

addition, Mr. McCormick was instrumental in the development of a funding plan for the relocation of Fire Station-5 to Fountaingrove Parkway, which is within a significant Wildland Urban Interface fire zone within the City. Mark also oversaw the implementation of a residential sprinkler ordinance as well as major improvements in public safety communications ensuring that all police and fire communications functioned in all buildings, large and small. These efforts are first hand proof that Chief McCormick's top priority was always the safety of his community.

In addition to his work as a public servant, Mark is a former President of the Santa Rosa Firefighters, IAFF Local 1401 where he served on their Executive Board for eight years. In 2003, Mark was honored by labor and management as the Santa Rosa Firefighter of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, Mark McCormick has spent more than two decades serving his country and community. It is appropriate that we honor him today for his public service and to wish him well upon his retirement.

HONORING REV. EDWARD
MULRAINE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Houses of Worship in the United States have played a major role in our communities, offering solace, support, and sustenance, both physical and moral, to all. In Mount Vernon, the Unity Baptist Tabernacle, under the guidance of the Rev. Edward Mulraine fulfils all those roles, and today we are celebrating Rev. Mulraine's tenth Pastoral Anniversary in guiding the membership of his church.

Rev. Mulraine has accomplished much in that time to help his Church, his Ministry and his Community.

He established a Men's Fellowship Choir, a Prayer Ministry, a Senior Ministry, and the Gospel Pearls. He expanded the Church's Ministry through radio station WVOV and the Internet. He instituted Women as Deacons and Unity Baptist Tabernacle saw its first Women Deacons in 2011. Unity Tabernacle now teaches Weekly Bible Study and has a Drama Ministry and a Catering Ministry.

More pragmatically Rev. Mulraine raised the funds for a new computer center which now has 14 brand new computers, installed new air conditioning in the Dining Hall, painted the sanctuary and redid the Church roof, and is paying off the \$300,000 mortgage.

Beyond his church and ministry, Rev. Mulraine has aided his community by getting pedestrian crossing light on local streets, marching against violence, and protesting cuts to Day Care and Mount Vernon Hospital. He established the Annual Church Trip and Fellowship to South Carolina, started Home Coming after Summer Break, and fought for funds for the South Street Park.

Rev. Mulraine, and all of Mount Vernon, today celebrate his tenth anniversary as Minister of the Unity Baptist Tabernacle. I am proud to join in this celebration of a man who has made a great difference in his Church, his Ministry and his Community.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT NANCY
THURNAUER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Nancy Thurnauer who is set to retire from the Coventry Police Department at the end of December 2013. Affectionately known as Officer Nancy, she has spent the last thirty-two years serving the Town of Coventry.

Lieutenant Nancy Thurnauer began her career with the Coventry Police Department on September 14, 1981 as a dispatcher. She became a sworn officer in August 1985 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in February of 1998. She often worked with children, and spent a number of years teaching D.A.R.E. in the Coventry School system. Frequently praised for her compassion for others, Officer Nancy was beloved by many in Coventry. She received numerous commendations and heartfelt letters of gratitude from those she had helped.

In 2008, Lieutenant Thurnauer played a crucial role in negotiating the surrender and apprehension of an armed assailant who had just committed a murder and was holding a child, refusing to surrender. Her courage and skill earned her the Department's Police Service Cross.

I ask that my colleagues join with me in honoring the career of Lieutenant Nancy Thurnauer. I wish her the best of luck with all her future endeavors. I have no doubt that she will remain an active member of her community in Coventry.

ACADIANA HIGH SCHOOL
WRECKIN' RAMS CROWNED
STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Acadiana High School Wreckin' Rams football team for recently being crowned Class 5A state champions by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association on December 14, 2013, in New Orleans. This team put on a show for the ages as it amassed a state finals rushing record of 634 yards night en route to its 77-41 win over the Parkway High Panthers in the state championship game. The 77 points by the Rams was a Class 5A record, including 42 points in the first half.

The game was a shootout with teams trading possessions frequently. Acadiana High School attributed its success to the veer offense which combined a strong offensive line with a formidable ground game. Evidenced by the fact four of the team's running backs gained over 140 yards under the bright lights of the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, the offensive scheme was a success.

This was Acadiana High School's third state championship. I'd like to congratulate Coach Ted Davidson, finals' Most Outstanding Player Edward Cormier, and the entire Wreckin'

Rams team on their victory. This team made its community proud by the way it simply dominated its competition en route to becoming state champions.

I look forward to next year's football season and wish the Wreckin' Rams team good luck in defending its crown.

BARBARA SCRIPPS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Barbara Scripps for her outstanding service to our community.

In addition to running her own accounting firm in Evergreen for over twenty years, Barbara never hesitates to take the role of the leader on multiple non-profit boards, creating a trajectory to get things done. With her participation, community boards have undergone positive, significant financial changes and growth. As current president of the Evergreen Rotary Club she is helping to implement a fundraising strategy transition. She is a long-serving board member of both Evergreen Country Day School and Mt. Evans Hospice, and she saw the Center for Arts Evergreen through its creation of a visual arts center, and continues to serve on that board. The Colorado CPA Society recognized Barbara with an award as a "CPA Making A Difference", based on her strong support for her community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Barbara Scripps for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING SUSAN SOBEL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Susan Sobel, the District Manager of the Yonkers Field Office of the Social Security Administration is retiring after 35 years of service to the people on the New York area.

Susan began her career in November 1977 as a claims representative trainee in the Hunts Point Field Office and in 1982, she was promoted to operations supervisor in the East Bronx Field Office. In 1988, she participated in the New York Region Staff Development Program as a field services specialist in the New York Regional Office.

Over the years, Susan held positions of increasing responsibility, including social insurance program analyst in the New York Office of the Regional Commissioner and Assistant District manager in the Yonkers Field Office. In September 2002, she received a temporary promotion to District Manager of the White Plains office and, in June 2003, she was named District Manager of the Yonkers Field office.

Throughout her career, Susan received numerous awards, including a Commissioner's