

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ZEIDERS ENTERPRISES ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many contributions of Zeiders Enterprises in communities here and across the Nation since its founding 30 years ago in Prince William County, VA.

The more than 1,000 staff members of Zeiders Enterprises serve in crucial roles as clinical counselors, victim advocates, new parent support specialists, personal financial counselors, transition specialists, spouse education and career counselors, and relocation specialists. Through these activities, Zeiders Enterprises has made a direct, positive difference in the lives of individuals, families, their communities, and the organizations in which they serve. Particularly noteworthy is the role that Zeiders plays in supporting the special needs of military servicemembers and their families. Zeiders Enterprises is a founding sponsor of The Quality of Life Foundation, whose mission is to honor and serve our severely injured combat servicemembers and their families by helping them face the life-changing challenges unique to their situations.

Employees at Zeiders contribute outside the workplace through extensive volunteer service. They support the American Red Cross, Peace Corps, local schools, youth development programs, mentoring programs, victim advocate programs, youth sports programs, community orchestras, volunteer fire and rescue departments, and the National Guard and Reserve. Leading by example and helping to create a culture of public service is Mr. Michael Zeiders, CEO and founder. Mr. Zeiders has supported families of wounded warriors nationwide through the Quality of Life Foundation, served on the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, and is working with the City of Virginia Beach to develop the American Dream Theater to foster emerging artists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join with me to congratulate Zeiders Enterprises on its 30th anniversary and to pay tribute to the significant contributions its employees have made in improving our communities and the lives of our brave men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

HONORING CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER MERCER, USN

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Captain Christopher Mer-

cer, USN, for his incredible courage and bravery on September 16, 2013 during the Navy Yard Shooting.

Captain Mercer served admirably, as he both ensured the safety of himself and three others during the shooting, and helped the police in their efforts, all while trapped inside of his office in the Navy Yards Building 197. His incredible courage should not be left in vain.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Captain Christopher Mercer, USN, for his distinguished acts of courage during the Navy Yard Shooting on September 16, 2013. Captain Mercer is a hero for his acts on that day, and should be recognized for his remarkable bravery.

CONGRATULATING THE MOTHER MCAULEY LIBERAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL TEAM ON THEIR REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL VICTORY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School Science Bowl Team on their Regional Science Bowl win on February 22, 2014. This victory advances the school to the National Science Bowl Championship held in Washington D.C. I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication the team members have put in to advance their knowledge of science and would like to congratulate them on this tremendous accomplishment.

The Department of Energy created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and to pursue careers in these fields. More than 225,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl through its 23-year history. It is one of the nation's largest science competitions.

The Regional Science Bowl Competition held at Evanston High School brought both middle school and high school science bowl teams together to compete by answering questions in a round robin format covering a range of science topics including biology, physics, math, astronomy, earth science, and computer science. The Mother McAuley team could not be beat that day and won a paid trip to Washington D.C. for Nationals, where they will compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format solving technical problems and answering questions on a range of science topics.

The winning Mother McAuley Science Bowl team is the only one from Illinois to advance to Nationals. This winning team is comprised of 8 students, Seniors Tiffany Anderson, Siobhan Bennett, Rayn Davis, Montana Ford, and Diana Sanchez, and Juniors Sarah Dynia, Juliana Magnan, and Jessica Marchetti.

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School is a Catholic educational community sponsored

by the Sisters of Mercy and is committed to providing a quality secondary education for young women. The school opened in 1956 and is located in the Third Congressional District on the Southwest Side of Chicago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mother McAuley Science Bowl Team on their remarkable achievement and I wish them the best at Nationals.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the robust U.S.-Taiwan relationship and mark the 35th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, TRA, of 1979.

The TRA set in motion a bond between the people of the United States and Taiwan that continues today. It is more critical now than ever before that we understand the value of that bond and work to promote it at every opportunity. Members of Congress who have been here long enough to see the benefits of the TRA in action know that it is an integral part of sustaining the mutual security and commercial interests of our two governments.

Our commitment to Taiwan has remained steady in times of amity and times of crisis. In July 1995, when Beijing conducted a series of missile tests in the Taiwan Strait in a brazen attempt to intimidate the Taiwanese people, the U.S. deployed the largest military fleet in Asia since the Vietnam War. Thankfully, disaster was averted. Today, an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence is maintained across the Taiwan Strait. But our nation's choices during that tense period were a potent symbol of our steadfast support of Taiwan.

The United States recognizes Taiwan's unflinching determination to promote a free and fair democratic society. We, as a nation, have supported their efforts over the last three and a half decades by providing military assistance and fostering commercial exchange. Today, Taiwan is a close ally and collaborator in global efforts to combat terrorism. Recently, Taiwan was invited for the first time to attend the 38th assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO, as a special guest of Council President Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez. Through their active engagement with ICAO, Taiwan provides a multiplier effect to our own efforts to ensure safe and secure air travel and protect air passengers from the threat of hijackings and terrorist attacks. Such collaboration among partners would not have been possible without the TRA.

Today, 35 years after the passage of the TRA and nearly two decades since the Taiwan Strait Crisis, I would like to reassert our nation's role in maintaining peace and stability abroad. Our ongoing engagement with Taiwan and preservation of the TRA demonstrates our

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commitment to all of our allies in the Asia-Pacific region.

While we recognize the TRA, it is also important that we recognize the departure of Ambassador King Pu-tung who has fostered the U.S.-Taiwan relationship for the last 18 months as their chief envoy to the United States. Ambassador King will soon return to Taiwan to serve as Secretary-General. Under the guidance of Ambassador King, the U.S. and Taiwan have enjoyed a very successful era. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Ambassador King and look forward to working with his successor in the future as we continue to strengthen our unique relationship.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF KIDSFIRST

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th Anniversary of KidsFirst, an organization located in Roseville, California, dedicated to ending child abuse and neglect through prevention.

Since 1989, KidsFirst has provided services to parents and children with difficult life circumstances across the Sierra-Sacramento region. In last year alone, KidsFirst served nearly 6,000 children, teens, and adults through direct programs such as counseling, healing therapy, free education programs, and community outreach.

Their commitment and vision has served to strengthen and empower families and communities to provide an ideal environment for children to thrive and experience the benefit of happy, health, and safe childhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I commend KidsFirst for their exceptional work throughout Northern California and join them in the recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month during the month of April.

MANUEL FLORES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Manuel Flores 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 Manuel Flores 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.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANNE TIDWELL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, one of the great pleasures that I have had as an elected official has been getting to know families like that of Mr. & Mrs. Tidwell, whom I met doing what is called community organizing. Mrs. Annie Tidwell was blessed to possess one of God's greatest gifts, the ability to cook. She of course was an avid churchgoer, a wonderfully engaged Christian and churchgoer, one who looked after her husband and family, and their home was always open for civic and community activities.

Some of my best block club remembrances took place in the Tidwell home because everybody in the neighborhood knew that if you were at the Tidwells' there would be a great environment and some of the best food on this side of heaven.

The Tidwell family is a prime example of what has been the underpinning of Black development in this country, making use of whatever skills, talents, training and hard work they could produce. For many years Mr. Tidwell was my plumber and together, the two of them were stalwarts in the Austin Community and great friends to everyone. It seems as though the poet Sam Walter Foss must have had them in mind when he wrote, the House by the side of the Road.

THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze the paths
Where highways never ran—
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are
bad,

As good and as bad as I.

I would not sit in the scorner's seat
Nor hurl the cynic's ban—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles and
tears,

Both parts of an infinite plan—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows
ahead,

And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long
afternoon

And stretches away to the night.
And still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the
road,

Where the race of men go by—
They are good, they are bad, they are weak,
they are strong,
Wise, foolish—so am I.

Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?

Let me live in my house by the side of the
road

And be a friend to man.

A COMMEMORATION OF NIKA
FLEISSIG

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the life and work of Nika Fleissig. As a young woman, Ms. Fleissig lost her entire family during the Holocaust in Poland, but she survived to tell a heroic and inspiring story.

Ms. Fleissig was born Bronislawa Felicia Kohn in 1920 and was raised by her loving family in Krakow, Poland, until Nazi anti-Jewish laws caused her father to lose his business and forced the family to move from their home. By 1942, both of Ms. Fleissig's parents and her younger brother had been killed by the Nazis. She was left completely alone. Through the goodwill of virtuous and brave friends, and with her own talent for languages, she survived on her own.

After surviving the bombing of Warsaw and near-starvation living in bombed-out buildings, Ms. Fleissig was eventually captured and incarcerated in a prisoner of war camp in Oberlangen, Germany. Throughout 1944 and 1945, Ms. Fleissig survived unthinkable hunger, abuse and deprivation until April 12, 1945, when she was freed from the concentration camp by Polish and Canadian forces.

Ms. Fleissig immediately began working with Allied forces to assist refugees and other victims of the war. As a speaker of English, French, German and Polish, Ms. Fleissig was an unrivaled contributor to this cause. Ms. Fleissig first served the British military by accompanying officers to displaced persons camps to help people rebuild their lives. She then assisted the American Army in a similar capacity. Ms. Fleissig was given an American uniform and the rank of Lieutenant.

On February 14, 1946—Valentine's Day—Ms. Fleissig arrived in New York City and for the first time saw the Statue of Liberty and America. Her new life in her new country had begun.

NEVADA'S BATTLE BORN HISTORY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, every year on March 21st we take a moment to celebrate Nevada's conception and our unique, Battle Born history. From Reno to Las Vegas, from the mountains to the desert, from the sage grouse to the neon lights, 'Home Means Nevada.'

One hundred and fifty years ago, the country was in the middle of the bloodiest war in our history, President Lincoln's re-election was in jeopardy, and the proposed 13th amendment, which would end slavery, lacked the necessary votes to pass.

With little time left in the thirty-eighth Congress, the outlook was bleak; but the Republican-dominated Nevada Territory offered an

opportunity to secure the necessary votes to pass the 13th Amendment and ensure the reelection of President Lincoln.

Anxious to gain the support of the Nevada Territory before the end of the session, Congress rushed to pass an enabling act for Nevada statehood through the legislature. On March 21, 1864, President Lincoln signed the bill to pave the way for Nevada's admission to the Union.

This unique history proves that though Nevadans rarely do things by the book, we always endure. We may be down, but we are never out. Over the past decade we have seen Nevada hit hard by the housing crisis; unemployment soared; and our economy suffered worse than most during the Great Recession. But we are coming back. New businesses are relocating to the state; gaming revenues are up; and we've been chosen as a site for the exciting new FAA Federal UAV testing program. I have no doubt that we will come back stronger than ever, because we are Battle Born.

KRITI DHUNGEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kriti Dhungel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kriti Dhungel is a 12th 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 Kriti Dhungel 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 Kriti Dhungel 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. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of March 3, 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:“

Rollcall No. 91: H.R. 3370, “yea”; rollcall No. 92: H. Res. 488, “yea”; rollcall No. 93: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4118 and H.R. 3826, “nay”; rollcall No. 94: H. Res. 497, “no”; rollcall No. 95: H.R. 938, “yea”; rollcall No. 96: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 4118, “yea”; rollcall No. 97: H.R. 4118, “nay”; rollcall No. 98: H.R. 2126, “yea”; rollcall No. 99: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for

consideration of H.R. 2641 and H.R. 2824, “nay”; rollcall No. 100: H. Res. 501, “nay”; rollcall No. 101: Smith (TX)/Schweikert Amendment, “no”; rollcall No. 102: Capps/McNerney Amendment, “aye.”

Rollcall No. 103: Schakowsky/Lowenthal Amendment “aye”; rollcall No. 104: Waxman Amendment, “aye”; rollcall No. 105: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 3826, “yea”; rollcall No. 106: Final Passage of H.R. 3826, “no”; rollcall No. 107: Motion to Table the Fudge Privileged Resolution, “nay”; rollcall No. 108: Jackson-Lee Amendment, “aye”; rollcall No. 109: McKinley Amendment, “no”; rollcall No. 110: Nadler Amendment, “aye”; rollcall No. 111: Johnson Amendment, “aye”; rollcall No. 112: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 2641, “aye”; rollcall No. 113: H.R. 2641, “no”; rollcall No. 114: H.R. 4152, “yea.”

HONORING SHARON JONES

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Jones, who has been a valuable asset to Cape Girardeau County for over 28 years through her work with the Cape Girardeau County Sheriffs Office in the Communications Division. Sharon has shown her dedication and commitment to her profession by attending many hours of training on Missouri laws, supervisory training, 9–1–1 communications training and countless hours of continuing education. Sharon worked as a supervisor of the 9–1–1 emergency communications call center, answering emergency calls, as well as serving as the TAC officer for Cape Girardeau County Sheriffs Office for many years. Sharon personally implemented a number of important programs for the community, such as the Sex Offender Registration for Cape Girardeau County and the Carry Conceal Weapon program.

During her years of service, Sharon oversaw and maintained high standards for the 9–1–1 communications division for the protection of our officers and our citizens. Her community recognized her in 2001 with the Timothy J. Ruopp Award. Her dedication in serving Cape Girardeau helped countless residents, and it is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the 2014 Florida Strawberry Festival, which was held from February 27 through March 9, 2014 in the Winter Strawberry Capital of the World—Plant City, Florida. This event, which began in 1930, recognizes and celebrates the historical legacy of the Florida strawberry, and its importance to Hillsborough County.

Hillsborough County produces about 15 percent of our nation's strawberries annually—

with virtually all grown during the winter months. More than 10,000 acres of strawberries are grown in Hillsborough County, and 50,000 American jobs are impacted directly by the local strawberry industry. In total, this industry has an economic impact on our community exceeding \$700 million per year.

With attendance at the annual Florida Strawberry Festival regularly topping half a million attendees, this is one of the premiere festivals in the country, and I am proud to recognize its success.

LOVIE SCHMITTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Lovie Schmitter 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 Lovie Schmitter 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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE GROUNDS OF THE U.S. CAPITOL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce a bill to permit commercial filming and photography on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. Currently, such filming and photography is only authorized on Union Square. The bill would permit commercial photography and filming outside of the Capitol and congressional office buildings by permit. In today's world, where many societies are facing upheavals, our country, with an exemplary model of democracy, should be the first to encourage commercial photography and filming to record various scenes of the legislature, which symbolizes U.S. democracy at work. The time is overdue to allow to commercial filming and photography of the exterior of the historic 19th century Capitol building. There is no good reason filming should be confined to Union Square. Specifically, my bill gives the Capitol Police the discretion, depending on the circumstances in and around the Capitol, to issue a permit authorizing commercial filming activity on any parcel of Federal property under the control of the Capitol Police with

views of the Capitol and congressional office buildings, under the same conditions as those in Union Square. Such areas might include Independence Avenue on the House side, and Constitution Avenue on the Senate side.

No policy or security reason exists to justify the limit of commercial filming and photography of the Capitol complex to only one location, Union Square, particularly considering that permits are necessary. The blanket selection of only one location for such filming raises serious First Amendment issues. People are regularly seen on East Capitol Street (east of 2nd street), where they get a full view of the Capitol building taking pictures, demonstrating how arbitrary it is to limit commercial filming to Union Square.

My bill would allow commercial filming and photography from areas with views of the Capitol and congressional buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Capitol Police, in addition to Union Square, which is located directly west of the Capitol. In addition, the Capitol Police would have the authority to charge a fee to cover any costs incurred by the Architect of the Capitol as a result of the issuance of the permit, to be deposited into the Capitol Trust Account. The Capitol Trust Account was established to accept proceeds from any fees collected for commercial filming permits for Union Square. Amounts in the Capitol Trust Account would be available without fiscal year limitation for such maintenance, improvements, and projects with respect to the Capitol grounds as the Architect of the Capitol considers appropriate, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Vistas of the U.S. Capitol are among America's most iconic. Limiting commercial filming and photography of the Capitol, an important vehicle for telling the nation's story, does not serve the American people. Indeed, most of the world's people know our country and revere our system of government largely through commercial photography and films of the Capitol, which symbolizes our democracy at work. Commercial films and photographs of the Capitol, the seat of our democracy, are perhaps the best modern vehicles for telling the nation's story and showcasing its democratic system of government. My bill would enable appropriate, permitted commercial filming and photography of the Capitol, and would create economic benefits for the nation, the city, and private business.

I urge support of this bill.

EVERY WORLD PROBLEM DOES
NOT HAVE AN AMERICAN SOLUTION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, President Kennedy, in a 1961 speech at the University of Washington, said:

... We must face the fact that the United States is neither omnipotent or omniscient—that we are only six percent of the world's population—that we cannot impose our own will upon the other 94 percent of mankind—that we cannot right every wrong or reverse each adversity—and that therefore there cannot be an American solution to every world problem.

Today we are less than four percent of the world's population and we are over 17.5 trillion dollars in debt.

Many people are trying to prove that they are great world statesmen and are supporting policies that will commit us to spend billions we do not have on Ukraine.

I wish everyone would read a recent book called *Ike's Bluff* by Evan Thomas. This book is about the foreign policy of President Eisenhower and explains that he stayed out of many situations that were worse than what is going on in Ukraine, because he did not have to prove that he was a great military leader or world statesman.

We should have trade and tourism, and cultural and educational exchanges with other countries, and help to a limited extent during humanitarian crisis.

But we cannot be the policemen of the world. The Ukrainians are going to have to solve their own problems, and we need to start taking better care of our own Country and our own people.

HONORING GLORIA CRUZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the contributions and efforts of Ms. Gloria Cruz, a resident of the Bronx and an advocate for reducing gun violence by enacting sensible gun safety laws. Since 2005, she has served as the Bronx President of the Million Mom March, and she has been tireless in her advocacy for the children, and all residents, of the Bronx. After 9 years of incredible effort, she will be stepping back from her volunteer duties.

Ms. Cruz's forceful advocacy over the years has been in honor of her niece, who sadly, was a victim of gun violence. Naiesha Pearson was killed in the Bronx at the age of 10 by a stray bullet—her life cut short in an instant by a senseless act of violence. This tragedy shocked everyone in our community, but for Gloria, it was a call to action.

Since that time, she has been a leading voice in our borough and state for stronger gun laws. Ms. Cruz established Bronx chapter for New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, and organized an annual Bronx Million Mom March. She has tirelessly worked to get illegal guns off our streets, to increase background checks, and to create safe neighborhoods for our children. She has comforted the families of other victims of gun violence, and stood by law enforcement in their efforts to reduce gun crimes. The breadth and depth of her advocacy work has been truly amazing.

Last year, I had the honor to invite Ms. Cruz as my guest to the President's State of the Union address. During the speech, the President eloquently and passionately outlined the need for common sense improvements to our nation's gun control laws. For many years, Gloria Cruz has brought that same message to both the Bronx and to New York City.

Mr. Speaker, through her work, Ms. Cruz has been an inspiration and mentor to many, and a comfort to those who have lost loved ones as a result of gun violence. She has truly honored Naiesha's memory in all of her work.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Gloria Cruz for all that she has done to help make the Bronx a safer place for our children.

KAYLEE BOREN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kaylee Boren for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kaylee Boren is a 10th 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 Kaylee Boren 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 Kaylee Boren 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 THE VILLAGE
OF SCHILLER PARK ON THEIR
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Village of Schiller Park, Illinois, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

The village just outside the City of Chicago incorporated in 1914 as Kolze was later named Schiller Park in 1926. Although several areas were annexed into the village during the 1920s and 1930s, few homes were built. In 1932, Julia Kolze, daughter-in-law of the founder, became the first woman village president or mayor in Illinois. Her avowed strategy was to employ kitchen table economics, running government on a budget the way she ran her household.

Today, Schiller Park is home to over 11,000 residents, hundreds of businesses, numerous schools and religious institutes, and a variety of parks and recreational facilities. They strive for that small town feeling while located in a great metropolitan area which is incorporated in their motto: "Small town feel with a world at its touch."

The Village of Schiller Park is a prime example of what any community should be. They provide services to residents of all ages. For the past six years, Schiller Park has hosted "Make a Difference Day," an initiative to engage members of the community in acts of kindness to benefit seniors and disabled residents of the village. These projects include leaf raking, yard cleaning, or running simple errands for their elderly and disabled neighbors. Schiller Park also hosts a wide range of events such as Family Fun Day, car shows,

village garage sales, blood drives, canned food drives, concerts in the park, and farmers markets.

I am proud to represent the Village of Schiller Park as it prospers today under the leadership of Mayor Barbara Piltaver.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the residents of the Village of Schiller Park on their 100th Anniversary. I am truly honored to have such an outstanding village in my district.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AND REPRESENTATIVE KING PU-TSUNG

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, close cooperation between Taiwan and the United States has been of critical importance since the Taiwan Relations Act was signed on April 10, 1979—35 years ago next month. With the TRA, the United States has been able to forge a strong and mutually beneficial economic, cultural, and security relationship with Taiwan while ensuring peace in the Taiwan Strait.

Taiwan remains a true friend of the United States and a partner in democracy, trade, and human rights. This anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on this successful partnership and to further strengthen the ties between our two governments.

Since the TRA was signed in 1979, Taiwan has grown into a bustling free-market economy and vital trading and investment partner to the United States. But our work is far from over. On the 35th anniversary of the TRA, I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring the deep partnership and friendship between Taiwan and the United States.

It is in this spirit that we should recognize the departure of Representative King Pu-tsung who has fostered greater ties between the U.S. and Taiwan for the last 18 months as Taiwan's chief envoy to the United States. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Representative King and wish him all the best as he returns to Taiwan. I also look forward to working with his successor to continue to strengthen our unique relationship with Taiwan.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAPLEWOOD NORTH LIONS CLUB

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the members of the Maplewood North Lions Club, past and present, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Since it was founded and chartered on March 23, 1964 in Maplewood, Minnesota, members have focused on serving individuals and organizations throughout the Maplewood community and beyond.

Within seven years after the Village of Maplewood was incorporated, the Maplewood

North Lions Club was chartered by dedicated members, including Lion Dick Dean who remains a member today. The Lions and Lionesses originally met at Maplewood Bowl before constructing their own hall in Maplewood, which served as the location for meetings, fundraising events and community gatherings.

Both the Maplewood North Lions and Lionesses have established a legacy of service to local organizations throughout the community. Numerous local organizations have benefitted from the Maplewood North Lions Club's direct volunteer efforts as well as donations, including: schools, food shelves, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Special Olympics, Youth Service Bureau, Salvation Army, Union Gospel Mission, Ramsey County Care Center, Wakefield Park, and the East County Line Fire Department. The Maplewood North Lions Club may be best known for its commitment to the "gift of sight." The club has generously donated to the University of Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and currently provides thousands of pairs of eyeglasses each year to people in need around the world.

Mr. Speaker, the valuable contributions of time, talents and generous donations by members of the Maplewood North Lions Club made during the past five decades are commendable and deserve to be celebrated. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Maplewood North Lions Club, it is a privilege to submit this statement to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

KRISTINA RUSSO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Kristina Russo 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 Kristina Russo 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.

IN TRIBUTE TO FRED A. KAHN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements and remarkable life story of Fred A. Kahn. In addition to his 30 years of distinguished service as a federal employee, Mr. Kahn is cred-

ited for his role as an original architect of the modern American Presidential debate and for his work to promote tolerance and understanding through Holocaust education.

Mr. Kahn was born to Jewish parents in Wiesbaden, Germany on December 19, 1932. In January 1933, when Hitler rose to power as Chancellor of Germany, Mr. Kahn's parents fled to Belgium, leaving their infant son behind in Germany in the care of his Uncle Siegfried and Aunt Rosa. On October 1, 1938, six weeks before the terror of Kristallnacht, Siegfried and Rosa arranged for six-year-old Fred's dramatic escape and successful reunification with his parents on the German-Belgian border. Following the occupation of Belgium by the Germans in May 1940, the family went into hiding until Belgium's liberation in September 1944. Sadly, Siegfried and Rosa were both murdered by the Nazis.

Mr. Kahn immigrated to the United States when he was 19, settled in Baltimore, Maryland, and was inducted into the U.S. Army on March 17, 1953. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen on November 24, 1953 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division. After basic training, he was assigned to the 525th Military Intelligence Service where he worked as an intelligence analyst. In March 1954, he returned to Germany, this time as an American soldier.

After his honorable discharge from the Army in 1955, Mr. Kahn enrolled in the University of Maryland. Mr. Kahn devised an idea that would later become a revered tradition in American politics. In 1956, Mr. Kahn approached the University administration with a novel idea—a proposal for an on-campus Presidential debate. The Maryland Board of Regents rejected the proposal. However, former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt endorsed the idea. When Mr. Kahn attended the 1958 Brussels World's Fair as an employee of the U.S. Department of State, he met with Gov. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic Party's Presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956. Governor Stevenson endorsed the idea as well. In 1960 the League of Women Voters organized the first Presidential debate between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy.

After graduating from the University of Maryland, Mr. Kahn was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship to the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. He spent the next 30 years as a political economist for the U.S. government and was instrumental in the creation of the Job Corps for the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity. He later finished his career as an economist for the U.S. Department of Labor. Mr. Kahn served on the Board of the National Council of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), the Board of Editors of the Public Administration Review, and the Board of Directors of the Society of Government Economists. He was awarded a Distinguished Career Service Award by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

After his 1992 retirement from federal service, Mr. Kahn continued to serve his community as a teacher of Holocaust history, promoting tolerance and understanding. In 2005 Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich appointed Mr. Kahn to his Task Force to Implement Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights and Tolerance Education. Today, he moderates an online Holocaust remembrance group of over 300 members worldwide and is an active member of the Maryland-Washington, D.C.

chapter of the World Federation of Child Survivors of the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life and achievements of Fred A. Kahn. Throughout his life, Mr. Kahn has worked tirelessly to make our world more tolerant and compassionate. He has made outstanding contributions to our government, our country, and our community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation for his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 120 regarding the "Conyers Amendment." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 121 regarding the "Nadler Amendment." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 122 regarding the "Jackson Lee Amendment." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 123 regarding the "Motion to Recommit H.R. 4138." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 124 regarding the "ENFORCE the Law Act of 2014." Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,501,576,037,738.02. We've added \$6,874,698,988,824.94 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

LILIANA MERAZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Liliana Meraz is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment 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 Liliana Meraz 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.

PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK AND THE NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY FOUNDATION

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, this week is Patient Safety Awareness Week, and today I'd like to recognize the National Patient Safety Foundation and the Organizations in my district that work to promote and improve patient safety.

In Arizona's District One, we have several facilities that are committed to patient safety, including Oro Valley Hospital, Flagstaff Medical Center, and Ventana Medical Systems.

Oro Valley Hospital has been nationally recognized for its efforts, which include daily safety huddles and employee empowerment. At Flagstaff Medical Center, their patient safety program also encourages employee collaboration.

My district is home to Ventana Medical Systems, a world leader in developing solutions for tissue-based diagnoses. Ventana has a new advisory board that brings together experts to review patient safety.

I applaud the National Patient Safety Foundation and the hospitals and companies in my district and nationwide who are leading the way to keep patient safety as a top priority.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to describe the unique opportunity for the United States to meet a number of national goals through the utilization of nuclear energy.

The nuclear industry has played an instrumental role in promoting economic growth and energy security in America. I have witnessed firsthand the benefits of nuclear energy back home in Western Pennsylvania, where the Westinghouse Electric Company employs thousands of hardworking Americans. Founded in 1886 by American entrepreneur and engineer Thomas Westinghouse, the company was initially known for helping to bring electricity to homes throughout our country. Today, nearly 50 percent of the nuclear power plants in operation worldwide, including nearly 60 percent in the United States, are based on Westinghouse technology.

These positive impacts on our domestic economy are only a part of nuclear energy's

overall benefits. The U.S. commercial nuclear energy sector yields enormous influence over global nonproliferation policy. The sector is also responsible for assuring international nuclear safety through the exportation of U.S. advanced reactor designs and America's operational expertise. Thus, by exporting U.S. nuclear technology, we ensure the highest levels of plant safety and influence over nonproliferation policies throughout the globe.

Mr. Speaker, a successful nuclear trade and export policy is paramount to international nuclear nonproliferation and power plant safety. I urge my colleagues to recognize the benefits of our nation's participation in the expanding global market for nuclear energy technologies.

NORTHERN IRELAND: INSUFFICIENT ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH THE PAST

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, I convened a hearing that inquired into the Northern Ireland peace process, particularly that aspect of it which is called "dealing with the past."

Sadly, much of what we heard about amounts to failures to deal with the past, as in the rejection of the recent proposal made by Dr. Richard Haass. Dr. Haass served as Chair of the Panel of Parties in the Northern Ireland Executive—that is, he was asked to assist in brokering an agreement to move the peace process forward. In that capacity Dr. Haass spent months consulting and formulating a proposal. In the end, the proposal was not accepted by all of the parties, though it clarified where progress can be made and where sticking points remain.

One of the most important questions that Dr. Haass and the parties dealt with is what will be done with the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) and the Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland (PONI)—two key bodies established by the Good Friday agreement to investigate unsolved murders.

We discussed Dr. Haass' proposal to replace the HET and PONI with a Historical Investigations Unit and Baroness O'Loan's suggestion to replace them with a rather different Investigative Commission during the hearing. For now I want to underline this: both agree that the status quo way of dealing with Troubles crimes should be replaced. Likewise the parties in the Northern Ireland executive reportedly agreed with this aspect of Dr. Haass' proposal. So the agreement is broad on this point. It's time to move to a better system.

As Dr. Haass' proposal stated: "The multiplicity of institutions and vehicles for justice in respect of conflict-related incidents, however, creates confusion and places enormous burdens on the police. The HET, PONI, and inquests also suffer from the perception that they have proceeded too slowly."

The facts alone tell this story: of the more than 3,000 Troubles-related deaths that occurred between 1968 and 1998, the HET has yet to review some 600 cases, involving 800 deaths.

Dr. Haass' proposed Historical Investigations Unit has much to say for it—by establishing a single unit with full investigative

power it would eliminate the overlaps, contradictions, and waste of resources in the mandates of the HET and PONI.

Likewise the suggestion of Baroness O’Loan—who served very successfully as Police Ombudsman from 2000 to 2007—for an Investigative Commission that would be a “totally independent investigative fully empowered and fully resourced body with a remit to examine any Troubles related cases involving death up to 2006 . . .” Lady O’Loan’s proposal emphasizes the need for an unimpeachably independent agency in order to win the trust of both communities.

In any case Dr. Haass’ proposal remains extremely important on all points—those involved most closely in the peace process have expressed their confidence that it accurately reflects the current divisions and positions of the parties, and will likely serve as an important basis for future discussions.

We also heard about the Finucane case and the British Military Reaction Force. These aspects of ‘dealing with the past’ were not covered by Dr Haass’ proposal to the Northern Ireland political parties—because they deal with matters that are the responsibility of the British Government.

First, the British Government’s failure to conduct the promised inquiry into collusion in the 1989 murder of Patrick Finucane. The British Government has a solemn obligation to initiate the full, independent, public, judicial inquiry that was agreed as part of the overall peace settlement in Northern Ireland during the Weston Park negotiations in 2001. This obligation, which was undertaken by both governments as part of the Belfast Agreement—one of the outstanding diplomatic achievements of recent decades—was an extremely serious undertaking. In order for the peace process to move forward, the British Government must honor it.

While Prime Minister Cameron admitted to “shocking” levels of collusion between the state and loyalist paramilitaries in the murder of Patrick Finucane, and apologized to the Finucane family for it, this does not substitute for a full exposition of the facts behind the British State’s involvement in the murder. Rather the steady increase in the amount of evidence being revealed publicly that the British State colluded with the killers has made honoring that commitment more important than ever.

The British Government committed to implement the recommendation of a judge of international standing on six inquiry cases; in 2004, Judge Peter Cory recommended a public inquiry in the case of Patrick Finucane. To date, it remains the only case investigated where the recommendation has not been honored, a situation that is deeply unsatisfactory for many reasons but not least because it is evidently the one where the British Government is most culpable. Conversely, it is also the case in which—until the Prime Minister’s announcement in December 2012—there has been the greatest level of sustained official denial by various state agencies.

The many previous denials and time that has passed have drained public confidence in the peace process and diminished respect for the rule of law in Northern Ireland. It must be said that there are those who oppose the peace process and their opposition is dangerous. The failure to address the case of Patrick Finucane in the manner promised by the British Government provides a readily avail-

able propaganda tool for those who would abuse it to further their own ends. In our view, this represents yet another reason why the Finucane case is one of the most important unresolved issues in the peace process.

Second, there is the matter of killings committed by the British Army’s Military Reaction Force. From approximately 1971–1973 the British Army ran an undercover unit of approximately 40 soldiers, who operated out-of-uniform and in unmarked cars, mostly around Belfast.

On November 21, 2013, the BBC program Panorama aired a documentary in which former members of MRF broke silence on aspects of the unit’s operations, confirming what many had suspected for a long time. The BBC reported that, “we’ve investigated the unit and discovered evidence that this branch of the British states sometimes . . . shot unarmed civilians.”

The BBC spoke to seven former members of the MRF, and though the men were careful not to incriminate themselves or each other in specific killings, they made plain that, as *The Independent* fairly characterized the report, “The unit . . . would carry out drive-by shootings against unarmed people on the street without any independent evidence they were part of the IRA.”

As one of the former members admitted to the BBC, “We were not there to act like an army unit—we were there to act like a terror group.”

Now the onus is on the British Government to investigate and punish these crimes. The British Ministry of Defense has said that it has referred the matter to the police for investigation. Unfortunately, the BBC reported that “these soldiers were undercover, and what they did has been airbrushed from the official record.”

LUCERO RIVERA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Lucero Rivera 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 Lucero Rivera 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.

TRIBUTE TO “MAGGIE” SILVER

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Marjorie P. “Maggie” Silver Smith, a

female pioneer, entrepreneur and a legend in the American Rail Industry who passed away on March 9, 2014. I was privileged to work with Maggie and was honored to know her both as a good friend and strong advocate for our Nation’s railroads.

Maggie was a leader in the American rail business and a most respected member of various railroad infrastructure panels. She came from a railroad family, working with her father at Pinsky Railroad in 1965, and succeeded him as President in 1977 becoming Chairman of the Board in 2000. After her father’s death, she was advised to sell the company. However Maggie was determined to run Pinsky holdings because she understood and embraced the changes that were occurring in the railroad industry, especially under the Staggers Act.

Under her leadership, she grew the Pinsky Railroad companies to eight short line railroads and railroad distribution companies serving 200 customers. She was a member and officer on the Board of the American Short Line Railroad Association and also played a leadership role at the Massachusetts Railroad Association and the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association.

Maggie was recognized by all as a knowledgeable, vocal and effective spokesman for the rail industry. Her innovation and good business sense made her one of the most important and significant leaders in the short line industry. She was renowned for being tough but fair, thoughtful and forward thinking, continually encouraging women to enter and succeed in the railroad industry. Her wonderful wit, enthusiasm, energy and presence always had a positive impact, and she will be truly missed.

My deepest sympathy is extended to her husband, Robert; daughters, Anne, Leslie and Lindsey; and sons, John, Marc and James.

I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the distinguished life and service of Marjorie P. “Maggie” Silver Smith.

HONORING CLAN “BUD” PROFFER

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clan “Bud” Proffer who has been a valuable asset to Cape Girardeau County for over 32 years through his dedication and work with the Sheriff’s Office in the Patrol Division, as Captain of Field Operations. Bud has shown his commitment to law enforcement by attending many hours of training on Missouri laws, crime investigations, supervisory training, reporting crimes, and countless hours of continuing education. He was appointed to the Cape Girardeau/Bollinger County Major Case Squad in 1983. Bud has served the community and his fellow employees as the Captain of the Field Operations Division for over 27 years.

Bud has shown dedication and commitment to his profession by leading the Sheriff's Office in their endeavor to automate the operations of the Sheriff's Office by obtaining, installing and maintaining computer programs, software and equipment to keep the Sheriff's Office automated for over 25 years. Over the years, Bud has received numerous awards such as the Timothy J. Ruopp Award for Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer in 1987 and again in 2012.

It is with the utmost respect and deepest gratitude that I recognize and thank Bud Proffer for his many years of service to the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Office. I wish him health and happiness in his future endeavors and in his retirement. I am grateful that we have such caring members of the Cape Girardeau community; it is my pleasure to recognize his achievements before the House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE GIRL SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Girl Scouts of America as the organization celebrates its 102nd anniversary. More than 60 million Americans, and thousands of young women in my district, have been part of the premier leadership organization for girls.

The mission of the Girl Scouts has been to introduce girls to positive role models and experiences. Activities in science and technology, business and economic literacy, outdoor awareness and team building make them women of courage, confidence and character.

I applaud the Girl Scouts for more than a century of distinguished public service and the girls in my community for their achievements.

MAKENZIE MATTHEWS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Makenzie Matthews for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Makenzie Matthews is a 10th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Makenzie Matthews 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 Makenzie Matthews 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.

USS BATTLESHIP "TEXAS" CELEBRATES 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, fittingly titled after the Lone Star State, the USS *Texas* was the most powerful warship the world had seen. Commissioned on March 12, 1914, she participated in the most important battles of the first half of the Twentieth Century, spanning both World Wars and including the invasion of North Africa, Normandy, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the commissioning of this important Battleship named after our great state.

To commemorate her 100th anniversary, the Battleship *Texas* Foundation along with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are throwing a Texas-sized celebration for the Battleship on March 15, 2014 in La Porte at the San Jacinto Battleground Park. The all day festival will feature live music, food, fireworks, and activities for children as well as tours of the battleship. This month, don't pass up a great opportunity to go aboard and get a firsthand look of the last of the great Dreadnought battleships.

As a kid growing up in Spring Branch, I always looked forward to the long days of the hot Houston summers. Long days meant more time to play outside. I didn't know that summers in the other parts of the world were not steamy like here in Houston. (I now those from up north that Houston has two seasons: Summer and August.) Like most kids in the neighborhood, my sister and I played outdoors a good portion of the day and didn't come in til dark. We knew when the porch light came on, we had to be home within five minutes of seeing the "beacon" or there would be consequences. Occasionally, we got to take summer excursions with the family to the battlegrounds, the Monument and of course the Battleship *Texas*. That is where my love for the USS *Texas* began.

As kids, we thought it was "cool" that Texas had its own Battleship. We would pretend to shoot the guns on the ship, run through the countless corridors, nooks and crannies, climb the ladders as far as was allowed and reenact battles on the great battlegwagon. My best friend Pete Cliburn and I would climb from top to bottom of the "Mighty T," firing every gun and squeezing down every port hole along the way. We explored and climbed the ladders to the upper decks as high as we could go. When you reached the top of the ladder of the highest point, you better remember that the metal deck you were about to lay your forearms on was as hot as a cast iron skillet! But, as kids we couldn't care less; we were fighting on the greatest battleship to have ever sailed.

As I grew older, my fondness for the USS *Texas* remained, and I learned more about the amazing legacy of BB 35. Her most notable contributions came in WWII, firing at Nazi defenses during the D-Day invasion at Normandy. Called the "smartest man o'war afloat," the *Texas* was an integral part of many US victories.

As the flagship of the US fleet, the *Texas* was the first of her kind to mount anti-aircraft guns, to use the first commercial radar, to launch an aircraft and to lay claim to the First Marine Division in 1941. At the end of the

War, she made three trips bringing American servicemen home.

On April 21, 1948, the *Texas* was decommissioned and her place in history took root right here in our backyard. School children across Texas saved their nickels to help pay to dry dock the Battleship at the site of the Battlegrounds on the San Jacinto River. As a kid, it was obvious to me why General Sam routed Santa Anna—we had a battleship! It took me awhile to figure out that the Texas Revolution was in the 1800s, and the Battleship *Texas* was used in the 1900s. After all they retired her on San Jacinto Day. While that all made perfectly good sense back then, my love for Texas history in the years to come taught me that they were not one in the same, and General Sam's accomplishments became far more impressive.

Texas still has an "Honorary" Texas Navy. In the 1980s, the Governor of Texas appointed me as an Admiral in the Texas Navy. (Everyone in the Navy is an Admiral.) During my tenure as a judge, the "Mighty T" found its way back into my life, and the lives of offenders I ordered to be "enlisted" into the "Texas Navy." I ordered probationers who were skilled welders, painters, plumbers and electricians to help in the restoration efforts of the Battleship. As one of many creative sentences, this became another effective tool that both served the public and the probationer—a few even went on to be hired by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

During the '80s, the ship needed repairs so it could be taken to Galveston for refurbishing. Several groups helped with the entire operation spearheaded by the Texas Parks Service. The First Texas Volunteers provide major restoration projects and have kept this old ship alive for thousands of visitors each year. The volunteers are working extra hard to prepare the ship for her 100th birthday bash.

Today, the Battleship *Texas* serves as a museum and a reminder of wars long past. In 1948, she was designated a National Historic Landmark. The *Texas* has an onboard museum that details her efforts in our fight for freedom and a history of the sailors that called her their own. The San Jacinto State Historical Park is just a short drive—tour the ship, enjoy the festivities, and relive some history aboard the magnificent USS *Texas*. And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF INTEL
SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH FI-
NALISTS KATHY CAMENZIND,
ESHA MAITI, AND EMILY PANG

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize three finalists for the Intel Science Talent Search: Kathy Camenzind and Esha Maiti from California High School, and Emily Pang from Dougherty Valley High School, all from San Ramon, California in my congressional district.

These bright high school students are among the forty finalists selected from over 1,800 entrants in the Intel Science Talent Search, which is a competition that challenges students to tackle difficult scientific questions.

Entrants are judged on the originality and creativity of their science research projects.

I am inspired by the passion Kathy, Esha, and Emily have shown for their science projects, which highlight not only their intellect, but also their drive and determination to help solve today's most difficult problems. Kathy researched and build inexpensive optical tweezers using a low power laser and generic microscope; Esha developed a mathematical simulator to predict the distribution of secondary tumors in cancer patients; and Emily researched immune protein receptors critical to the growth and suppression of tumors for cancer therapies.

Kathy, Esha, and Emily's exceptional work show that we have the best and brightest among us in the East Bay.

Congratulations again to Kathy, Esha, and Emily. I hope you will continue your efforts, and I look forward to hearing about your future successes.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OF SARA SHAW

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Sara Shaw. Sara is a City Commissioner and the owner of a small flooring business in her hometown of Kissimmee, Florida. She is also a lifelong resident of Osceola County where she began volunteering in her youth with Civil Air Patrol specializing in search and rescue.

Sara Shaw currently serves as the Director of several boards: the Tr-County League of Cities, the Education Foundation, the Transition House, and ESAH 360. Her memberships include the Osceola County Bar Association, Tr-County League of Cities Legislative Advocacy Team, and Florida League of Cities Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Prior to being elected, Sara served as a volunteer board member for Kissimmee's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She is very proud of Kissimmee's state of the art Lakefront Park. Her volunteer activities include Kissimmee Relay for Life, Kissimmee 5K, and serving as a Guardian Ad Litem to protect the rights of foster children. She has advocated to change Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA) policies and to change the KUA Board of Directors appointment process.

Sara engages the community on a personal basis. She actively seeks out the concerns and opinions of the citizens and business owners and encourages everyone to get involved civically. She has even been known to help push a disabled vehicle out of the street or give rides to citizens in need.

Growing up in poverty, Sara feels that she must give back to the community that helped her so much. She is a hard worker and a fierce defender of those who cannot defend themselves. She tries to lead by example and serve her city, ever mindful of the Athenian Oath:

We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice; nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the

ranks, we will fight for the ideal and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus, in all these ways we will transmit this city not only, not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

I am happy to honor Sara Shaw, during Women's History Month, for her service to her hometown of Kissimmee, Florida.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF COMMISSIONER DAISY WILLIAMS LYNUM

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Commissioner Daisy Williams Lynum. Commissioner Lynum was elected to the Orlando City Council on April 14, 1998. Born and raised in Leesburg, Florida, Ms. Lynum earned an undergraduate degree in Sociology at Bethune-Cookman College and a graduate degree in clinical Social Work from Florida State University.

As a Rockefeller Foundation Scholar recipient, she completed her post-baccalaureate studies at Haverford and Bryn Mawr colleges in Pennsylvania. She then completed her teaching certification at the University of Central Florida. Following her election, Commissioner Lynum completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Executives at Harvard University in 2000. In 2005, Florida Metropolitan University awarded Commissioner Lynum an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Commissioner Lynum joined the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in 1966 and Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. in December 2008.

After more than 30 years of employment, Commissioner Lynum retired in 2002. She began her career as a fifth grade teacher then became a social worker and administrator for the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services and a Special Services Social Worker for Orange County Public Schools.

Commissioner Lynum's primary focus has been increasing quality of life through sustainable neighborhoods for residents in District 5 and the City of Orlando. Her community and civic involvement has included numerous organizations, boards, committees, and taskforces: Florida League of Cities Board of Directors; Board of Directors for the National League of Cities; Vice Chair BBIF Board of Directors; President of the National League of Cities Women In Municipal Government; President of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; President of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Foundation Board; President of the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; African American Women's Technology Caucus; Chairman of MetroPlan Orlando Transportation Board; Secretary of the Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance; Orange County Voter's League; Life Member of the NAACP; and Member of the Nemours Advisory Council.

For two years, Commissioner Lynum worked on constructing the Blueprint, adopted by Orlando City Council, which created over 1,000 jobs for the homeless, ex-felons and residents in the Parramore community. Commissioner Lynum also created the Orlando Medical Careers Partnership. The partnership takes a comprehensive approach to engage at-risk residents from elementary school

through adulthood, with a four-tier system focusing on breaking barriers, youth engagement, advancing adults, and careers in science and healthcare related fields. The program launched on September 6, 2013.

Commissioner Lynum has also represented Orlando and the U.S. in Japan, Africa, and China through her participation in business exchanges like the US-China Exchange Association's US Business Matchmaking Conference. In addition, she has visited many Caribbean and European countries as a visitor. She enjoys reading, traveling, and gardening and is a member of the New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando.

I am happy to honor Commissioner Daisy Lynum, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSEPHINE MERCADO

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Josephine Mercado. A native New Yorker, of Puerto Rican descent, she was raised in Spanish Harlem. After 18 years as a homemaker, she enrolled in college, as an urban legal scholar. Six years later, she graduated from law school, with a Juris Doctor. She practiced law for 17 years, devoting much of her time to Latino health issues, among other volunteer and community involvement.

Throughout her career, Josephine has formed and directed nonprofits which implement programs that have provided access to health care, education, and wellness services to tens of thousands of people, first in New York City and now in Central Florida.

Josephine is the Founder and Executive Director of Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc. (HHI), a private, non-profit, health education, prevention, and referral organization focused on chronic diseases impacting the medically underserved. HHI serves the communities of Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties.

Ms. Mercado was one of the first in her field to launch language-specific, culturally-competent health campaigns on early detection, preventive medicine, and screening. HHI's programs provide access (Abriendo Caminos) to existing health care services and medical "homes."

HHI's work includes: disproving myths preventing people from seeking care; reducing barriers and disparities; and enhancing health literacy among low-income, uninsured, and underserved populations.

Josephine is a staunch advocate of the community involvement. She is a member of a variety of entities serving the medically underserved in Central Florida, the state, and the nation. She has won local and national recognition for her innovative "Take It to the Community" health and wellness initiatives. These initiatives offer welcoming, informal settings for risk assessments, wellness, and prevention education.

Both Josephine and HHI have received numerous recognitions, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation "Community Health Leader" award, the FamiliesUSA "Consumer Health Advocate" award, and the Intercultural Cancer Council "National HOPE" award. Josephine has also been profiled many times, in both English and Spanish media, as HHI is considered the "Voice" of Hispanic health in Central Florida.

I am happy to honor Josephine Mercado, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the health and wellness of the community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE LINDA STEWART

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize State Representative Linda Stewart. Elected in 2012, Linda currently serves in the Florida House of Representatives representing District 47. She sits on the Regulatory Affairs Committee, Select Committee on Claims Bills, State Affairs Committee, Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, and Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee.

Prior to her election to the Florida Legislature, Linda served as Orange County Commissioner for District 4 from 2002 to 2010. Her other public service includes serving on the City of Orlando Parks Board, the Library Governance Board, and the Orange County Canvassing Board.

An active member of her community, Linda has served as Chairwoman and Member of Metroplan Orlando, Orange County Vice Mayor, a Member of the Saint Johns River Restoration Group, and Vice Chairman for Phase II Housing Component for Mentally Ill.

Linda is an advocate for women and for equality. She is a member of the Harvey Milk Foundation Advisory Board and the Rainbow Democrats. In 2010, Equality Florida honored her with the "Voice of Equality Award" and in 2004 she was Women's Executive Council's "Downtown Woman of the Year." She also received the "Commissioner Leadership Award" (FLERA) from the Sierra Club in 2011.

I am happy to honor State Representative Linda Stewart, during Women's History Month, for her leadership and service to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MARTHA OGDEN HAYNIE

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Martha Ogden Haynie, CPA. Haynie graduated with honors from the University of West Florida in 1973 with a degree in accounting. She worked at Walt Disney World, Ernst and Young (previously Ernst and Whinney), her own accounting practice, and the Florida Symphony Orchestra before being elected as the Orange County Comptroller in 1988.

In her capacity as Comptroller, Haynie made improving citizens' trust in local government her top priority. Using her experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors, she emphasized providing quality service and accountability. By presenting audit reports directly to citizens through public presentations and the media, Haynie emphasized her role as a watchdog and the value of her independence as an elected official who answers to the public, not to other County officers.

In 1992, Haynie undertook an initiative to gain authority to collect and audit Orange County's resort tax. Her proactive measure has since produced more than \$20 million in added revenues for the County. In 1996, Haynie's auditing authority was expanded by a Charter amendment, allowing her to audit other offices in the County in addition to the Board of County Commissioners and the Comptroller's Office.

The Florida Institute of CPAs named Haynie the 1998 Outstanding CPA in Government for her efforts to promote the CPA designation as the premier professional credential for govern-

ment accounting, auditing, and finance professionals.

Between 2007 and 2011, Haynie saved Orange County nearly \$77 million. She took action to prevent a \$57 million loss in county funds that were invested with the state investment pool, and saved \$20 million after identifying errors made in the state of Florida's Medicaid billing process.

Haynie is professionally affiliated with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Florida Court Clerks and Comptroller Association, Florida Executive Women, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, and the National Association of Local Government Auditors.

Always civically engaged, Haynie has been a board member to several community institutions such as the Women's Resource Center, Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando, Hamilton Holt School of Rollins College, the Mental Health Association of Central Florida, the Florida Symphony Orchestra, and WEEKENDS of Greater Orlando.

Haynie's public engagement helped facilitate the passage of the Orange County Domestic Partner Registry in 2012, earning her Equality Florida's "Voice for Equality" award. In addition, the Orlando Business Journal named Haynie the 2013 "Executive of the Year."

I am happy to honor Martha Haynie, during Women's History Month, for her service to Orange County and the Central Florida community.

KOHLTON PRIBBLE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Kohlton Pribble 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 Kohlton Pribble 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.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE 2014 REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL COMPETITION

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University Preparatory School

from Redding for winning first place in the 2014 Regional Science Bowl competition.

The National Science Bowl is an annual competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy that brings together some of the best and brightest students from across our country. Teams compete in a face-off competition featuring questions on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, energy, and math. The event, while very competitive, also promotes and encourages discovery, innovation, and teamwork and a commitment to bettering our Nation's future.

We are very proud of all the north State teams that competed against dozens of California high schools for a chance to represent California at the National Science Bowl. Their interest and diligent studies in math and science are a testament to the outstanding work from our students, educators, and parents across our region.

Best of luck to Joban, Christian, Leo, Logan, and Melia who will be traveling to Washington, DC, next month to compete against teams from across the country in the National Science Bowl. I know you will make us proud. Good luck.

HONORING RICK ALLEN JAUERT

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to honor the life of Ricky "Rick" Allen Jauert. Mr. Jauert passed away before his time at the age of 59 on June 2, 2013, after a brave battle with Multiple Systems Atrophy. Tuesday, March 18, 2014, would have been his 60th birthday.

Mr. Jauert was born on March 18, 1954, to Russell and Norma (Olson) Jauert in Luverne, Minnesota. The fourth of seven children, he was raised on a dairy farm outside of Luverne. He lost his father at age twelve. Mr. Jauert was active in 4-H and began his political career while still in high school. After graduating from Luverne High School in 1972, Mr. Jauert was a foreign exchange student in the Philippines. He returned and became the first person in his family to attend college.

While at the University of Minnesota-Morris, he served in a wide variety of leadership capacities including as resident assistant, dorm director and serving as Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee. He was a vociferous lobbyist for students' rights and student involvement in the decision making of the campus. He graduated with honors from the university in 1976. Soon after, Mr. Jauert moved to Washington, DC to intern in Rep. Rick Nolan's congressional office.

Over the next three decades, Mr. Jauert worked for ten members of Congress in various capacities including chief of staff, legislative director and communications director. He is part of an elite group of people to have worked in so many congressional offices and the only person from Minnesota to have done so. In addition to being a savvy political operative, Mr. Jauert was a great story teller. He always had a witty, wise, and anecdotal story to tell of his childhood or early years on the Hill.

Rick lived on Capitol Hill during his time in Washington, maintaining a three-story townhouse just blocks from the U.S. Capitol. Rick's

welcoming and generous spirit, as well as hundreds of pieces of political memorabilia, drew roommates ranging from members of Congress to college interns from Luverne and Morris, and everyone in between. Rick had no children, but referred to many of his renters as “his kids.”

I had the honor of working with Mr. Jauert for the last three years of his career. He served as my communications director, senior advisor and dear friend. Mr. Jauert practiced the idea that politics is about improving people’s lives—he would always go the extra mile to help someone. He ended every e-mail with this quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Not only will we have to repent for the sins of bad people; but we also will have to repent for the appalling silence of good people.” I have fond memories of Mr. Jauert pushing everyone around him to do whatever they could to make the world a better place, or to at least put a smile on someone’s face.

Mr. Jauert moved to back Luverne in 2012 after his diagnosis, but continued to be deeply involved with politics. He was proud to be able to travel to Washington one last time on January 3, 2013, for Rep. Nolan’s swearing in ceremony. We are all better off because of his life of service. Mr. Jauert, thank you for your service and the wonderful legacy you left for us to continue fulfilling.

RECOGNIZING THE NOMINEES FOR THE AGNES MEYER OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award for Prince William County Public Schools.

The Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award program was established by The Washington Post to “recognize excellence in teaching, to encourage creative and quality instruction, and to contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area.”

The annual recipients include one representative from each of the nineteen metropolitan public school systems and a single representative from the area private schools. The winner selected from Prince William County Public Schools will also be named the Prince William County Teacher of the Year. Teachers who meet the criteria for the award are those who instill in students a desire to learn and achieve, understand the individual needs of students, and demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter and have the ability to share it effectively with students.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the 2013–2014 Prince William County nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award:

Peter Alouise—Battlefield High School, Barbara Babauta—Graham Park Middle School, Kimberly Black—Henderson Elementary School, Janine Byers—Patriot High School, Matthew Carbo—Brentsville District High School, Carlos Castro—Woodbridge High

School, Dina DaSilva—Stonewall Jackson High School, Robert Donaldson—Stonewall Jackson High School, Frank Dunn—Potomac High School, Gerald Fowkes—Gar-Field High School, Frances Gabor—New Dominion Alternative Center, Sara Gill—Osborn Park High School, Scott Howard—Hylton High School, Lynn Maletick—Bristow Run Elementary School.

Ashley Meyer—King Elementary School, Jeanine Mitchell—Buckland Mills Elementary School, Donna Notarantonio—Pennington Traditional School, Matthew Piette—Ronald Wilson Reagan Middle School, Kristen Putman—T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Jennifer Ramsey—T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Ramona Richardson—Coles Elementary School, Paul Rischard—Hylton High School, Bethany Robbins—Battlefield High School, Amanda Taylor—Gainesville Middle School, Alyssa Tice—Bel Air Elementary School, William Watts—PACE West School, Nancy Weaver—T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Dorothy Wright—Bel Air Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award in Prince William County and in thanking them for their dedication to our children. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County students are provided with a world class education in a more vibrant learning community.

CONGRESSWOMAN CELEBRATES AVISTA’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS
OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Avista Corporation of Spokane, Washington as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. I take great pride in representing this company which has diligently sought to capture the character of Eastern Washington and the entire Pacific Northwest.

Avista is a company that seeks to reflect the community in which it does business. In fact, during its 125 years, Avista has not only been enriched by the people and landscape that surround it but it has enriched all of Eastern Washington. In 1889, faced with increasing demand for electricity in the booming young city of Spokane Falls, Washington, trustees of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company sought funding from their backers in New York to build a power station on the Spokane Falls. Their request was denied because, as they were told, water power held little or no value. Not so easily dissuaded, ten stakeholders founded The Washington Water Power Company, now known as Avista, who opted to proceed with the project themselves. Since The Washington Water Power Company forged ahead in proving the value of what today we called “hydropower”, hydropower has become the most prominent form of electricity generation in Washington State. The decision of few investors in Spokane began a long tradition of a company and community joining forces to advance the economy, care for the Eastern Washington’s natural resources, and promote a lifestyle that we enjoy in the Pacific Northwest. Avista has repeatedly been honored for

its environmental stewardship. The company also contributes more than \$1 million per year to non-profit organizations throughout its service territory, and it has been named in the top 25 in the Puget Sound Business Journal’s list of top Washington philanthropists for the past four years.

In its early years, The Washington Water Power Company built six hydroelectric facilities, contributing to an era of growth for the company. Fast forward 125 years, hydropower continues to bring countless opportunities to the Pacific Northwest with Washington State getting over 70% of its power from this clean and renewable energy source. Seeking to further diversify and expand, in 1983, Avista’s Kettle Falls generating station commenced operation as the first utility-owned electric generating station of its kind in the United States constructed for the sole purpose of producing electricity from wood waste, or biomass. The award-winning plant, combined with Avista’s legacy hydroelectric power projects, has contributed to Avista being listed among the greenest investor-owned utilities in the country. That facility produces up to 52 megawatts of electricity—enough to power 46,000 homes. Supporting over 100 jobs in the region where I grew-up, the Kettle Falls is generating station also greatly contributes to the economy in Northeastern Washington and continues to add to a vibrant community.

Avista currently serves their 680,000 customers in a service territory of more than 30,000 square miles with a mix of hydro, natural gas, wind, biomass, and coal generation delivered over 2,200 miles of transmission line, 18,000 miles of distribution line, and 7,600 miles of natural gas distribution mains. While a Spokane-based company, Avista’s electric and natural gas services support community’s in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and, soon, we expect, Alaska.

I am also proud of the Avista’s close ties with the Spokane community which have remained steadfast for the last 125 years. Avista is the City of Spokane’s eighth largest non-government employer, employing more than 1,600 people. So today, I recognize Avista for achieving this historic 125-year milestone and applaud the entire community for the contributions they have made to Eastern Washington throughout the years.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LUCILLE ROBINSON FAULKNER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Lucille Robinson Faulkner was born in August of 1930 in Portland, Arkansas in the Mississippi Delta, eight miles from Parkdale, Arkansas where I was born and lived until I was nineteen years old. Mrs. Faulkner moved with her grandmother and family to Chicago where she attended Waller High School and graduated in 1948, which made her one of the more educated Black persons in her community at that time.

Mrs. Faulkner married her husband Mr. Derrell Faulkner in 1949, and to this union, thirteen children were born. Mrs. Faulkner worked as a seamstress, took care of her children and eventually was hired by Samuel

Adams Sr., an outstanding, colorful and very successful attorney who is known far and wide. This was a position which she held until she retired. Mrs. Faulkner was a great cook and actively involved with church and the community in which she lived.

I am indeed proud of the fact that I was able to know and represent individuals and groups of people like the Faulkner family whose heritage is so closely aligned with mine that I feel a great sense of personal kinship.

Bless you Mrs. Lucille Faulkner and may your soul rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE TEACHERS OF
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS RECEIVING CERTIFICATION
FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR
PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Prince William County Public Schools teachers who recently received certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The National Board is an independent nonprofit organization governed by classroom teachers, school administrators, school board leaders, governors, state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders.

The teachers have met the standards established by the National Board and have undergone a rigorous application process that required they demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and accomplishments that comprise teaching excellence. A Board Certified teacher supports a vision of teaching based on the following five core principles:

1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning;
2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students;
3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning;
4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; and
5. Teachers are members of learning communities.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the following National Board Certified Teachers for receiving their respective certifications.

Salome Atkins—Battlefield High School (Renewal), Kellie Bernal—Gravelly Elementary School, Nicole Boissiere—Rosa Parks Elementary School, Sara Bosse—Pennington Traditional, Frantzie Cadet—Vaughan Elementary School, Carla Drew—Osborn Park High School, Kristina Ferrell—Osborn Park High School, Donna Garziona—Loch Lomond Elementary School, Erin Hart—Nokesville Elementary School, Mya Hatfield—Marumscos Hills Elementary School, Kelly Haynes—Ashland Elementary School, Anne Hicock—Woodbridge Middle School, Shana Higginbotham—Triangle Elementary School, Marjorie Lathers—Triangle Elementary School.

Nicholas Maneno—Old Bridge Elementary School (Renewal), Bridget Mathwin—Coles Elementary School, Courtney McDonald—Bull

Run Middle School, Melissa Miller—Ashland Elementary School, Janell Mills—Featherstone Elementary School, Stephanie Richards—Tyler Elementary School, Melanie Riley—Signal Hill Elementary School, Teresa Shaffstall—Loch Lomond Elementary School, Carla Shaw—Glenkirk Elementary School, Katherine Sherman—Rosa Parks Elementary School, Jayne Sherman—Occoquan Elementary School, Margaret Stout—Antietam Elementary School, Kelle Stroud—Buckland Mills Elementary School, Tammy Vice—River Oaks Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education and professional development. Prince William County Public Schools delivers a world class education thanks to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard.

HONORING STANLEY “SCOTT”
ANDERSON

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanley “Scott” Anderson, who has been a valuable asset to the Cape Girardeau County for over 29 years through his work with the Sheriff’s Office as the Maintenance Supervisor. Scott has shown his commitment to the Sheriff’s Office by working 29 years on the day-to-day maintenance operations such as vehicle maintenance, equipment maintenance and by learning new advanced information systems to secure the continued operations of the heating/cooling systems of the two-building complex of the Sheriff’s Office and Jail. By taking care of inventory, ordering, stocking and securing the most economical solutions for supplies, he enabled the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff’s Office. Scott has always upheld a professional standard when working with the public, fellow employees, outside agencies and office holders. Scott always provided jokes and stories to anyone that would listen and kept the work day lively.

It is with sincere respect and deep appreciation that I recognize and thank Scott for his loyalty and many years of dedicated commitment to Cape Girardeau County and the Sheriff’s Office. I wish him health and happiness in his future endeavors and in his retirement. He will be truly missed. I am grateful that we have such caring, hardworking members of the Cape Girardeau community; it is my pleasure to recognize his achievements before the House of Representatives.

A COMMEMORATION OF U.S.
MARINE SGT. LANCE DAVISON

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Lance Clinton Davison was born on January 8, 1979, the first son of John and Desbah Davison.

In Navajo tradition, Lance is of the Hasht’ishnii Clan and born for Bilagaana.

Lance was raised in Flagstaff, Arizona, and graduated from Flagstaff High School in 1997. Upon graduation, Lance joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where he excelled and became an especially accomplished marksman and scout/sniper.

Immediately following the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, Lance was deployed to Afghanistan for duty in the 3rd Battalion 23rd Marines 1st Marine Division, for which he received several medals and commendations, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Like so many veterans, Lance not only served his country but he came home and helped strengthen his own community. He became a police officer with the Flagstaff Police Department and founded Raven2 O.D.G., a disabled veteran-owned business that provides enhanced training for SOCOM Operatives and agency professionals with precision marksmanship skills.

Lance’s dedication to his country and community was surpassed only by his dedication to and love for his son, Korben. Lance was a true hero.

American poet Thomas William Parsons once wrote about the men and women who sacrificed for our country: “On thy grave, the rain shall fall from the eyes of a mighty nation.”

Sgt. Lance Davison, a valiant Marine and devoted father, is one of the reasons our nation is mighty.

We remember, honor and mourn him—Lance left us far too soon.

Lance and all of our veterans deserve a community and a country that stand up for our soldiers when they come home. These men and women have served honorably, but they may also struggle mightily.

For years, I’ve kept a quote on my desk—it was given to me by a veteran, and it says: “Because they have already paid the price, fight for veterans with all of your might.”

Fight for veterans with all of your might. This is how we will honor Lance.

MAC HOPPER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Mac Hopper 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 Mac Hopper 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.

HONORING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to recognize the 35th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, TRA, enacted April 10, 1979. While our friendship with Taiwan spans longer than 35 years, the TRA has been vital in strengthening this mutually-beneficial partnership.

Since the enactment of the TRA, Taiwan has emerged as a model democracy and an economic powerhouse in the Asia-Pacific region and the world. The People of Taiwan enjoy self-governance with a democratic system and direct elections. They also enjoy a booming economy with an innovative tech community.

The success of the TRA cannot be understated. Because of the TRA, the U.S. has been able to enjoy mutually beneficial trade with Taiwan, greater national and international security, and a rich cultural relationship. Our trade relationship with Taiwan is stronger than ever. Time and time again, Taiwan has proven its willingness to engage in substantive trade negotiations. We have enjoyed a positive relationship with them, and it is my hope that Taiwan will soon be admitted to the Trans-Pacific Partnership, TPP.

Over the last 35 years, we have watched Taiwan's contributions to international development and security. Continually, they have come to our aid to assist our antiterrorism efforts. These contributions, and more, have made it clear that, as we strengthen our relationship with Taiwan, we succeed in advancing U.S. interests.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEES FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Principal of the Year Award nominees for Prince William County Public Schools.

The Principal of the Year for Prince William County will receive the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award from The Washington Post. Among other skills, nominees must demonstrate the ability to manage effectively, demonstrate and encourage creativity and innovation, and foster a cooperative relationship with students, parents, faculty, staff, and the community.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the 2013–2014 nominees for Prince William County Schools, Principal of the year award.

Skyles Calhoun—Woodbridge Middle School, Robert Eichorn—New Directions,

Anita Flemons—Old Bridge Elementary School, David Huckestein—Woodbridge High School, Kathy Notyce—Mullen Elementary School, Amy Schott—Rockledge Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Principal of the Year Award nominees for Prince William County Public Schools and in thanking them for their dedication to leadership in our school system. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County students are provided with a world class education in a more vibrant learning community.

HONORING SIMON URBANIC

HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birthday of my friend and treasured member of the gulf coast community, Mr. Simon Urbanic, who will turn seventy years old on March 15, 2014. Simon is a resident of League City, Texas along with his lovely wife, Pamela.

Born on Galveston Island in 1944, Simon has committed himself to being a successful business owner, principled conservative and devoted follower of Christ. He also served our country honorably in the United States Navy as an Opticalman 3rd Class. Simon continues to be a devoted servant in Galveston County, serving on several boards in the area.

As an area realtor, Simon has worked tirelessly to help many—including my family—find a house to call home. Not only has he served others through his work and church, he has also worked tirelessly to promote the Republican Party and conservative ideals. Simon is a dedicated and passionate volunteer for the Republican Party, the Galveston County Republican Network and other conservative political causes. A passionate learner of conservative thought, Simon is dedicated to organizing conservative ideology in Texas.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Simon Urbanic on this milestone. I thank him for his many contributions to Galveston Island, Texas District 14, and the United States. I am proud to join his friends and family in celebrating his 70th year. Simon is a friend of mine and a friend of Galveston County and I wish him continued health and happiness.

IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Women's History Month and H.R. 863, the National Women's History Commission Act. I would like to recognize a few of the many important women from Texas.

While there have been many women leaders in Dallas, one that stands out in my mind

is former mayor Annette Strauss, the second female mayor and also the second Jewish mayor. Before her election to the Dallas City Council, Strauss worked tirelessly as a fundraiser for many organizations, poignantly for the arts in Dallas. During her tenure as Mayor-Pro Tern and as mayor, Strauss successfully provided a refuge for the many Texas families that fell into homelessness during the economic crisis. Today, the Annette G. Strauss Family Gateway remains a facility that provides empowerment for homeless people and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Strauss served as Ambassador-at-large for the city of Dallas until her death from cancer in 1998.

In the world of education, Yvonne Ewell is a Texas legend. Ewell began her teaching career at Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School in Dallas. Ewell was the first African American woman appointed as the district-wide elementary school consultant and subsequently was named associate superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). During her time as the court-appointed school desegregation monitor for DISD, Ewell began planning for a magnet school with her fellow committee members. From her vision, the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center was born and is extremely successful in educating students in its six semi-independent subject-based high schools. Ewell maintained a strong, controversial stance on education in Dallas schools until her death in 1998 of pancreatic cancer.

When recognizing Dallas leaders, it is impossible to not highlight Margaret McDermott. At the age of 102, McDermott will lend her name to the second signature bridge which connects downtown Dallas to west Dallas over the Trinity River. McDermott and her late husband Eugene McDermott have been philanthropists and friends to civic, cultural, and educational organizations nationwide. Some recipients of the McDermotts' generosity include the University of Texas at Dallas, the Dallas Museum of Art, the Hockaday School, the AT&T Performing Arts Center, the Meyerson Symphony Center, and even the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While McDermott takes little credit for her philanthropic activities, she continues to do more civic good in her hometown of Dallas.

While there are many women that we should recognize for their historic leadership in Dallas, we must recognize the young leaders in our community as well. Ariel Atkins, a senior basketball player at Duncanville High School, currently has her eye on a third state championship. The fourth-ranked prospect in the espnW HoopGurlz Top 100 for the class of 2014, Atkins has already made the decision to play basketball at the University of Texas next year. Despite her hard work and talent on the court, Atkins is committed to helping others, which she says she feels is her sole purpose in life. Young women like Atkins need encouragement from parents, coaches, and teachers so that they can reach their goals and beyond.

The women I have recognized are true visionaries. I urge my colleagues to support Women's History Month so that we can empower women at every age to be leaders in their fields and in their communities.