

deserved honor is given annually by the Congressional Fire Services Institute and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to organizations for their outstanding contributions to the health and safety of firefighters.

This award is a true testament to the ISFSI's success in improving firefighter training.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I'd like to thank the International Society of Fire Service Instructors for their outstanding training and education for firefighters everywhere.

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BANDIMERE SPEEDWAY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bandimere Speedway for being recognized as the 2017 Genesis Award winner by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation (Jeffco EDC).

The Genesis Award honors an individual, elected official, city, company or organization that has contributed to the economic vitality of Jefferson County through leadership, innovation, facilitation, and collaboration. A quarter-mile dragstrip located in Morrison, Colorado, Bandimere Speedway opened in 1958 and hosts the NHRA's Mile-High Nationals. Bandimere Speedway has shown their commitment to the community, families and education through its "Race to Read" program reaching more than 35,000 elementary age children each year. The program is now in its 22nd year and continues to find new and innovative ways to grow with support from racers and businesses.

Congratulations to Bandimere Speedway for this well-deserved award, and I thank them for their contribution to our community.

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HONORING NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Napa Valley College on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

Napa Valley College is an important institution in our community. The college has educated thousands of Napa Valley residents and issues certificates and degrees to hundreds of students annually. It has provided students with job training and preparation for four-year universities. Napa Valley College is essential to our region, in part, as the largest wine school in the United States. There are more than 400 students in the Viticulture and Winery Technology Program and dozens of graduates have gone on to establish and run wineries.

In 2015 and 2016, BestColleges.com named Napa Valley College the best community college in California, weighing the rates of graduation, student retention, transfers to four-year universities, and dropouts. In addition to educating many Napa Valley residents, the col-

lege also provides venues for events such as community discussions, performances, debates and naturalization ceremonies.

In 1942, the founder, Dr. Harry McPherson saw the need for a local college and cultivated the public support necessary to establish a successful institution. With his leadership, a bond issue for Napa Valley College passed with 90 percent support.

I attended Napa Valley College on the GI Bill and am proud to have this exceptional institution in our district. It is an honor to be an advocate and supporter for the college and its role in providing access to higher education to people in the Napa Valley.

Mr. Speaker, Napa Valley College is an essential institution in Napa Valley and in Northern California. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the college on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN RICHARD SCHMIDHAUSER

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of John Richard Schmidhauser. Mr. Schmidhauser was born in the Bronx, NY. He lost his father when he was a teenager and lived through the Great Depression with his mother in Maryland, an experience that shaped his work ethic and created a lifelong support for issues related to social justice.

Following his high school graduation, Mr. Schmidhauser enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the outbreak of WWII. He worked as a Communications Officer and French hornist in the ship's band and, following VJ-Day, as a member of the occupying force in Japan.

He later enrolled in college under the GI Bill and earned a BA from the University of Delaware and a MA and PhD from the University of Virginia, in Political Science, with honors. Mr. Schmidhauser also served as a professor at the University of Iowa, where he was highly respected and admired amongst students.

Mr. Schmidhauser produced groundbreaking scholarly work on the U.S. Supreme Court. He authored numerous books and articles on the judiciary and public and constitutional law. He was active in politics and public service throughout his life and was known by many as a pioneer in his field.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the nation and the Schmidhauser family in celebrating this special life, which ended peacefully on February 21, 2018.

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REMEMBERING GAINESVILLE'S WALT SNELLING

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of "Gainesville High School's biggest fan," Walt Snelling, who recently passed away at the age of 81.

For over 30 years, Walt announced ball games for his alma mater, Gainesville High

School. Having played for the Red Elephants as an offensive lineman, he fostered a passion for sports early in life.

Before Walt became "the voice of the Red Elephants," he graduated from the University of North Georgia with honors in 1959. He later enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as an officer for 12 years before returning home to manage the Gainesville Parks and Recreation Department.

The children in the community were the ones who inspired him to participate in the local sports scene. He proudly announced games from the loud speaker because he wanted each player to hear his or her name called and understand how special they are.

Walt's memory will endure in the hearts of Gainesville residents. I stand with many others today to mourn the loss of this legend, and I ask us all to remember the Snelling family in the weeks ahead.

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IN RECOGNITION OF SALLY ANNE CONVIRS JAMES

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sally Anne Convirs James who is receiving the 2018 Community Care Award from the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough for her exemplary involvement in the school district and the community at large.

Sally started as a parent volunteer in the classroom and at events while her children attended South School and Crocker Middle School and became the librarian at South in 2008. Sally's creativity is boundless. She developed several library programs and educational practices that bring classroom learning to life and instill a love of reading in all South students. South's Reading Tiger, her best-known literacy program, earned the California Gold Ribbon Award in 2016. Sally also created the Summer Reading Challenge and the Long-Term Reading Challenge and she continues the Birthday Book Club tradition.

Sally is a staunch advocate of hands-on learning. She walks students through history in programs such as Colonial Day, A Walk Through the American Revolution, Gold Rush Day or Ohlone Day. She has brought numerous authors to the library and works closely with parents and teachers to come up with the most fun and beneficial activities for her students. She also maintains the website and social media pages. Sally is truly a multitasking gem.

Before becoming the librarian, Sally served as a member of the Citizen's Oversight Committee and on the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough Little League. She was an inaugural member of the school district's HTV team and started a Girl Scout troop.

In addition to her library responsibilities, Sally is passionate about the environment and green initiatives. She helped set up trash sorting facilities and has participated in creek clean ups. She also helped establish a partnership between South and Samaritan House which teaches students about public service and social justice. Nurturing students to become our leaders of tomorrow, Sally helped revamp the student council format and process. Sally is all about helping others—she is