

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