

A Rasmussen poll released yesterday showed the President's approval rating at 55 percent and his disapproval rating at 43 percent.

Fewer than half of voters say the President is doing a good job handling the economy.

And only a third of voters think the President is governing on a bi-partisan basis.

These are hardly impressive figures.

The fact is that many Americans are not happy with the direction of the country under President Obama.

The national media should take a break from patting the President on the back and report the facts objectively.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS OF CARLOS V.
MEJIA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 4, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Carlos Mejia for his dedication to the Laredo community and the State of Texas. Mr. Mejia has given so much of his time and effort in order to make his community a better place.

After graduating from Texas A&M in 1963, Mr. Mejia attended the University of Southern California where he earned his Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. In 1978, he became the City Engineer for the city of Laredo, Texas. He served this post until 1981 and has since then been instrumental in many of Laredo's major infrastructure projects. He was the civil engineer for the design of the main runway, parallel taxi ways, airplane parking apron, and all landslide improvements for the Laredo International Airport. He was also the lead civil engineer for the preparation of the Master Plan for Texas A&M International University.

His constant dedication to his work and his community have led Mr. Mejia to be honored with the Community Partner of the Year Award for 2008 presented by Habitat for Humanity. Just this past year he was selected to the Laredo Junior Achievement Hall of Fame for 2009.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring a great resident of Laredo and a great American in Mr. Carlos Mejia. Through his hard work and tireless dedication Laredo has seen significant improvements over the years and for that we recognize you today Mr. Mejia.

ANGELICA PEREA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 4, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Angelica Perea who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Angelica Perea is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award

because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Angelica Perea is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Angelica Perea for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

HONORING CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS
CONABLE

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 4, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor one of my most prestigious constituents, Charlotte Williams Conable. A longtime resident of Alexander, New York, Charlotte has made it her life's work to advance the status of women around the world.

A longtime advocate of women's rights, Charlotte enlisted in the women's studies masters' program at George Washington University as an adult student. It was during her time there that she wrote *Women at Cornell: The Myth of Equal Education*, a novel that explores the origins of coeducation and discusses the role Cornell University had in bringing women into the collegiate system. In 1981, Charlotte penned another book, *Older Women: The Economics of Aging*. As a graduate of Cornell University, Charlotte was one of only a few women who went on to earn a position on Cornell's prestigious Board of Trustees. Due to her extensive work in the literary field, Charlotte rightfully earned a spot in *Feminists Who Changed America, 1963–1975*.

As the wife of the late Congressman and World Bank president Barber Conable, Charlotte spent her life with a man who was voted by his colleagues the "most respected" member of Congress. Charlotte often accompanied Barber on his trips all over the world. She served as his eyes and ears, often splitting up from the group in order to give Barber a more accurate description of the conditions on the ground.

On May 9, 2009, Charlotte will be recognized by the YWCA of Genesee County as a Fabulous Female for her lifetime achievement. As a lifetime supporter of the local YWCA, Charlotte will become a recipient of the very award she is receiving. She is certainly deserving of this high honor.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of the lifetime achievements of Charlotte Williams Conable, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring Charlotte Williams Conable for her dedication to furthering the equality of women throughout the world.

WHITNEY NELSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 4, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Whitney Nelson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Whitney Nelson is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Whitney Nelson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Whitney Nelson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

HONORING MARYLAND AND
MASONIC HOME

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 4, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the Maryland Masonic Home on the celebration of its 75th Anniversary as a retirement community for Master Masons and their families.

The Maryland Masonic Home has provided exceptional service to its residents since 1934. After purchasing the property called Bonnie Blink, the Masons converted the farm and mansion into the Maryland Masonic Home. It was created as a housing facility for Masons and their families who were either elderly, or of declining health.

The Masonic Home has grown over the years from a simple dormitory, to an active community with a wide range of services. From dining rooms and recreational facilities, to health care practices and scheduled activities, that Masonic Home presents opportunities for its residents to maintain a vibrant lifestyle. For the past week, the Maryland Masonic Home has been celebrating this truly remarkable milestone with various events and activities for its residents.

Over the last 75 years, they have lived up to their mission, "To provide excellent care in a safe, affordable, dignified, quality environment for eligible Masons and their families, in keeping with Masonic Principles, providing for expansion, while maintaining financial viability."

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the Maryland Masonic Home on the celebration of its 75th Anniversary. As a fellow Mason, it is with great pride that I congratulate the entire organization on this incredible accomplishment.