

eclectic mix of students of all ages, incomes and backgrounds. Serving approximately 14,000 annual students, Red Rocks provides a convenient setting with formats ranging traditional classroom, online, self-paced, and weekend classes and campuses in both Lakewood and Arvada. Today, Red Rocks offers more than 150 programs and 650 courses leading to two-year degrees or professional certificates.

Recently, Red Rocks expanded its campus in Arvada by adding 50,000 square feet for health careers, technologies, and science programs. The \$22.5 million expansion enables the community college to respond to the growing workforce needs of the service area and provide access for students interested in the health and science industry.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Red Rocks Community College for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
CHARLES ANTON GIRARDI

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Mr. Charles Girardi. Mr. Girardi dedicated his life to being an educator and coach to many students, both in his home state of South Dakota as well as Merced and Fresno County. Throughout his life, he left a lasting legacy by teaching and inspiring his students to become positive role models.

Charles Girardi, known to many as Chuck, was born in Delcarbon, Colorado and grew up in Lead, South Dakota. In his youth, Mr. Girardi was an active and gifted athlete. He was an especially talented basketball player, which earned him an athletic scholarship to the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. In 1944, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the Pacific until the end of World War II. Mr. Girardi was awarded medals in the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign and World War II Victory for his honorable service. He returned to the University of South Dakota shortly after being honorably discharged in 1946 to continue his studies and play basketball. He later transferred to Fresno State and played basketball for the Bulldogs. Mr. Girardi was also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Mr. Girardi earned his bachelor's degree from Fresno State in 1950 and obtained his master's from Black Hills State College in Spearfish, South Dakota. He returned to Fresno after being encouraged by his former Fresno State coach to return for an opening coaching position. Mr. Girardi taught and coached at Roosevelt High School until 1974, when he began to work as an educator and coach at Merced College. During his career, he touched the lives of many students and took great pride in the accomplishments of his players.

After retiring, Mr. Girardi enjoyed spending time with his family and playing golf. He also spent several months with his wife at their cabin in Black Hills, South Dakota, enjoying the familiar weather and his childhood environment.

Mr. Girardi is survived by his loving children, Cindy, Cathy, Janelle, Guido and Mike, his sister Olga Nelson, and his grandchildren Michael, Stephen, Alexa, Austin, Frank, Xavier, and Sabrina. He was preceded in death by his devoted wife Mary Lou, his brothers George and Joseph, and his parents Giorgio and Angelina. He will be dearly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and career of Mr. Chuck Girardi, a truly celebrated and inspirational individual in his community. As an educator and coach in Merced and Fresno County, his commitment to education will be appreciated for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO SHERYL LYNETTE
BRANCH MAXWELL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheryl Lynette Branch Maxwell, the 33rd Anniversary Honoree of The Daughters of Sunset in Sikeston, Missouri. Fondly known throughout the State of Missouri as "Ms. Sherry," Sheryl has continuously served the underprivileged and special needs youth and adults of the 8th Congressional District since 1979. Under Ms. Sherry's watchful hand, a program called Kids' Beat has grown tremendously. Kids Beat provides a safe and educational surrounding for underprivileged and special needs children, and has grown to cover 30 counties in Missouri. Ms. Sherry has also worked as Special Project Coordinator for the New Madrid County Health Department. In this role, Sheryl helped limited resource residents and partnered with outside groups to generate additional resources for the program. Sheryl has been named to advisory committees for three concurrent Missouri governors and spearheaded programs for the Lincoln University Cooperative Extension. Ms. Sherry even has a day named after her. January 20, 2013 was declared "Ms. Sherry Day" by the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

At Cornerstone Baptist Church, Ms. Sherry served her community as a choir president, Sunday school teacher, church secretary and youth leader. Whether she is raising money for those less fortunate or counseling someone through a rough time, Ms. Sherry has shown true leadership throughout our community.

Today, I am honored to announce Ms. Sherry as the 33rd Anniversary Honoree of The Daughters of Sunset. Their mission is "Making a Difference," and I cannot think of a more deserving recipient than Sheryl Maxwell. Thank you, Ms. Sherry, for making a difference in the 8th Congressional District of Missouri.

PRIMUS AEROSPACE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Primus Aerospace for winning the 2016 Business Recognition Award from the Jeffco EDC.

Primus Aerospace is a leading provider of high-precision, high-complexity machined components, kits and subassemblies for the aerospace, defense and space industries. Founded in 1999, Primus serves aerospace customers in North America, Europe and Asia with diversified and complex machined products, assembly services and engineering support. Primus focuses on core principles of increased automation, unique capability, and extraordinary flexibility to their customers while offering a broad array of manufacturing services including machining, assembly, testing, design support, welding, grinding, and finishing.

Primus works hard to add new value every year to customers by continually expanding their services, improving their processes, and maintaining a strategy focused on our customers' needs. This company continues to excel, exemplified by its ability to hire 30 new employees in 2016.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Primus Aerospace for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I missed three votes due to a meeting at the White House with President Trump. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 182, NAY Roll Call No. 183, and YEA on Roll Call No. 184.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
THE U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE 2ND
LIEUTENANT JOHN DONALD
MUMFORD

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. CRIST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fallen hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. Lost on the battlefields of Europe during World War II, the remains of Army Air Force 2nd Lieutenant. John Donald Mumford have finally returned home to St. Petersburg, Florida.

On June 6, 1944, the same morning U.S. forces stormed the beaches at Normandy, 2nd Lt. Mumford bravely led a squadron of B-17 Flying Fortress bombers on a successful air raid over Germany. Returning to base, his plane was attacked by 10 Nazi warplanes, sent crashing into Ukrainian farmland. A mortally wounded 2nd Lt. Mumford was last reported seen by Romanian villagers in 1944, 73 years ago.

Cold War tensions prevented the timely recovery of 2nd Lt. Mumford's body. But the historical office at the Department of Defense never gave up. They began anew the search for 2nd Lt. Mumford's remains, and from 2007 to 2016, the POW/MIA Accounting Agency investigated the alleged crash site, ultimately finding proof of a downed WWII-era U.S. aircraft. With help from Ukrainian Armed Forces and local farmers, they uncovered the remains of 2nd Lt. Mumford.