

1975, he became a TV news anchor at ABC30 (KFSN) until 1987, when he joined CBS47 (KGPE) as an anchor for the evening news.

In addition to his journalism career, John's love for sports was a large part of his life. He was the public address announcer for the California League's Fresno Giants baseball team. He served on the board of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame, was president of the Fresno State Timeout Club, and spent four decades working with the Bulldog Foundation at Fresno State, serving as President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In 2014, he received the Harold S. Zinkin, Sr. Award by the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame for his contributions, and was inducted into the Clovis Centennial Hall of Fame.

John was a loyal community supporter who championed for local organizations. He was a friend and an inspiration to many, and had a contagious enthusiasm for life. He was very active in the community, serving on the board of the WestCare Foundation and volunteering with Break the Barriers and Valley Children's Hospital.

John will be missed greatly by his family, friends, and the entire community. He is survived by his wife Cheri; children Cass Dilfer, Cameron Weishaar, Paige Wise, Carson Franzman, Taylor Franzman; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues to join Mr. NUNES, Mr. VALADAO and me in paying tribute to the life and service of John Wallace, whose curiosity for recent events and passion for the community kept the Valley informed on our nation's news for more than four decades. I join the Fresno community in honoring his life and his passion for making a difference. He will be greatly missed.

JOSIAH JENSEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Josiah Jensen for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Josiah Jensen is a 12th grader at Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Josiah Jensen 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 Josiah Jensen for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA STATE  
TROOPER KRESS ADAMSON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Virginia State Police Trooper Kress Adamson, for his recognition by the Rotary Club of West Springfield as an Outstanding Virginia State Trooper of the Year for 2016.

Trooper Adamson is a credit to his unit and uniform and the long tradition of our Commonwealth's State Police Force. In August of 2015 he was dispatched to a vehicle crash on the Capital Beltway. Upon arriving at the scene, he found two citizens who were trying to aid an individual lying near the wreckage on a very busy and dangerous stretch of I-495 and his fellow Trooper Steven Muller had begun special rescue breathing and CPR. A Fairfax County Rescue team then arrived and asked the two troopers to continue their life-saving efforts until the Rescue team was could apply an automated external defibrillator. After several minutes of these combined advanced life-saving techniques, they were able to regain a pulse in the victim. The victim was then transported to INOVA Alexandria Hospital where he remained in critical condition until his recovery. Due to the initial valiant efforts of both civilians and these two troopers, the victim had a better chance of recovery from this life-threatening accident.

Trooper Adamson has served the Virginia State Police for seven years. Upon graduating from the State Police Academy, he was initially assigned to Arlington (Area 45). He is currently with the Springfield office (Area 48). Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, he served in the U.S. Air Force for nine years and deployed to Iraq in 2007. His MOS was medical support, and he currently is working on completing a bachelor's degree at Thomas Edison University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Trooper Adamson and in thanking him for his years of service to Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has demonstrated exceptional dedication to public safety and the mission of law enforcement, and for that, we owe him a special debt of gratitude.

HONORING DET. SAM WINCHESTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented gentleman, Det. Sam Winchester, Warren County Sheriff Department. Det. Winchester has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Det. Sam Winchester received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Alcorn State University. He worked full time in the agricultural research department of Alcorn and received a Master's Degree in Secondary Education. He served in the United States Army Reserve for 14 years.

Det. Winchester began his career in law enforcement in Jefferson County. He started working at the Warren County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) in 2004, and became a detective in 2006. Sam has multiple interests that he uses as a detective at the Warren County Sheriff's Office in the Criminal Investigation Division.

He is one of the primary boat operators for the Sheriff's Office meaning, whenever a river or water rescue needs to take place, he is called to assist. In addition to those duties, he is a certified driving instructor for the WCSO, and he does driving instruction at the Police Academy at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. He is also trained as a hostage and crisis negotiator.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Det. Sam Winchester for his hard work, dedication and a strong desire to serve his country and community.

RECOGNIZING JOHN ALBAN FINCH

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of John Alban Finch.

Fifty years ago today, on April 5, 1967, a fire broke out at Cornell Heights Residential Club, an off-campus student dormitory in Ithaca, New York. The fire claimed the lives of eight students and one professor from Cornell University.

Mr. Finch was the professor who perished in the fire. On the night of the tragedy, he immediately took action by awakening his neighbors and calling the Cornell Safety Division. Despite heavy smoke, Mr. Finch ran back into the building to help other occupants escape to safety. A total of 62 people escaped the fire, many of whom attributed their survival to Mr. Finch's heroic and selfless actions. Tragically, Mr. Finch did not survive.

Mr. Finch gave his life to save those in need—the true definition of a hero.

Mr. Finch was an Associate Professor and Faculty Advisor for the Ph.D. Program at Cornell University. He originally came to Cornell in 1960 as a graduate student on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Mr. Finch earned a Master's Degree in 1961 and a Ph.D. in 1964. The following year, he began working as an Assistant Professor of English and an instructor in the English Honors Program. Mr. Finch was a distinguished scholar and highly valued faculty member.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of John Alban Finch and recognizing his life-long commitment to serving others.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
WOMEN IN CONGRESS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 100 years of women in Congress. Representative Jeannette Rankin of Montana was the first woman to serve in U.S. Congress in 1916.