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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

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 Exhauce Kumeso for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Exhauce 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 Exhauce 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 Exhauce 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.