

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 my flights from Illinois did not arrive in Washington at their predicted time. As a result, I was unable to attend the first vote on rollcall No. 154. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the Question of Consideration of the Resolution.

HONORING QUINTON COLE
WHITAKER**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Quinton Cole Whitaker. Quinton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Quinton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Quinton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Quinton has become a Foxman, a Warrior in the Tribe of the Mic-O-Say and has acted as Patrol Leader and Den Chief. Quinton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Quinton, after discussion with the Elmo, Missouri Betterment Club created a new park, complete with a trio of all wooden picnic tables and a pair of A frame swings.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Quinton Cole Whitaker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING ANNE AND
JACK MURPHY**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I offer my warmest congratulations today to Anne and Jack Murphy on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary and Anne's 90th birthday. We join in celebration with their three children and their families including seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren, Anne's sister, Mary Jane, their nieces and nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

Teresa Anne McSorley was born on March 23, 1922, at the McSorley Ranch in Chili Gulch, near Mokelumne Hill, in Calaveras County, California, and Raymond "Jack" Murphy was born on March 16, 1918, and raised at the Murphy family home on St. Charles Street in San Andreas, also in Calaveras County, California.

The young couple first met at a dance at the Mokelumne Hill Town Hall in 1935 when they were 14 and 18. Jack graduated from Calaveras High School in 1935 and went on to earn a MBA Degree in Business from Stanford University in 1941. Anne, also a graduate of Calaveras High School, Class of 1939, went on to attend UC Berkeley for two years and Munson School of Business, and later worked for the manager of Rexall Drug Store in San Francisco. The couple dated for about three years, became engaged and were married on May 2, 1942, in San Andreas, before Jack became an ensign for the US Navy. Jack served in the Second World War in Alaska, then Europe and finally the Pacific Theater in 1945. Jack Murphy attained the rank of Lieutenant, Senior Grade was given command of the USSYS 359, a mine sweeper.

Anne and Jack Murphy have three children, Kathleen; Dennis; and Teresa; and raised them in California at homes they made in Park Merced, Santa Monica, Sherman Oaks, and Corona Del Mar. Jack managed the Murphy Hain Company, while Anne devoted her time and talents to her family, her children's Catholic schools and her favorite charity, St. Anne's, until the couple retired to their current home in Roseville, Northern California.

Anne and Jack Murphy teach us all that is key to a long life and happy marriage: love, friendship, mutual respect, faith, patience, humor, rounds of golf, card games, good books, soap operas, time in the yard, hometown memories, world travel, family vacations and trips to the ranch, a cocktail or two, and the value of time spent with family and friends.

HONORING JOURNEYMEN LINEMEN

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize this day, April 18, as a day of honor for Journeymen Linemen.

Accordingly, I have introduced H. Res. 561 to recognize April 18, 2012, as National Journeymen Linemen Day in order to honor these brave men and women for their contributions to protect public safety.

Journeymen Linemen are often the first responders during a storm or other catastrophic event, which means these brave men and women are often required to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes. Linemen work with thousands of bolts of electricity high atop power lines every day of the year in order to protect the nation from dangerous electrical currents.

The profession of Journeymen Linemen is steeped in tradition and family, both professionally and personally. Generations ago, Linemen climbed poles using hooks and blocks, but as technology has grown through the years, innovative Linemen have pioneered advancements with innovative materials, altering the direction of line work for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the extraordinary commitment and courage demonstrated everyday by the nation's Journeymen Linemen.

HONORING ALEX JOSEPH
ALSHOUSE**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Joseph Alshouse. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has earned the Order of the Arrow, Star Rank, Life Scout and is a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Alex has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Alex oversaw construction and installation of two bridges over a ravine so that students at Northview Elementary School could evacuate further away from the school in case of an emergency.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex Joseph Alshouse for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CAPTAIN KYLEANNE
HUNTER, U.S.M.C.**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Captain Kyleanne Hunter served in the office of the Second District of South Carolina as a Military Fellow from January–December 2010. After leaving our office, she served in the Marine Corps Liaison office on Capitol Hill. In the coming months, Captain Hunter plans to serve in a Reserve unit with the U.S. Marine Corps while attending graduate school at the University of Denver. She has been accepted into the very competitive Sié Fellows Program which will further her education in international studies.

Throughout her service, she consistently demonstrated her expertise and knowledge by providing timely and accurate information to the Congressional Members and their respective staffs. Captain Hunter was a vital asset for all matters relating to the Marine Corps in the House of Representatives. Members and staffers alike respected and trusted Captain Hunter's straightforward and dependable assistance. Her forthrightness and knowledge were key attributes in maintaining the Marine Corps' superb relationships with the many Members of the House of Representatives.

Throughout her tour, Captain Hunter personally responded to, or supervised hundreds of congressional inquiries, some of which gained national level attention. Through her exceptional inter-personal skills and broad knowledge in a wide range of military affairs,

she assisted the Director, Marine Corps Liaison Office, in gaining the Members' support and trust on critical issues.

Captain Hunter successfully planned, coordinated, and escorted an extensive number of international and domestic trips for Congressional and Staff Delegations. I had the pleasure of attending one such CODEL which Captain Hunter helped organize for the House Democracy Partnership to the Kyrgyz Republic. Her attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed our CODEL to focus on fact-finding and learning new information, which helped to guide critical decisions to support the people of the United States.

Through her exceptional personal efforts, Captain Hunter has contributed immeasurably as a member of my staff and also in the Marine Liaison Office here on Capitol Hill. I wish her well in all of her future endeavors. I look forward to hearing of her many future successes.

OIT HUSTLIN' OWLS—2012 MEN'S BASKETBALL NAIA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the Oregon Tech Hustlin' Owls men's basketball team for winning the 2012 NAIA Division II national championship.

Combining an impressive defensive performance with a 45-point second half outburst, the No. 2-ranked Hustlin' Owls defeated the top-ranked Northwood University 63–46 on March 13 to take the national title in Point Lookout, Missouri. Oregon Tech set a new school record this year with 34 wins, and by notching their third national championship, they tied Bethel College for the most titles in NAIA Division II men's basketball.

Bobby Hunter scored a game-high 20 points and pulled down nine rebounds en route to earning tournament MVP honors. Jason Gamblin added 16 points on 7-of-10 shooting and David Clarke scored 11 points with five rebounds. Kyle Gomez contributed nine points and six rebounds.

Congratulations to the Hustlin' Owls are never complete without special mention of their legendary head coach, Danny Miles. In a day and age when personal advancement comes before loyalty far too often—especially in the sports world—Coach Miles has spent his entire coaching career at Oregon Tech. That's 42 years and counting. His 971 wins make him the second winningest men's coach in U.S. college basketball history. And his three national championships—in 2004, 2008, and 2012—are further evidence of the standard of excellence he has established at Oregon Tech.

But perhaps the most important statistic is this: 14 out of the last 15 years' teams have all maintained a 3.0 or better GPA in the classroom—and that with a very challenging curriculum of a world-class technical institute. Coach Miles has built one of the finest athletic programs in the country, be it measured on the court or in the classroom. For this, I know I can speak on behalf of the entire Oregon

Tech community and the state of Oregon itself when I say, "Thank you, Coach Miles."

My colleagues, let's recognize the tremendous effort of the Oregon Tech players: Jordan Kiely, Kyle Gomez, David Clarke, Liston Case, Bobby Hunter, Bryant Sentman, Alex Zerbach, Fred Corpening, Kyle Waits, Scott Riddle, Jason Gamblin, Josh Johnson, Braxton Miles, Austen Flint, Mihajlo Matic, Nathan Maddox, and Brandon Bautista.

And, of course, we must congratulate the great coaching staff behind them: Coach Miles, Associate Head Coach Mike Pisan, Associate Coach Jason de Vries, and Associate Coach Paul Poetsch.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Oregon delegation and the House of Representatives, congratulations to the 2012 Hustlin' Owls!

HONORING ZACHARY MICHAEL P'POOL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary Michael P'Pool. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Zachary has earned the Arrow of Light, 2011 Chieftains Award, Coup of the Long Trail Award and the God and Country Award. Zachary has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Zachary planned, managed and assisted in creation of a walking path 350 yards long, requiring 300 man hours, from Northview Elementary School to the school's nature area nicknamed named Coughlin's Corner.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary Michael P'Pool for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I intended to vote No on rollcall vote 159 to H.R. 4089 taken on April 17, 2012. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD currently lists me as not voting on this amendment. I firmly believe that this amendment, under the guise of permitting hunting, fishing and recreational shooting, in effect guts the bill, and is a vote against sportsmen nationwide.

HONORING CHARLES "CHUCK" W. OWEN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Charles "Chuck" W. Owen, a former Laredo Morning Times news reporter, Church of Christ Minister and veteran. Mr. Owen's actions in his lifetime resonate with the community as he strived to focus on his faith in his work and his family.

While Mr. Owen was born in Dickson, Tennessee in 1940, his family notes that he was a Laredoan by choice, not birth. By the young age of 19 years old, he joined the Navy and was stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas where he met his wife, Clema Owen. By 1962 they married and raised their daughters while they traveled the world. He was an air traffic controller and instructor during his naval career and was the youngest air traffic controller in the history of the naval air station at Corpus Christi. His career in the Navy led him on three tours of Antarctica.

He retired from the military while in Corpus Christi and became a small business owner with a commercial refrigeration business. After 10 years, he sold his business and ventured into the hotel business, La Quinta Inns where they hired husband-and-wife teams. Working alongside with his wife for 8 years, he then started contributing religious articles to the local newspaper, the Laredo Morning Times.

As active members of the Church, Mr. Owen had established a church in Laredo 12 years ago, even though he was a member of a different congregation. He was devoted to studying the Bible and retired as a pastor from the congregation in June of 2011 due to his health.

Mr. Owen serviced our country as a U.S. Navy lieutenant, dived in the business community as a small business owner, wrote religious contributions to the local paper and served as a minister to his faith. He was faithful, loving and generous in all his work for the community and his family. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the opportunity to recognize the late Chuck Owen. His devotion to the community has truly impacted many lives.

A TRIBUTE TO TIM TEBOW

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Tim Tebow, professional football player and quarterback for the New York Jets, for his superior accomplishments both on and off the field. He is a true leader, a man of character, and a humble servant of God. Throughout his college and professional football career he has been a role model of integrity, providing a beacon of light for Jesus Christ. I would like to recognize him for his athletic achievements, but more importantly for utilizing his special opportunity in the spotlight to provide a Christ-like example to his peers, aspiring young athletes, and our Nation.

Tim was born in the Philippines to American parents, who were serving as Baptist missionaries. He is the youngest of five children, all