

KIMBERLY CROSS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kimberly Cross who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kimberly Cross is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kimberly Cross 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 Kimberly Cross 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.

**THE MEDICAID BIRTH CENTER
REIMBURSEMENT ACT OF 2009**
HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Medicaid Birth Center Reimbursement Act.

Birth centers offer an alternative birthing environment to hospitals for mothers with healthy, low-risk pregnancies. They are also part of a vital safety net for Medicaid mothers across the country.

Last year, administrators at a birth center in my district reached out to me, distraught with what they saw as an impending Medicaid re-payment crisis. Even though birth centers had been recognized as Medicaid providers by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)—and, earlier, by HCFA—since 1987, over the past few years, CMS has begun disallowing federal matching funds for state Medicaid payments for freestanding birth center facility fees.

A recent decision by a federal administrative judge ruled against birth centers in a Texas Medicaid case, stating that CMS is not required to pay any state their federal match for birth center facility fees.

Without payment of these facility fees, birth centers in all states could be pushed to the brink of closure.

Today, I, along with my colleague Representative GUS BILIRAKIS, am introducing the Medicaid Birth Center Reimbursement Act, to ensure Medicaid birth center facility fee payments to states.

I urge you, Madam Speaker, and all of my colleagues, to support this legislation and ensure continued access to quality health care for pregnant women served by our Medicaid system in their districts.

**REINTRODUCTION OF "VOTERS'
RIGHT TO KNOW ACT"****HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today, I, along with Representative PETRI (R-WI), reintroduce legislation to subject operators of push polls or phone banks to the same disclosure requirements as other types of political communication. It will not ban push polls or phone banking—it will simply create a level playing field for all types of political communication. Under this bill, any person conducting these types of calls would be required to disclose to each recipient of a call the identity of the organization paying for the call. In addition, the bill would require that campaigns and other organizations that conduct advocacy phone calls report to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) the number of households they have contacted and the script they used in making the calls. The bill would not interfere with legitimate polling, conducted either by candidates or independent organizations, as it would only apply to phone banks in which more than 1,500 households are contacted within the 25 days preceding a federal election.

TRIBUTE TO JACK MALTESTER**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I acknowledge the passing, on May 1, 2009, of former San Leandro Mayor Jack Maltester. His colleagues have aptly described Jack as "the most powerful small-town mayor in this country. None of us can duplicate what he did."

Jack Maltester transformed the face of San Leandro during his 20 years of service as mayor from 1958 to 1978. Even as a private citizen, his influence remained strong in San Leandro, the city in which he was born in 1913.

A printer by trade, Jack served an interim term on the council in the late 1940s. He won election to the council in 1956, was selected by the council as Mayor two years later, and became the city's first Mayor elected directly by the residents of San Leandro instead of the City Council.

He was re-elected in 1966, 1970, and 1974 but was forced to leave office in 1978 after a voter approved two-term limit was enacted.

While serving as San Leandro's chief executive, Jack was president of both the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the League of California Cities. Presidents Johnson, Nixon and Ford appointed him to a federal commission five times.

Jack remained active in San Leandro affairs until his death at age 95. He founded The Sentinels, a group of local businessmen who provide support to local political candidates and ballot measures. He also served as President of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce and President of the California League of Cities.

He cultivated political talent, represented private real estate developers, served on the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum board and was a member of local civic and regional committees.

I feel privileged to have known Jack. I treasure the opportunity I had to work with him during his tenure as the City of San Leandro's Chief Executive, and the relationship we maintained when he became a private citizen.

I join the community of San Leandro in honoring Jack Maltester. He truly loved the city of his birth and gave it his all during his lifetime. His presence and contributions will be felt for years to come.

SARAH ELLIS
HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sarah Ellis who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Sarah Ellis is a junior at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sarah Ellis 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 Sarah Ellis 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.

RECOGNIZING DALTON PEPPER**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dalton Pepper, a member of the Pennsbury High School boys' basketball team and 2009 Pennsylvania player of the year. Dalton has excelled as a student athlete in Bucks County, and I am eager to see him continue that legacy next year at West Virginia University.

Dalton's hard work and dedication led him and his teammates to four straight undefeated league championships and into their fourth PIAA AAAA State playoff. He was recently named The Associated Press' 2009 Pennsylvania Class AAAA boy's basketball player of the year.

These performances earned Dalton a position on the Pennsylvania all-state team. His high school career record of 2,207 points, nearly 1,000 rebounds and a 104–20 record is an extraordinary accomplishment.

The recognition and awards Dalton has received throughout his high school basketball career are no small feat. For his leadership and determination, he has gained respect from