

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANGELINA APODACA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Angelina Apodaca for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Angelina Apodaca is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Angelina Apodaca 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 Angelina Apodaca for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2018*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of Carbon County as that county celebrates its 175th Anniversary of incorporation. On March 13, 1843, Carbon County was created by combining parts of Northampton and Monroe Counties. The County was named for the vast abundance of anthracite coal found in the region.

Carbon County consists of land originally obtained from the Delaware Tribe during the Walking Purchase of 1737. The first settlement established in the area was Gnadenhutten. Set up by twelve German monks of the Moravian order in 1745, today, the town of Lehighton stands in its place. During the Industrial Revolution, Carbon County was the home of the first railroad in America that was built on any large scale, known as "The Switchback." Carbon County is also the location of the trials and executions of the infamous Molly Maguires, a secret organization whose members were accused of targeting mine company representatives with violence during early struggles over the treatment of miners.

Carbon County spans over 500 square miles in the Pocono Mountain region of Pennsylvania. Over two-thirds of the county is state game and park land. Because of its strategic location in the Poconos, its natural beauty, and its rich history, the county attracts many

hikers, cyclists, history buffs, and people seeking adventure. With its seat located in Jim Thorpe, Carbon County has twenty-three municipalities, several unincorporated communities, and close to 64,000 residents. The county is generally considered a bellwether county for statewide elections.

It is an honor to recognize Carbon County as its residents observe the 175th Anniversary of incorporation. I take great joy in joining celebration of such an important milestone. I wish everyone in the county all the best as they continue to make history.

USS "COLORADO" COMMISSIONING

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's 4th Congressional District I am delighted to recognize the commissioning of the USS *Colorado* (SSN-788.)

Since the time of the Civil War, U.S. Navy vessels named after the magnificent state of Colorado have proudly served our great nation. The commissioning ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 17th, which will be a special day for Coloradans as the United States Navy officially welcomes the fourth U.S. Navy vessel to bear the Colorado name.

We rest assured in the knowledge that the crew of the USS *Colorado*, part of the Virginia-class of attack submarines, is equipped with the most advanced capabilities and sophisticated technology needed to maintain the strength of the U.S. Navy and the security of America's shores. Coloradans are proud as USS *Colorado* and her crew joins forces in the endeavor to ensure security for all Americans.

A relationship will be established between the USS *Colorado* and her remarkable service men and women. May that bond reach far beyond Saturday's ceremony and remain throughout the span of the USS *Colorado*'s lifetime of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to return from my home district in time for votes on Monday, March 5 or Tuesday, March 6.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 092; YEA on Roll Call No. 093; NAY on Roll Call No. 094; and YEA on Roll Call No. 095.

JALISSA ARCHULETA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jalissa Archuleta for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jalissa Archuleta is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jalissa Archuleta 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 Jalissa Archuleta for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOE G. WRIGHT, JR.

**HON. MARK MEADOWS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2018*

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe G. Wright, Jr. of Raleigh, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of North Carolina, I would like to thank Mr. Wright for almost 30 years of service to our communities and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement.

Joe Wright began his career in emergency management as an Emergency Services Director for Caswell County in 1990. He began working with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management as an Area Coordinator in 2004, became a Central Branch Manager in 2009, and rose to the position of Deputy Director in 2013. Over the course of his career, Mr. Wright has aided in twenty-two FEMA disaster declarations, including deploying to New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina and assisting the state during Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Wright was instrumental in the development of a Field Standard Operational Guide that received a national best practice during accreditation inspections. He also chairs the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Leaders Advisory Group.

Mr. Wright is the 2010 recipient of the Colonel William A. Thompson Award for Outstanding Achievement in Emergency Management. Over the course of his career, Mr. Wright has successfully led local and state operational responses to disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, winter storms, wildfires,

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