

charitable work. Makenna's selfless actions and commitment to public service is an inspiration to all of us, and for that we honor her.

ETHAN CRANSTON

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ethan Cranston for earning third place in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community. Ethan and his project, 'Marijuana in Colorado—The Road to Ruin or Reward', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Ethan on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERWIN GAINES

### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Erwin Gaines—father, husband, grandfather, businessman and inventor—who passed away on April 12, 2015, at the age of 79.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Erwin was a graduate of Von Steuben High School where he was a star soccer player. He went on to serve in the United States Army in Europe and after receiving an Honorable Discharge, he moved to Los Angeles, California. He was a businessman and inventor who received numerous patents for medical supply products. During his business career he worked internationally in Mexico, China and throughout Europe. Erwin volunteered in the community serving as a coach and as President of the Victory National Little League.

Erwin was an avid fisherman and a Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Knot Tying Champion. He was a devoted fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers and longtime season ticket holder. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Arlene, his sons, Calabasas City Councilmember Fred Gaines and Jeffrey Gaines, his daughters-in-law, Las Virgenes Unified School District Board Member Jill Gaines and Vivian Gaines, and his five granddaughters.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Erwin Gaines.

OUTSTANDING LEADER

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Julie Diaz for being named the

new principal of Travis High School in Richmond, TX by the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD).

After completing her education at the University of Houston and the University of Iowa, Principal Diaz began her 30 year career as an elementary school teacher. She has worked with FBISD for the past 23 years. Her exemplary efforts have led to her two nominations as a campus Teacher of the Year, and also as a District Elementary Teacher of the year finalist. Our community is lucky to have outstanding educators like Principal Diaz.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Julie Diaz on being named the new principal of Travis High School. We know that you will continue to be an outstanding leader, and we wish you the best of luck at Travis High School.

ALEXA VANSCHAARDENBURG

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alexa VanSchaardenburg for earning third place in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

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Congratulations to Alexa on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on H.R. 373 but had I been present, I would have voted "yes." The Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act would allow volunteer search groups faster access to public lands to conduct searches for missing persons. This legislation will help first responders as well as victims and families in difficult situations and I support its enactment.

I was absent for the vote on H.R. 1324 but had I been present, I would have voted "yes." The Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015 will adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest in Colorado to incorporate additional land.

HONORING EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS

### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board's el Día de los Niños festival.

Since 1925, Día del niño, or the Day of the Child, has been celebrated throughout Latin America. In 2001, the City of Aurora's Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board started the annual tradition of celebrating el Día de los Niños, a festival recognizing children and their importance in society.

The Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board, along with local school districts, uses the festival to promote learning among children through literacy programs, educational activities, and live entertainment. El Día de los Niños is a celebration of our community's diverse heritage, as well as a celebration of the bright future that lies ahead for these children.

I would like to thank the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board for their commitment to promoting literacy for children and diversity in our community through el Día de los Niños.

JAKE FETTIG

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jake Fettig on his honorable mention in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community. Jake and his project, 'Should Space Exploration and Travel be Publicly Funded?', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Jake on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN MATEO PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 90th anniversary of San Mateo Park Elementary School, the oldest continuing elementary school in the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

Park School has educated over 20,000 students and serves a diverse student body. The school community can only be characterized as open, enriching and striving for excellence. The comprehensive curriculum aims at supporting each student to reach his or her fullest potential.