

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.

Donald has served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Railroad Museum for the past 13 years and has the distinction of being the first non-raifan to lead the Museum. Under Donald's leadership, the museum has made great progress including developing new audiences, expanding educational programs and increasing visibility outside the railfan community. Museum attendance has nearly doubled during his tenure, and the Museum's budget has also grown by almost 70 percent. Today, the Colorado Railroad Museum is recognized as one of the foremost, independently-supported railroad museums in the United States.

To achieve this success, Donald has worked closely with local and state tourism agencies to help them understand the important economic impact of tourist railroads and railway museums. Donald is a strong proponent of the power of collaboration and works closely with other cultural organizations in the region to develop opportunities to collaborate on programs. He is also active in the community, serving on several boards including the Budget and Audit Committee for the City of Lakewood, the Membership Committee for the National Western Stock Show Association, the Golden Visitor Center Board, and the Board of the HeritageRail Alliance.

Donald is also active in the arts community, both as a performer and as an administrator. A professional singer, Donald regularly performs the National Anthem at civic and professional sporting events throughout Colorado.

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

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA GARCIA
DUENAS

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 my constituent, Patricia Garcia Duenas, who will be retiring on May 1st from Jackson Memorial Hospital after 31 years of dedicated service to our community.

Like my family and me, and so many others in my Congressional district, Patricia was forced to flee Castro's brutal tyranny. She arrived in Miami from Cuba in 1968.

Patricia attended South Miami Senior High School and had great pride for her school. She was actively involved in extra-curricular activities and was selected to the Homecoming Court and Captain of the Varsity Cheerleaders.

Patricia later attended the University of Florida and graduated in 1986, with a Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation. Her desire to help others in our community led her to a lifelong career at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Patricia first joined the Jackson family in 1987, as a Child Life Specialist at Holtz Children's Center. In 1988, she accepted a position as a Recreation Therapist in Mental Health and, for the past thirty years she has helped thousands of individuals with mental illness and addiction. Her dedication and commitment to her patients and to Jackson Behavioral Health Hospital have earned her numerous recognitions.

In October of 2015, she was named Manager of Activity Therapy Services and, under

her leadership, the Department has continued to go above and beyond to provide excellent care.

Throughout her three decades of service, it is without question that Patricia has been a champion of mental health care and that she has impacted the lives of countless individuals. I thank Patricia for her many years of service to our South Florida community.

CONGRATULATING RABBI AMY R.
PERLIN ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rabbi Amy R. Perlin for her 32 years of exceptional service to the Temple B'nai Shalom and the surrounding community of Fairfax Station. After decades of service, Rabbi Perlin will be retiring this July.

Rabbi Perlin was determined to build a vibrant and meaningful Jewish life for families in Northern Virginia. In 1986, she founded the Temple B'nai Shalom congregation, becoming the first female rabbi in the United States to start a congregation on her own, bringing together the essence of Jewish spiritual life for about 100 families from several nearby communities in the fall of 1986. Under her leadership, the Temple has grown to serve over 500 families from throughout Northern Virginia, and earned a reputation as a values driven, welcoming, diverse, caring, and highly-participatory congregation.

Nationally, Temple B'nai Shalom is known for retaining and inspiring generations of Jewish youth to continue practicing their faith through Confirmation and Post-Confirmation, posting one of the best post-Bar Mitzvah retention rates in the country. Additionally, the Temple has sent a record number of rabbinic students to Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion, with seven members of the congregation matriculating to the Institute since 2002. Having Rabbi Perlin's students named to these prestigious institutions is truly a testament to her resolute commitment to providing Jewish youth with a first-rate education.

In recognition for her leadership and service, Rabbi Perlin received the Jewish Women International's 2012 Women to Watch award. In 2013, she was recognized as one of "America's Most Inspiring Rabbis" by The Forward newspaper for her impact shaping 21st century Judaism.

In addition to her faithful service to the Temple B'nai Shalom congregation, Rabbi Perlin is a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Together with her husband of 41 years, Gary, she has been dedicated to social justice and philanthropy in the Washington area and worldwide.

In honor of Rabbi Perlin's legacy, the congregation of the Temple B'nai Shalom is establishing the Rabbi Amy R. Perlin and Gary L. Perlin Endowment to commemorate the invaluable leadership and service she and her husband have provided to the Northern Virginia community. With the establishment of this endowment, Rabbi Perlin's contributions and leadership will continue to thrive and strengthen the Jewish faith now and in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Rabbi Perlin's loyal and dedicated service to Temple B'nai Shalom. On behalf of Virginia's 10th District, I wish Rabbi Perlin all the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. OLSEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to leave Texas in time to vote on Monday April 16th due to a personal obligation.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 140 and Yea on Roll Call No. 141.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, on April 18, I was not present for Roll Call vote 147. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2905, the Justice for Victims of IRS Scams and Identity Theft Act of 2018.

A NATIONAL HERO FROM TEXAS
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HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week Southwest Flight 1380 was flying from New York's La Guardia Airport to Dallas Love Field when one of the plane's engines exploded.

The pilot, Tammie Jo Shults, a constituent who lives in Kendall County, heard the noise and knew what had happened. She remained calm as the plane shook and shuddered and reassured her 144 passengers and five crew members while she also coordinated with air traffic control.

Captain Shults kept a bad situation from becoming worse and safely executed an emergency landing in Philadelphia.

Shults is no stranger to high-pressure situations. She had years of experience as one of the Navy's first female aviators who later served as an F/A18 Hornet instructor in which she played the "aggressor" pilot in mock dogfights. That's where she met her husband Dean, who is now a commercial pilot too.

Tammie and Dean have two adult children, one of whom, Marshall, I appointed to the United States Air Force Academy. I'm happy to have the Shults family as constituents in Texas' 21st District.