

state-of-the-art campus in the Columbia Parc area offers students opportunities to make strong strides in academics, arts, and athletics—and to add their unique contributions to the legacy of this celebrated institution.

Throughout the course of its journey, the McDonogh 35 legacy has been strengthened by its continuance of educating students to their highest potential, daring them to open their minds to learning about the world outside of their neighborhoods, and earning prestigious honors and accolades for their ambitious efforts. Through these 100 years of trial, triumph, and transition, the presence of McDonogh 35 has graced the city landscape by educating the most prominent civic servants, educators, business moguls, athletes, and proud citizens—past and present. Now that it has reached that glorious milestone of 100 years, the entire Roneagle Nation is ready to celebrate A Century of Soaring: the McDonogh 35 Centennial Celebration. New Orleans should be proud to claim McDonogh 35 Senior High School as an important landmark for its impact made to our city's history.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud McDonogh 35 Senior High School's commitment to educating our youth and celebrate their centennial year. McDonogh 35 Senior High School is a school with an unpromising beginning, but blessed with a legacy and future that will take it beyond its 100 years of importance.

JOHN BANDIMERE, JR.

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor John Bandimere, Jr. for receiving the West Chamber's Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award. This award honors outstanding individuals who have had significant and long-lasting impacts on Jefferson County's economy, community and legacy.

For the past 60 years, John Bandimere, Jr. has been the driving force behind the successful Bandimere Speedway team as the second-generation owner and operator of the quarter-mile drag strip that bears his family's name. The Bandimere family has always been in the automotive industry through manufacturing, auto parts sales, machine work, racing or other automotive-related businesses but they have called the beautiful Colorado foothills home for the past six decades. In 1958, his father and mother, John Sr. and Frances, founded the speedway west of Denver. Originally called the Safety Proving Grounds of America and built as a location for testing the limits of the automobile in a safe environment, the NHRA-sanctioned speedway is now known as "Thunder Mountain."

John Jr. continues to be a visible figure at Bandimere Speedway as he provides encouragement and well-respected leadership to the staff, community and guests. Most recently, his official title became Chairman of the Board as well as CSO—Chief Spiritual Officer. John Jr. has been actively involved in the Jeffco community for years serving on multiple boards including, but not limited to, Guaranty Bank West Advisory Board, West Metro Chamber Board, National Hot Rod Associa-

tion, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cherry Hills Community Church, Colorado Motorsports Hall of Fame Advisory Board and many others.

Congratulations to John Bandimere, Jr. for this well-deserved award, and I thank him for his continued dedication to our community.

HONORING MS. ESTHER MOORE

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Esther Moore, the author of a recent book entitled *Placitas*. This book describes the vibrant, diverse community and residents of Cuba, New Mexico.

While the village may be small, it reflects the best of the state, including hard-working families and a rich history and culture. That is why I was so honored to meet and talk with Esther at a book signing about her inspiration for the book and how proud she is of her community.

While I was visiting the village, I also had the pleasure of attending their Little League Basketball Championship. This tournament gave me the opportunity to meet many of Cuba's residents including the parents, coaches, players, and volunteers who were there. I was struck by the strong sense of community in such a small town, and I am proud that Esther's book will ensure that people all over the country will be able to experience a slice of what I loved so much about Cuba, New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the state of New Mexico, I want to congratulate Esther Moore on becoming a published author, and thank her for the work she has done to educate us about the Cuba, New Mexico community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SALINE COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2018*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Saline County Homemakers Education Association.

Since they first organized in 1918, members of the Saline County Homemakers have been devoted to improving the lives of women, children, families, and communities within their region. Through emphasizing the importance of the human and spiritual values of life, they have also sought to promote the development of positive role models and strong community leaders. Their programs and meetings have continued to provide Saline County residents with opportunities for friendship, personal growth, and community service.

The Saline County Homemakers Education Association will be sharing their history with the community in a ceremony on Saturday, April 28 at the McKinley Baptist Church Education building in Harrisburg, Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to send my congratulations to Saline County Homemakers Education Association for their continued success and dedication to their mission.

STEVE BURKHOLDER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 24, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Steve Burkholder for receiving the West Chamber's Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award. This award honors outstanding individuals who have had significant and long-lasting impacts on Jefferson County's economy, community and legacy.

Steve grew up in metro Denver and moved to Lakewood in 1963. He became Lakewood Mayor from 1999 and served until 2007. During his tenure, he was president of the Colorado Municipal League, was a member of the Metro Mayors Executive Committee and was the chair of numerous committees in the National League of Cities. In the private sector, he was involved in the wholesale trade for many years and then served as the principal of the A & S Group, a consulting and marketing organization, for 17 years. He retired from actively consulting and facilitating in 2011.

Aside from his tenure as Mayor, Steve is also known for founding the Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP) Jeffco, an initiative of the Jeffco Schools Foundation. PCHP's mission is to positively impact school readiness and long-term learning for two- and three-year olds from high risk and vulnerable families. Steve serves as a current PCHP board member, and is a founding board member of a recently-formed organization, the Jeffco Human Services Foundation.

In his continuing quest for civil dialogue, Steve has served as a member of the executive committee at the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado and as a fellow at the Institute on the Common Good at Regis University. He is also a past chairman of the board of the West Metro Chamber and was the founding chairman of Leadership Jefferson County, now in its 35th year at the Chamber.

Congratulations to Steve Burkholder for this well-deserved award, and I thank him for his continued dedication to our community.

CELEBRATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF THE LATE HONORABLE LOUISE SLAUGHTER

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**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2018*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, Louise Slaughter was my friend—and the one thing I always knew is that she had my back.

When we went to Rochester, New York for her service, I was struck by the many people who lined the streets for her wearing Louise buttons. I knew then that she had their backs too.