

(H.R.935) Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act, I would have voted YEA; and on

Roll Call No. 159 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R.7066) Russia and Belarus Financial Sanctions Act, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING SGT. NICK TULLIER

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, our hearts are heavy. Nearly six years ago, there was an attack on our community.

The attack was designed to be divisive—to rip our community apart. It did not work. Evil was overcome by the goodness—the Godliness—in our community, our state and the nation. Evil did not take hold.

Rather, we came together to support the six peacekeepers shot in the line of duty after answering the call.

The reports on Deputy Nick Tullier were not good. We heard over and over again from the doctors and nurses, that he wouldn't make it another hour, another day, another week—that he couldn't make it. None of them knew Nick. He had more work to do, or as the men and women in blue refer to it, it was not yet the "end of watch" for Nick.

At Tiger Stadium the other night, Garth Brooks put it another way: Nick "had more dance to share." God had more work for Nick to do here on earth.

Against all odds, Nick fought like hell for 2,119 days. He was absolutely immersed in the love of his family, old friends, new friends and complete strangers. Blue and black bracelets labeled "Pray for Nick" or "Nick Tullier Strong" popped up all over. Even President Trump signed onto to "Team Nick."

God has now summoned Deputy Tullier among the peacekeepers that have finished their last call. He's on a different patrol with Corp. Montrell Jackson, BRPD, Officer Matthew Gerald, and Deputy Brad Garafola, EBRSO.

Mary and James' constant presence and endurance demonstrated the boundless and unending love of a mother and father. Nick knows he was loved and countless parents in our community and around the world are inspired by their overflowing love and support of their son.

Trenton and Gage's father's two decades wearing the badge made our community safer. He certainly did not do it for the money. Our community benefited from his sacrifice. Nick's life embodies a servant's heart. They should be inspired by the life he lived as a peacekeeper.

Jamie and Shannon's brother was a machine. His physical workouts and fitness were impressive. I can only guess that he must have beat the heck out of them growing up. I hope they cherish those memories of the time growing up with their brother and don't make him come back and knock them in line again. Seriously, they are charged with ensuring Nick's passing does not create a void on earth.

I hope that all of Nick's family, friends and supporters know that his legacy will be felt beyond his time among us.

On July 17, 2016 and the weeks following, we did not allow evil to take hold. Rather than giving in, we came together and rose up. We united against evil and came together for what was good and what was right. Much of that coming together has died down or subsided for us.

For the past six years, Nick's fight never died. Every day, with the support of his family, he continued. He persevered.

Just because Nick returned to the Father, just because it is the end of watch for Nick Tullier—the fight is not over.

Nick taught us that we can overcome all odds. Nick made clear that miracles are possible. Just as we united against the forces of evil six years ago, we can continue to be inspired by Nick's enormous heart. We can be inspired by his parent's incredible dedication.

Let us honor Nick by continuing to work together against the evil that is trying to take hold, trying to get traction in our community. Let's rise up and support our peacekeepers, back the blue—and, Sheriff Gautreaux, the green too. We are better than this.

Garth Brooks went on to sing that, "I could have missed the pain, but I'da had to miss the dance." As tough as today is, anyone that came into to contact with Nick would agree that the dance was worth it.

Louisiana and America would be less safe without our men and women in blue.

We will remain Nick Tullier Strong. God bless.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROY E. BREWER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roy E. Brewer for his thirty-six years of dedication to the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (Metro Chamber) and his contributions to the Greater Sacramento area. As the Metro Chamber celebrates fifty years of their Capitol-to-Capitol (Cap-to-Cap) program, I ask all my colleagues to stand with me to honor Mr. Brewer.

Mr. Brewer is a founding partner of Brewer Lofgren LLP Attorneys at Law. He received his Juris Doctor at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1982; spending his early college years at the University of Florida where he earned both a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Mr. Brewer applied his education as a land use attorney in the Sacramento area. Mr. Brewer is a trusted advocate at the local, state and federal levels on many public policy issues.

Mr. Brewer, the current Board Chair of KVIE-PBS for Northern California, has spent many decades in community engagement. He is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum, Mountain Valley Chapter, and was the Board Chair in 2010 through 2011. He has also been the Chair of the Capital Campaign for the Los Rios Community College District, the Chair of Leadership Sacramento, the President of the American River Natural History Association, and the President of the Northern California Rugby Football Union.

In 1990, Mr. Brewer served as President of the Sacramento Metro Chamber, lending his

dedication and expertise to the organization. His leadership within the Metro Chamber has brought businesses together and has furthered economic prosperity throughout the Sacramento region. In 1991, he was honored as the Metro Chamber's Sacramentan of the Year, a much-deserved recognition. Today, he continues his commitment and enthusiasm through the annual Cap-to-Cap event in Washington, D.C. This event would not be what it is without his leadership.

Madam Speaker, as Members of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce celebrate Mr. Brewer, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his legacy of service to the Sacramento region.

HONORING DR. ERIC WITHERSPOON

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Eric Witherspoon, who is retiring after 16 years of extraordinary leadership as Superintendent of Evanston Township High School (ETHS) District 202.

Dr. Witherspoon has been superintendent of ETHS District 202 since July 2006. Previously he served as Superintendent in Des Moines, Iowa; Indianapolis, Indiana and Hobart, Indiana. He began his career as a high-school English teacher and director of the high school gifted education program at Crown Point High School in Indiana.

At ETHS, Dr. Witherspoon focused on equity and having high expectations for all students. He enabled students to have opportunities to take more honors and advanced-placement classes during their four years of high school. Dr. Witherspoon also focused on the importance of reading as a pathway to education by bolstering student resources.

Dr. Witherspoon implemented a comprehensive system of academic and social/emotional supports to help students to succeed in school. And he has renewed the focus on professional development for staff. He also created programs and partnerships with Northwestern University and Oakton Community College and expanded career and technical education opportunities for ETHS students.

ETHS launched a long-term strategic initiative to upgrade the entire campus under Dr. Witherspoon's leadership. Many of the school's athletic facilities have been enhanced, and facility upgrades include the planetarium, Geometry in Construction house-building site, science labs, a research and theory center, auto technology, advanced manufacturing, Project Lead the Way Engineering, and the culinary, ceramics and pottery programs.

Under Dr. Witherspoon's leadership, academic achievement and the graduation rate at ETHS have increased. ACT results reached the highest in the history of ETHS for nine consecutive years, and ETHS is now recognized by U.S. News and World Reports as well as the Washington Post as ranking in the top 2-3 percent of all high schools in the nation. Dr. Witherspoon also helped to build the ETHS Educational Foundation, an organization focused on raising funds to further enhance ETHS for all students, teachers and staff.