

Larry Uhlenkott, Robert Wheeler, Everett Winkler, William Vick, Merle Wood.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado, to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

DELANO STUDENTS MAKING A NATIONAL MARK

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Gretchen Ness, Naomi Thoelke and Liliana Schroedl, all students from Delano, Minnesota who have received national recognition for producing a documentary on water pollution.

These incredible seventh grade students entered their documentary into C-SPAN's national StudentCam competition, which is meant to highlight issues students hope to see the candidates discuss during the Presidential election.

All of the girls are pet owners and thought of this project because they were deeply concerned with how water pollution negatively affects animals and the environment. Among the thousands of documentaries that were submitted, their documentary was one of fifty chosen for a prize—true testimony to a job well done.

I thank Gretchen, Naomi, and Liliana for taking an interest in our country and the environment. Our students are the future of this nation, and these three young girls make me believe that the future of this nation is a bright one.

HONORING JERRY M. JUDIN

**HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Staten Island resident Jerry Judin's endless commitment to legal service in the public interest.

Jerry's career as a public servant began as a Ranger for the National Park Service assigned to Liberty Island and the Statue of Liberty. After a short stint serving the public safety as an Air Traffic Controller, Jerry returned to school, attending night classes at Brooklyn Law School. Following law school, Jerry spent two years working for the Richmond County Family Court, before transferring to the Richmond County Surrogate's Court in 1982.

For the last 34 years, Jerry has been a fixture in the Surrogate's Court, and in April of 2006 he was made the first ever Supervising Court Attorney in the Surrogate's Court. As he approaches retirement, he caps his career having served three Surrogates, the people of Staten Island, and the attorneys of Staten Island for a total of 36 years. He has served his community by lecturing before civic organizations on Staten Island, and the Richmond County Bar Association. He has taught Busi-

ness Law at the College of Staten Island, as well as at Rutgers, while also serving on the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels of Staten Island.

Mr. Speaker, it is right and proper that we recognize Jerry Judin's dedication to serving his community and the legal profession. I thank him for all of his great work and I am proud to honor this great man who has consistently put others before himself.

HONORING EYESHINE CREATIVE ARTS COMPANY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable minority business, EyeShine Creative Arts Company of Clinton, Mississippi and the great leadership it is under.

EyeShine Creative Arts Company is a locally owned and operated Christian faith-based dance company and ministry that provide quality education and training for multiple dance disciplines. ECAC serves as a conduit to stage productions, TV commercials, dance competitions, and other events that allow dancers to showcase their God-given talents. EyeShine offers workshops, after school programs, Spring and Summer camps, and fitness focus classes—"Fit to Dance", that broaden the creative experiences of dancers while developing levels of competence and confidence. The goal is not only to provide quality dance education, but also to educate, empower, and inspire the minds of students in a Christian environment.

Shawuanna, the founder of EyeShine Creative Arts Company, started her dance journey at the age of 4 years old. By age 6, she was performing with the "Eye of the Tiger" dance company founded and produced by Beverly Branson and her sister, a stage and television actress, Dr. Tonia Stewart. Shawuanna began performing in stage productions by the age of 7. In 1985, she was selected for the Academic and Performing Arts Complex (APAC) program, where she studied ballet, modern, and jazz at Ballet Mississippi. After experiencing traumatic situations as a teenager, Shawuanna turned to dance as a creative outlet and spiritual solace. She decided to focus on becoming a more diversified dance artist, expanding her studies from acrobatic creative dance, to more contemporary dance styles, such as: jazz, hip hop, Middle Eastern, and inspirational.

In 2004, Shawuanna relocated to Atlanta, Georgia and began working within the burgeoning entertainment industry, working with various, well-known R&B and Hip Hop artists throughout the metro Atlanta area. It was in Atlanta where she began to hone her craft as a choreographer and develop essential relationships and knowledge of the dance & entertainment industry. Inspired by FAITH and always the artist and educator at heart, in 2010, Shawuanna founded EyeShine Creative Arts Company.

Today, in addition to operating EyeShine Creative Arts Company and non-profit organization, EyeShine Inc., Shawuanna, choreographs and ministers with the National

Baptist Convention, Inc. USA dance ministry, ministers to General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, instructs dance for Fairview Learning Academy, Agape' Phaze II Academy, Girl Scouts of Greater MS. She also choreographs and ministers for church home, Grace Inspirations, various community events, and conferences locally and throughout the southeastern region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing EyeShine Creative Arts Company for its dedication to serving our great state of Mississippi and our country.

RECOGNIZING USNS "BRUNSWICK" AND BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA'S INVOLVEMENT DURING WORLD WAR II

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brunswick, Georgia's involvement in the United States' World War II effort and, in turn, the newly commissioned United States Naval Ship (USNS) *Brunswick*.

Soon after the United States' entrance into World War II, German U-Boats began to sink American cargo ships at an unprecedented rate—stalling America's war machine and creating a severe crisis for American ships at sea.

In 1942, to curtail the crisis, Vice Admiral Emory S. "Jerry" Land contacted the J.A. Jones Construction Company of Brunswick, Georgia, with a request to build the fastest cargo ships of the time. Although J.A. Jones was a "building" contractor company with no previous experience in building sea-going vessels, J.A. Jones unbelievably met the challenge.

The company produced 99 ships in 2 years. In December 1944, the U.S. Navy requested 6 ships built that month and J.A. Jones responded by building 7. The J.A. Jones employees even worked through Christmas Day and denied receiving a payment for the extra ship they built.

I rise today to recognize these brave men and women from Brunswick, Georgia, who kept America's war machine running through World War II as well as the USNS *Brunswick*, which was named in honor of the men and women of Brunswick's effort during the war. I wish the sailors of the USNS *Brunswick* the best in living up to the name of their ship.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ART PING LEE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Art Ping Lee on his outstanding contributions to Chinese communities throughout the United States and his leadership in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Mr. Lee immigrated to the United States from the Guangdong Province of the Republic