PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, on rollccall Nos. 557 (H.R. 6122), 558 (H.R. 2139), 559 (H.R. 6186), 560 (H. Res. 773), 561 (H. Res. 773), and 562 (H.R. 4264) I am not recorded as I was detained in my district due to the death of Dr. Bill Causey, my first Pastor, and close friend. I was asked to speak at his funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye''.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERIN DALY AND THE BEGINNING FARMER AND RANCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TEAM FOR RECEIVING THE 2012 USDA SECRETARY'S HONOR AWARD

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Erin Daly and the rest of the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program team at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for being selected to receive a 2012 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary's Honor Award in the category of ''assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving.'' The team and its program leader, Dr. S. (Suresh) Sureshwaran, will be honored on September 12, 2012 at the Research, Education, and Economics (REE) Mission Area ceremony and the USDA 64th Annual Secretary's Honor Awards Ceremony, both in Washington, DC.

I am especially pleased because Erin has served as a Brookings Institution Legis Congressional Fellow in my Washington, DC. office since January of this year. She works on issues including agriculture, particularly as it pertains to the Farm Bill and authorization issues; environment; food safety and Food and Drug Administration issues; nutrition/hunger; HBCUs; immigration; and trade. Not only is Erin a great asset to my office, but she has also become a steadfast resource for my staff and the constituents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia. I have personally witnessed her hard work and dedication and I know this prestigious award recognizing exemplary leadership and public service is very well-deserved.

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) was authorized in the 2008 Food, Conservation, and Energy Act and is administered by the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) of the USDA. The purpose of the program is to assist farmer and rancher producers who have little or no farming experience and to provide the knowledge, skills, and tools they need to make informed decisions and improve their rate of success. As of 2010, more than 5,000 new and potential farmers had participated in BFRDP training events, including webinars, seminars, roundtable discussions, internships, mentorships, on-farm field days, etc.

In Georgia, BFRDP has awarded grants to the Development of Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina Program; the Cultivating Sustainable and Organic Beginning Farmers and Ranchers in Georgia Program; and the Urban Oasis Beginning Farmer Training Program. These grants have greatly assisted beginning farmers and ranchers in Georgia in obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary to manage a successful farm, improve their rural communities, and contribute to the local, state, and national economy.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District and the members of my staff, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Erin Daly and the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program team for their strong commitment and valuable contributions to beginning farmers and their rural communities. I am extremely proud of Erin and I know she will continue to do great things in my office and at USDA.

TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR ROGER B. SCHULZ'S 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Command Sergeant Major Roger B. Schulz, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Command Sergeant Major Roger B. Schulz will retire as Command Sergeant Major and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Army Reserve Medical Command on October 1, 2012. His service spans over thirty-six years of military duty to the United States Army Reserve.

Command Sergeant Major Schulz has served in numerous assignments throughout his career and participated in many operations, including OPERATION JACKFROST and OPERATION BRIMFROST conducted in Alaska, and OPERATION BRIGHT STAR conducted in Egypt. He supported OPERATION DESERT STORM while stationed at Fort McCoy, WI, and deployed to Baghdad in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

Command Sergeant Major Schulz began his career as an Infantryman; serving for twelve years holding the positions of Rifleman through Platoon Sergeant. Following his time in the Infantry, Command Sergeant Major Schulz dedicated himself to the education of future Army leaders. He has served as an Instructor, Team Sergeant and Senior Instructor, 4th Army Light Fighter Academy; Brigade Operations Sergeant, 4th Brigade, 91st Division; Division Operations Sergeant, 91st Division; Battalion Operations Sergeant, Training Support Battalion, 104th Division; Chief of Operations, Primary Leader Development Course Manager and First Sergeant, U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer's Academy; Deputy Commandant/Director of Instruction, U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer's Academy; Installation Command Sergeant Major; Commandant, U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer's Academy and Commander, 12th Battalion, 6th Brigade, 104th Division; and Commander, Company A, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

In 2003, Command Sergeant Major Schulz was assigned to the 3rd Medical Command where he was instrumental in the development of two Army Medical Department accredited schools in Iraq. His career is culminating at the Army Reserve Medical Command, where he is responsible for the discipline, morale, welfare, and education of over 28,000 Soldiers. Through his guidance and leadership the command sustainment rate was over 91%. He initiated the first Sergeant Audi Murphy Board for the command and set the requirements for the continued success of the program.

The Army Medical Department, the United States Army, and the Nation will dearly miss one of its most respected and a valued leader as Command Sergeant Major Roger B. Schulz retires. We will miss his humility, selflessness, candor and integrity. Command Sergeant Major Roger B. Schulz's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully three generations of Soldiers and their Families.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing Command Sergeant Major Roger B. Schulz for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him and his wife, Command Sergeant Major Tommie Schulz, all the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, on September 10, 2012, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall vote No. 557, I would have voted ''yea''; on rollcall vote No. 558, I would have voted ''yea''; on rollcall vote No. 559, I would have voted ''yea.''

HONORING MRS. ALOYSIA FOUCHE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Mrs. Aloysia Fouche, owner and CEO of Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home, Inc., as she is awarded a 2012 Living Legends of Funeral Service award from the One Hundred Black Women of Funeral Service Organization.

A trailblazer in the funeral business for nearly three decades, Mrs. Fouche transitioned into the funeral profession after the passing of her late husband and founder of the Funeral Home, Mr. Aramis Fouche. At a time when African-American women business owners were few and far between, Mrs. Fouche achieved her five-year business plan within two years. She brought greater financial solvency and extensive facility improvements to the business,