fourth championship season in five years, and their first win since 2017. This year, the Falcons contested successfully against Northern York's stout defense, scoring three goals to close out the first half. The Falcons held their advantage for the remainder of the game.

These remarkable young men put in their full effort and resolve this season—and we are incredibly proud of them for their performance, success, sportsmanship and teamwork.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Lower Dauphin Falcons on their dedication to excellence. We look forward to their continued success.

OFFICER ROB GRIEVE RETIRES
FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-
WAY PATROL

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding law enforcement career of California Highway Patrol Officer Rob Grieve, who retired on December 27, 2019 after 28 years of service.

After completing CHP Academy in 1992, Officer Grieve was assigned as a traffic officer to the Baldwin Park area. He spent four years in Baldwin Park before briefly transferring to the

Rancho Cucamonga area. Officer Grieve was then transferred to the Victorville area in 1997, where he spent the remainder of his career as a peace officer.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer my sincere gratitude to Officer Grieve for his 28 years of protecting and serving our community, and I wish him an enjoyable and relaxing retirement. Over the course of his career he has personified the California Highway Patrol motto "Safety, Service, and Security" with hard work, dedication, and professionalism.

CONGRATULATING SHERIFF RAY
C. GERRINGER ON HIS RETIRE-
MENT

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Sheriff Ray C. Gerring on his retirement from Montour County. Sheriff Gerring is retiring after 40 years of dedicated service to the Montour County community. His bravery, compassion, and commitment to public safety has made our communities safer and stronger.

A lifelong resident of Montour County, Sheriff Gerring has been a leader in law enforcement throughout his long tenure of service to our great Commonwealth. After graduating from Columbia-Montour Vocational-Technical School, he began serving the citizens of Montour County in 1977 as a part-time dispatcher. Shortly after he served as a full-time correctional officer at the county prison.

In 1986, Sheriff Gerring became the Chief County Detective for the Montour County District Attorney's office. There he participated in hundreds of criminal investigations that resulted in convictions. Sheriff Gerring was elected Montour County Sheriff in 2004 a position he has honorably held for the last 15 years.

Sheriff Gerring has dedicated his life to protecting and defending the Montour County community. The many years he has spent on the frontlines of public safety demonstrates his selflessness. He has truly answered the call to serve.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sheriff Gerring on his retirement and thank him for his many years of dutiful and honorable service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ATTORNEY MORRIS REED, JR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Morris Reed, Jr., a personal injury and criminal defense attorney, and dedicated community leader. After serving in the New Orleans legal community, Mr. Reed passed away on Monday, December 23, 2019 at the age of 42.