

Avryon Cardenas 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 Avryon Cardenas 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 Avryon Cardenas 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.

TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK &
FAMILIES PLUS HRSA AWARDS

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Tri-County Health Network of Telluride, Colorado and Families Plus of Delta, Colorado for providing exceptional health care to those living in the Third District's rural communities. As a result of their hard work, the Health Resources and Services Administration recently named Tri-County Health Network as a Champion of Information Dissemination and Families Plus as a Champion of Innovation in Health Care Delivery.

Both awardees were recognized for going above and beyond in providing their communities with access to excellent health care as well as developing innovative strategies and implementing evidence-based practice models that help to improve the quality of health care. They were also noticed for their exceptional job in expanding their work outside their individual organizations through mentoring, coaching, and partnerships.

One of the greatest challenges families in rural Colorado face is a lack of access to health care providers and services. Both Tri-County Health Network and Families Plus have gone above and beyond to fill this void and I am happy to see Tri-County Health Network and Families Plus recognized for their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Tri-County Health Network and Families Plus exemplary performance in the field of healthcare is incredibly valuable to the communities in our state. We are thankful for their continued efforts to improve the lives of those living in the Third Congressional District and I stand with all Coloradans in thanking them for their work and service.

IN TRIBUTE TO JOHN DREW

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Drew, Regional Representative for the United Auto Workers (UAW). John Drew is retiring from the UAW after 44 years of service. Originally from a large Irish Catho-

lic family in Waukegan IL, John Drew started working at the American Motors Corp. (AMC) plant in Kenosha. He began as a spot welder on the line at the American Motors' Kenosha plant and quickly became a union activist.

He has served as the elected steward, chief steward, and executive board member in UAW Local 72 including Vice President and President. During a large portion of his tenure at Local 72, it was the largest and most influential labor organization in the state. John Drew was a part of and later led the UAW Local 72 Bargaining Committee which brought Renault vehicles to Kenosha as well as Chrysler car and engine production. He worked with local, state and federal government officials to help keep new engine lines at that plant as long as possible. John was elected Vice President of Local 72, serving with the legendary Rudy Kuzel. Then in 1996, John became President of the Local and continued to fight to keep the Kenosha assembly plant open. In 2004, John went to work for the UAW Regional office representing workers in plants throughout the Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha area.

John Drew has consistently fought for social and economic justice issues. In fact, John formed a caucus in the local called "the Fighting Times", with his colleagues Jon Melrod and Tod Ohnstad and exposed racist and sexist practices of management in the plant. AMC financed a multimillion dollar lawsuit to try to squash their voices but the Fighting Times prevailed. John has also been a major force organizing UAW members and retirees to support progressive candidates that would fight for working peoples' interests. John's community engagement led him to an appointment by former Governor Jim Doyle to the UW Board of Regents.

John has a Bachelor's Degree from the George Meany Center in Labor Studies and a Master's Degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from UW Milwaukee. He is also an avid sports fan and a soccer player. He coached soccer for many years and still plays occasionally.

John is married to Lauren Baker, a union and community activist. They have one son, Nick who graduated from Milwaukee Public Schools and UW Madison. He is a professional videographer and union member, in Chicago.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call John Drew my friend for over two decades. I am pleased to recognize his unwavering commitment to uphold the labor movement and its mission. I have sought his valuable counsel on many occasions and found him to be both honest and sincere. He and his wife Lauren have opened both their hearts and home to me and many others who share their passion to assist people from all walks of life. I have many stories of driving through inclement weather with John and Lauren to reach Martin Luther King Day celebrations in Kenosha. John Drew has left a legacy of strong leadership and has touched many lives in a positive way with his dedication, passion, enthusiasm and motivation. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin and the nation have benefited tremendously from his service because he has always been a voice for those who have the least, a voice for working people, a voice for justice and fairness. I am honored for these reasons to pay tribute to John Drew.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call vote 178, I inadvertently voted No. I had intended to vote Aye.

HONORING THE NEW ROCHELLE
FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
20TH GALA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of New Rochelle's most distinguished organizations, the New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence, which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary at their annual Gala. It is my pleasure to also honor The Fund on this historic milestone.

The New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence was established in 1998. The mission of the New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence is to support our school system and its extraordinary, diverse student body through advancing equity, excellence, and inspiring all public-school students. The Fund partners with the City School District of New Rochelle and the broader New Rochelle community to develop, fund, and implement high-quality educational and enrichment programming to enhance the school experience.

Programs and activities that the Fund supports and publishes include the Museum of Arts and Culture, The Zolcalo at Atlixco, The Martin Silver Fund for Accounting and Business Studies, Arts Out Loud, and Poetry Out Loud. The Fund then publishes the written works from Author Out Loud and Poetry Out Loud. In addition, the Fund has sponsored five concerts at both Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center which have featured their own students.

The Fund has also helped students focus on the issues of citizenship and governance since 1998, through The Civic Symposium featuring AP Government and AP Macroeconomics students. Annually, the Fund honors High School Seniors who have made major contributions throughout their educational years at the fundraising gala.

The New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence has done some tremendous work over the past 20 years and everyone involved should be extremely proud of what the Fund has accomplished. I want to congratulate all the members of The Fund on their 20 years of service to the community, and thank them for all their hard-work. Here's to 20 more successful years.

DARRIEN ESPINOZA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Darrien