

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

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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