

which defers to state and local decision-making and sensibly invests in educational innovations through bipartisan programs like the Student Support and Academic Enrichment block grant, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, and the Preschool Development Grants program. The stars of Skills for Today Week show that this flexible and practical approach can make a major difference for America's students as they work to become the next generation of business, community, and national leaders.

RECOGNIZING DR. EYSA MARQUEZ-BRITO

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Eysa Marquez-Brito, a Board Certified pediatrician practicing in beautiful Coral Gables.

For over 30 years, Eysa has served the healthcare needs of countless children in my Congressional district.

After graduating from medical school and completing her training in the field of pediatrics, neonatology and adolescent medicine, Eysa became Chief Resident at Nicklaus Children's Hospital, where she has continued to teach until this day.

Eysa also works tirelessly outside of the exam room. She is active in the philanthropic community and volunteers with organizations such as United Way of Miami-Dade, Alfalit, Boy Scouts of America, and the Cancer Research Institute just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud to represent individuals like Eysa, who has dedicated her life to serving children and by doing so has transformed the lives of so many in our South Florida community.

COURTNEY ROBB

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

Courtney Robb is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Courtney Robb 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 Courtney Robb for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LAWRENCE MANCHIO

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. Lawrence Manchio for his outstanding service and contributions to this country. Mr. Manchio is a veteran of the Second World War and a longtime Civil Servant, and today, April 24, 2018, he turns 100 years old.

Lawrence Manchio, the son of an Italian immigrant and the second oldest of eight children, grew up on Metcalfe Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was an 11-year old and selling Times Ledger newspapers on the street the day the stock market crashed in 1929. As the country wrestled with the Great Depression, Mr. Manchio's father was diagnosed with a terminal illness, and a young Larry Manchio dropped out of the eighth grade and took a job as a plumber's apprentice to help feed his family.

In 1934, Mr. Manchio signed on with FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) clearing land to build Skyline Drive in Virginia's Shenandoah Mountains. When the work with the CCC ended, the Corps of Engineers in Pennsylvania hired him to help clean up damage from the Susquehanna River flood of 1936. When that project completed, Mr. Manchio relocated to Alexandria, VA to begin construction of National Airport and the Pentagon.

Mr. Manchio lived in several boarding houses in the North End of Old Town Alexandria before settling down in a small home on Columbus Street. He walked four miles to and from the job site each day to save on bus fare. He met his wife, Diva DiFelice, while attending Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and they married on January 23, 1942.

A year later, Mr. Manchio joined the Army. After basic training, he joined his unit in Australia and fought with MacArthur's forces through New Guinea, Borneo, Morotai, and the Philippines. In 1945, Mr. Manchio landed in Japan with the 8th Army where his unit was charged with guarding the Japanese Imperial Palace during occupation.

He was discharged in 1946, and resumed working for the Corps of Engineers. As part of the Aqueduct Division, he was set to work building and developing the water supply system for Washington, DC., and Northern Virginia. By the time he retired in 1973, he was supervising the work of over 53 civil servants.

In retirement, Mr. Manchio continued to serve his community and neighbors. He took pride in maintaining a meticulously landscaped yard, which received numerous beautification awards from the City of Alexandria. In May 2013, his wife of 71 years passed away, but he continues to enjoy the company and support of his son and daughter who both live locally. Mr. Manchio attributes his longevity to a Mediterranean diet, remaining physically and mentally active, and drinking a glass of red wine daily. He enjoys reading, keeping up with current events, and rooting for the Washington Nationals.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Manchio's dedication and service to his country is deserving of recognition and distinction. He is the highest example

of a true American and a role model for us all. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Lawrence Manchio on reaching his centennial year.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to five extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are:

Ayesha Muzaffar from the University of Houston;

Anthony Berry from the University of Alabama;

Jonathan King from Texas Tech University;

Troy Allen from the University of Houston;

and Brett Hyland from The Madeira School.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like Ayesha, Anthony, Jonathan, Troy, and Brett the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women

can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

ADRENA ROCHA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

Adrena Rocha is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Adrena Rocha 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 Adrena Rocha for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING LOLLIE'S NEW
MEXICAN FOOD

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 Lollie's New Mexican Food, one of Albuquerque's favorite restaurants, which just celebrated its five-year anniversary.

In April 2013, Lollie Padilla opened her restaurant in Albuquerque's South Valley hoping to share the recipes of her mother, for whom the restaurant is named. Since then, Ms. Padilla and her staff have been "Proudly Serving the Southwest" quadrant of Albuquerque breakfast and lunch seven days a week. House specialties include the sopaipillas and tostadas as well as New Mexico's famous red and green chile.

In addition to providing the South Valley with outstanding food, Lollie's has given back to the community through its philanthropic endeavors. Every winter, the restaurant holds a coat drive in order to help those who are struggling to make ends meet.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Albuquerque community, I want to congratulate Lollie's New Mexican Food on its five-year anniversary. We are so lucky to have Ms. Padilla and her team in our community and look forward to enjoying their food, hospitality, and philanthropy for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BARBARA
MINOR JAMES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Barbara Minor James, a dedicated civic servant, mentor and humanitarian, who touched the lives of many.

A steadfast Dallasite, Mrs. James lived a life devoted to the service of others, especially the young women of our city through her tireless work with the YWCA, a non-profit with a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families and strengthen communities. This is a cause that Mrs. James believed in deeply, and her efforts led to her becoming the first African-American woman to serve as the President of this valuable institution.

A graduate of the storied Booker T. Washington High School, and later Wiley College of Marshall, Texas, and San Francisco State University, Mrs. James was affectionately referred to as 'The General', because she strived her whole life to ensure that young women would not be limited to traditional roles, but instead be trained to be leaders in their communities and be granted professional equality. These are values that we continue to strive for, and that we can be sure touched the lives of countless young women who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

She is also a deeply valued member of her church community at New Hope Baptist, for whom she gifted 50 years as a Sunday School Instructor, as well as numerous other board positions and directorships, including as a Trustee of American Baptist Women for 15 years.

Her service was not confined to these institutions, as she also dedicated herself to the greater Dallas Community of Churches, Jack and Jill of America, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Clinic and National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. James said it best when she remarked that service "makes getting up every morning exciting because I can work for the betterment of Dallas, the city I love." Simply put Barbara Minor James was involved in every way possible to dedicated her life to her church, her community, and her values, and I believe we should honor her legacy for that commitment.

IN RECOGNITION OF HEART'S
DELIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Heart's Delight Baptist Church, of Fauquier, Virginia, on their 150th anniversary. The church was envisioned in 1868 under the leadership of Jessie D. Howe and Noah Bumbry. During the early stages of planning the church, these trusted servants of God suggested an appropriate name for the new church, which was based upon the lesson

taught them in the following lines: "Though hell may rage, avenge and spite, still God will save his heart's delight." After two years on this journey, the land was purchased and the church was built.

Pastor Jacob Byrd, who was then a young licentiate minister of the gospel, preached until Pastor J.D. Howe had been licensed to preach and was called to succeed Mr. Byrd in January of 1873. Since its creation, Heart's Delight Baptist Church has been led by 11 pastors in its 150 years. Through that time, Heart's Delight has provided a quality Christian foundation for many in the surrounding community. I am happy to say that in the last two years, Heart's Delight has been extremely active in the community and has held many events, including a Christian Bowling League, Hope Emergency Center and the Catlett Community Fair.

Mr. Speaker, I pray for Christ's guidance as the congregation comes together in His name and fellowship. May God always bless Heart's Delight Baptist Church as they continue to spread Christ's word and remain a light within the community.

RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDATION
FOR ETHNIC UNDERSTANDING
AND THE REPUBLIC OF AZER-
BAIJAN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding and the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting an event on April 18th celebrating the relationship between the Republic of Azerbaijan and Israel. The Republic of Azerbaijan has been inclusive of its vibrant Jewish community and has the distinction of being a majority Muslim country that has a friendship with Israel. The United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan have enjoyed strong diplomatic relations since 1992 following Azerbaijan's successful declaration of independence from the Soviet Union. The Republic of Azerbaijan has been supportive of a two-state solution for peace in the Middle East while maintaining and strengthening its partnership with the State of Israel. The Republic of Azerbaijan is celebrating the centennial of becoming the first ever democratic republic in the Muslim world. Thank you again to the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding for hosting a great event honoring the enduring relationship between Azerbaijan and Israel.

DONALD TALLMAN

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 Donald Tallman 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.