

public disturbances, and hazardous material events.

Joe Wright has earned the respect and friendship of the people of North Carolina through his hard work and wide-ranging involvement throughout the state. For his service to North Carolina, I am honored to express to Mr. Wright the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE OKAWVILLE
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2018 Class 1A Illinois basketball champions the Okawville boys' basketball team.

Okawville won the title game 59–48 thanks to a record breaking barrage of three-point shots, with Okawville making eight out of their 14 attempts. Behind the shooting of junior guard Wyatt Krohne, who scored 18 points to lead the team, Okawville seized its first ever state basketball title. With the game deadlocked at halftime, Okawville broke it open with a 19–point third quarter blitz that decided the outcome. Just as impressive as the team's third quarter offensive output was its stingy defense, which yielded a scant six points during the deciding stanza.

I would like to congratulate the entire Okawville boys' basketball team on their victory: Payten Harre, Lucas Frederking, Caleb Frederking, Will Aubel, Jordan Green, Wyatt Krohne, Luke Hensler, Carter Killion, Drew Riechmann, Tyler Parsley, Tyler Roesener, Payton Riechmann, Lane Schilling, Tom Segelhorst, and Jackson Heckert, as well as Head Coach Jon Kraus, on a superb end to a great season.

Mr. Speaker, today it is an honor for me to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Okawville boys' basketball team in winning the 2018 boys' basketball championship, and I wish the team, and their coach, all the best in the future.

EMILY BISHOP

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 Emily Bishop for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Emily Bishop is a student at Everitt Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emily Bishop 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 Emily Bishop 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.

HONORING DAVID, JIMMY AND
SUSAN SCOTTON

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the release of the short documentary film, *I Lived On Parker Avenue*, and recognize adoptee David Scotton and his family, and to celebrate their inspirational story highlighting adoption.

I Lived on Parker Avenue follows the story of David Scotton, currently a law student at Louisiana State University, on his journey to meet his birth parents for the first time and thank them for the gift of his life. Through God's grace, David's birth mother walked out of an Indianapolis abortion facility at the last moment and lovingly placed David up for adoption, answering the prayers of Jimmy and Susan Scotton who adopted David at birth.

To honor them for their work to better the lives of Louisiana children through adoption, David, Jimmy and Susan Scotton were awarded by the Louisiana Institute for Children in Families as a Louisiana Angel in Adoption. I ask that my colleagues join me today in celebrating their story and recognizing their contribution to promoting the blessing of adoption.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF COLONEL
DWIGHT LAWRENCE TAYLOR

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Colonel Dwight Lawrence Taylor. Colonel Taylor served the nation as a bombardier in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war, Colonel Taylor entered the Air Force Reserves, retiring in 1984 as a Colonel.

Colonel Taylor took great pride in his involvement in the community. He was a member of Coan Baptist Church in Heathsville, VA where he was a past Deacon. Additionally, he served as a past Master Mason of Heathsville Masonic Lodge number 109 AF and AM and was a member of Westmoreland Royal Arch Chapter number 41. He belonged to many civic organizations including the Northumberland Lions Club and Historical Society. Colonel Taylor had a deep love of the Northern Neck and spent many years at his beloved home, "Wheatland," where he loved to garden and work on preserving the historic antebellum home. Colonel Taylor typified a genuine Virginia Gentleman in his character and charity to others. Colonel Taylor continued to serve his community as Chairman of the Northumberland County Republican Committee and as a member of the First Congressional District Committee. Colonel Taylor is a graduate of The College of William and Mary.

I had the pleasure of knowing Colonel Taylor for many years and witnessed his contribu-

tions to the community. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in extending thoughts and prayers to his wife, Catherine; daughters Mary Catherine and Jennifer; five grandchildren; and their families during this difficult time.

ISABELLA BROWN

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 Isabella Brown for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Isabella Brown is a student at Arvada K–8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isabella Brown 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 Isabella Brown 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.

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION
OF CARBON COUNTY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to join the residents of Carbon County, Pennsylvania in celebrating the county's 175th anniversary of its incorporation.

The last 175 years have proven transformative for the county, demonstrating its vitality and strong sense of community. Located in the northeastern corner of the state, approximately 90 miles west of New York City and 90 miles northeast of Philadelphia, Carbon County covers over 500 square miles and is known for its scenic mountains and rivers. It truly carved out its place in the Commonwealth's history when it became the home of the first railroad in America built on a large scale, called the Switchback. Construction of the Switchback railroad helped bring a thriving coal industry to Pennsylvania, which in turn brought businesses, schools, and a growing population to the region.

While the Switchback railroad was retired in the 1920s, Carbon County still attracts thousands of visitors each year due to its attractive rural landscape that is rich in heritage and history. With the northern and eastern portions of the county being part of the Pocono Mountain region, and over two thirds of the county being State Game Land and State Park Land, there is no shortage of families and businesses attracted to Carbon County's quality of life. I am truly honored to represent this county in Pennsylvania and take great pride in its history, success, and sense of community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of Carbon County.

DEPUTY JACOB PICKETT

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Jacob Pickett, who was killed in the line of duty in Lebanon, Indiana on March 2, 2018.

Deputy Pickett was born on December 20, 1983 to Marlin and Rebecca Pickett in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Brownsburg High School in Brownsburg, Indiana and started on his path to a career in law enforcement. He graduated from Marion County Sheriff's Office Training Academy in 2010 and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 2014. After graduating, he went on to work at the Marion County Sheriff's Office from 2010 to 2013 as a detention deputy and participated on the sheriff's presentations corps. In 2013, he started working for the Tipton County Sheriff's Department and served as the Deputy until 2015. He then went on to serve with the Boone County Sheriff's Department as a Taser Instructor and K-9 Team Leader.

Deputy Pickett had a profound impact on those he served, evidenced by the outpours of support by Hoosiers across the state since his passing. He is remembered for his kind-heart, loyalty, selflessness and willingness to serve others, but most of all as a loving husband and father.

Deputy Pickett is survived by his wife, Jennifer Pickett, his two sons; Wade Matthew Pickett, Lincoln David Pickett, parents; Marlin and Rebecca Pickett, sister, Kristi M. Woo, niece; Hannah N. Woo, his K-9 partner, Brik, parents-in-law; Jon and Carol Lindstrom, brothers-in-law; Jeremy Lindstrom, Christopher Lindstrom and a host of other relatives and friends.

On behalf of all Hoosiers, I thank Deputy Pickett for his service and sacrifice to our great state. He represented his community, state, and country, with honor and dignity. We continue to pray for his family, friends, and all who knew him. Our hearts are with you. His service and sacrifice will always be remembered.

HONORING FETZER VINEYARDS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative JARED HUFFMAN, to honor Fetzer Vineyards upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary in operation.

Fetzer Vineyards was founded in 1968 by Barney and Kathleen Fetzer of Mendocino County, California. The couple produced wine under the company's flagship Fetzer label with the help of their eleven children. Though the family sold the business in 1992, Fetzer Vineyards has carried on its founders' legacy of

social responsibility. It is now the world's largest winery certified as a B Corporation, meaning the company meets high standards for environmental and labor practices.

For decades, Fetzer Vineyards has been a leader in organic farming and sustainability. In the 1980s, the winemaker converted all of its Mendocino County vineyards to organic methods. Of the 960 acres Fetzer Vineyards has in cultivation today, 700 are certified as organic and the other 260 are biodynamic, which means no chemicals are used in the grape-growing process. In 1999, Fetzer Vineyards became the first vineyard to operate on 100 percent green power. It reported and verified its greenhouse gas emissions to The Climate Registry, a non-profit, as early as 2005. By 2014, Fetzer Vineyards had become the first winery to achieve TRUE Zero Waste certification. These achievements and others are a shining example for the agricultural community. They prove that economic success and environmental conservation go hand in hand.

Fetzer Vineyards knows that a business only thrives when workers do too. The company is enormously proud of its diverse management team, half of which is made up of women or people from underrepresented groups. All 300 of the vintner's employees earn above a living wage, receive health care benefits and are incentivized to volunteer in the community. In addition, Fetzer Vineyards encourages worker initiative. Many of the company's landmark environmental achievements were made possible by employee projects like internal waste audits. In this way, Fetzer Vineyards shows what can be accomplished when businesses do more than take care of the bottom line. Fetzer Vineyards' workforce investment pays for itself through the ingenuity of its employees.

Mr. Speaker, Fetzer Vineyards is the type of socially responsible company that every American business should strive to be. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Fetzer Vineyards here today.

ALLY BUCKNER

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 Ally Buckner for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ally Buckner is a student at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ally Buckner 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 Ally Buckner 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on the Passage of H.R. 4607 (Roll Call No. 95). Had I been present, I would have voted no.

I was also absent for the vote on the Passage of H.R. 1119 (Roll Call No. 101). Had I been present, I would have voted no.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Home Rule Non-Discrimination Act of 2018 to end the unique applicability of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) to the District of Columbia. My bill will protect the District's right to self-government, as well as LGBTQ and reproductive rights in D.C.

RFRA, which provides more protection for religious exercise than the First Amendment, applies to the federal government, the D.C. government and the territorial governments, but not to state governments. As RFRA does not apply to the states, under the principles of home rule, it should likewise not apply to the District.

While RFRA was designed to be a shield to protect religious freedom, it is being used, as evidenced by the Supreme Court's 2014 Hobby Lobby decision, as a sword to discriminate against the LGBTQ community and women. Members of Congress have used RFRA as a justification for trying to overturn D.C. antidiscrimination laws. Republicans have voted three times since 2015 to nullify or block the District's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act (RHNDA), which prohibits employers from discriminating against employees and their families based on reproductive health decisions, claiming, in part, that it violates RFRA. However, it appears that no one has challenged RHNDA's legality under RFRA in court.

My bill ensures that District residents are treated the same as residents of the states under RFRA. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES JAY DELANEY, RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS' SWINGLE AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Jay Delaney, who will receive the W. Francis Swingle Award from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Jay will be honored formally during the