

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 14, 2010, I was absent and thus I missed rollcall votes Nos. 355–357. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on all three votes.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF NICHOLAS V. MARTINO

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express heartfelt best wishes on the occasion of the 90th birthday of Nicholas V. Martino, a man who exemplifies a life of hard work, service to his country, and close family ties. Mr. Martino worked for 40 years as a master mechanic for American Construction in Hartford, Connecticut. Now retired, he lives in Westhampton, New York with his daughter Anne Marie Spinner, his son-in-law Guy Spinner and their two children, Adam and Nicole. He enjoys spending time with them as well as with his daughter Janet Tyler, son-in-law Lee Tyler and their daughter Meredith.

Born in Hartford on June 8, 1920, Mr. Martino served from 1942 to 1946 in the Army Air Corps as a Tech Sergeant working on B–25's and B–26's, both medium-sized bombers. The B–25 first gained fame as the bomber used in the 18 April 1942 raid in which sixteen B–25s attacked mainland Japan four months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The mission gave a much-needed lift in spirits to the Americans, and alarmed the Japanese who had believed their home islands were inviolable by enemy troops.

On September 30, 1950, he married Marie Candela who passed away in 1989. The couple had two daughters, Janet and Anne Marie. After his discharge from the Army, Mr. Martino continued a life-long interest in mechanics both at his job at American Construction and in his spare time. For years, he maintained a garage and truck filled with all kinds of tools for his many projects, and he still enjoys tinkering with hands-on projects with his son-in-law Guy.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Mr. Martino and wish him a happy 90th birthday as he celebrates with his family and friends.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM C. JUSINO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William C. Jusino for his commitment to leadership in education and dedication to his community.

William C. Jusino was born to migrant parents from the beautiful island of Puerto Rico.

He and his three sisters and three brothers were raised in the community of Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, New York. His father, William Sr., was a humble factory worker and his mother, Ana, worked as a school aide in Williamsburg School District #14. Her work in elementary public schools would serve as an early influence to young William. William and all of his siblings heeded their parents' advice and have achieved significant success in varying careers that include naval officer, firefighter, food commerce, and William's work as a school administrator.

He was educated in Brooklyn Elementary Schools P.S. 54 & 157, J.H.S. 117, and East New York Vocational Technical High School. During his high school years, Mr. Jusino obtained his initial work experience in the city's Summer Youth Employment Program in Bedford Stuyvesant. Subsequently, William was successful in gaining entrance to SUNY Cortland where he attained his Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Mr. Jusino enthusiastically returned to his community to serve as an elementary school teacher in School District 13's P.S. 46 and P.S. 270. He continued to work as a public school teacher for six years. Continuing his passion for serving his community, Mr. Jusino accepted the position of Executive Director of Progress Inc. In spring of 1996, he was offered an exceptional opportunity to lead a high school for professional careers. William Jusino has been Principal of Progress High School since September 1996, playing a key role in one of the most successful school reform efforts in New York City history.

Mr. Jusino has a well established record of service to his community. His love and caring for young people has been consistently evident throughout his professional life. Friend and colleague alike know that he is dedicated to giving back to his community that has blessed him so much. William strongly believes that he must constantly prepare himself to more effectively serve the community and the children that he is committed to. On the eve of completing his Doctorate in Educational Administration, Mr. Jusino continues to practice what he preaches and more importantly, what he was taught by his parents.

Mr. Jusino is married to Mrs. Marta Colon-Jusino. He has two wonderful children. His son, William, graduated from Harvard University and his daughter, Amanda, is in her junior year at the University of Massachusetts and is currently studying abroad in Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador.

He enjoys spending his free time with family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of William C. Jusino.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF LT. COL. RICHARD CASTILLO

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Richard Castillo of Corpus Christi, Texas, who was shot down in Laos in 1972 while on a mission. The 14-man crew flew aboard an AC–130, REFNO 1807.

About six weeks ago, the family of Lt. Col. Castillo was contacted by the Air Force and informed that the last unidentified remains from his plane will be buried tomorrow, June 17, 2010, at Arlington National Cemetery along with the remains of the 13 men who accompanied Lt. Col. Castillo on the mission.

In 1986 after negotiations with the Laotian government, the United States was finally able to send a team to the crash site. After much work and many hours spent sifting through debris, bone fragments and personal belongings, the men's remains were found. Two teeth were positively identified as Lt. Col. Castillo's and were buried in a ceremony later that year at Randolph Air Force Base, with interment at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio.

In the November 1986 edition of National Geographic, a picture of Lt. Col. Castillo's dog tags was published alongside an article telling the story of the search and recovery effort of the crew by the United States government and military.

A few years ago, the Air Force informed Lt. Col. Castillo's wife, Elizabeth May Castillo, that they were beginning DNA testing on the bone fragments found among the wreckage.

With the advances made in DNA testing, they believed all 14 men would finally be accounted for. The Air Force obtained a cheek swab from Lt. Col. Castillo's mother and performed mitochondrial DNA testing. On November 21, 2008, the Air Force held a small private service for the Castillo family at Lt. Col. Castillo's grave site at Ft. Sam Houston. An urn containing the fragments positively identified as Lt. Col. Castillo was buried on top of his casket. This day was especially meaningful to the family because it would have been his 70th birthday.

Lt. Col. Castillo is survived by his wife, Elizabeth May Castillo and their children, Mary Edith Castillo Hamilton, Mary Elizabeth Castillo Tierce, Mary Esther Castillo Harper, Mary Elaine Castillo Colmenero and Richard Lee Castillo. His youngest son, Ronald Ronnie Castillo, died on February 16, 2005.

I would like to take this time to thank Lt. Col. Castillo for his service and dedication to this country. It is because of him that today you and I enjoy the freedoms and rights he so bravely fought for. He served this country diligently and paid the ultimate sacrifice for us.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in commemorating the work and honor of Lt. Col. Castillo whose remains will be buried tomorrow at Arlington National Cemetery.

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HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, due to a family medical situation, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

JUNE 14, 2010

Rollcall vote 355, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1368, Supporting the goals of National Dairy Month—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 356, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1409, Expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as