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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