

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,