EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CHRIS SWARTWOOD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chris Swartwood for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Chris Swartwood is a 12th grader at Jefferson County Open School and received this award because him determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chris Swartwood 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 Chris Swartwood for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of him future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for several votes taken on the House floor last week as I was directed by my doctor to not fly back from my District. As a result, I missed rollcall Votes Nos. 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 75.

Had I been present, on rollcall Vote No. 63 I would have voted 'aye'; on rollcall Vote No. 64 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 65 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 66 I would have voted 'present'; on rollcall Vote No. 67 I would have voted 'aye'; on rollcall Vote No. 68 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 69 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 70 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 71 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 72 I would have voted 'aye'; on rollcall Vote No. 73 I would have voted 'aye'; on rollcall Vote No. 74 I would have voted 'aye'; and on rollcall Vote No. 75 I would have voted 'aye'; and on rollcall Vote No. 75 I would have voted 'no'.

HONORING LOREN DUKE ABDALLA FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES $Monday,\ March\ 18,\ 2013$

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Loren Duke Abdalla.

Duke is the great-grandson of Chief Running Bull of the Yankton Sioux. He enlisted in the Marine Corp in 1943, and for his courageous service, Duke earned a Purple Heart and a rank of Corporal.

In September of 1944, at the Battle of Peleliu, Duke's machine gun team was shelled. Duke lost his machine gunner and two ammo carriers, while himself taking shrapnel that left him with holes in both legs. Rather than being sent home, Duke recovered and then quickly was promoted to leader of 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, A Company.

Beginning April of 1945, Duke and A Company began an assault on Okinawa. In early May, Duke demonstrated true bravery in a series of heroic maneuvers and actions. Over the course of the day, Duke carried a wounded fellow Marine to safety and successfully neutralized six machine gun nests, clearing the way for U.S. forces to advance. Duke lost his entire squad after clearing four of the nests, but he continued on and cleared the final two by himself.

Duke and his fellow Marines fought valiantly and withstood fierce counterattacks from enemy forces. Their commitment and selfless dedication to their country was emblematic of the effort put forth by "The Greatest Generation" during the world's time of greatest need.

I thank Loren Duke Abdalla for his service to this nation. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to Duke and to all those brave men and women who sacrifice so much for the good of this country.

CHEYAYN TUCKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cheyayn Tucker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cheyayn Tucker is an 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cheyayn Tucker 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 Cheyayn Tucker 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 of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING DR. ANNE MAR-ION TAYLOR, 2013 SLOAN RE-SEARCH FELLOW

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Anne Marion Taylor of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for receiving the 2013 Sloan Research Fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Dr. Taylor, a Biomedical Engineer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will receive a two-year, \$50,000 grant to expand her research in Neurosciences.

The fellowship is designed to provide supplemental funding and support to enhance the careers of its young recipients. This prestigious honor is reserved only for the best and brightest to highlight the newest generation of scientific leaders by opening new doors for those in the pursuit of scientific innovation.

Dr. Taylor researches neurosciences and biomedical engineering to find ways to better understand cellular mechanisms involved in cognition. As a result of Dr. Taylor's studies, we now have commercially available devices that have led to breakthroughs in the study of synapse development.

I congratulate Dr. Taylor for this impressive achievement and thank her for her dedicated work at UNC School of Medicine.

CASSIE BROWN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cassie Brown for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cassie Brown 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 Cassie Brown 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 quide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cassie Brown 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 of her future accomplishments.

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