

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROPOSING A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to this proposal to amend the U.S. Constitution. This amendment, if ratified, would likely result in devastating cuts to programs like Social Security and Medicare that would harm Oregonians and families around the country. H.J. Res. 2, the Balanced Budget Amendment, would require the federal government to cut any spending that is not fully offset by incoming revenue, including spending on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. I agree that Congress must act in a fiscally responsible manner, and we owe it to our children and grandchildren to not leave them with a country that has a significant debt burden. But there are many ways to be fiscally responsible, including finding smarter, better ways to provide important services and by making investments that actually grow the economy.

It is important to note that the majority is bringing this measure to the floor for a vote now, not long after the passage of their partisan tax bill that will further exacerbate income inequality and explode our deficit by about \$1.9 trillion dollars. Our seniors deserve better than having their Social Security benefits—which they have earned over a lifetime of hard work—jeopardized under the guise of fiscal responsibility. If my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are serious about reining in federal spending, we should look to commonsense reforms, not across-the-board measures that put Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid at risk.

REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of Holocaust Remembrance Week to honor the millions of lives lost during this horrific period in history.

Fueled by hatred, Nazis brutally imprisoned and murdered more than 6 million Jewish men, women, and children—as well as hundreds of thousands of other victims—resulting in the largest systematic genocide the world has ever witnessed.

Listening to the heart wrenching stories of Holocaust survivors should solidify our commitment to stop this from ever happening again.

I am troubled by a recent study which found that an alarming 66 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 years old cannot

explain the significance of Auschwitz, the concentration camp where Nazis killed 1.1 million people during World War II.

To me, this is a clear sign that now—more than ever—it is vital to educate our younger generations and continue to condemn and denounce the actions of the Nazi regime.

As the years pass, there are fewer brave survivors left to tell their stories, and, unfortunately, there are still acts of genocide occurring around the world.

The United States should do everything in its power to help prevent these atrocious acts from occurring, which is why I am proud to co-sponsor the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act.

This legislation strengthens the U.S. government's ability to prevent and respond to genocide, war crimes, and other crimes against humanity.

The Nazis used fear and hatred to attempt the elimination of an entire population of people. Without intervention, they may have succeeded.

As Elie Wiesel, a courageous Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate, said, "Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair."

It is our moral responsibility as the world's most powerful nation to never forget and to stand up against violence, racism, and genocide across the globe.

As we honor Holocaust Remembrance Week, let this be a reminder of our responsibility to educate younger generations.

Today, I stand with my colleagues to honor, pray for, and remember the victims of the Holocaust. May we recognize and improve upon mistakes in our past, so we are not condemned to repeat history in the future.

REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Holocaust Remembrance Week and the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

The Holocaust was the systematic persecution of six million Jews by the Nazi regime. This week, we remember the millions of people who suffered from these crimes. This year is also the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, when the remaining imprisoned Jews rose up against the Nazi SS.

I am dedicated to honoring the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. That is why funding of the Holocaust Memorial Museum is essential. It is also imperative to provide assistance to those who survived the Holocaust, which is why I support funding for the Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program.

I encourage my fellow Members of Congress to join me in remembering the six million people who died in the Holocaust. With our continued efforts to fund the Holocaust Memo-

rial Museum and the Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program, we may continue to honor the legacy of those who perished.

RECOGNIZING LONNIE BELL

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lonnie Bell, a Montanan who shared his warmth, wit, and talents with hundreds of thousands over his seven decades as a country music disc jockey.

Bell, a Navy veteran with 20 years of service, began entertaining audiences while stationed in Oahu in 1953. For the next 30 years, he combined genuine love for country music with his authentic and unpretentious broadcast style in stations around the country. Bell made Montana his permanent home in 1964.

In 1985, Bell began his second radio career, hosting a popular Sunday country music program until last month. In March, the Country Music Disc Jockey Hall of Famer signed off the air with his final broadcast from Billings.

Along the way, Bell, an accomplished musician, helped country music legends Charlie Pride and Loretta Lynn find their way to stardom.

It is my honor to recognize Lonnie Bell for his countless contributions to country music and to our Montana way of life.

CONGRATULATING MS. SHERI CAINE ON RECEIVING THE 2018 NORTHRUP GRUMMAN FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE IN ENGINEERING EDUCATION AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Sheri Caine, a teacher at Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn, Illinois, for receiving this year's Northrup Grumman Foundation Excellence in Engineering Education award. The National Science Teachers Association presented Ms. Caine with the award in March at their National Conference on Science Education. As an engineer, a former teacher, and strong proponent of STEM education, I am especially proud to recognize this tremendous accomplishment.

For the last 10 years, Ms. Caine has been teaching all levels of chemistry and physics at Richards High School. Throughout her teaching career, she has earned a reputation for engaging students in the classroom and urging them to think about science both theoretically and as a tool to solve real world problems. In the lesson plan she created to meet

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the award criteria, students design a musical instrument, predict the frequency the instrument will play, and then measure the actual frequency using an iPad. Sheri Caine's impact on her students goes beyond the classroom with her dedication to after-school tutoring and the school's volleyball program.

Ms. Caine's background in research has undoubtedly contributed to her success in the classroom. While she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Global STEM Education at Texas Tech University, she spent her previous summers working at Argonne National Laboratory. After being diagnosed with thyroid cancer, Ms. Caine contributed to the advancement of cancer treatment by agreeing to undergo a minimally invasive procedure known as transoral thyroidectomy. After learning that the University of Chicago was looking to be the first pioneer of this treatment in the Midwest, Ms. Caine eagerly volunteered. Her bravery and commitment to science proved successful as she is now cancer free.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Sheri Caine on this award and on the accolades she has received throughout her career. Richards High School is fortunate to have such an exceptional teacher on staff and I wish her the best as she continues teaching and inspiring students.

CONGRATULATING J. GARY PENNETT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, from the very first day at the U.S. Air Force Academy and throughout one's service in the U.S. Air Force, you learn about how to live the Air Force values: integrity first, service before self, and strive for excellence. J. Gary Pennett did his best to live these values, and has gone above and beyond in answering the call to serve throughout his more than four decades of military and public service.

Throughout his life, J. Gary Pennett has served in the United States Air Force, in the Department of Defense, and in his current role at the Missile Defense Agency. As Director of Operations at the Missile Defense Agency, Pennett utilized his people-first approach as the chief architect of recruiting, hiring a diverse, professional, and highly-skilled workforce. Even in the face of extreme budget uncertainty, government furloughs, shutdowns, and declining budgets, Pennett has found opportunity and success in the most trying circumstances—ensuring that his Agency delivers on its promise to defend our nation.

I thank Mr. J. Gary Pennett for his service to the people of Hawai'i and our country, and congratulate him as he closes this chapter in his career of service performed to the highest standards. We wish him well as he begins the next. Aloha.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on April 16, 2018, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor due to train travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call 140, and yea on Roll Call 141.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. ASELAG, FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the memory of Firefighter Michael J. Aselage of the Fort Loramie Community Fire Company, who was killed in the line of duty on April 2, 1975.

Michael Aselage was born in 1950, the son of Bernard and Elizabeth Aselage. Upon graduating from Fort Loramie High School, he entered the United States Coast Guard, where he served for four years. In late 1974, following in the footsteps of his father, he joined the Fort Loramie Community Fire Company.

On April 2, 1975, Michael noticed a downed electric pole and wire lying across a portion of Ohio State Route 705. He immediately went to a nearby house to call the Shelby County Sheriff's Office for assistance. He then went back to the site of the downed wire to direct traffic around the hazard. He was killed when the door of his vehicle came into contact with the wire.

This Sunday, a portion of State Route 705 in Shelby County will be renamed and dedicated in Michael's honor. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer my condolences to the family and friends of Michael J. Aselage as they gather to celebrate his selfless service. I am grateful to the members of the Fort Loramie Community Fire Company for pursuing this honor in tribute to their fallen comrade.

KATIE GROKE ELLIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Katie Groke Ellis for receiving the 2017 Arvada Young Professional Leadership Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Each year the Arvada Chamber recognizes Arvada's finest men and women for their involvement and dedication to the community. Katie Groke Ellis is being recognized for her innovation, entrepreneurship, professional accomplishments and community leadership. In 2017, Katie led the charge on the Apex Park and Recreation District rebranding all while maintaining her other professional responsibilities.

ities. Katie is an exemplary leader and always willing to step up and help to ensure the Arvada community thrives.

Congratulations to Katie Groke Ellis for this well-deserved award and thank you for your contribution to our community.

CONGRATULATING CALEB KLEMAN

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exemplary student from the 1st District of Iowa. I am pleased to announce that Caleb Kleman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa has been accepted to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Kleman is an outstanding student—ranking in the top 1 percent of Iowa Assessments each year of his high school career. In addition to awards such as Academic Numerals, Academic Letter, and Academic Certificate, he is recognized as an AP Scholar with distinction in his third year. Mr. Kleman's academic recognition is well deserved as he ranks 5th of 309 students in his class with a weighted GPA of 4.492 while enrolling in over ten advanced placement courses.

Further developing his leadership skills, Mr. Kleman attained the position Vice President of the National Honor Society, Section Leader of Marching Band, and First Chair of both Jazz Band and Concert Band. His participation in the band as a first chair trumpet player for four years led to performances at All-State competitions. Serving as Captain of the Cross Country team, he developed skills identifying potential conflicts, problem solving, and team building.

I have full confidence in Mr. Kleman's ability to successfully pursue a degree in engineering while serving as a vital asset to the U.S. Navy.

TRIBUTE TO DARLENE AND ED LAUGHLIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Darlene and Ed Laughlin of Imogene, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on February 15, 2018.

Darlene and Ed's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING ALLEN JOHNSON
AND HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Allen Johnson for his heroism in receiving the Purple Heart during the Korean War. Allen Johnson joined the Army in January of 1951, and soon found himself fighting for our country on the battlefields of the Korean War. On November 24, 1951, Mr. Johnson was wounded in battle. Though earning the Purple Heart, he never received it until just this year.

Allen Johnson went on to serve in the National Guard and retired with the rank of Captain. Like so many of his generation, Mr. Johnson never sought fanfare or special recognition for his service. He and his wife, Mardell, were married 62 years, and raised ten children. Mr. Johnson served his community as a member of the VFW and American Legion.

Allen Johnson passed away last October, but he will remain an inspiration to all Montanans. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the life and service of Allen Johnson.

RECOGNIZING WILDWOOD MIDDLE
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Wildwood Middle High School and their many accomplishments during the 2017–2018 school year.

Congratulations to the girls and boys basketball teams on winning the Class 1A state championship. This is the second consecutive state title for the girls basketball team and the first state title since 1953 for the boys basketball. I am happy to recognize the contribution of the coaches and players to this historic season. Principal and girls basketball coach Richard Hampton and boys basketball coach Von Moreland were both named Class 1A Coach of the Year. Kari Niblack and Darion Wilson were named Class 1A Player of the Year.

Congratulations to the Wildcats football team on an undefeated season. Coach McKinley Rolle was named Class 1A Coach of the Year. Coach Rolle led the team to their first undefeated season since 1985.

Congratulations to Kylie Ondriezek on being named Sumter County Teacher of the Year. Ms. Ondriezek is a graduate of Wildwood Middle High School and returned to teach English.

Wildwood Middle High School's dedication to quality education and creating opportunities for success is evident from these recognitions. I am pleased to recognize Wildwood Middle High School and congratulate the students, teachers, and administrators for their hard work and outstanding accomplishments. May their example inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

CONGRATULATING DEE KOCH ON
HER RETIREMENT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a Fort Bend County treasure, Dee Koch on her retirement.

Dee is retiring from her position as the George Foundation Director of Community Engagement. She is an icon in my home county of Fort Bend, where she has established two community engagement programs; Youth-in-Philanthropy and the Leadership Excellence Program. Between these programs and her work at the George Foundation, she has overseen grants totaling \$135 million. Over the years, Dee has also been instrumental in numerous community projects including the George Memorial Library, Access Health, the University of Houston Sugar Land, Memorial Hermann, the Fort Bend County Museum and the Mamie George Community Center. She has been a tireless advocate for youth and families in need in our community. I am proud to know her and call her a friend.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Dee Koch on her retirement. I thank her for her dedication to making Fort Bend County a better place to live and raise a family.

HONORING MS. LORENA CAMP
COLLINS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lorena Camp Collins for her dedication to her community's health and well-being.

For 55 years, Ms. Collins has spent her spare time volunteering at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center, giving more than 24,000 hours of her life to supporting patients, family members, visitors, and medical staff.

When holidays approached, she never hesitated to fill in for fellow volunteers and staff, allowing them to spend time with their families.

In 2004, Ms. Collins earned the Marjorie Covington Smith Auxilian of the Year title, and Governor Deal honored her for 50 years of service in 2013. She never allowed such praise to distract her, and she has continued to invest her energy in the medical center.

I am proud to honor Ms. Lorena Collins for her decades of selfless sacrifice.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAHC'S 30
YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
TO SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities (LAHC) as they celebrate their

30th Annual Awards Gala. Their efforts enrich the lives of countless Michigan residents through their programming.

LAHC was founded in 1982 as an athletic organization in Dearborn, Michigan with the mission of providing community members with a way to connect with neighbors and exercise. As Dearborn's Arab American population grew through the 1980s and 1990s, LAHC realized its potential and expanded to serve the needs of the fast-growing community. The organization's leaders made the decision to shift from a health-centered organization to one that focused on the Dearborn community and initiatives that spread awareness of Arab culture. After receiving continuous feedback from community members, LAHC realized the importance of promoting education and now has a rich network of local sponsors and scholarships that aid students throughout their educational journey while simultaneously supporting local medical initiatives.

As LAHC grew in influence and size, the organization expanded its programming to focus on three main tenets: education, public health and human services. The organization has provided 1,200 students over \$1.3 million in educational scholarships as well as local mentors for graduating seniors. LAHC also works closely with schools in southeastern Michigan to empower children to take control of their own health by offering cooking and fitness classes in local schools. Over the years, LAHC has grown in size and influence due to the positive impact it has made on southeast Michigan residents. It is proud to offer food assistance, clothing and temporary shelter, as well as translation services to community members. Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities has bettered southeast Michigan through its members' empathetic and dedicated leadership. We are grateful for their 30 years of service and look forward to their public service in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities as they celebrate 30 years of service to our southeast Michigan community. Their work in our local community has had a tremendous impact and helped improve the lives of countless Michigan residents.

LUKAS KNIGHT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

Lukas Knight is a student at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lukas Knight 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 Lukas Knight for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO DELORES AND
WESLEY HART

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Delores and Wesley Hart of Shenandoah, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on February 16, 2018.

Delores and Wesley's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 70th Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel. I would also like to salute the Consulate General of Israel in New York for decades of work towards strengthening the bond between New York and Israel.

For 70 years, Israel has served as a place of refuge for millions of Jewish people around the world. Despite facing tremendous adversity at every turn, Israel has become a vibrant and inclusive democracy.

As the home of the largest Jewish population outside Tel Aviv, I know the ties between New York and Israel are particularly deep. Israel is one of our leading partners, and will continue to be in the decades to come.

In the words of President John F. Kennedy: "Israel can neither be broken by adversity nor demoralized by success. It carries the shield of democracy and it honors the sword of freedom."

I would also like to send my deepest gratitude to everyone that has tirelessly worked to build bridges between Israel and the United States. Thanks to their heroic efforts, the bonds between America and Israel are stronger than ever.

CONGRESS OF FUTURE SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 3 high school students who were chosen by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the State of Colorado as Delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. The students are Taylor Barker, Lale Edil, and Brielle Williams.

The Congress is an honors-only program for top students in our country who aspire to work in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) fields. These students are nominated by their teachers or the Academy based on their leadership ability, academic achievement, and dedication. This program is designed to inspire young people to go into STEM fields and provides a path, plan, and mentoring resources to help them reach their dreams. During the Congress, the students will have the chance to learn from luminaries of the STEM field including top scientific university deans, leaders from government and the private sector, and even Nobel laureates.

These students' acceptance to this prestigious program is an incredible feat, and it is my honor to rise today and recognize the outstanding accomplishment of this future leader. Our nation greatly benefits from the achievements of scientists and technologists, and it is important that we continue to inspire younger generations to pursue careers in the STEM fields.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations to these students and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MS. DIANE McCORD

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect to recognize and celebrate the career of Ms. Diane McCord on the occasion of her retirement. Ms. McCord has retired from the Town of Esopus, New York after forty dedicated years of service.

For the past four decades, Ms. McCord has served Esopus in many different capacities as Town Clerk, Town Councilperson, and Town Supervisor, making herself a cornerstone of the community. Ms. McCord's many years of dedication to the town has improved the quality of life of her friends and neighbors, and as the President of the Senior Citizens organization, has enhanced the lives of many seniors.

I respect the commitment of those distinct individuals who have tirelessly devoted themselves to their community. Ms. McCord's legacy of hard work and commitment to the Town of Esopus is a source of inspiration, instilling the values of determination, conviction, and loyalty in her community.

Mrs. McCord has been an esteemed leader, and I thank her for her commitment to her community. I wish her every happiness as she embarks on this new chapter.

NICHOLAS KULHANEK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

Nicholas Kulhanek is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nicholas Kulhanek 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 Nicholas Kulhanek for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY UNION (TELACU) AND THE 35TH ANNUAL TELACU EDUCATION FOUNDATION "BUILDING THE DREAM" GALA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU), the nation's largest and oldest Community Development Corporation, on its 50th anniversary of making immeasurable contributions to traditionally disenfranchised communities, and the TELACU Education Foundation on its 35th annual "Building the Dream" Gala.

TELACU, which is based in my 40th Congressional District, was established as a pioneering institution in 1968, and was initially funded through federal legislation authored by Senators Robert F. Kennedy and Jacob K. Javits to revitalize urban and underserved communities throughout the United States. Over the years, TELACU has built many community assets, including industrial parks, schools, shopping centers, and municipal facilities. It has created well-paying jobs for local residents, developed quality and affordable homes for first-time homeowners, constructed beautiful residential complexes for families and senior citizens, and established responsive financial institutions to create access to capital for small business owners and hardworking families.

In 1983, TELACU created the TELACU Education Foundation in response to crisis-level dropout rates for Latino students in college. When the foundation began, it served just fifteen first-generation college students. This year, as the Foundation marks its 35th anniversary, it has built a proud legacy of helping thousands of first-generation Latinos

from underserved communities shatter barriers to academic and professional success.

Each year, TELACU's Continuum of Education—comprised of the College Readiness and College Success Programs—helps more than 2,000 TELACU Scholars as they pursue their high school, college, and graduate studies. These programs offer scholars critical financial resources and a comprehensive support system to help them achieve their educational and career goals.

Historically, approximately 98 percent of high school TELACU Scholars graduate, and almost all of them pursue higher education. More than 99 percent of college TELACU Scholars earn at least a Bachelor's degree, with an increasing number going on to seek advanced degrees.

TELACU Scholars are predominantly Latinos from some of the most economically depressed communities in Los Angeles. Our communities, our state, and our nation are all strengthened when these scholars earn high school diplomas and college degrees. With TELACU's help, these graduates become independent, well-educated professionals and role models who inspire, empower, and invest in the next generation of Latino leaders.

Today, the TELACU Scholar Alumni network stretches all over the world. They are researchers and engineers, entrepreneurs and CEOs, educators and policy-makers. They are leaders who help to maintain the United States' promise as a place where immigrants can use their own talents to pursue their dreams.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the thousands of students, families, and communities that have been helped by TELACU, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating TELACU on its 50th anniversary and the TELACU Education Foundation on its 35th anniversary. Let us also celebrate the remarkable TELACU Scholars honored at the foundation's annual "Building the Dream" Gala. I wish TELACU and the TELACU Education Foundation the very best as it continues its mission of helping underserved communities pursue socioeconomic equity with the help of educational opportunities, community development, and economic empowerment.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RAYMOND NICHOLAS ADLER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Concord resident, Mr. Raymond Nicholas "Nick" Adler.

Nick Adler was born on March 29, 1946, in Evansville, Indiana, to Merrie Claire Northrup and Dr. Raymond Adler. He attended Reitz Memorial High School and worked for his grandfather's grocery store as a customer service clerk. After Nick graduated high school, he entered St. Meinrad Seminary but after much reflection, he chose a different path, earning a history degree from the University of Evansville.

Nick worked as a school teacher for a period of time, but eventually pursued a career

in the medical field by enrolling at the University of Portland, where he graduated with a Nursing Science degree. During this period, he met the love of his life, Marie "Cookie" Garaventa and on July 27, 1974, Nick and Cookie were married. As their family grew, Nick worked as a visiting nurse for Contra Costa County and then began a 35-year career working as an office manager for Concord Disposal Service. During his tenure, Nick provided exceptional customer service and volunteered with many community organizations. He continued his passion and pursuit for higher education by earning a master's degree in national security and he enjoyed listening to many audiobooks, until his unexpected passing on March 24, 2018.

Nick is survived by his loving wife, Cookie; devoted children: Paul Adler (Lisa), David Adler (Nicole), Nicole Impagliazzo (Maron) & Angelina Kosich (Greg). Nick's greatest passion in life was entertaining his beloved eleven grandchildren: Nicholas, Alessandra, Joseph, Mark, Michael, Siena, Andrew, Christopher, Arianna, Luke, and Carly. He is also survived by his brothers: Steven Adler, Michael Adler (Jen) & John Adler (Diana); sisters: Merrie Stradtner and Jennie Evans (Don), along with numerous nieces and nephews.

His generous loving spirit, strong sense of faith, funny sense of humor, and quick wit will be missed by all who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO THE DETER MOTOR COMPANY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Deter Motor Company of Atlantic. The company opened their doors in 1964 with a plan to help people with their transportation needs.

The dealership is a full service business and offers numerous brands at its current location on Second Street in Atlantic. The company has 32 employees who assist customers in sales and service. Rod Deter, manager of the Deter Motor Company, said, "it is a challenge to learn a new business after a career in electronics and software. Any business is about helping people no matter what the product is. I have always liked the car business, because it is a rewarding career to get people into the vehicle they want and to keep it running properly."

Mr. Speaker, I commend Rod and his staff for their dedicated service to Atlantic. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Deter Motor Company for their many achievements in the auto industry and in wishing Rod, his family, and employees nothing but the best.

RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the upcoming 70th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel and the strong bond of friendship between the United States and Israel.

The United States and the State of Israel share democratic freedoms and values, and embrace those values as the cornerstones of a vibrant democratic society. Israel has continued to stand as a stalwart of democracy and a beacon of hope for Jewish immigrants from all over the world. As an immigrant myself, I value the democratic principles which are the linchpin of our nation.

I have visited Israel and been fortunate enough to witness the special relationship the U.S. and Israel share. We share the common goals of peace, freedom, and the pursuit of security and prosperity for our citizens and for the region. It is my pleasure to help honor the State of Israel on its 70th birthday, and recognize the importance of the friendship between our two countries. I hope all my colleagues and fellow Americans will join me in taking pride in the unique contributions that our Israeli community has made to our nation.

Again, congratulations to Israel and its people all across the world on their 70th independence day.

EXHAUCE KUMESO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

Exhauc Kumeso is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Exhauc Kumeso 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 Exhauc Kumeso for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, on April 16, 2018 I was not able to participate in the 6:30 p.m.

vote series. I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were present: “Yea” on Roll Call No. 140 and “Yea” on Roll Call No. 141.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018 MARK-UP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we marked up H.R. 5129, the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2018. I'd like to thank Chairman ROYCE, for his leadership on global food security, including in particular for his original cosponsorship of this reauthorization as well as the original Global Food Security Act, and his agreeing to move this bill to markup so rapidly.

The original Global Food Security Act promoted food security, resilience and nutrition in developing countries in keeping with U.S. national security interests. Through agriculture-led economic development, GFSA has strengthened partner countries' capacity and lessened their dependence on emergency food assistance. It has also improved efficiency among federal departments and agencies and leveraged the participation of other non-U.S. governmental partners.

I should be restated that GFSA's legacy as a bipartisan success story—legislation which solidified in law a policy that had its roots in the Bush Administration, was amplified by President Obama and is now being implemented by President Trump.

Now is the time to reauthorize this landmark legislation. H.R. 5129 builds upon the Global Food Security Act of 2016, which formally codified the Feed the Future Initiative and was signed into law with overwhelming bipartisan support in July 2016, by reauthorizing the program for two years—per the Amendment you have before you—through 2020.

Crucially, this reauthorization bill emphasizes the importance of deworming initiatives. Among the neglected tropical diseases, intestinal worms account for nearly eighty percent of NTD prevalence, affecting close to one billion people the world over. These worms undercut our nutrition interventions, and can lead to death by malnutrition or lifelong stunting. We need to combine our nutrition interventions not only with a coordinated deworming campaign, but also with Water Sanitation Health interventions that change people's behavior. WaSH training helps ensure people limit exposure to worms, such as by washing and peeling vegetables or something as simple as giving children shoes to wear so if they trod on worm-infected soil they don't get sick again. We are trying to feed the future, not feed the worms.

We will also rectify an oversight by including the Inter-American Foundation in the inter-agency initiative on Food Security. IAF does development right, in particular working with small holder farmers while keeping bureaucratic overhead low.

That we are here reauthorizing the Global Food Security Act is a testament to the dedi-

cation of numerous committed groups outside Congress that have made food security and nutrition their priority, from advocates to implementers—especially and including faith-based organizations who perhaps work the closest to the small-holder farmers and women who benefit in particular from our food security efforts. I thank them for their support and look forward to working with them more in this process.

I'd also like to compliment our federal agencies tasked with implementing the GFSA—in particular USAID under the leadership of Beth Dunford. The professionalism and dedication of Beth and many others is critical to the overall success of the program.

Finally, I would like to thank Rep. BETTY MCCOLLUM for again being the lead cosponsor on this critical, bipartisan legislation, as well as to thank original cosponsor Ranking Member ENGEL and the Ranking member of our subcommittee, KAREN BASS and others.

IN RECOGNITION OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ISRAELI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON STATE

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 70th anniversary of the independence of the state of Israel, which falls on April 19 this year.

Israel is an important friend and ally of the United States.

The United States and Israel share a unique bond based on democratic principles, common values and mutual strategic interests.

In Washington state, the Puget Sound region is home to the fastest growing Jewish community of any metropolitan area in the United States, including almost 10,000 Israelis.

On April 22, people from across Washington state will gather for a Yom Ha'atzmaut festival, celebrating 70 years of Israeli Independence.

I would like to recognize the Israeli-American community for its contributions to Washington state and honor the hope of the Jewish people.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY AND DELBERT KING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kathy and Delbert King of Villisca, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on February 9, 2018.

Kathy and Delbert's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even

stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 142 regarding the “Protecting Children from Identity Theft Act.” Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

MIGUEL LOPEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

Miguel Lopez is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Miguel Lopez 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 Miguel Lopez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 17, 2018, I was not present for recorded votes. I would have voted:

YES on roll call vote No. 140 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 146, as amended),

YES on roll call vote No. 141 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 167), and

YES on roll call vote No. 142 (on passage of H.R. 5192).

IN REMEMBRANCE OF BARBARA PIERCE BUSH, MATRIARCH OF A GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY, CHAMPION OF FAMILY AND LITERACY, AND TRAILBLAZER

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Barbara Pierce Bush, the matriarch of one of America's great families, and former First Lady of the United States.

Barbara Bush was a descendant of the 14th president, the wife of the 41st and the mother of the 43rd.

Barbara Bush, the widely admired wife of one president and the fiercely loyal mother of another, was born June 8, 1925 in Rye, New York.

Barbara Bush attended a prestigious boarding school in South Carolina, where she met George Herbert Walker Bush at a school dance when she was 16 and he was a year older.

Three years later, Barbara Pierce married her sweetheart and their love lasted for 73 years, until she was departed from her beloved by death.

George and Barbara raised their family mainly in West Texas, where they settled after the end of World War II and where the future President went into the oil business.

Barbara Bush was a plainspoken woman who was instantly recognizable with her signature white hair, pearl necklaces, and earrings.

Mrs. Bush was an early supporter of the Civil Rights Movement, Planned Parenthood, and was a tireless champion of many charitable causes, especially literacy.

Barbara Bush raised more than \$1 billion for literacy and cancer charities.

Barbara Bush recognized that education was the key that unlocked the door of human potential.

Literacy was Barbara Bush's special cause, which led her to establish the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

Shortly after the end of her husband's presidential administration, the Bush Family returned to Texas, and all Houstonians were lucky to call her and her husband, George H. W. Bush, the 41st president, our neighbors and dear friends.

Barbara Bush's books include an autobiography and one about post-White House life.

Her children's book about their dog, Millie, and her puppies written during her White House years was a best seller, as were her other books.

In 2001, when George W. Bush took office, Barbara Bush became the only woman in American history to live to see her husband and son elected president.

Barbara Bush lived a full life and will be remembered in American history, alongside only Abigail Adams, for the impact her life had on this country.

Barbara Bush is survived by her husband and their children George, Jeb, Neil, Marvin, and Dorothy.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of Barbara Pierce Bush, the Former First Lady of the United States.

RECOGNIZING CEI ON 40 YEARS OF INVESTING IN MAINE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank an organization in my District that is celebrating 40 years of supporting rural communities, economies, and families in Maine and across the nation.

In the 1970s, social activist and theology student Ron Phillips came to Maine to replicate a community-based economic development model he had seen succeed in places around the world. So began Coastal Enterprises Inc.—or CEI as it has become known—which made its first loan in 1978 to rebuild a waterfront facility that had burned down and was central to the local fishing community.

Since its humble beginnings, CEI has loaned over \$1.3 billion, which in turn has leveraged an additional \$2.8 billion in investment. At this point, it is hard to find an area of Maine's rural economy and community infrastructure that CEI has not touched. Adapting to the greatest needs and opportunities of our state over the last four decades, it has helped build more than 2,000 affordable housing units, invested in over 2,700 businesses, supported over 37,000 jobs, and created or preserved more than 5,800 child-care openings.

But CEI is not only a source of financing for worthy projects. It is trusted partner and leader in moving Maine forward, whether that means helping recent immigrants launch their own businesses, supporting women entrepreneurs, strengthening our state's agricultural and fisheries industries, or providing counseling to help Mainers stay in their homes.

Despite its growth, the organization has stayed true to the communities it serves and to its founding values. CEI's staff is just as comfortable conversing with CEOs and corporate financiers as they are with fishermen on the dock and farmers in the field.

I have been proud to work closely with this organization both in Washington and in Maine. I wholeheartedly thank CEI for its work, celebrate its impact on our communities over the last 40 years, and wish it many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF DUDLEY GREENE

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Dudley Greene of McDowell County, North Carolina. I would like to express my gratitude to Sheriff Greene for 35 years of serving and protecting the citizens of Western North Carolina.

Sheriff Greene began his career with law enforcement in 1983 as a Patrol Officer at Newland Police Department in Avery County after completing law enforcement training at Mayland Community College. Sheriff Greene went on to become the Police Chief at Newland Police Department after only two

years with the department. He then served as a Special Agent with North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement for two years before starting as a Detective and Chief Deputy in Avery County Sheriff's Office in 1990.

In 1994, Sheriff Greene began his career with McDowell County Sheriff's Office and has faithfully served in various positions over his tenure. Prior to becoming Sheriff, he held many important roles, including Criminal Investigation Detective, Jail Captain, and Detective Captain. As Detective Captain, he was recognized as McDowell County's Deputy of the Year by the county commissioners in 2002. Sheriff Greene has served as Sheriff of McDowell County since his election in 2008 and has successfully handled numerous cases for the people in his community.

Sheriff Greene and his wife Allyson have two children: Mary Beth who lives in New York and Julian who is serving in the United States Army. Sheriff Greene attends Grace Community Church in Marion, North Carolina.

Through his dedication to the citizens of McDowell County and wide-ranging involvement in his community, Sheriff Greene has enriched the lives of the people he has faithfully served. It is my distinct honor to recognize his outstanding work and express the best wishes of the people of Western North Carolina to Sheriff Greene on the occasion of his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO BECKY AND BRAD KRAMER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Becky and Brad Kramer. They were honored by the Midwest Partnership with the Entrepreneur of the Year Award at their annual banquet on January 25, 2018.

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award recognizes entrepreneurial spirit and the substantial growth of a small business venture in Midwest Partnership's region. The Kramer's own Kramer's Cafe in Orient and have recently renovated a two-story commercial building that now houses Harry's Bar and Orient Lofts.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Becky and Brad for receiving this outstanding award and for working hard to make their community a better place to live and work. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating them and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

ALYSSA MARTINEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Alyssa Martinez for receiving the 2017 Rising Star Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Each year the Arvada Chamber recognizes Arvada's finest men and women for their involvement and dedication to the community.

Specifically, the Rising Star Award recognizes a high school student who exemplifies extraordinary skills in entrepreneurship, innovation, community impact and leadership.

A student at Arvada High School, Alyssa has proven to be a leader for the student body and exemplifies high moral conduct and provides a positive example for all students daily. Alyssa is the poster child for doing the right thing while also excelling in everything she puts her mind to.

Congratulations to Alyssa Martinez for this well-deserved award, and I thank her for her contribution to our community.

COMMEMORATING ISRAEL'S 70TH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate Israel's Memorial Day, Yom Hazikaron, and Israel's Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut. Israel's transition from Memorial Day to Independence Day is a time to reflect about the sacrifices of the people of Israel for their country. And, as the country transitions from sadness to celebration, it is an opportunity to recognize and praise the achievements of Israel.

Starting with its very founding, Israel has overcome immense obstacles, including near constant attacks from its neighbors. And yet, over the last 70 years, Israel has grown tremendously. Its economy is one of the most dynamic in the world, drawing investors and innovators from around the globe. Its contributions to technology, medicine, and culture have greatly benefitted the international community. Israel has a longstanding history of aid work, most recently providing aid to Syria and responding to natural disasters in Haiti. And, of course, Israel continues to be a refuge for Jewish people fleeing anti-Semitism.

On this 70th anniversary of the modern state of Israel, I celebrate the values that the United States and Israel share: the ideals of freedom and pluralism. Israel is a nation that prides itself on promoting freedom and self-determination. It seeks peace with its neighbors, and the United States must continue to support Israel in its quest for peace.

As a strategic partner and friend, the United States stands in solidarity with Israel against its enemies. We will continue to look for ways to strengthen the partnership between our countries. I am proud to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with our ally, Israel, and look forward to the nation's continued success.

RECOGNIZING GERARD PLACE AND ITS DEDICATED ADVOCATES DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we recognize April as National Volunteer Month to call special and deserved

recognition to Gerard Place and its dedicated advocates.

Gerard Place opened its doors and its heart to a community in need in 2000, under the auspices of twelve Congregations of Women Religious in my hometown of Buffalo, New York. These Women of Faith brought a closed city corner back to life for homeless single parents and children through counseling, education, employment, housing and life skills training.

With its core values ingrained in the organization's building blocks of compassion, reverence, integrity and collaboration, Gerard Place's programs have been highly successful as more than 90 percent have transitioned to independent housing.

Statistics are a required reporting tool of course, but Gerard Place's real impact is found in the faces and heard in the stories of second chances given and opportunities seized by women now living productive, purposeful lives. With individualized, intensive support, families are strengthened, careers are pursued and a better future is within reach.

Understanding the work is never complete, Gerard Place is expanding its offerings with the rehabilitation of the Community Center to bring classroom space, job readiness training and quality childcare to the neighborhood.

As is the case in so many of our mission driven non-profits, the leadership and staff of Gerard Place will be the first to share that so much of what has been achieved and so much that is left to do is only possible thanks to the tireless dedication of its amazing volunteers.

It is a belief I share as a true example of how lives are changed by those inspiring people among us who give their time, talent and treasure back to their communities. Without the more than 100 volunteers devoting more than 6,000 hours annually in a multitude of roles including engagement with program participants, staff support, event organization and board membership, the goals of Gerard Place would be unattainable.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to acknowledge and add my thanks to the outstanding volunteers of Gerard Place for everyday of every month they give hope and help to those they selflessly serve in our community.

HONORING JACOB AND JOAB BOWEN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate two of my Hall County neighbors, Jacob and Joab Bowen, who were honored by the community as "Farmers of the Year" at the Annual Agribusiness Awards Program.

Jacob and Joab's father, Paul Bowen, started a chicken farm in 1987. Following his example, the two brothers have worked on their family's farm since its inception.

Each year, the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce and the Hall County Cooperative Extension host the awards ceremony to highlight achievements in our community's agriculture industry. In the last decade, Jacob and Joab have succeeded in managing their farm's

expansion, earning them an honor at this year's event.

What began as a small operation has grown into a large-scale farm that contains 16 chicken houses and several acres for cattle. Annually, the Bowen farm produces more than 22 million pounds of antibiotic-free chicken.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Bowen brothers for their diligence in a crucial yet often undervalued profession. Our communities depend on the food that Jacob, Joab, and many Northeast Georgia farmers produce, and I am grateful for their work.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE RONALD A. SARASIN

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Honorable Ronald A. Sarasin on the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society. Since January 3, 2000, Ron has directed the Society as it has communicated the rich heritage of Congress and the U.S. Capitol to a wide, diverse audience. School children, scholars, historians, artists, people from all walks of life, and even Members of Congress have learned more about this great institution because of programs offered by the Society.

Under Ron's leadership, classroom programs, symposia and lectures, awards and outreach, and recognition of the history of Congressional committees has flourished. The Society has brought elementary and secondary students to the Capitol for tours and visits to our offices. It has sponsored symposia where scholars have shared their research and insights. It has taught about Constantino Brumidi and his beautiful artwork. At a recent Society event, guests were invited to climb the temporary stairs and walk on the scaffolding to view the restoration of the ceiling of the Brumidi Corridors at eye level.

During Ron's tenure, the Society has dedicated over \$100,000 to fund fellowships for historians, political scientists, artists, and scholars of other disciplines. The Society even became a publisher, producing 12 books on Congress.

Ron has been a great ambassador for Congress. He has led countless numbers of students, visiting dignitaries, business executives, international guests, and Society members on tours of this great building. As a former Representative from Connecticut, Ron knows our institution well and has been generous in sharing his insights.

As Members of Congress, we too have been enriched by the Society. As guests to the annual presentation of the Freedom Award over the years we have met American icons such as filmmaker Ken Burns, historian David McCullough and writer, director and star of "Hamilton," Lin-Manuel Miranda. We have been honored by Society dinners celebrating the history of the Congressional committees on which we serve. We have been feted at welcoming receptions for new Members of Congress and at thank you receptions for Members who retire.

Ron's outstanding leadership was recognized when the National Endowment for the

Humanities honored the U.S. Capitol Historical Society with its National Humanities Medal in 2004. Upon receiving the award from President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, Ron noted, "There is so much more to be told about our nation's history from inside this building (the Capitol) than simply the making of laws." Indeed there is, and Ron Sarasin has excelled in telling the story of the Capitol and Congress for the past 18 years.

I thank Ron, for his persistent advocacy of Congress and the Capitol. Congratulations on a job well done and best wishes as he turns his attention to other endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MALLORY
MARGARET NESMITH

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a young leader, Ms. Mallory Margaret Nesmith, for being accepted to the United States Air Force Academy. Academically, she is outstanding by earning a high-weighted GPA of 4.122 while participating in challenging AP courses. She was selected as one of two ambassadors from a class of 82 students to be an AP Ambassador for the course Advanced Placement United States History, APUSH. Additional honors granted to Ms. Nesmith include English Student of the Year for two years, Student of the Quarter, Member of Mu Alpha Theta, and Junior Es-cort.

Aside from her academics, she is a long-term leader of the Lego Club Library for the past seven years. She partakes in drama and band where she performed and earned awards at the state and national level. With her involvement as Vice President in the Distributive Education Clubs of America, a high school leadership program, she received one district, two state, and one national award. These accomplishments are only a handful amongst her participation in additional extra curricular activities, academic clubs, and community organizations.

Growing up with a father in the Air Force, Ms. Nesmith understands the importance of comradeship amongst her fellow peers. Throughout her life, she has formed relationships with people that she now calls family. The ability to create lasting relationships with people of different backgrounds, and in new situations, displays a character worth having as a leader in the Air Force.

With the extensive accomplishments Ms. Nesmith has thus far, I have confidence in her ability to achieve her goal to become valedictorian at John F. Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, and in coming years, complete pilot training. She is a determined, confident, and sharp leader who will serve her country proudly.

TRIBUTE TO ROY QUAKENBUSH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Roy

Quakenbush of Council Bluffs, Iowa for his 70 years of service as a barber in Council Bluffs and Omaha. Roy began his career on February 9, 1948.

Roy said, "a lot has changed since I started barbering." He said he can remember when a haircut cost a dollar and kids' cuts cost fifty cents. At one time there were 65 barbers in Council Bluffs; today there are 10. Roy said, "I'm a barber, not a stylist." At 88 years old, Roy still works two mornings a week cutting hair and has no plan to retire any time soon. Roy said barbering has provided him with a good living and his volunteer work cutting hair and shaving beards at Children's Square USA and at the Hospice of Southwest Iowa has been a hallmark of his career. "Doing that helps those people feel good," Roy said.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Roy for his 70 years of dedicated and devoted service to his customers and friends of Council Bluffs and Omaha. Roy has made a difference by helping and serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in applauding his service and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE 110TH BIRTH-
DAY OF THE UNITED STATES
ARMY RESERVE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 110th birthday of the United States Army Reserve, which will be celebrated on April 23, 2018. What began in 1908 as a small corps of medical professionals held in readiness for duty is today the Army's global operational reserve force, and the most capable, combat-ready, and lethal Army Reserve the nation has ever known.

Established by Congress in 1908 with just 160 doctors and nurses, a larger Organized Reserve was created under the National Defense Act of 1916. A year later, when America entered World War I, more than 160,000 Reservists were mobilized to help the Army defeat Germany and the other Axis powers. By World War II, more than 200,000 Reservists had joined the fight, serving on every front.

Through two world wars, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, the Global War on Terror, and countless other crises, operations, and emergencies, America's Army Reserve has never failed to meet the challenges of its time. The Army Reserve continues to provide quick access to the mission-critical forces and capabilities the Army needs to initiate, sustain, and prevail in major operations.

Today our nation faces new threats from multiple sources that challenge U.S. military dominance across every domain. The Army Reserve is again rising to the challenge, creating a ready force of units and individual soldiers postured to move fast, engage quickly, and win decisively on the battlefields of today and tomorrow. I am proud of the Reservists of the 5th Congressional district of Washington state for serving with honor, distinction, and having the passion to protect our American freedoms.

The world is constantly changing and the threats evolving, but the Army Reserve continues to remain a dedicated component of the most decisive and lethal land force in the world.

Our thanks and appreciation to all of these patriotic Americans, and Happy 110th Birthday, U.S. Army Reserve.

MICHAEL MARTINEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

Michael Martinez is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Michael Martinez 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 Michael Martinez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 16, 2018 I missed the following votes due to weather delays and was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 140, and YEA on Roll Call No. 141.

CELEBRATING CALVERT'S 150TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the City of Calvert, Texas.

It is an honor to represent Calvert and its residents in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Calvert has supported thousands of families and businesses throughout the years, and I am proud to offer my congratulations on their sesquicentennial milestone.

Located in Robertson County, Calvert was established along the Houston and Texas Central Railway which was built through the area in 1868.

The town is named in honor of Robert Calvert, a farmer with large cotton and corn operations, who advocated for the railroad to come through Robertson County.

Settlers moved into the area to be closer to the rail which brought the promise of commerce and faster transportation of cotton from the farms along the Brazos River.

The town began to grow as businesses were established along Main Street, which ran parallel to the railroad; allowing them to take advantage of easy loading and unloading.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's Calvert was booming; it was a major cotton center, with a number of gins, cotton compresses and cottonseed oil mills. Unfortunately, floods, fires and a yellow fever epidemic, coupled with a drop in cotton prices reduced economic opportunities and the town's population.

While the city's population is smaller it has stood the test of time and the city has been resilient.

Today the city is reinventing itself as a historically charming destination, as much of its Victorian Era architecture is well preserved, telling the stories of Texas Pioneers. The current residents of Calvert are a hardy people, who are justifiably proud of the city's rich heritage.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the City of Calvert and its proud residents for their one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary.

In recognition of this occasion, I am pleased to fly a United States flag over the United States Capitol to honor Calvert's sesquicentennial anniversary.

As I close, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LATE FRED MARTIN'S LIFE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Fred Martin for his life of distinguished public service. His efforts have forever changed Michigan and made it a more inclusive and prosperous state.

A lifelong Michigan resident, Mr. Martin was passionate about serving others. He was a member of the United States Army from 1944 to 1946, serving during World War II in Europe and the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged with a Bronze Battle Star and returned home to Michigan to attend college. Mr. Martin received his Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts Education as well as his Master's Degree in Education in Administration in 1954. He then spent 27 years working for Detroit Public Schools in various positions including as a teacher, Assistant Principal, Executive Director of the Office of Personnel and Deputy Superintendent. From there, he went on to serve the City of Detroit as Mayor Coleman Young's Chief of Staff, a position that allowed him to work on policies that meaningfully impacted the city that he loved.

As an African American leader, Mr. Martin worked to establish the Society of Black Educational Administrators and served as the organization's first president. It was through his work there that he established tenets to eradi-

cate racism from Detroit Public Schools and worked with state and local leaders to open lines of communication. Through his work as Mayor Young's Chief of Staff, Mr. Martin increased the number of minority and female firefighters in the City of Detroit, vastly lowered the average response time of 911 emergency calls and coordinated food and shelter for Detroit's homeless population during the cold winters. Mr. Fred Martin spent his whole life working to better the city of Detroit and succeeded in changing public discourse and processes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Fred Martin. By all accounts, he lived a deeply meaningful life and will be dearly missed.

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY AND GENE HOSFELT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Shirley and Gene Hosfelt of Massena, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on February 10, 2018.

Shirley and Gene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

ATLANTA STUDENTS WINNING PRIZE IN C-SPAN VIDEO DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION)

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today and congratulate Jessie Schulhof and Ava Stark, students from The Alfred and Adele Davis Academy Middle School in Atlanta, Georgia.

Every year, C-SPAN holds a documentary contest for middle and high school students called StudentCam. This year, students were asked to choose a provision of the U.S. Constitution and create a video illustrating why it's important to them. The documentary the students submitted was "Speaking Up to The Limits," about the First Amendment.

Young people have the power to influence change in the world we live in today. We cannot let age, race, or gender keep people silent. I gave my first sermon at age 16. I became friends with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at age 18. The words and actions of Dr. King inspired me to become involved in the Civil Rights Movement.

Today, I am proud that these young constituents from The Alfred and Adele Davis Academy Middle School were honored for their great and good work in this competition, which saw more than 3,000 entries. I am pleased to congratulate them on this impressive recognition.

Every generation can leave behind a powerful legacy. You cannot be afraid to speak up. You cannot be afraid to speak out, especially for what you believe, even at a young age. Therefore, I stand with you and provide strength for you, as you are the future of this beloved country.

KYLE MCCLELLAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

Kyle McClelland is a student at Sobesky Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kyle McClelland 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 Kyle McClelland for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 139; YEA on Roll Call No. 140; YEA on Roll Call No. 141; and YEA on Roll Call No. 142.

CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 2 high school students who were chosen by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent the State of Colorado as Delegates at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. These students are Jana Sherif and Meghan Wampler.

The Congress is an honors-only program for top students in our country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists. These students are nominated by their teachers or the

Academy based on their leadership ability, academic achievement, and dedication. This program is designed to inspire young people to go into medical research fields or be physicians, and provides a path, plan, and mentoring resources to help them reach their goal. During the Congress, the students will have the chance to learn from leaders in the medical field as well as government officials, top medical school deans, leaders from the private sector, and even Nobel laureates.

These students' acceptance to this prestigious program is an incredible feat, and it is my honor to rise today and recognize the outstanding accomplishment of this future leader. Our nation greatly benefits from the achievements of physicians and medical scientists, and it is important that we continue to inspire younger generations to pursue careers in the medical field.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations to these students and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JACK E. BROWN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Jack E. Brown. He was honored by the Midwest Partnership with the Guy Powell Award at their annual banquet on January 25, 2018.

The Guy Powell Award was established in honor of the late Guy Powell, who served on the board and was an active volunteer in several community organizations. This award recognizes excellence in leadership and passion for economic development in the Midwest Partnership region. Jack was awarded this distinction for his selfless volunteering with many organizations and projects. He works with the Development Corporation of Greenfield, Greenfield Chamber/Main Street, Greenfield Lions Club and American Legion. Jack has been instrumental in helping to bring a number of business ventures to Greenfield.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Jack for receiving this outstanding award and for working hard to make his community a better place to live and work. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jack and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF EDWARD W. GOHRING

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Lieutenant Edward W. Gohring, USN Retired. Ed selflessly served the nation and Virginia's First District for 40 years through the United States Navy.

Ed began his career in service by enlisting in the United States Navy in 1976. He served

aboard the USS *Francis Hammond*, in the STAR program for AEGIS, and was critical in the development of the Combat System Operational Sequencing System. Ed served as lead instructor for the SPY-1 and AEGIS Weapon System courses before returning to Dahlgren to serve as an instructor for AEGIS Training and Readiness Center.

After retiring from the Navy, Ed served as the Director of Special Projects and AEGIS Training and Readiness Center from 1998 to 2002. During this time, he focused on Ballistic Missile Defense and littoral air warfare capabilities. Ed was transferred to the Center for Surface Combat Systems and assumed the role of Functional Integration, responsible for training of personnel for effective employment of surface Navy combat capability at sea. He later assumed duties as the Executive Director responsible for 15 training sites and detachments both domestically and abroad.

In recognition of his contribution to Navy, Ed was awarded the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the highest honor awarded by the Secretary of the Navy to a civilian employee. Ed is survived by his wife, Doris; son, Michael; and numerous family and friends across the Navy. I am honored to have known Ed and serve as witness to the countless lives he touched through his selfless service and leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF TIQUE LEE CAUL

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Antioch resident, Mrs. Tique Lee Caul.

Tique majored in Business at Laney College. As a single mother, she would often take her children with her as she attended classes. She simultaneously worked a full-time job and was a Habitat for Humanity volunteer.

Tique was a trailblazer and proud Antioch resident for 25 years and was a trailblazer. She was a woman who wore many hats. A dedicated Real Estate Agent for the past 18 years, Tique sat on multiple boards, and was passionately involved with several professional organizations including the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Black Women Organized for Political Action, and a past member of Kiwanis, and Toast Masters.

A stalwart in the community, Tique was a member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County, and a committed volunteer for several elected officials. One of her most passionate volunteer roles was that of Leadership Coordinator (Coach) for Aiming High, Inc., where she enjoyed supporting others in their personal transformation and goal attainment. As the daughter of a Navy veteran, she also volunteered for the Veterans' Hospital.

Tique was busy shining her light until the very end. She was a wonderful mother to her five daughters, (Ricklene, Bobbye, Roman, Miquel and Alexis) and son (Gerald Jr.), a brilliant wife (Gerald Sr.), a doting grandmother, loving aunt, sister, cousin and a faithful friend. She will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew her.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANNON FREE LIBRARY

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Cannon Free Library in Delhi, New York.

Libraries play an important role in our up-state communities, cultivating a love of learning and reading, and fostering a profound sense of fellowship among residents. For 100 years, the Cannon Free Library has enriched the lives and minds of the citizens of Delhi by encouraging imagination and serving as a place of gathering. Through its many program offerings, youth services, and wide selection of books, the library is a cornerstone of the community.

On behalf of the 19th Congressional District and the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and congratulations to the Cannon Free Library. As the library celebrates its 100th birthday, I would like to commend the staff, the Cannon Family, and the residents of Delhi on this achievement and wish them continued success in its next 100 years.

GRIFFIN McCONNELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

Griffin McConnell is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Griffin McConnell 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 Griffin McConnell for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MULBERRY RIVER SOCIETY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work done by the Mulberry River Society to restore the High Bank and Indian Creek access points on the nationally-designated Wild and Scenic Mulberry River. The river, which runs through the

Fourth Congressional District's northwest counties, is the result of collaborative efforts by the Mulberry River Society, U.S. Forest Service, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the Arkansas Canoe Club.

The resulting restoration will allow the Mulberry River to continue as a recreation spot for residents and visitors alike for decades to come. I congratulate the Mulberry River Society on its restoration and look forward to marking the occasion in person on Friday, April 20, 2018 at its 50th Anniversary Celebration of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on the banks of the Mulberry River.

TRIBUTE TO LOREN LONG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Loren Long. Loren was recently awarded the Greenfield Lion of the Year Award.

As a member of the Lion's organization for many years, Loren has worked tirelessly behind the scenes. He has dedicated his time to ensuring the organizations success in his community, whether it was working cleanup after events or getting the word out about upcoming community events. Loren, along with his wife Mary, are also the owners of Long's Market in Greenfield.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Loren for receiving this outstanding award and I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Loren and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE IS 70 YEARS OLD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week Israelis celebrate 70 years of independence and success against all odds. In Israel, independence day is celebrated the day after the entire country solemnly remembers its fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

The mingling of memorial and celebration in Israel is rooted in the country's history: from the very moment of its founding, Israel's enemies have tried time and again to wipe the Jewish state off the map.

Israel was established in 1948 as a refuge for the Jewish people, after generations of oppression in all corners of the earth. After over 2,000 years of exile, Holocaust survivors and persecuted Jews from Muslim lands miraculously returned to their ancient homeland to forge a new future together.

These refugees went on to make the desert blossom and establish a prosperous, industrious, and free nation. Today, Israel stands as a stalwart American ally and an outpost of freedom and democracy in a region plagued with tyranny and fear.

So today, we congratulate Israel for 70 years of defying the odds and tell the Israeli

people: The United States will always stand by their side.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO ZELL MILLER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, given the recent passing of former Georgia Governor and United States Senator Zell Miller, I include in the RECORD reflections of my dear friend and mentor, former Congressman Jack T. Brinkley of Columbus, Georgia, entitled "The Influence of Peach Tarts." Zell Miller, Jack Brinkley, and Guy Sharpe, distinguished men of great service and accomplishment, were Phi Chi Champion Debaters at Young Harris College.

Their accomplishments bring to mind what the English poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once wrote: "The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night."

THE INFLUENCE OF PEACH TARTS

"The faintest flutter of a butterfly's wings may result in a hurricane one hundred years hence."—Unknown

Behind our rural home in Bettstown, Georgia, we had a small barn-like structure which we called the corn crib. It had a fine tin top which got blazing hot in the summer time. Daddy stored wagon loads of his corn crop in the crib, and that is where a huge, orange colored rat snake lived and thrived. It looked after the rats nicely and would always frighten us children when we played among the ears of corn.

We had a peach tree nearby, and mother used to gather peaches and slice them for drying on top of the corn crib. She would place cloth beneath them and above them, and the preservation process didn't take all that long.

After they dried out she kept them in a flour sack in our shed room, and we would often eat some of them out there. Mother was ahead of her time, considering the dried fruit industry of today.

Also, equally important in the process, she would make peach tarts, and they had a wonderful, tree ripened, robust taste. To eat one was to crave another one.

Our family had little to offer at a Franklin Baptist Church social at Betts' Mill pond one night, and mother decided to make a huge platter of peach tarts.

Mr. Frank Betts was the taciturn owner and operator of the grist mill there and a man of few words. That night he smacked his lips and asked, "Who was it that brought the peach tarts?" Miss Ollie, his utterly remarkable wife, answered him, "Pauline, did."

The Pauline of whom she spoke was my mother Pauline Spearman Brinkley, and with the peach tarts she set in motion an incredible and providential chain of events for me.

My daddy left home, and my mother kept the family together, riding the school bus with us and working at the lunchroom. The community was there for us as well, and Frank Betts came to our rescue by loaning us a Milk Cow and calf for our use during those hard times.

Mother showed me how to milk the cow, and it was as natural to me as breathing. On cold winter days I would rest my head on the

warm flank of old Muley and milk with both hands with the pail between my knees. "If you done it," said Dizzy Dean, the famous baseball player, "It ain't braggin'!" I did become very good at milking.

Upon graduation from high school the next year, my uncle Devon Brinkley, told me of a college where you could work a quarter and go to school a quarter. It was Young Harris College, where the outstanding Cathy Cox of Bainbridge would many years later become president, and the president at that time, Hon. Walter Downs, accepted my application to go.

Mother polished my shoes and off I went without money but with determination. When I got to Young Harris, I lived in the dormitory with the other students and ate with them in the wonderful dining hall.

And now, as Paul Harvey would say, for the rest of the story.—My work that first summer was at the college dairy, and providentially I knew how to milk a cow, how to do the work and how to do it well.

While at Young Harris I became of Phi Chi Champion Debater with Zell Miller and Guy Sharpe, and from there became a teacher, a USAF pilot during the Korean war, a lawyer, a United States Congressman and a trustee of the college. Like old Dizzy Dean said . . .

Today there is a Pauline Spearman Brinkley Memorial Highway just up the road from where mother made the peach tarts which our beloved Frank Betts liked so well. Was that possibly in the back of his mind when he loaned us old Muley? Actually, he and Miss Ollie did that as the Christian friends which they were, but the peach tarts surely set the stage in a young boy's mind.

Never underestimate the power and influence of peach tarts.

HONORING WAYS AND MEANS STAFF DIRECTOR DAVID STEWART

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a good friend, a trusted policy adviser and by every measure, one of the very best to ever serve the Ways and Means Committee and the House, Mr. David Stewart.

David began his Congressional journey in 2000 when he came to intern for Ways and Means Committee Member Congressman Phil English. Over his career as a staffer, David became a trusted voice on policy for Speaker John Boehner, Speaker PAUL RYAN, and two and a half years ago to me when he joined the Ways and Means Committee as staff director.

This past year, with David's steady leadership, and immutable resolve we were able to pass the first tax reform in a generation that's boosted our economy and helped so many families.

David's focus has always been on making lives better for all Americans, and I stand here today to tell him job well done. David is a selfless public servant, who has sacrificed time away from his family—his wife Betsy and his daughters Grace and Poppy and has served his nation well.

To say David works hard is an understatement. Once when he was asked how many hours he works per week, David replied simply with "a lot." This also shows David's witty and wry sense of humor that has always made busy days brighter.

His dedication to mastering intricate policy is unmatched. I know I speak for all Members and staff when I say: Thank you, David for your service to the House and to the Committee on Ways and Means. He is going to be greatly missed around here.

RECOGNIZING ELLIJAY'S RIVER STREET TAVERN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the River Street Tavern in Ellijay, Georgia. After conducting a nationwide poll, the Brewer's Association and Forbes Magazine recognized this local favorite as one of the best craft beer restaurants in the country.

With Gilmer County roots that trace back multiple generations, Brad and Heather Simmons have always been active in their community. Brad worked as a sergeant in the Gilmer County Fire Department, and Heather managed Jilly's Pub, a role that inspired her to have a restaurant of her own.

Years later, Brad and Heather bought Jilly's Pub, which they turned into the River Street Tavern. Since 2014, the restaurant has proudly served up sips of North Georgia with its wide variety of locally brewed beer.

Committed to welcoming each person who passes through their doors, the staff at River Street Tavern has turned many Northeast Georgians into regular guests. Whether they're enjoying live music or trying to get a dollar to stick to the ceiling, people return to the restaurant for good fare and good company.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the River Street Tavern on its well-deserved achievement. I wish Brad, Heather, and the rest of the team well as their business continues to grow.

DAVE MURPHY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

Dave Murphy is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dave Murphy 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 Dave Murphy for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING JOE "JOE Q" QUATTRONE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of Joe Quattrone and his lifelong commitment to serving others.

Mr. Quattrone was born in Reggio di Calabria, a town on the southern "toe" of Italy. He grew up the child of farmers, seeing the tyranny of Benito Mussolini firsthand. Just before the outbreak of World War II, Joe's eldest brother came to America, whom Joe would follow fifteen years later, settling in Steubenville, Ohio.

Upon arrival, Joe began work in his brother's restaurant. Shortly thereafter, he became a naturalized citizen, and served in the United States Air Force for one year, before returning to the family business. In 1960, Mr. Quattrone made a visit to Washington, D.C. He fell in love with the area, and moved here with his wife Rita. He continued working in the food industry, this time for a friend, while picking up extra work in construction. After five years on the job, he suffered a fall resulting in an inability to continue physical labor. Still needing work, a friend suggested barber school, and the rest is history.

After a brief time in a private shop, Mr. Quattrone landed a job in the Pentagon. He worked there for a couple of years before moving to Andrews Air Force Base. While on base, there came an opening in the barber shop in the House of Representatives. With the help of his Congressman from Ohio, the late Wayne Hays, Mr. Quattrone was hired and began his service to the men and women of the Capitol on March 2, 1970, and has remained ever since.

In the 48 years Mr. Quattrone has served his country, longer than any current member of Congress, he has met and chatted with an entire generation of lawmakers. Frequent clients over the years included President H. W. Bush, Vice President Gore, House Speaker Tip O'Neil, and Senator Ted Kennedy. He was especially close to then House Minority Leader, turned Vice President and President, Mr. Gerald Ford, cutting his hair just days before his ascent to his final office, about which Joe would later remark, "He had no idea it was coming." They remained lifelong friends, an admiration that was surely mutual.

When Mr. Quattrone began his work, there were sixteen barbers employed in House office buildings. Today, he is one of only three left, all of whom are now located in the Rayburn Building. But given his status as an "institution" in Congress, his clients aren't ready to let him go just yet. Mr. Quattrone will tell you that the most important, and his favorite, part of the job has always stayed the same: he still gets to meet and talk with people every day. For many of us here, including myself, Joe Q. is family.

His dedication to the people of New Jersey and our Capitol has impacted the lives of many, and serves as a role model for generations of public servants.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating

the achievements of dedicated men and women like Mr. Quattrone.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, family, friends, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the work of Joe Quattrone and his dedication to keeping Washington looking sharp.

TRIBUTE TO MARILYN AND DONALD LITTLE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Marilyn and Donald Little of Winterset, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Marilyn and Donald's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the state of rural America.

SR-328A

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Navy and Marine Corps.

SD-192

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harry B. Harris, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be the Deputy Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative to the United Nations, and Jackie Wolcott, of Virginia, to be Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2680, to address the opioid crisis, S. 2315, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain non-prescription drugs that are marketed without an approved new drug application, S. 2597, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, S. 382, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters, and the nominations of Sharon Fast Gustafson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years, Jon Parrish Peede, of Mississippi, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine mitigating America's cybersecurity risk.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the plight of international parental child abduction and its effect on American families.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Food and Drug Administration.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the United States Agency for International Development.

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security

To hold hearings to examine maritime transportation, focusing on opportunities and challenges.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine early impressions of the new tax law.

SD-215

APRIL 25

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 2369, to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling pursuant to the regulations of the International Whaling Commission, S. 2511, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, an original bill entitled, "MARAD Reauthorization", and the nominations of Vice Admiral Karl L. Schultz, to be Admiral and to be Commandant, and Vice Admiral Charles W. Ray, to be Vice Commandant, both of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, Patrick Fuchs, of Wisconsin, and Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Laura Gore Ross, of New York, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Alan E. Cobb, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

SD-106

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine enhancing the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine H.R. 597, to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and H.R. 1491, to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S. Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Michael J. Truncale, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ronny Lynn Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SD-G50

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher Krebs, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to markup S. Res. 355, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate.

SR-301

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine preparing small businesses for cybersecurity success.

SR-428A

APRIL 26

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216