

young women to follow. Our Nation's prayers go out to her and family. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in her honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE B IN BUSH, RAISING THE BAR

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

The B in Bush,  
Raising The Bar  
In every family  
In every house  
There is the greatest spouse  
The one who brings life into this world so all  
without  
Because, The Mother is The Heart of any  
home inside and out  
From which all great things come from no  
doubt  
Who bring the gift of life and love to this  
world to shout  
And who nurture and teach and raise their  
children with a love so devout  
And in that great American family of the  
Bush's,  
Barbara is The B in Bush clearly no doubt.  
Raising The Bar in what a Mother and Ma-  
triarch and First Lady are all about  
With the kind of grace, strength, leadership,  
love, and example this world cannot  
live  
Without.  
And love and dedication which brings tears  
to our Lord's eyes,  
and make's The Angels up oh high shout  
For Barbara Bush is the pillar upon which  
this great American family was built  
upon,  
so all throughout  
The rock and foundation we know of now  
With that great love story of her and George  
Herbert Walker so all throughout  
Who built such a great American family of  
love and accomplishment,  
for all the world to tout  
Such a woman of character, strength, and  
class,  
the kind of example to all our children we  
must pass  
For these are the things in life and into the  
future that which last  
Like The Beatles said,  
"and in the end the love you send is equal to  
the number you make"  
In 73 years,  
through heart break, triumph, happiness and  
tears  
Barbara's and George's great love has all of  
us endeared  
And even though he would not eat his broc-  
coli it was clear,  
she still stood by her man here  
And now these words seem so clear  
For all our children to blossom and grow  
To find happiness know  
We must pass on to them such love and les-  
sons so  
Of a Mother's Love like Barbara's to know,  
of such caring and warmth for a child to be-  
come whole  
And Heaven holds a place  
For all loving and dedicated Mother's like  
you Barbara,  
whose precious moments upon this world do  
not waste  
With all of your love and grace.  
For you are the B in The Bush family,  
the foundation,  
the pillar who raised The Bar make no mis-  
take,  
And for you my love, HEAVEN AWAITS,  
And you will look into your daughter Rob-  
in's face.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF CORDELL  
HENDERSON

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I in-  
clude in the RECORD the following Proclama-  
tion:

Whereas, the 8th Congressional District of  
Michigan joins in celebration as we com-  
memorate Cordell Henderson as he is recog-  
nized with the Frederick Douglass Award by  
the Greater Lansing Area Club.

Whereas, Mr. Henderson dedicated his ca-  
reer to helping both children and adults further  
their education for 45 years. Serving as a  
school principal, director of education, coun-  
selor and on multiple school boards and com-  
mittees, he changed and bettered the lives of  
countless members of our community over the  
course of his life. He has shared his knowl-  
edge and passion with those around him and  
dedicated himself to the ideals that advance  
our community.

Let it be known, that the Member of the  
United States Congress, the Honorable Mi-  
chael D. Bishop of the 8th Congressional Dis-  
trict of the State of Michigan, hereby recog-  
nizes Cordell Henderson for his outstanding  
achievements. Therefore, this document is  
signed and dedicated to honor this milestone.  
May others know of my warmest wishes and  
continued support in the future.

SAS MANUFACTURING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise  
today to honor SAS Manufacturing for being  
recognized as the 2017 Business Recognition  
Award winner by the Jefferson County Eco-  
nomic Development Corporation (Jeffco EDC).

The Business Recognition Award shows ap-  
preciation for a local company who has shown  
exceptional growth in primary employment,  
sales and/or capital investments in the last  
year. SAS Manufacturing is an advanced man-  
ufacturing firm with more than a decade of ex-  
perience providing cutting-edge solutions to  
aerospace, aviation, defense and energy or-  
ganizations worldwide. Today, it is a 21st Cen-  
tury manufacturing facility capable of meeting  
the rigorous standards of clients in aerospace,  
defense, energy and many commercial indus-  
tries where accuracy and precision are mis-  
sion critical.

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

HONORING THE CAREER OF COM-  
MAND SERGEANT MAJOR KEN-  
NETH J. "ROCK" MERRITT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to  
recognize the career of Command Sergeant

Major Kenneth J. "Rock" Merritt. During his 35  
years of dedicated service, CSM Merritt  
served valiantly, made history and showed us  
all how to be a family man.

After enlisting in the United States Army in  
1942, CSM Merritt began his military career as  
a Private to Technical Sergeant in the HQ1  
Light Machine Gun Platoon. Serving in combat  
all over the world allowed CSM Merritt to gain  
valuable experience that would shape his dis-  
tinguished career. Completing over 200 para-  
chute jumps, he was awarded a Gold Century  
Parachute Badge by the Original Airborne As-  
sociation. While stationed at Fort Bragg, lo-  
cated in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional  
District, CSM Merritt made history for serving  
two tours as CSM of the XVIII Airborne Corps.  
In 1973, he was selected as one of the five  
Command Sergeant Majors in the Army al-  
lowed to serve five years beyond the manda-  
tory 30 years service prescribed by Army Reg-  
ulations. Additionally, CSM Merritt served five  
terms as President of the 508th Parachute In-  
fantry Regiment Association, three terms as  
Vice President of the Association and many  
years as Association Parliamentarian.

Deployed on numerous operational assign-  
ments all over the globe and through some of  
our nation's toughest times, CSM Merritt stood  
ready to answer the call to serve our nation.  
Throughout these operations, he delivered on  
the promise to keep America safe and con-  
front our enemies under the most difficult con-  
ditions.

During these deployments, CSM Merritt re-  
ceived numerous medals and recognitions for  
his service, including the Silver Star Medal,  
Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal with  
two oak/leaf clusters, Meritorious Service  
Medal with two clusters, Army Commendation  
Medal with three clusters, Combat Infantry  
Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, Masters  
Parachutists Badge with two combat jump  
stars, National Defense Medal, European The-  
ater of Operations Medal with Invasion Arrow-  
head and four battle stars, European Victory  
Medal, and the Occupation Medal with Ger-  
many Bar.

While fighting our nation's battles overseas,  
CSM Merritt's most important commitment re-  
mained to his family back home. He was mar-  
ried to his lovely wife, Sally, for more than 60  
years before she passed away, and they raised  
three wonderful children during CMS  
Merritt's illustrious career. This country cannot  
repay the debt we owe to CSM Merritt and his  
family—the Merritts are true American heroes.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in  
commemorating the career of the Command Ser-  
geant Major Kenneth J. "Rock" Merritt.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE  
OF THE U.S.-GUATEMALA RELA-  
TIONSHIP

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I had a productive  
and informative meeting last Friday, April 13,  
with Manuel Espina, Guatemala's Ambassador  
to the United States. We discussed the strong  
economic relationship between our two coun-  
tries and our cooperative efforts to address  
drug trafficking and terrorism. I was particu-  
larly pleased to learn that Guatemala has