

Alicia Schindewolf 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 Alicia Schindewolf 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 Alicia Schindewolf 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 MS. GLORIA LYNN  
VALDEZ

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Gloria Lynn Valdez of the Department of the Navy, who is retiring after more than 30 years of faithful service to our nation, culminating in her service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Ship Programs.

Ms. Valdez has over 30 years of civilian service with the Department of the Navy. Recruited out of the University of New Mexico, she began her Navy career in 1986. Working her way up through the ranks and continually taking on more responsibility, she transitioned to the Naval Sea Systems Command headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Navy's largest command, and became a senior project engineer in the Fast Attack Submarine Program Office. In 1996, Ms. Valdez was competitively selected for the Commander's Development Program, a stepping stone to the Senior Executive Service.

In 2000, Ms. Valdez was selected to serve as the Director, Naval and Commercial Construction, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, for Research, Development and Acquisition, where she had executive oversight of amphibious and auxiliary ship construction programs and overall shipbuilding industrial base matters. In 2002, Ms. Valdez was selected to lead the stand up of a new program office to convert strategic nuclear powered ballistic missile submarines to tactical guided missile submarines. She served as the Deputy Program Manager of that office and then became the Director of the Shipbuilding, Modernization and Sealift Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller where she was responsible for the management of all shipbuilding accounts.

Ms. Valdez's exemplary performance and versatility was acknowledged with her selection to the Senior Executive Service in July 2009 as the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Budget Director in the Department of Homeland Security. She returned to the Navy in January 2010 as the Director of Investment and Development Division in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller. In January 2012, she became Executive Director, Program Executive Office for Submarines.

Ms. Valdez is currently serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Ship Programs. She has executive oversight over an annual budget of \$35 billion for all naval shipbuilding and ship weapons systems programs, major ship conversions, and the maintenance, modernization and disposal of in-service ships and submarines.

Ms. Valdez is a great mentor and role model for Hispanics and women seeking positions in the Federal Government. In 2014, she was recognized at the Hispanic Engineers National Achievement Awards Conference (HENAAC) with the Pioneer Award. Representing her heritage, women, and the Navy for the opportunities it provides, Ms. Valdez was recognized for achievements as a dedicated public servant, senior leader, and engineer.

Mr. Speaker, it is through the commitment and sacrifice of Americans like Gloria Valdez that our nation is able to strive for the betterment of mankind. I am proud, as a fellow New Mexican, to thank her and her family for her honorable service to our nation with the United States Navy. I wish her fair winds and following seas as she concludes a distinguished career of public service.

REGARDING THE CHEMICAL ATTACKS IN SYRIA AND THE PRESIDENT'S IRRESPONSIBLE REMARKS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the President to be more responsive and aware of the heavy consequences that weigh behind his comments regarding Syria.

Last week, the President's reckless comments of suggesting that it was time to withdraw from Syria emboldened Bashar al-Assad and his regime to launch yet another round of chemical attacks on innocent men, women, and children in the city of Douma.

This attack claimed the lives of at least 85 people, majority of them women and children and affected hundreds.

I extend my deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims killed or injured by the horrific and unjustifiable use of chemical weapons by the Assad regime against an unarmed civilian population.

The world learned through the painful experience of World War I the horror and inhumanity of chemical weapons, which caused unspeakable suffering and killed indiscriminately as we saw in the 1980s when Saddam Hussein's regime used them in Iraq's war with Iran and later against its own people.

The international community cannot again let such an attack go unanswered for to do so will embolden other rogue regimes and terrorists.

The President, as Commander in Chief, is charged with the responsibility of deciding when to use military force to protect the nation and its interests.

But he does not bear this weighty burden alone.

The Constitution wisely provides that it is shared with the Congress, the representatives of the American people.

The decisions we make as a country must be measured and wise as countless lives hang in the balance of our actions.

TRIBUTE TO GUY JOHNSON

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Guy Johnson, a public servant and administrator. He has retired from public service in April, 2018. Guy Johnson was the Village President for the last twelve years of his 20 year tenure on the Village of Shorewood's Board of Trustees. He has resided in Shorewood for over 34 years.

Guy Johnson grew up in Milwaukee and graduated from Marquette University with an Engineering Degree and from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

He has tirelessly worked on behalf of the Village of Shorewood. Guy was the treasurer of the Shorewood Booster Club and served on the committee that raised the funds for the Shorewood Fitness Center. He is proud of the burgeoning business district, neighborhood initiatives, capital improvements, and access to the lake in the village. Further, Shorewood was the first community in Wisconsin to receive AARP's Age-Friendly Designation because of its safe, walkable streets; better housing and transportation options; access to key services; and opportunities for residents to participate in civic and community activities. I know for all these reasons and more Guy Johnson regards the Village of Shorewood as a true gem.

He and his wife Mary have been together for over 50 years and share a love of service to the community. She is a retired nurse manager and president of the Milwaukee Chapter of the Ladies of Charity, a 400 year old organization started by St. Vincent de Paul that works to clothe underprivileged school children. She graduated from Shorewood High School. They have two sons who attended Shorewood schools from kindergarten through high school. They also have four grandchildren.

Although he will no longer be at the helm serving as Shorewood Village President, he and Mary will remain living in Shorewood as active members of the community. Mr. Speaker, Guy Johnson has left a legacy of strong leadership. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with him over the years in ways to improve the quality of life of those residing in the Village of Shorewood. I am proud to recognize and pay tribute to Mr. Guy Johnson. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin and the nation have benefited tremendously from his dedicated service.

GABRINA TICOALU

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gabrina