

RICHARD (RICHIE) PRUETT

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Richard (Richie) Pruett for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Richie Pruett is a student at The Manning School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Richie Pruett 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 Richie Pruett 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. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes held on April 26, 2018, I was inescapably detained handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. If I had been present, I would have voted YES on the amendment proposed by Rep. DEFAZIO (42), NO on the Amendment proposed by Rep. ROHRBACHER (60), NO on the Amendment proposed by Rep. KING (IA) (63), NO on the Amendment proposed by Rep. LIPINSKI (78), NO on the Amendment proposed by Rep. DENHAM (79), YES on the Amendment proposed by Rep. LYNCH (87), and YES on H.R. 4744.

## PENNSYLVANIA'S 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my congressional district, Haley Peretic from Cornerstone Christian Preparatory Academy. Ms. Peretic is the winner of the 2018 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Ms. Peretic's artwork, a drawing in colored pencil and marker entitled "Happy Heart," was selected from a number of outstanding entries in this year's competition.

In fact, 90 works from 19 different schools in Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists.

It's a real tribute to Ms. Haley's skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition. I should add that Haley won fourth place in the competition last year for her pencil and colored pencil drawing entitled "Every Day People." Ms. Peretic's artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year.

I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Peretic's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other congressional districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Laurel Black from Springdale High School was awarded second place for her oil painting "Sweet Innocence." Derek Kotecki from Baldwin High School received third place for his charcoal reduction drawing entitled "Self." Rachel Simcic from Springdale High School was awarded fourth place for her composition involving mixed media, digital art, and markers entitled "Thief," and Taylor Rebyanski from Westinghouse Arts Academy, was awarded fifth place for her colored pencil drawing "Iris."

In addition, Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Summer Bernotas from Baldwin High School, Nicole Ellwood from East Allegheny High School, Julia Conway from Gateway High School, Erin Douglass from Gateway High School, Aliza Hamid from Gateway High School, Shaina McKinney from Gateway High School, Anwitha Sherigar from Gateway High School, Jennifer Gustafson from Highlands High School, Sophie Gatesman from Oakland Catholic High School, Madison Pastore from South Allegheny High School, Kathleen Marsili from Springdale High School, and Sophia Lebiere from Winchester Thurston School.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition: Summer Bernotas, Morgan Bell, Meghan Bradley, Brian Genovesi, Derek Kotecki, and Tina Odato from Baldwin High School; Sam Chickini from Carlynton High School; Haley Peretic from Cornerstone Christian Preparatory Academy; Larrissa Bloom, Nicole Ellwood, Makenzie Freed-DePastino, Marissa Riggs, and Taya Tassone from East Allegheny High School; Kiera Harrell-Danks, Emma M. Harvey, Alexis Kentebe, Calista Martin-Singer, Lowrie Woodside, and Chiara Zuccoli from The Ellis School; Julia Conway, Erin Douglass, Aliza Hamid, Shaina McKinney, Ava Parker, and Anwitha Sherigar from Gateway High School; Maddie Cincala, Erik Frantz, and Jennifer Gustafson from Highlands High School; Kira Blenk, Claire Ishiyama, Madelyn Largent, and Emma Miller from Northgate High School; Sophie Gatesman, Noelle Pina, Giovanna Tatananni, Julia Vrabel, and Angela Zenchak from Oakland Catholic High School; Sarah Artuhevich, Skye Cato, Kylie Meyer, Elizabeth Szurszewski, Mia Walker, and Dania Zaynullin from Penn Hills High School; Eva Curlee, Allison Patton, and Sydney Reyes from Riverview High School; Isabelle Analo from Shadyside Academy; Arianah Bellamy, Kourtnee Duval, Macy Kelly Ernst, Madison Pastore, Robert Nesky, and Morgan Templeton from South Al-

legheny High School; Laurel Black, Patricia Linderman, Kathleen Marsili, Alicia Matthews, Rachel Selzer, and Rachel Simcic from Springdale High School; Ashton Bowler, Reonna Collington, Renae Darcy, Alexis Frazee, and Alexis Sekinger from Sto-Rox High School; Jenny Rohach from West Mifflin High School; Caden Ferita, Anaeja Halliburton, Angelina Kukic, Alyssa Marchbank, Taylor Rebyanski, Pheobe Elise Richardson, and Allison Riley from Westinghouse Arts Academy; Yixin Allison Cai, Maya Husni, Sophia Labiere, Rivers Leche, and Isel Pollock from the Winchester Thurston School; and Mariah Faith Smith, Juliette Gough, Andre Hilliard, Colleen Malecki, and Erin Reichert from Woodland Hills High School.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talent, imagination, and creativity. The efforts these talented students have put into expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are deeply inspiring.

I hope that all of them will continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all great success in their future endeavors.

## MARCUS SMALE-SCHEMMEL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marcus Smale-Schemmel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Marcus Smale-Schemmel 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 Marcus Smale-Schemmel 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 Marcus Smale-Schemmel 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.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF THEODORE "TED" VAN DER MEID

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor and remember the life of Theodore "Ted" Van Der Meid. A dedicated public servant here in the House of Representatives, Ted will be greatly missed by his former colleagues and friends.

Born in Rochester, New York in 1957, Ted displayed natural leadership qualities at a young age. During his high school years, Ted traveled to Western Europe as part of the People to People Student Ambassador Program, which exposed him to cultures and governments veiled by Russian influence during