

Children's Defense Fund—California
 Children's Defense Fund—Minnesota
 Children's Defense Fund—Mississippi
 Children's Defense Fund—New York
 Children's Defense Fund—Texas
 Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
 Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc.

Connecticut Voices for Children
 Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (North Dakota)

Florida's Children First, Inc.
 Foster Adopt Connect (Missouri and Kansas)
 Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
 Lutheran Social Services of Indiana
 Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange
 Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
 Partners for Our Children (Washington)
 The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
 The Children's Partnership (California)
 University of California Davis Guardian Professions Program

Voices for Children in Nebraska
 Voices for Ohio's Children
 Voices for Virginia's Children
 YMCA of San Diego County, Kinship Support Program

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,343,541,768,823.97. We've added \$8,716,664,719,910.89 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.7 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO KENNEDY PLOWMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kennedy Plowman of Adair-Casey High School. Kennedy Plowman was recently honored for outstanding academic achievement at the Fourteenth Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition on May 1, 2016.

This statewide program is sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Iowa high school Athletic Association and the Iowa Farm Bureau. Each Iowa high school was invited to select a senior with the highest academic ranking. Not only are they academically gifted, but the selected students are often the youth who are successful in extracurricular activities and community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Kennedy Plowman in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to reach her goals. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Kennedy on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 391 on the Mullin of Oklahoma Amendment No. 43 to H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, during the roll call votes on Thursday, July 7, 2016, I missed a vote on an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations.

Had I been present, on roll call number 394, I would have voted Yea.

TO COMMISSION A STATUE OF ELIE WIESEL TO BE PLACED IN THE CAPITOL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a bipartisan bill I introduced today with several of my colleagues to authorize a statue of Elie Wiesel to be placed in the U.S. Capitol building.

Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel was a great American, whose moral leadership served as a beacon across our country and around the globe. President Obama rightly called him, "the conscience of the world."

Wiesel was born in Romania in 1928. In 1944, at the age of fifteen, Elie Wiesel was sent to the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz, and later to Buchenwald. Both of his parents and his younger sister died in the concentration camps.

After the war, Elie Wiesel became a journalist and wrote about his experiences during the Holocaust. He spent his life as a vocal witness against both the evil that gave rise to the Holocaust and man's inhumanity against his fellow man. His purpose was to speak the truth in the face of power and to clearly and repeatedly say "Never Again." His memoir, *Night*, has been translated into over 30 languages.

He fought against indifference, intolerance, and injustice.

He helped create the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Elie Wiesel was one of the greatest moral forces in the world. He was brilliant, pure, honest, and courageous.

I met Elie Wiesel when I was a Tennessee State Senator and he was honored at Vanderbilt. He was the inspiration for me founding the Tennessee Holocaust Commission in 1987. I

have a picture of him and me hanging in the foyer of my Washington, DC office. The photo was taken when he was honored at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis.

His voice was strong and will be sorely missed. He was one of my heroes.

I urge my colleagues to help pass this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 389 on the Messer of Indiana Amendment No. 40 to H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1252, the "Global Food Security Act of 2015," which requires the President to develop and implement a Global Food Security Strategy to reduce hunger and maintain global food security and nutrition.

Even in an age of globalization and industrialization, hunger and food security remain fundamental impediments to global wellbeing.

According to UN estimates, 795 people currently live undernourished lives, with 12.9 percent of the population of underdeveloped countries living without proper nutrition and 3.1 million children under the age of five dying of malnutrition every year.

Moreover, with the world's natural resources and biodiversity rapidly degrading, global food security continues to be threatened, as one of the global economy's most crucial driving forces, agriculture, continues to suffer globally, and particularly in underdeveloped states.

Even as the threats of hunger and food instability loom, the necessity of global food security remains, as solutions to global food issues also represent instrumental steps to poverty eradication and economic growth.

In an age where food concerns plague underdeveloped nations and largely industrialized international powers alike, moreover, it is more important than ever to remain committed to proven food initiatives and measures of global food assistance.

In particular, the Food Security Act specifies the importance of promoting activities and programs that strive to promote global food security, resilience, and nutrition.

These measures include programs that:

1. place food insecure countries on a path toward self-sufficiency by coordinating U.S. assistance programs;

2. accelerate agricultural and economic growth in a manner that reduces global poverty, hunger, and malnutrition;

3. increase the productivity and livelihoods of small-scale producers;

4. build resilience to food shocks in vulnerable populations;
5. create an environment for agricultural growth and investment;
6. improve the nutritional status of women and children globally;
7. align with existing U.S. strategies and investments to achieve these objectives;
8. and strengthen relationships between U.S. and foreign universities that contribute to agricultural growth.

In addition, this measure specifies that the President must coordinate a comprehensive government strategy to promote global food security by coordinating across federal departments and agencies to provide assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to prevent or address food shortages.

The President's annual report to Congress on the implementation of these specifications and measures will enable continued monitoring and evaluation of the success of these strategies.

This measure is integral to restoring global food security, and represents a vital step in the global war against world hunger.

I urge all Members to join me in voting to pass S. 1252.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF ABNER J. MIKVA

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and legacy of Abner Mikva and to send my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. Abner Mikva was one of the most treasured friends I've had in all my life. He was an indispensable mentor, a consistent role model and a great guy to be around. It is somehow fitting, that a man so completely devoted to public service—a true American patriot—would take his last breath on the 4th of July.

Ab is revered in the district I now represent, which first elected him to Congress in 1974. I was one of the countless volunteers who passed his flyers out and knocked on doors. He inspired a whole generation to believe that politics is a noble calling. His grassroots election campaigns that engaged literally thousands of young people wearing his trademark Mikva! T-shirts are legendary. He was a brilliant strategist, able to work across the aisle, but never compromising his core progressive beliefs.

One of the few Americans to serve in all three branches of government as a Congressman, Federal Judge and White House Counsel, Abner was committed to advocating government that was the most helpful it could be to the most people possible. His legacy lives on in the Abner and Zoe (his beloved wife and partner) Mikva Challenge, a program that places high school student interns in both Republican and Democratic offices and campaigns. Thousands of young people for generations to come will experience hands-on involvement in politics because of Ab and Zoe.

In November of 2014, I was proud to witness President Obama, someone Ab Mikva supported and promoted from the day he met him, award Ab with the Presidential Medal of

Freedom. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan came to an intimate celebration afterward and spoke fondly about the days she served as Abner's law clerk. His 90th birthday party last February showcased Abner Mikva's enduring wit, intelligence and humanity.

He will be deeply, deeply missed by all those who knew, admired, and loved him. I am proud to be one of them. To Abner Mikva's wife Zoe and family, to whom he was completely devoted, I send my gratitude and heartfelt condolences.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER HERRING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Roger Herring of Atlantic, Iowa on his retirement as the Director of the Atlantic Park and Recreation Commission. Roger has served in this capacity for the past five years.

Roger was recently awarded the Key to the City of Atlantic. This recognition has not been bestowed upon a resident in 34 years. Roger is recognized for his dedication and leadership in transforming many parks in Atlantic. He is credited with the vision that has led to many successful improvement projects for the parks and recreation areas within the city.

I commend and congratulate Roger Herring on his retirement and for his many years of dedicated and devoted service to the citizens of Atlantic, Iowa. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Roger for his many accomplishments and wish him and his family the very best in the future.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
REAR ADMIRAL (LOWER HALF)
KIRK A. FOSTER, JAG CORPS,
U.S. NAVY (RET)

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Kirk A. Foster, Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Navy (Retired), a son of Pennsylvania who is retiring after 28 years of faithful service to our nation while on active duty in the United States Navy.

Admiral Foster began his service as a student at Villanova Law School and was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps Student Program. During the next 28 years, he served the Navy in a variety of roles throughout the United States and overseas. His shore assignments include Defense Counsel and Prosecutor (San Diego, CA), Litigation Counsel (Washington, DC), Regional Environmental Counsel (Norfolk, VA), Legislative Counsel and Liaison in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs (Washington, DC), Special Assistant for Legal and Legislative Matters to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations (Washington, DC) and subsequently to the Chief of Naval Operations (Washington, DC).

Captain Foster also served as Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office, Southwest (San Diego, CA); and as the Executive Assistant to the Judge Advocate General (Washington, DC), and as Chief, Legislation Division, Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs (Washington, DC).

Admiral Foster's afloat and operational tours include Command Judge Advocate, Commander, Amphibious Squadron ONE, embarked in USS *Tarawa* (LHA-1); Staff Judge Advocate, Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT, embarked in USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71); Force Judge Advocate, Commander, Naval Forces Europe—Commander, U.S. SIXTH Fleet, Naples, Italy; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Commander, Multi-National Force—Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq; and Rule of Law Advisor, Office of the Defense Representative to Pakistan, U.S. Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan.

For his outstanding service to our nation, Admiral Foster earned numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various campaign and unit awards.

On the occasion of his retirement from the Navy, I thank his family and him for his honorable service to our nation and wish him fair winds and following seas as he concludes a most distinguished career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in commending Admiral Foster for his commitment to our country and the sacrifices he made on its behalf.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL
LAWRENCE CROZIER

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Colonel Lawrence E. Crozier on his retirement from the United States Army after 30 years of service to our country. An esteemed and respected member of the Army Nurse Corps, Colonel Crozier most recently served as the Deputy Commander for Patient Service and Nursing at Fort Bliss' William Beaumont Medical Center in my district of El Paso, Texas. In this capacity, Colonel Crozier was instrumental in day-to-day operations of the Department of Defense's largest medical treatment facility, comprised of more than 3,700 staff members and 72,000 beneficiaries. He also played an integral role in strengthening the relationship between Fort Bliss and the El Paso community.

Colonel Crozier's distinguished career began in 1986 at Fort Gordon, Georgia and included time in Germany; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Stewart, Georgia; and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During this time, Colonel Crozier deployed to both Kyrgyzstan and Saudi Arabia in support of humanitarian missions and to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his time in Iraq, Colonel Crozier served as the Chief Operating Room Nurse at Baghdad's 86th Combat Support Hospital, where he led a team of nurses and