members. Last year, the organization served over 700 adult learners with the assistance of more than 220 trained volunteer tutors. Community volunteers are trained to become tutors and are matched based on the needs of adults seeking to improve their literacy or English language skills. Provided services include small and large classroom tutoring, one-on-one tutoring, pre-GED and GED classes, basic literacy for English speakers and English as a second language learners, conversation classes, Naturalization test preparation, and job readiness training.

Each year, the dedicated staff reviews the progress of each student and asks tutors and students to provide feedback. This year, 93 percent of students have met a personal development goal. Feedback generally aligns with the organization’s mission statement to teach adults the life-changing skills of reading, writing, and speaking English that will enable them to confidently participate and prosper in society. I have the distinct pleasure of including in the RECORD the 2017 Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. honorees.

Student of the Year: Noris Quintanilla

Born and raised in El Salvador, Noris has lived in the United States since age 16 and is a U.S. citizen. In 2012, Noris obtained her GED certificate and sought the assistance of Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William to further her education and transition into a career in office administration. Today, Noris volunteers at Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. where she never once relaxed or sought to do thing new. Her commitment to instruction and volunteerism has helped Noris hone her language skills, build her confidence, and inspire her peers.

Tutor of the Year: Amy Feinberg

Amy has volunteered with Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. for the past six years where she has tutored in both classroom and individual settings. Over the past year, Amy has taught more than 100 students and provided more than 250 volunteer hours to the program. Amy inspires students with her kindness, patience, and compassion. As an experienced volunteer, Amy takes great pride in helping others to succeed and her role in building a stronger, more vibrant community.

Tutor of the Year: Alison Prevost

Alison has served as a volunteer with Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. for the past four years. She has provided classroom tutoring to more than 100 students and has donated over 300 volunteer hours to adult literacy over the past year. Alison takes great pride in helping adults improve their literacy skills and become self-sufficient and active members of the community through Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. and other community-based organizations.

Volunteer of the Year: Patti J. Beattie

For the past 15 years, Patti has shared her time and service with Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. and its adult learners through multiple capacities as a volunteer, member of the Board of Directors, tutor trainer, employee, and literacy advocate. In honor of her tireless efforts to our community, the Volunteer of the Year Award has been renamed in her honor. Patti is an active community volunteer, serving in multiple service organizations donating hundreds of hours each year to serve our local community. It is my honor to recognize Patti as the inaugural recipient of the Patti J. Beattie Volunteer of the Year Award recipient.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the 2017 Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. honored members and in thanking all students, tutors, volunteers, Board of Directors, and staff for their dedication, generosity, and commitment to adult literacy and its lasting impact on the Greater Prince William Area. PUEBLO ANIMAL SERVICES TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lauren McCoy, Community Animal Response Team coordinator at the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region, Jeremy Colburn, Animal Care supervisor at the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region, and Lois Benson, Megan Miller, Jasmine Pattschull, and Kate Scheer who were Community Animal Response Team volunteers. Following Hurricane Irma, they all assisted with helping to meet animal sheltering needs in Georgia when they were travelling through the area following the devastating hurricane.

The team voluntarily flew to Georgia to assist in caring for the large number of animals the Atlanta Humane Society had taken in as a result of the hurricane. The Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region’s Community Animal Response Team was specially trained to handle this type of natural disaster that affects the wellbeing of pets and livestock.

The shelter in Atlanta was opened before and during Hurricane Irma where more than 600 animals were located in the 60,000 square foot facility. The entire Third District of Colorado is incredibly proud of the work completed during a time of national crisis.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize these Colorado natives for the work they accomplished during Hurricane Irma. Their hard work and service is an example to us all and I stand with the residents of the Third District in thanking them.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Patti as the inaugural recipient of the Patti J. Beattie Volunteer of the Year Award. My name is Dr. Daniel Swinton and I am honored to be here today. I serve as Vice President of the Association of Title IX Ad-
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