

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed rollcall Votes Nos. 363–379 from July 11 to July 14, 2005. Following Hurricane Dennis' landfall in my district on July 10, 2005, it wasn't possible for 3 days to fly out of the area, and it became clear during that time that it was most prudent to remain in the district for the balance of the week to survey and assist with immediate needs following the storm's passage.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted:

Rollcall vote No. 363, H. Con. Res. 168, condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations of human rights, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 364, H. Res. 333, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 365, Previous Question on H. Res. 352, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 366, H. Res. 351, the rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 739, H.R. 740, H.R. 741, and H.R. 742, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 367, H. Res. 352, providing that the House of Representatives will focus on removing barriers to competitiveness of the United States economy, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 368, H. Res. 343, commending the State of Kuwait for granting women certain important political rights, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 369, H.R. 739, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to the filing of a notice of contest by an employer following the issuance of a citation or proposed assessment of a penalty by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 370, H.R. 740, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 371, H.R. 741, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for judicial deference to conclusions of law determined by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission with respect to an order issued by the Commission, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 372, H.R. 742, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the award of attorneys' fees and costs to small employers when such employers prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 373, Capps Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6, "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 374, H.R. 3100, to authorize measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People's Republic of China, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 375, H. Res. 356, condemning in the strongest terms the

terrorist attacks in London, England, on July 7, 2005, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 376, Rohrbacher Amendment to H.R. 2864, "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 377, Flake Amendment to H.R. 2864, "aye";

Rollcall vote No. 378, final passage of H.R. 2864, Water Resources Development Act of 2005, "nay"; and

Rollcall vote No. 379, H. Con. Res. 191, Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the conclusion of the War in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War, "aye".

COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF  
HUGH P. BRADY

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to commend Mr. Hugh Brady, a member of the professional staff of the House Armed Services Committee, whose honorable service to this body and to our country deserves our sincere appreciation.

Hugh recently departed Capitol Hill for the private sector after many years of selfless service. While here, he epitomized what it means to be a professional staff member. He is uniformly recognized by his peers and by industry and executive branch officials as an expert in the fields of the Federal budget, missile defense, and the nuclear weapons-related activities of the Energy Department. It is also no understatement to say that many Armed Services Committee members, including me, John Spratt, and Silvestre Reyes have come to rely on the wisdom of Hugh's advice, and it was invariably on the mark. Nevertheless, Hugh is the kind of person who never sought public recognition. Instead, he labored tirelessly in the background to insure those of us in the spotlight had access to the most sound policy analyses and advice possible. On the rare occasions when we might pursue another course, he unflinchingly adopted that course as his own immediately and worked to support it with all of his energies and expertise.

Those of us who know Hugh know that this approach has been his *modus operandi* since he arrived on the Hill in 1985, soon after graduating Magna Cum Laude from Hamilton College in New York and a brief internship at the State Department. After two years in the office of Representative Ben Gilman (R-N.Y.), Hugh left to attend to pursue a master's degree in public administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Upon graduation he received a prestigious appointment as a Presidential Management Intern and subsequently worked in the Navy Comptroller's Office and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Hugh returned to Capitol Hill in 1992, working first in the office of Representative JOHN SPRATT (D-S.C.) as a legislative assistant focusing on national security and international affairs. It was not long before he moved to the Budget Committee as an analyst for defense and international affairs. From there, Hugh moved to the Armed Services Committee, where he primarily worked on the Strategic Subcommittee on issues concerning space, ballistic missile defense, intelligence policy, budget matters and defense issues within the Department of Energy. Mr. Speaker, I am sure

you recognize what an important portfolio that is, with a myriad diverse and complex issues that directly affect our national security. Yet, Hugh mastered it with aplomb.

Typical of Hugh's mastery of substance, as well as his understanding of politics, was his successful effort to establish an equitable worker's compensation program for Energy Department Employees who were exposed to harmful substances while working in nuclear weapons complex. Despite high program costs, budgetary considerations and cross-cutting political concerns on both sides of the aisle, Hugh shepherded this legislation into law, where it has received almost universal critical acclaim.

On the personal side, Hugh is a lifelong New York Yankees fan who has remained devoted to the team even as their league standing plummeted and their performance on the field declined to the point that his colleagues have ridiculed their play. Still, he never let his fervor for the Yankees interfere with his work, or with his role as a devoted husband and father. With that said, then, Mr. Speaker, I am sure you can appreciate that perhaps nothing attests to Hugh's great professionalism more than the fact that he stalwartly managed to come to work the day after Game 7 of the 2004 American League Championship, when the outcome could have killed a Yankees fan of lesser constitution.

Mr. Speaker, we are so very fortunate to have people like Hugh Brady, who dedicate themselves to providing us Members of Congress with the very best support imaginable. It is staff members like Hugh Brady who enable Members of Congress to do work so well and who make the House of Representatives the great institution that it is. We do not mention their contribution frequently enough. We miss opportunities to thank them, but they think nothing of it. Instead, they continue to go forth and serve the country as best they can, and the American people are so much the better for it. Hugh Brady has been such a selfless public servant. Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for all Armed Services Committee members in extending to him our deepest thanks.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AS  
THEY COMMEMORATE THEIR BI-  
CENTENNIAL

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Mount Vernon, of Knox County, Ohio, is celebrating 200 years of establishment; and

Whereas, Mount Vernon in its entirety is recognized and is commended for its excellence, leadership, and ongoing efforts to be an example of success for the rest of the state of Ohio; and

Whereas, Mount Vernon will celebrate its founding on July 16, 1805, exactly 200 years ago.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Knox County and the entire 18th Congressional District in celebrating the Bicentennial Anniversary of Mount Vernon.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
VILLAGE AT ST. BARNABAS

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Village at St. Barnabas on its 25th Anniversary, and recognize the exemplary performance of service that the organization provides the 4th District of Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1980 as part of the St. Barnabas Health System, the Village at St. Barnabas is currently home to 300 happily retired Pennsylvanians. The Village began as Western Pennsylvania's first retirement community. A growing senior population, living longer and healthier lives, produced a need for worry free lifestyle options. Therefore, William V. Day decided to expand the St. Barnabas Healthcare System to include a retirement community. Ground was broken on the \$16 million project in 1979 and when construction was finished, the 252 room complex was open for business. Currently, the Village at St. Barnabas complex includes a full service restaurant, a health club, indoor mall, library, crafts rooms, an auditorium and social rooms that include an English Pub and the Williamsburg room, that is reserved for special dining.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Village at St. Barnabas. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute the service of organizations like the St. Barnabas Healthcare System and the Village at St. Barnabas that make the communities that they reside in truly special.

TRIBUTE TO GAITHERSBURG

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to commend the City of Gaithersburg for having recently been ranked seventeenth in the Nation on Money Magazine/CNN Money's list of "Best Places to Live."

The list ranked cities according to a number of quality-of-life criteria, accounting for economic, environmental, educational, and cultural factors. Gaithersburg excelled particularly in its access to museums and institutions of higher education, its sound environmental health, and its low elementary student-to-teacher ratio and crime rate.

To the 58,000 residents of Gaithersburg, this commendation comes as no surprise. Gaithersburg is a strong and vibrant community, blessed with an active citizenry and a devoted civic leadership in Mayor Sidney Katz, City Manager David Humpton, and its City Council members. The area has also benefited from the recent revitalization of the Olde Towne residential and commercial district, an endeavor which has highlighted the benefits of thoughtful community planning and enhanced access to cultural and recreational activities. I am confident that Gaithersburg will continue to flourish in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of the City of Gaithersburg in the House of Representatives, and I offer them my warmest congratulations on this honor.

COMMENDING THE ARTICLE  
"HEALTH SPENDING IN THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE REST  
OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED  
WORLD"

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the annual comparison of health care costs in the 30 OECD member countries. I commend Gerald F. Anderson, Peter S. Hussey, Bianca K. Frogner, and Hugh R. Waters for their Health Affairs article: "Health Spending in the United States and the Rest of the Industrialized World; Examining the impact of waiting lists and litigation reveals no significant effects on the U.S. health spending differential."

Once again the United States leads the way, spending \$5,267 per capita on health care—53 percent more than the next highest country, Switzerland. The median per capita expenditure in the 30 OECD countries is a mere \$2,073, and yet none of these countries have 45 million uninsured people. Even worse, the U.S. is 17th in life expectancy among these countries. It is a travesty that the U.S. spends more than any other country and still can't provide universal coverage or break the top fifteen in life expectancy.

It is no surprise that our failure to embrace universal healthcare and our inefficient fragmented delivery system results in high spending and poor outcomes. The rest of the OECD countries have some form of national health system. It works for them, but instead of working toward that system here in the U.S., House Republicans will put legislation on the floor during their upcoming "health week" that will further demolish our health care system.

Republicans will say that universal health care means waiting lists that hold down spending. They'll claim that litigation costs here in the U.S. are the main driver of increased healthcare costs, and that we need to limit malpractice suits to lower our costs. According to the study, neither litigation costs in the U.S., nor waiting lists in other OECD countries account for a significant portion of the difference between domestic and international health care spending.

If Republicans bring Association Health Plan (AHP) and Medical Malpractice legislation to the floor next week, don't think for one second they have any desire to reduce costs, increase access or improve quality. AHPs will actually increase premiums for nearly 80 percent of affected workers. This is how the market works, Republicans pass a bill, insurance companies cash in, and patients pay more and lose important regulatory protections. Medical malpractice makes up less than 0.5 percent of health care costs in all OECD countries with tort based compensation, and damage caps and other reforms will only mean increased profits for malpractice insurance carriers, not increased justice for patients or lower premiums for doctors.

The Republicans will give lip service to health care next week, but the only real way to deal with spiraling health care costs is to follow the lead of the other 29 OECD countries and provide universal health care.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF  
EMMA LOUISE NEY PALAVIDO

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Emma Louise Ney Palavido; and

Whereas, Emma Louise Ney Palavido was born August 22, 1925 in Bellaire, Ohio; and

Whereas, Emma Louise Ney Palavido was a woman committed to her family, a devoted wife to her husband, John Palavido, and a strong role model for her three daughters, Sandy Allman, Patty Pleasant, and Debby Showalter and stepson John Palavido; and

Whereas, Emma Louise Ney Palavido was the proud and dedicated grandmother of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, devoting much of her later years to their activities; and

Whereas, Emma Louise Ney Palavido was an example of strength of character and courage who will be forever remembered; and

Whereas, the understanding and care which she gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. Emma Louise Ney Palavido's life and love gave joy to all who knew her.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Emma Louise Ney Palavido.

BAHAMA INDEPENDENCE DAY

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a special occasion for our neighbors and friends in the Bahamas. Last Sunday, July 10, marked the 32nd anniversary of the independence of the islands of the Bahamas. I join my friends of Bahamian heritage and the many citizens of that multi-island nation in celebrating the beauty and uniqueness of their homeland.

On July 10, 1973, the people of the Bahamas peacefully and successfully gained full independence within the British Commonwealth. Once a colony of the British Crown, the Bahamas has emerged as an important voice in international and regional affairs, impacting the Americas and the global community.

The Bahamian culture is an intriguing mixture of its African, European, and indigenous population. The celebrations of this island nation are welcomed festivities and commemorations of the beauty of international culture and merriment. The people truly embrace and emphasize their rich historical backgrounds, national pride, and appreciation of human nature.