

That is why I am introducing the “Student Loan Grace Period Extension Act” which will extend the grace period for Federal Subsidized and Federal Unsubsidized Student Loans from 6 months to 12 months after the student graduates. This bill will provide students with a necessary window after graduation where they can conduct their job search without the financial constraint of monthly student loan payments after 6 short months. Given the recent recession and our slow economic recovery, it only makes sense to give those young people just entering the work force a fighting chance to find a job and start earning before they begin repaying their loan obligations.

By passing this bill, we will ensure that our college graduates are not prematurely burdened with student loan payments before many of them may be able to find gainful employment in their field.

HONORING HELEN AGUIRRE  
FERRÉ

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 28, 2012*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Women’s History Month, I rise to honor one of South Florida’s finest award-winning, bilingual journalists, Helen Aguirre Ferré. Having profound experience in journalism, she dominates various media platforms including, TV, radio, and print media.

Having more than two decades of experience, Mrs. Aguirre Ferré currently serves as the Opinion Page Editor for *El Diario Las America*. Her father, Horacio Aguirre, an exceptional leader in South Florida, founded *El Diario*, Florida’s oldest independent Spanish-language newspaper. For more than half a century, *El Diario* has maintained a high level of intellect, professionalism, and integrity. Mrs. Aguirre Ferré is also a political guest analyst for *Univision*, where she frequently appears on “*Despierta America*” and “*Al Punto*.” She also co-hosts *Univision*’s “*Prohibido Callarse*,” a highly rated daily political talk show, and moderates the weekly public-affairs series *Issues for WPBT2*, a South Florida PBS station.

Her accomplishments go beyond her professional career; Mrs. Aguirre Ferré co-founded *Operation Saving Lives*, a humanitarian effort responsible for sending money, medicines, food, and clothing to hurricane victims in Central America. She is the first woman to chair Miami Dade College’s Board of Trustees and she serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. Additionally, Mrs. Aguirre Ferré is a member of the International Women’s Forum, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Inter-American Institute for Democracy, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, Mercy Hospital’s Angels of Mercy, the Mater Center, and the American Nicaraguan Foundation.

She has received numerous awards from various organizations, including the Cuban American National Council, Barry University, Saint Anselm College, the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, the Women’s History Coalition, the American Nicaraguan Foundation, the Cuban Women’s Club, the Latin Chamber of Commerce of the

United States (CAMACOL) and Hispanic Media 100, among many others.

Mrs. Aguirre Ferré has earned the respect and trust of our community in South Florida, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dear friend and accomplished individual. I wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

FLYERS KEEP NORTH CAROLINA  
BASKETBALL IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 28, 2012*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, North Carolina has a long and distinguished list of college basketball National Champions. This year, however, there is only one school from the Old North State that will earn the right to hoist a National Championship banner. No, I do not mean the North Carolina State University Wolfpack, nor the Duke University Blue Devils and not even the University of North Carolina Tarheels. Please join me, Mr. Speaker, in congratulating the Sandhills Community College Flyers upon their rise to the 2012 National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Championship.

Their 30–6 season ended with a commanding defeat of Cedar Valley College, from Dallas, Texas, by a score of 101–86. Outstanding play from Guard Daquain Towns, tournament MVP, and the tremendous coaching of Mike Apple led the Flyers, in only their third season, past teams in the play-offs from the Bronx, New York, Brookdale, New Jersey, and Prince George’s County, Maryland. On March 17, the Sandhills Flyers became the first team from North Carolina to win a Division III National Championship and our office is proud to represent this fine group of young men. Each member of the Flyers deserves recognition for this outstanding achievement and they are:

Michael Collins, TJ Gill, Raheem Jolliffe, Chris Morrison, Daquain Towns, Dre Huntley, Chris Vinson, Trevor Cole, Mike Dorsey, Raheem Washington, Michael Robinson, TJ Jones, Tramaine Pride, Louis Craft, Kermeriaz Harrington, Erick Ewing, Markell Lotharp, Demontre Jones.

Coach: Mike Apple.

Athletic Director: Aaron Denton.

Congratulations also go out to Dr. John Dempsey and the Sandhills Community College family for putting together an organization that preserves North Carolina’s premier basketball tradition while adding a new National Champion to our history books.

ALYSIA MORA-PINA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 28, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alysia Mora-Pina for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Alysia Mora-Pina is an 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her

determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

I extend my deepest congratulations to Alysia Mora-Pina for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO EVA ARRIGHI, 29TH  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2012

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 28, 2012*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Woman’s History Month. Each year during the month of March, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our Nation’s most distinguished women.

Today, I stand to laud the tireless efforts of Eva Arrighi, a 22-year resident of Temple City, California, whose zealous approach to community service has benefited many people and organizations. Born in Cologne, Germany in 1931, Eva arrived in the United States in 1955 along with her husband Ivo, son Dan, and daughter Frances. After residing in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Cleveland, Ohio, and Rosemead, California, respectively, Eva and her family moved to Temple City.

Throughout the years, Eva has maintained an active spirit for all her passions in life, and is involved with the community as a member of many organizations as a dedicated volunteer. Ms. Arrighi has been a volunteer and member of the Boy Scouts of America, particularly with Troop 169 Temple City, where her grandson achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Eva volunteers for church activities at St. Peter’s in Los Angeles, St. Anthony Catholic Church in San Gabriel, and St. Luke Catholic Church in Temple City, where she always lends a helping hand to assist at the St. Luke’s Fiesta. The School of Fashion & Design in Alhambra has also benefited from Eva’s devotion, as she contributes many hours working with physically and developmentally challenged students. Currently, Ms. Arrighi is an Ambassador for the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, where she assists in decorating for Chamber activities and provides food items and gifts for the Chamber’s social mixers. She is also a member of organizations such as the Temple City Women’s Club, Friends of Foster Children and the Historical Society of Temple City.

Ms. Arrighi is known for her generosity. She spends many hours knitting and crocheting countless items and selflessly gives everything away as gifts. Some of her creations include scarves, hats, baby blankets, slippers and socks. She donates to various fundraisers, community raffles, Chamber employees, Methodist Hospital Foundation and the School of Fashion & Design, to name a few.