

Mr. Silva's children and grandchildren speak incredibly highly of him, noting the value he placed on education, as well as the importance of listening and understanding.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Joseph Silva on this joyous occasion of his 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him many more years of health and happiness.

CALEB STOCKTON

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 Caleb Stockton for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Caleb Stockton is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Caleb Stockton 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 Caleb Stockton 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.

IN HONOR OF FORMER FIRST
LADY OF THE UNITED STATES—
BARBARA BUSH

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize, Barbara Bush, the former First Lady of the United States from 1989 to 1993. Barbara Bush was the only woman besides Abigail Adams to serve her country as both a wife and a mother to a president of the United States. However, her service to her country did not end there. She also dedicated her life to literacy efforts through the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

Mrs. Bush, a dedicated wife and mother, committed her life to her family and community. Early on in her life she volunteered at YMCA and United Way and actively participated in her husband's campaigns. When her husband became U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in the People's Republic of China, her time entertaining foreign dignitaries and traveling abroad to China gave her the experience and popularity that only rose when she began to represent the United States as the wife of the Vice President of the United States in the early 80s.

As the wife of the Vice President, Mrs. Bush found her passion in literacy and started to dedicate her life to supporting the cause.

When her husband became President, she dedicated her life to supporting literacy efforts, and it was during this time that she started her non-profit, the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. Once her husband left office and moved back to Texas, she continued to devote her life to her non-profit and later served as an ambassador-at-large for AmeriCares.

Today, I honor former First Lady Barbara Bush for her commitment to literacy efforts for children across the United States and her grace, poise, and leadership as she supported her husband and, later, her son in leading the United States.

HONORING UAPB'S GOLDEN LION
BATTALION

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff's historic ROTC officer program.

In 1968, the United States Department of the Army began holding classes under the Reserve Officers Training Corp at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Since the establishment of the Golden Lion Battalion, more than 500 Army officers have received their commission.

Students here learn many skills including teamwork, critical thinking, leadership theory, time management, and problem solving making them effective leaders in our Armed Forces.

I take this time to thank the alumni of the Golden Lion Battalion for their years of service, and for their continued commitment to training the next generation of leaders enrolled in the ROTC program at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

JOSE VILLEGAS

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 Jose Villegas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jose Villegas is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jose Villegas 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 Jose Villegas 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.

RECOGNIZING ALLIE INGALLS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Allie Ingalls from Royal Oak High School. I met Allie last week at a rally in Royal Oak as part of the student led National School Walkout. Allie is a senior and one of the student leaders in her school and community. I was so impressed with her courage and the passion with which she delivered her remarks that I wanted to share her speech with my colleagues. Therefore, I include in the RECORD the remarks of Allie Ingalls:

It is 5:30 AM. I have an hour before I need to wake up for school. But instead of sleeping, my body is shaking and I am sure I'm about to throw up. But this isn't new. I have had this nightmare before. Always in the same place in the hallway, leaving a class I'm not sure I even have. And I try to run. But we all know you cannot outrun a bullet. Do not tell me it is not about guns. Do not tell me it is not about guns, when it is not a face I see in my nightmares, but a trigger. Do not tell me it is not about guns, when middle schoolers tell me they're afraid of high school because we carry backpacks. Where a gun can be hidden. Our fears are not unprecedented. Shootings that have occurred on school grounds in 2018. Winston Salem, North Carolina. Italy, Texas. Benton, Kentucky. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Los Angeles, California. Oxon Hill, Maryland. Nashville, Tennessee. Parkland, Florida. Savannah, Georgia. Itta Bena, Mississippi. Norfolk, Virginia. Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Jackson, Mississippi. Birmingham, Alabama. Mobile, Alabama. Seaside, California. Lexington Park, Maryland.

We are four months into 2018. The only thing this is about, is guns.

I do not want clear backpacks. I do not want my teachers to carry a gun. I do not want bulletproof desks. I do not want to be taught the difference between the sound a firework makes, and the sound a gun makes. I want common sense gun control. I want to go to school, without wearing a bulletproof vest. I want Helena Ramsey in a classroom today. I want Peter Wang in a classroom today. I want Luke Hoyer in a classroom today. I want Charlotte Bacon to celebrate her eleventh birthday. I want Noah Penzer to see his sister again. I want Olivia Engel to go to dance class today. But their voices have been silenced, the only thing our politicians hear is the NRA. We live in a generation where a dollar has more of a voice, than the 16 million people who sit in a classroom. Today, I stand here for the 16 million people who have been silenced by the adults who are in a position to make change. Every single student in the United States is my classmate. Every single teacher in the United States is my teacher. In the wise words of Parkland survivor Michelle Lapidot "Was the blood of my classmates and teachers worth your NRA blood money?"

To the adults who have failed us, to the politicians who have made it clear where their loyalty stands, to the Royal Oak School Board, to the individuals who have called us "nitwits," among other names, I would like to personally thank you. Thank you for empowering me. Thank you for proving what we already knew, we are the change. We are the people who will vote them out. We are the generation who will put our children first. We are the generation on the right side of history. You have all