

holy month of the rich diversity and many contributions that Muslim Americans have made in every sector of society. Diversity is a corner stone of American society and success. Our American Muslim community is a vital contributor to our nation's diversity, as well as to the talents, perspectives, and achievements that diversity brings.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the religious significance of Ramadan and wishing Muslim Americans and Muslims around the world a prosperous month by signing on to this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE SGT. JACK
MCGREEVEY MEMORIAL PARK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication of the Sgt. Jack McGreevey Memorial Park in Carteret, New Jersey. I join with borough officials, employees, residents, and the McGreevey family in paying tribute to the life and service of Sgt. Jack McGreevey.

A Marine Corps veteran who served in Guam, China, and Japan during WWII and as a Sergeant and Drill Instructor during the Korean War, Sgt. McGreevey was a fierce advocate for veterans. In his capacity as a Legislative Aide for state Senator Joseph Vitale, Speaker Craig Coughlin, and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Sgt. McGreevey worked with local veterans to secure benefits. In addition, through his service with various veterans' organizations, Sgt. McGreevey was an effective voice on behalf of the veteran community and fought to promote their priorities and support their needs.

Sgt. McGreevey was a friend to everyone. His affable demeanor left an impact on everyone he met. He exemplified honor, integrity, and professionalism throughout his life, and I am confident his commitment to service will continue to inspire others.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my honor to commemorate this dedication ceremony in remembrance of Sgt. Jack McGreevey. Sgt. McGreevey honorably served our Nation and the veterans' community, and his selflessness, duty, and civic engagement are truly deserving of this recognition.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
LINDA GREENBLATT

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Linda Greenblatt who

passed away on March 18 of this year. Linda was a devoted mother, wife, and pillar of her community who will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Linda will long be remembered for her contributions to both the town of Red Hook and Dutchess County, New York. She taught history and social studies at Red Hook Middle and High Schools, was an election coordinator for the Dutchess County Board of Elections, and a member of numerous community groups.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of Linda Greenblatt. While we mourn her passing, we celebrate her life and the legacy she leaves behind. May her life and memory always be a blessing.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT J.
"RJ" DUKE SHORT ON HIS 89TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert J. Duke Short, U.S. Senate Official, on the occasion of his 89th birthday and to wish him a joyous birthday celebration.

Mr. RJ Short was born in Moultrie, Georgia on March 31, 1934. He graduated from North Georgia College in 1956, with a Bachelor of Science degree. Upon graduating from college, he worked as an industrial engineer before going back to school. He then attended Palmer College, in Port Orange, Florida afterward, to become a chiropractor. Mr. Short then joined the U.S. Army where he courageously served his country from 1957 to 1961.

After spending five years in the Army serving our great country, he joined the Department of Treasury for 2 years before becoming a Senior investigator for the Senate subcommittee on Internal Security.

Mr. Short quickly rose through the ranks to become the Republican staff director and Chief investigator for the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, in which he served for 12 years.

In 1989, Mr. Short served 15 years as Chief of Staff to Senator Strom Thurmond, a Republican from South Carolina. He was also a Counselor to the Chief Judge of the United States of America Military Court Appeals.

Duke and his wife, Denise, happily married on May 23, 1992. Mr. Short has risen above many personal challenges and has been a great public servant for his country. He is the epitome of the American success story. Duke has also been decorated with many awards and achievements for his hard work throughout the years. Mr. Short has been listed as a

noteworthy and honorable U.S. Senate official by Marquis Who's Who. He is a recipient of the United Service Organizations Appreciation award, Employees Support of Guard and Reserve Appreciation award, named one of the fifty most Powerful Staffers in Congress by Roll Call, honorary judge of The United States of America Claims Court, and Palmer Academy Chiropractic fellow. In 2002, Governor James Hodge gave Mr. Short the Order of the Palmetto, the state of South Carolina's highest honor. Robert J. Duke Short has set the gold standard for his years of dedicated service and commitment which will long be remembered and for that we all join in saying thank you, and wish him a happy birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote today on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 241, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to H. Res. 241, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 406, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for the Passage of H. Joint Res. 30, I would have voted "no." This legislation would block the Department of Labor's recent rule, entitled "Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights," which clarifies that fiduciary planners may consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk when making investment decisions. I commend the Department of Labor's ESG rule, which will assure beneficiaries that their retirement savings will not be subjected to the pendulum swings of changing policy. Fiduciary planners must not have their hands tied when it comes to considering ESG factors that pose legitimate economic risks to Americans' benefit plans.

Had I been present for the Bonamici Amendment No. 5, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for the Crane Amendment No. 6, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for the Davidson Amendment No. 7, I would have voted "no."

Additionally, had I been present for Fitzpatrick Amendment No. 8, I would have voted "aye."