

event to honor her grandmother, who she credits with nurturing her own love of reading. I also congratulate the sponsors who make this event possible, including my long-time colleague, L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas; the City of Los Angeles and its Department of Cultural Affairs; and Capri Capital Partners of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza. Event board members and honorary chairpersons Dr. Bernard and Mrs. Shirley Kinsey have worked to take the book fair to new heights with their leadership and resources.

I would also like to honor all of the volunteers who spend hours preparing the panels, booths, presentations, awards, and more, and who keep everything running smoothly. Without them it would not be possible to sustain this event for ten years and beyond. I would further like to thank the authors, playwrights, screenwriters, journalists, performers and others who provide the substance of the event and make it a thrill to attend each year.

For a decade now, the Leimert Park Village Book Fair has brought attendees together from all over the city to enjoy one of the historic cultural cores of the African American community in L.A., and to find inspiration to read, write, listen, and learn. I wish them many more decades of success.

HONORING JOHN DAHL

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Mayor of Eagle Nest, New Mexico and my dear friend, John Dahl. John represented the best of our great State of New Mexico: he was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, a loyal friend to many, a brilliant, hard-working and talented United States Army officer, businessman, and public servant.

John was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on July 30, 1933, to John and Ellen Dahl. While at Okmulgee High School, he won the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Track Title and earned a five-year athletic scholarship to the University of Oklahoma. As an undergraduate, he helped the track team become one of the elite teams in the country. In his freshman year John enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program, and in 1957 he graduated as the most distinguished military graduate out of a ROTC class of 200.

After college, John served for 22 years in the military and received over a dozen medals. In 1972, while a lieutenant colonel, the pentagon handpicked John to oversee a notorious Vietnamese prisoner of war camp located on the island of Phu Quoc. The camp held 33,000 POW's and was infamous for human rights abuses. John was tasked to end these inhumane practices and ensure the proper treatment of the POW's. His improvement of the camp's conditions and practices was instrumental in the passage of the Paris Peace Treaty and saved countless human lives. For his accomplishment he was awarded the prestigious Legion of Merits decoration.

John married his wife Kay in 1978, and after retiring from the army he moved to Eagle Nest, New Mexico. There, he built multiple local businesses and garnered a reputation as

one of the best sole proprietors in the region. In 1990, the Governor of Oklahoma asked John to serve as the state's Director of Civil Emergency Management. Just as in Vietnam, John demonstrated a deep respect for human life by improving and distributing new disaster plans to all 77 Oklahoma counties. By ensuring the implementation of the disaster plan and visiting each county personally, John and his team managed to avoid tornado fatalities that year.

After returning to Eagle Nest, John lost his eyesight after years of exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. However, his determination never faltered and he was elected twice as the town's mayor. I met John during his tenure as mayor, and I had the privilege to work with him when I was Secretary of Aging and Long Term Services. John was a determined advocate for improving health care access and quality of care in his community and across our state.

On May 14, 2016 John Dahl passed away at the age of 83. Surviving him is his wife Kay, two sons, daughter, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

John was a true friend and inspiring colleague who contributed to the betterment of our community, country, and world. His memory and legacy is a blessing to us all.

TRIBUTE TO DAWN MARTINEZ OROPEZA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize al Exito Executive Director Dawn Martinez Oropeza for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Martinez Oropeza has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organizations and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Dawn Martinez Oropeza has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with her leadership for Latinas/Latinos al Exito, a non-profit organization which recruits students who need supportive relationships and programming to motivate them to succeed in high school and college. In all aspects of her life, Dawn Martinez Oropeza is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Dawn Martinez Oropeza in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my col-

leagues in the House to join me in congratulating Dawn Martinez Oropeza on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Martinez Oropeza a long and successful career.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE'S WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT TITLE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge two students of Purcellville's Patrick Henry College for their incredible determination in winning the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Already owning nine of the past twelve American Moot Court Association National Championships, the students of Patrick Henry College were pitted against some of the world's best debaters this year in Geneva, Switzerland.

William Bock and Helaina Hirsch, both rising juniors at Patrick Henry College, competed against some of the best law students in the world to capture this prestigious title. Coached by Patrick Henry College Chancellor Michael Farris, William and Helaina beat a team of law students from Moi University in Kenya in the final round to be crowned world champions. To top off their incredible journey, William and Helaina were awarded the first and second place Oralist Honors at the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

Education is the cornerstone of American innovation and these students are championing their generation towards greater success. It is my hope that additional students will follow the standard of academic excellence set by William and Helaina. I encourage other students throughout our great Commonwealth to follow their example and strive to make a difference both at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in applauding William Bock and Helaina Hirsch at Patrick Henry College for their incredible journey. I commend them on their accomplishments, and wish them all continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL K. WOO UPON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD FARMERS' MARKET

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael K. Woo and to recognize his co-founding of the Hollywood Farmers' Market in Los Angeles, California, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Born in 1951, Michael grew up with his four siblings in Monterey Park, California. His parents, Wilbur and Beth Woo, and his grandfather, David Kitman Woo, ran a produce business in Los Angeles until the 1960's, when his father joined Cathay Bank, the first Chinese-