

I would have voted yes on roll call votes 231, 232, 233, 234, 237, and 238. I would have voted no on roll call votes 235 and 236.

TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM SAENZ, JR.

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2016

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Abraham Saenz, Jr., Council Member for the City of Pleasanton, Texas. He has proudly served the people of Pleasanton for 33 years.

Mr. Saenz was born on June 27, 1931 in Lytle, Texas to Mr. Abraham Saenz, Sr. and Ms. Aurora Saenz. Mr. Saenz moved to Pleasanton, Texas in 1935 and attended Pleasanton High School. He joined the United States Air Force in 1952 and served in the Air Force Supply Unit until 1956. While in the Air Force, Mr. Saenz courageously served his country and fought in the Korean War.

Following his years of service, Mr. Saenz returned to Pleasanton and opened a barber shop, which he owned and operated until 2014. During this time, Mr. Saenz was also a devoted community member. He was Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 194, a member of the Pleasanton Lion's Club, and a member of the Atascosa County Economic Development Board.

Mr. Saenz's involvement in government began in the early 1980's when he assisted Mr. Daniel Struve in his successful campaign for Texas State Representative. Mr. Saenz then pursued his own career in public service and was elected City Alderman for the city of Pleasanton on April 3, 1982. In 1984, the people of Pleasanton elected Mr. Saenz to serve as a member of the Pleasanton City Council, a position which he has proudly held for 33 years. During his tenure on the City Council, Mr. Saenz accomplished several important community developments, including the construction of a new public works and police department building, the remodeling of the Pleasanton City Hall, the building of the Pleasanton Sports Complex, additions to the Pleasanton River Park, and construction of the Civic Center and Library.

In addition to his exemplary career as an esteemed public servant, Abraham Saenz is a

devoted husband to his wife, Ermelinda, and father to their four children.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate the successful career of Abraham Saenz, a patriotic American citizen, devoted city council member to Pleasanton, and a loving husband and father.

HONORING MS. DENISE JACKSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Denise Jackson for her commitment as a volunteer for the George C. Yount Pioneer cemetery in Yountville, California.

Ms. Jackson has been instrumental in maintaining the cemetery grounds and recording its long history. She took the initiative to become a volunteer grounds keeper a decade ago. With the support of her vineyard crew from her business, Colinas Farming Company, Ms. Jackson saw to it that the 16-acre cemetery stayed well-maintained.

To enhance the historical records of the organization, Ms. Jackson began a four-year project to survey the graves of 949 people laid to rest at the cemetery dating back to 1848. She led a team of 20 research volunteers and later archived this information online for descendants to trace their family history in California. She also published her findings in "Mapping the George C. Yount Pioneer Cemetery" which she presented to the Napa Valley Genealogical Society.

Ms. Jackson found the time to contribute to other community causes. As an extension of her decades of work as a registered dietitian, Ms. Jackson founded the Baby Nutrition Class at the Queen of the Valley Hospital and has a long history of supporting the American Heart Association where she currently serves as a board member. Ms. Jackson also chairs the Nutrition Committee of Napa County. Additionally, she helps employees of the George C. Yount Pioneer cemetery with medical insurance claims.

Mr. Speaker, Denise Jackson has selflessly spent her time and energy preserving the history of the George C. Yount Pioneer cemetery

and caring for the health and needs of others in her community. She has been a friend and mentor to many. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR
WILSON KIRBY OF BERRYVILLE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and thank Mayor Wilson Kirby for his extraordinary leadership and service to the town of Berryville and its community.

Mayor Kirby moved to Berryville sixteen years ago, where he has since faithfully served the town first as a member of the Town Council and later as Mayor. Though he was new to the area, he immediately began dedicating himself to bettering the town and the lives of its citizens. With over 45 years of experience in engineering and consulting, Mayor Kirby was able to bring a unique perspective to improving many of Berryville's projects. He spearheaded a number of projects such as a new wastewater treatment plant, the construction of the new Clarke County High School, and the maintenance of the town's secondary roads.

These projects exemplify the hard work and time Mayor Kirby put into his town. His selfless desire to constantly improve Berryville never went unnoticed, least of all to his colleagues in the town government. He held office hours twice weekly to hear local concerns and other issues from Berryville citizens, always understanding that the citizens of the town were of the utmost importance. A believer in a hands-on approach to governing, Mayor Kirby has helped make Berryville a truly wonderful town to visit, live in, and enjoy.

From celebrating one hundredth birthdays of town members to lighting the town Christmas tree, Mayor Kirby has been an integral part of Berryville for the last 16 years. Berryville will be sad to see him leave office, but his legacy will continue. Today, we honor and celebrate the contributions he has made to the town of Berryville and all its citizens.