

Islands, I would like to wish one of their favored daughters, Godspeed, as she moves forward on her life's journey.

HONORING MEMBERS OF THE DELTA BATTERY, 216TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BATTALION FOR RECEIVING THE ARMY'S VALOROUS UNIT AWARD

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Delta Battery, 216th Air Defense Artillery Battalion as it is honored with the Army's Valorous Unit Award. This award requires an immense display of courage and skill from the United States Army unit when faced with a hazardous situation.

I want to congratulate every member of the Delta Battery for their contributions to the Battalion and especially for the actions that have led to earning this award. As the second highest award a Battery unit can receive, you should be proud of your efforts as individuals coming together to accomplish a mission as a team. Your heroic actions are what make America's uniformed services the pride of America.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the Delta Battery, 216th Air Defense Artillery Battalion today. Their heroic acts of bravery are what keep our national values and liberties safe. Every American owes our servicemen a debt of gratitude and I hope these fine soldiers know that we appreciate all that they do.

DANIELLE CONTRERAZ

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 Danielle Contreras who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Danielle Contreras is a senior at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Danielle Contreras 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 Danielle Contreras 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.

CONGRATULATING THE THOUSAND ISLANDS WINERY AS THE NEW YORK WINE AND GRAPE FOUNDATION'S WINERY OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Thousand Islands Winery upon being named the 2009 Winery of the Year by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation at its 38th annual New York Wine Industry Workshop and Unity Banquet. I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize the winery and its owners, Steve and Erika Conaway, and extend my sincere wishes for their continued success.

The Thousand Islands Winery is located between Clayton and Alexandria Bay in Jefferson County, New York, which I am proud to represent. This incredibly picturesque area is known as the Thousand Islands Region and consists of over 1,000 islands that are located along the U.S.-Canada border within the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. Tourism has long been a crucial component of the economy.

The winery, which the Conaways established on May 16, 2002, holds the unique distinction of being the northern most farm winery in New York State. It has produced over 25,000 gallons of wines in 14 varieties and has won 21 medals for its wines in national and international competitions. Notably, its blush wine "Alexandria Bay Rose" won a double gold, best in class, at the 2008 National Women's Wine Competition in Santa Rosa, California.

Additionally, the winery was a founding member of the Thousand Islands-Seaway Wine Trail, which is over 78 miles long, and has already attracted more than 52,000 visitors since it was launched in 2007. The trail now consists of two grape nurseries, nineteen vineyards, and includes three other local wineries: the Coyote Moon Winery in Clayton, the Otter Creek Winery in Philadelphia, and the Yellow Barn Winery outside of Sackets Harbor.

Given the importance of economic growth to New York's 23rd Congressional District, I am particularly appreciative of the work done by the Thousand Islands Winery and others to develop the wine industry and the wine trail and thereby enhance the economy of the region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I voted in favor of H.R. 1728, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, during the first final passage vote. The vote was vacated three minutes into the vote due to a parliamentary error. I had left the building to return to California due to possible minor surgery on Friday, May 8, 2009.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARIAN ALICE "MALLY" MOODY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to the life and legacy of Dr. Mally Moody, her steadfast service in education, and her willingness to give back to her community in Oxford, Alabama.

Dr. Moody was born in Massachusetts on February 13, 1947, and came to Alabama over 30 years ago. As most folks that knew her can attest, she dedicated her life to education—working with students, teachers and school administrators alike. She taught math at Oxford High School and after retiring served on the Oxford School Board. She was in line to be the next president of the board.

Those she taught and all who knew her lovingly referred to her as "Doc" Moody.

Dr. Moody passed away on April 3, 2009, at the age of 62. On April 11, 2009, a celebration of her life was held at Grace Episcopal Church in Anniston, Alabama.

I am honored to help recognize this inspirational educator who spent her lifetime learning and always teaching. It is my hope her memory will serve as an example of what all educators can aspire to be.

BRENDA CATARINO

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 Brenda Catarino who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Brenda Catarino is a freshman 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 Brenda Catarino 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 Brenda Catarino 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 THE 34TH ANNUAL CAPITAL PRIDE FESTIVAL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 34th 01 Annual Capital Pride