

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 30, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I voted, I would have voted “yes” on passage of H.R. 500, the Financial Exploitation Prevention Act (Roll Call No. 94). By allowing registered open-end investment companies to delay the redemption of a security if the request was believed to be the result of financial exploitation, this bill protects American’s hard-earned savings. Should this legislation become public law, it will bolster our financial security by preventing abuse of seniors and vulnerable adults.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DEACON KENNETH JEROME
GAINES**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Deacon Kenneth Jerome Gaines. Deacon Gaines, known as Kenny to those closest to him, unfortunately passed away on January 15, 2023. Kenny was a loving, caring, and kind-hearted family man. He was married to the love of his life, Cassandra L. Covington, and deeply loved their children April and Gerard.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Kenny was educated in Detroit Public Schools and honorably served his country in the Army. After his service, Kenny went to trade school and took classes in painting, plumbing, and cooking. Kenny eventually started his own business, “Kenny’s Car Wash!,” which remained his pride and joy until his passing.

Kenny’s faith was a fundamental part of his life, including his relationships with the City Temple Seventh-Day Adventist Church and the True Faith in God’s Temple. Later, he became a member of St. John’s Tabernacle, NPC where he served faithfully as a deacon, cook, and a member of the men’s choir.

Deacon Gaines remained committed to serving his community throughout his life, including volunteering at the Mathis Community Center. He often spent time helping the “Young-Men-In-Motion” mentorship program, serving at the annual Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway, and contributing to the development of the community garden that provides free vegetables to residents. Kenny’s dedication to serving others was a constant through his life.

Kenny leaves cherished memories behind to those who love him most and my sympathies are with his family.

RECOGNIZING SLADE BOND AND
HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JU-
DICIARY COMMITTEE**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 30, 2023

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with Rep. DAVID CICILLINE, longtime Chair of the

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, to thank Slade Bond for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Slade came to the Committee after serving as legislative counsel to Representative Hank Johnson. Prior to that, Slade was a law clerk for the Center for Democracy and Technology. Slade received his B.A. from Mary Washington College, his J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law, and his LL.M from the George Washington University Law School.

Slade joined the Committee in March 2014, serving as Democratic Counsel and then Chief Democratic Counsel for the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial, and Antitrust Law. For the past 4 years, Slade has served as Chief Counsel for the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

Throughout his service on the Committee, Slade has provided Members and staff with strategic advice and leadership on a range of legal and policy issues related to competition, bankruptcy, arbitration, commercial contracts, and federal agencies. Slade also has acted as a generous mentor and advisor for junior colleagues on the Committee, setting an example as a superlative staff member.

During his tenure as Chief Counsel for the Antitrust Subcommittee, Slade applied his keen intellect, conscientiousness, and creativity to advance the priorities of the Subcommittee. Slade supervised staff and led Member preparation for over two dozen hearings and markups, including a 29-hour markup that resulted in Committee passage of a suite of six bills to restore competition online.

Notable among his many accomplishments is his leadership of a historic, 16-month, top-to-bottom investigation of competition in digital markets. Slade assembled a dedicated team of counsels, technologists, fellows, special assistants, and clerks to examine the dominance of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google in the digital economy. He coordinated and supervised the team’s review of nearly 1.3 million documents; interviews with more than 240 market participants, former employees of the investigated platforms, and other individuals; and holding of 7 hearings with testimony from 38 witnesses, including a hearing with the CEOs of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google. In addition, Slade cowrote, and managed the drafting of, the culmination of this investigation: a 450-page report entitled “Investigation of Competition in Digital Markets: Majority Staff Report and Recommendations,” which the Committee adopted in April 2021 and published in June 2022.

Slade has developed a well-earned reputation for his excellent work with Members and staff from both parties, in both the House and the Senate, to shepherd important bills into law. These bills include legislation to reduce the cost of antitrust enforcement to taxpayers by modernizing merger filing fees, to protect our national security by requiring merging parties to disclose subsidies from foreign economic adversaries, to preserve the resources of state antitrust enforcers by exempting state enforcement of the federal antitrust laws from private multidistrict litigation, and to prohibit the enforceability of predispute arbitration agreements and non-disclosure agreements related to sexual-assault or sexual-harassment disputes.

The Committee, and Congress, will greatly miss Slade, but we look forward to working with him in his new role as Deputy Assistant

Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Legislative Affairs.

We thank Slade for his tireless work ethic, acute attention to detail, impeccable work product, and enthusiasm for the mission of the Committee to ensure economic justice for American consumers, workers, and small businesses.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE
QUENTIN “Q” SOLDIER WIL-
LIAMS**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 30, 2023

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the City of Middletown and the State of Connecticut lost one of its brightest lights earlier this month with the tragic passing of State Representative Quentin “Q” Soldier Williams just hours after being sworn in for what would have been his third term as a State Representative representing Middletown in Connecticut’s General Assembly. At only thirty-nine years old, Q was taken from us much too soon, and his loss reverberates throughout his community and our state.

When running for President, Barack Obama said, “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” I cannot think of anyone who embodied that spirit more than Q.

Born and raised in Middletown, Connecticut Q loved his hometown. When he first returned after graduating from Bryant University, he worked in finance where he developed a sense of how that industry could positively impact communities as well as how important it was for young people to better understand how a strong financial footing would help them succeed. He left the finance industry to become the Executive Director of the Middletown’s Downtown Business District where he focused his time and energies on advocating for local business owners and finding innovative ways to encourage increased activity and tourism downtown.

In tandem with these first professional steps, Q also began his journey into politics when he returned home from Bryant. Always seeking ways to make a difference and knowing influencing local government was key, Q joined the Middletown Young Democrats and the Middletown Democratic Town Committee. He was soon recruited to run for local office—first as an alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which he eventually chaired, then as City Treasurer, a position in which he served for two terms. One of Q’s proudest moments was on the evening of his election to his first term as State Representative for the 100th District, where he would represent his beloved hometown.

Q was a proud product of the Middletown public school system, where as an adult he could often be found reading with elementary school students and mentoring those in middle and high school, but he also understood the challenges of urban classrooms and minority students. He found true professional fulfillment when he joined Excellence Community