

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 Prof-fer 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 battle-grounds, 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 fore-arms 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 built 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 Lynam. Commissioner Lynam was elected to the Orlando City Council on April 14, 1998. Born and raised in Leesburg, Florida, Ms. Lynam 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 Lynam completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Executives at Harvard University in 2000. In 2005, Florida Metropolitan University awarded Commissioner Lynam an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Commissioner Lynam 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 Lynam 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 Lynam'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 Lynam 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 Lynam 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 Lynam 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 Lynam, 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.