

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.

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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.