

EMMA EAKER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emma Eaker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emma Eaker is an 11th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emma Eaker 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 Emma Eaker 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.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 114, I was unable to attend. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

## HONORING LES HARDESTY

**HON. CORY GARDNER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Les Hardesty. Mr. Hardesty, a native of Colorado and leader in the dairy industry, has been a true visionary and unrivaled advocate for the local, Colorado, and national dairy industry.

After Mr. Hardesty graduated from Colorado State University, he and his wife started Painted Prairie Dairy. He and his family were involved in that undertaking for thirty years. It was during that time that he and his family saw the need to educate people about the dairy industry. He built an education facility, the Cozy Cow Dairy in Windsor, Colorado, and used it as a showcase farm. The Cozy Cow dairy featured a visible milking parlor and provided an up-close experience for tens of thousands of visitors. Many families have been able to see the true face of the dairy industry because of Mr. Hardesty's efforts. Even though he was busy running the dairies, Mr. Hardesty still found time to become involved in dairy organizations and became a respected leader in many of them.

His expertise in global dairy marketing and his understanding of the national dairy pricing system earned him a solid reputation among producers. His specialized experiences in dairy farm business, exports, global dairy

issues, dairy production, dairy processing, as well as pricing issues and marketing techniques, made him a tremendous asset to our nation's dairy farms.

Mr. Hardesty has been described as an open-minded man of great integrity with superior family values. He has given himself selflessly for the betterment of the dairy industry and agriculture in general. I am honored to recognize him today.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 6, 2014 I was inadvertently detained on rollcall votes 101, 106, 109, and 113. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted "yes" on each. In addition, I was inadvertently detained on rollcall votes 102, 103, 104, 105, 110, 111, and 114. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted "no" on each.

## GAVIN DAWSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gavin Dawson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Gavin Dawson is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Gavin Dawson 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 Gavin Dawson 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 his future accomplishments.

IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN  
ANNUAL CELEBRATION**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the hard-working women leaders who, throughout the years, have made instrumental contributions to the district I so humbly represent and to our entire South Florida community, in fact.

On March 13th, the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, and the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department will

be hosting the "In the Company of Women Awards" in celebration of Women's History Month. This annual ceremony honors some of the exceptional women in our community in fields like arts, communications, government, and athletics.

The honorees during this year's event will be: Valerie Riles, Wendy Kallergis, Jacqueline Menendez, Judy Brown, Honorable Migna Sanchez-Llorens, Alyce Robertson, Nilda Peragallo Montano, Marie-Elsie Dowell, and Angela Smith.

In addition, Linda Robinson, the former Vice-Mayor of Palmetto Bay, a village I represent, will receive the Mayor's Pioneer Award.

Constable Thelma Hardison will be bestowed with the Posthumous Award, and Marcia Fernandez-Morin will be presented with the Community Spirit Award.

These 12 honorees will join the ranks of many outstanding women, including my late mother, Amanda Ros who was honored during the third annual "In the Company of Women" celebration.

As a fellow recipient of this award also, I am pleased that the great passion and dedication of these women leaders will be recognized, and it will inspire them to do even better work.

Their many accomplishments are an example of what women everywhere can strive to attain.

Congratulations to each award winner.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, on March 6, 2014, I missed the following votes due to previously-scheduled commitments in my congressional district. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 107—"yea"; rollcall No. 108—"nay"; rollcall No. 109—"yea"; rollcall No. 110—"nay"; rollcall No. 111—"nay"; rollcall No. 112—"nay"; rollcall No. 113—"yea"; rollcall No. 114—"yea."

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
HENRY DAYTON**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor the life of John Henry Dayton who passed away on February 9, 2014 surrounded by family.

John Henry Dayton was born in Turlock, California to Charles and Florence Dayton. He lived the epitome of a rural life, being raised on a 10-acre ranch in the Hughson, California with his siblings, Cheryl, Lonn, and Paul.

Mr. Dayton attended grammar and high school in Hughson. At Hughson High School, John enjoyed track, basketball, football, and playing the trombone in band. Mr. Dayton was well known for his kindness, humor and intelligence, earning him the "Wittiest Student Award" during his junior year and the "Biggest Cut-Up Award" his senior year.

John attended Oregon State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree at the School of Pharmacy in 1966. While at Oregon State, he married Beverly Jean (Wyatt) Tack from Portland, Oregon. Together, John and Beverly raised two children, Kristin and Mike.

After college, Mr. Dayton moved back to California and worked as a pharmacist in the Modesto area. In 1971, John and his business partner, Harold Copp opened Oakdale Village Pharmacy in the city's first shopping center. The independently owned and operated drug store thrived and competed with the larger retail chains. Eventually, John and Harold opened additional pharmacies in Escalon and Modesto.

Mr. Dayton was later remarried to Susan Thorpe in 1985. Together they raised two children, Kevin Cooper and Tasha Poslaniec of Modesto.

Throughout more than four decades of business in the Oakdale area, he earned a reputation as a knowledgeable, personable, easy-going, dependable, helpful and trustworthy pharmacist. John enjoyed every aspect of business and working with people.

In November 2012, John was diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer. At the time, he was in the midst of starting a new compounding pharmacy in Sonora and building a home on Horseshoe Road outside of Oakdale. He told his family that the new compounding pharmacy would provide him with the means to eventually re-open a pharmacy in downtown Oakdale, where he would once again enjoy the camaraderie of long-time patrons and employees.

Despite the grim prognosis and a marital separation, John remained optimistic, kind-hearted, and faithful. In sickness, his family rallied around him. His grace, courage and faith left an indelible mark on his loving family.

Mr. John Henry Dayton is survived by his mother, Mrs. Charles Dayton; daughter, Kristin (Debra Bringham) Dayton; son, Mike (Alanna) Dayton; sister, Cheryl (Jim) Harlan; and brothers, Lonn (Pam) Dayton, and Paul Dayton. John was grandfather to six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Dayton; and stepson, Kevin Cooper.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the life of Mr. John Henry Dayton and all of his excellent contributions to his family and community.

HELENA THOMA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Helina Thoma for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Helina Thoma is a 7th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Helina Thoma 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 edu-

cation and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Helina Thoma 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.

# RECOGNIZING THE INAUGURAL CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inaugural celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week. National Catholic Sisters Week is a worthy addition to National Women's History Month and will be recognized each year during the second week of March.

National Catholic Sisters Week is being launched by the Sisters of Saint Joseph at Saint Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The week is intended to recognize the many contributions made by Catholic sisters around the world, past and present, to support and advance children, education, health care and anti-poverty efforts.

In the 1800s, many Catholic nuns moved to the American West with the frontier, settling into dangerous territories to build hospitals and schools for immigrant communities. They provided aid during the Chicago fire, cared for orphans during the California Gold Rush and brought professional nursing skills to field hospitals during the Civil War.

In the 1900s, American nuns opened thousands more hospitals, built the Nation's largest private school system, and brought the Catholic Church into the Civil Rights movement with courage and vision.

The good works of our Catholic sisters continue to be a saving grace. Today they press the frontlines of social change, gathering in chapels, at kitchen tables and at the steps of cathedrals and capitols. They shelter homeless families, aid immigrants, tutor students, guide pregnant teens, launch nonprofits, care for the environment and fight human trafficking. Their blood, sweat and prayers are a powerful force providing peace, comfort and justice to so many throughout our Nation, and indeed the world.

I am grateful that the Sisters of Saint Joseph were part of my own education and mentorship as I pursued my higher education at Saint Catherine's. Their great generosity of spirit and wise leadership continue to help to guide my own commitment in Congress to excellence in education, protecting the environment and expanding health care access for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the very first of many National Catholic Sisters Weeks. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Catholic sisters who sustain our great Nation day in and day out.

HONORING MR. JOHN ADENT

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Adent who was recently inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. Mr. Adent was awarded the Rising Star in Agriculture award for 2014. He grew up on a fruit orchard and hog farm in southwestern Michigan. There, he developed a love for agriculture. He graduated from DePaul University with a double major in Economics and Chinese.

After graduation, Mr. Adent joined Ralston Purina management training program and was given the opportunity to spend time in Canada, Korea, and Taiwan. That training eventually paid off, as he was named Director of Business Development of several international markets, including China and the Philippines. He was promoted to vice president of operations for Europe in 1998. He eventually became the Managing Director for Agribands Europe Hungary, the number one executive position in the company's fastest growing region.

John then made a change and joined the team at Lextron, Inc., a Colorado-based company. Lextron, now Animal Health International, has grown under his leadership by leaps and bounds. His vision and direction along with his strategic planning has grown the company to over 150 employees in Colorado and over 1400 across the United States and Canada. In 2012, Mr. Adent served as the chairman of the National FFA Foundation Sponsors Board. He is currently working with a team to expand the number of secondary agriculture education programs in Larimer County, Colorado.

His leadership of one of North America's premier companies based in Colorado, his strong support for youth, and his passion for agriculture make Mr. Adent a rising star in Colorado agriculture. I am honored to recognize him today.

HONORING WILLIAM RICHARD (DICK) COOLEY

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last month, Portland lost an extraordinary citizen with the passing of William Richard (Dick) Cooley. It was my honor to know and work with Dick Cooley for most of our professional lives. My friend was first and foremost a planner. It ran in his blood, he came by it honestly.

His father, Bill Cooley, was a big picture guy, a successful developer who served on the Multnomah County planning commission and was someone who was extraordinarily helpful to me when I was a new county commissioner. He had great depth of understanding about what was then Oregon's second largest city: unincorporated mid-Multnomah County. Bill Cooley played a significant role as a developer in an area where homes spring up rapidly, but he didn't just help build