

Mr. Jollivette lived an extraordinary life that cannot be categorized. His legacy will forever be a part of his hometown and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of public service. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mr. Jollivette, but surely we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Mr. Jollivette's survivors include his daughter Lynn Jollivette Johns; two sisters Regina Jollivette Frazier and Cleo L. Jollivette, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Cyrus "Russ" Jollivette.

RECOGNIZING DAVID "BIG PAPI" ORTIZ

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David "Big Papi" Ortiz who to this day stands as among the most feared hitters in Major League Baseball. His success as a player began with his journey from his home—our home—the Dominican Republic. It was Pedro Martinez, his fellow Dominican teammate on the Boston Red Sox, who said of David Ortiz, that "A guy from a shack in the Dominican lifted up the hearts of an entire city."

No For all the fame and glory that "Big Papi" epitomized as No. 34, in Boston, his career began as No. 27 with the Minnesota Twins. His ascension to the Major Leagues with the Minnesota Twins was one measure of professional success, it was not permanent. Returning to the Dominican Republic and then the encouragement from his fellow countrymen that followed lent perspective that whatever happens—however challenging on its face—presents opportunity. That new opportunity for unmatched success and a storied career in baseball began with the Boston Red Sox in 2003.

In the Dominican Republic, baseball is beloved. When anyone Dominican succeeds, we all succeed. And yes, we celebrate those successes. What we celebrate is that in each generation, there becomes more permanent a sense that no matter where you are born or whether you lived in a shack, you can succeed. It means that anyone born in Santo Domingo, Manoguayabo, Nizao, Laguna Verde, San Pedro de Macoris, Hato Mayor, Altamira, Villa González, Monte Cristi, or Samaná can look to David Ortiz and know that they too can emulate his resilience and fortitude and achieve his degree of success and beyond.

In recognizing David Ortiz, I would be remiss to not share his professional accolades. While some came at the expense of MY New York Yankees, no one can deny his dominance: 7x Edgar Martinez Outstanding DH of The Year; 7x American League Silver Slugger; 10x American League All-Star; 2011 Roberto Clemente Award Winner; 2x American League Hank Aaron Award Winner. And then there is the Post-Season: 2004 American League Champion Series Most Valuable Player; 3x Major League Baseball World Series Champion; and 2013 World Series Most Valuable Player. And it all began after graduating from Estudia Espaillat High School.

I end with the inimitable words of Pedro Martinez, "Whether you loved David or hated him, he gave you everything to love or hate. He was a force of nature. He was a big brother to a lot of Latin players . . . Nobody—none of the other players from the Dominican, including me—does more for society than David. He's a better man than he is a baseball player." As the first Dominican American elected to the U.S. Congress, it is my distinct pleasure to celebrate David Ortiz—"Big Papi"—for all his success.

IN RECOGNITION OF RASHEDA ALI'S TIRELESS ADVOCACY FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rasheda Ali as she is recognized by the American Human Rights Council (AHRIC). Her efforts have been paramount in bringing recognition and hope to those suffering from various neuro-cognitive disorders.

Founded in 2014, the AHRIC brings together community leaders and civil rights activists to promote and defend human rights defined in the United States' Constitution and by the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights. Initially focused on protecting and preserving the rights of prisoners, the AHRIC has expanded its advocacy efforts to address pressing humanitarian issues in the United States and abroad. The AHRIC has been able to draw attention to human rights issues through its work with local and state partners, including Rasheda Ali.

As the daughter of Muhammad Ali, Ms. Rasheda Ali has witnessed the devastating toll of Parkinson's Disease firsthand. After watching her father suffer for more than 30 years from the disease, she was inspired to speak publicly about his struggles and help shine a light on Parkinson's Disease. Her book "I'll Hold Your Hand So You Won't Fall—A Child's Guide to Parkinson's Disease" has been read by families all across the world. Ms. Ali travels across the globe raising awareness for neuro-cognitive disorders and meeting with families who shared her family's experience. Her work has elevated her to a public platform and she has appeared on many news networks including NBC, CNN, MSNBC and FOX. Through her speaking events and travel, Ms. Ali has raised awareness and funds for Parkinson's Disease, and we are grateful for her work. It is my hope that she will continue to advocate for medical research and lead the way into a world without Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rasheda Ali for her life's work as a Parkinson's Disease advocate. Her actions inspire us to put others before ourselves and speak up to advance the causes that we believe in.

RECOGNIZING LISA BUCHHOLZ FOR WINNING THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Lisa Buchholz, a first grade teacher at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, for being awarded with the prestigious 2018 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching & Leadership.

This honor is bestowed on those teachers in recognition of their contributions to building a stronger, better-educated society. Every year since 1986, Golden Apple has chosen 10 outstanding teachers to receive the award. Award recipients are nominated by their fellow educators, students, parents and community leaders. The 2018 award recipients were selected over 650 nominations, highlighting Mrs. Buchholz's worthiness.

Over the course of 27 years in the classroom, Mrs. Buchholz has encouraged thousands of students to strive for the highest of standards and to expect more of themselves and each other every day. It is no coincidence that as a result of her leadership many of her students adopt an "I can" attitude in school and life. According to a former-Golden Apple recipient who reviewed Mrs. Buchholz's nomination, "It's like you can tell the magic and the chemistry the minute you walk into her classroom."

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me to recognize Mrs. Lisa Buchholz for her outstanding leadership in teaching and congratulate her on being awarded with a 2018 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching & Leadership.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NON-FEDERAL RESERVOIR OPERATIONS IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, as we in the San Joaquin Valley know, "food grows where water flows."

We also know the ravages of drought and are the first communities in California to experience drought's harmful effects.

For over 30 years, I have worked to strengthen water supply reliability for the San Joaquin Valley and throughout California.

While I was in the California Legislature, I authored the legislation to create the Kern County Water Bank, led 2 water bonds and helped to pass 2 others, providing more than \$2 billion dollars to improve California's water system and provide for safe, reliable drinking water.

In Congress, I have secured approval of the Madera Irrigation District Water Bank, the San Luis Intertie, and the North Valley Regional Recycled Water Project, bringing hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of more secure water to the San Joaquin Valley.

I also worked on a bipartisan basis to pass the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the