

rights. Over the past 70 years, Israel has offered invaluable contributions to the international community, including start-up companies, entrepreneurship, cybersecurity advancements, and much more. Of course, it is also a stable democracy in the world's most challenging, conflict-stricken region in the world. My home city of Philadelphia is a sister city to Tel Aviv in order to foster further cultural ties and cooperation. I have had the honor of visiting Israel several times, where I saw firsthand the strength of the Israeli people. I encourage robust engagement with Israel from all U.S. allies and governments across the globe, and will continue to do all I can to champion peace and further our shared goals.

MALIK JONES

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 Malik Jones for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Malik Jones 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 Malik Jones 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 Malik Jones 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 BEVERLEY SVED

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, neighborhoods are strengthened by civic-minded individuals who give their time, energy, and talents to making the community a better place. In Scarsdale, no one has better exemplified that commitment to community involvement than Beverley Sved.

Beverley has had a long, distinguished record of service to Scarsdale. Among her many volunteer roles in the community, she has served as the Mayor of Scarsdale, and prior to that she served as Village Trustee. Beverley chaired the Village Finance Committee and the Planning Board, both challenging positions that she filled skillfully with deft leadership. Beverley could bring the community together to resolve difficult issues, something all good elected officials must be adept at doing.

Further, Beverley has been a leader Committee. These are only some of the highlights of what this highly respected, trusted, insightful and collaborative community leader has

contributed to Scarsdale. Beverley's selfless contribution of time and energy to community affairs epitomizes what it means to be a leader.

This year, the Scarsdale Bowl, which for over 70 years has recognized community members who have "given unselfishly of time, energy, and effort to the civic welfare of the community," is honoring Beverley Sved at their annual awards dinner on April 25th. They could not have chosen a more deserving honoree. As Congressman representing Scarsdale, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Beverley on this wonderful honor and to thank her for all she has done to better the community. Her tremendous work is evident all throughout Scarsdale and I am honored to have such a great partner in the community.

WHY I AM A REPUBLICAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a statement on behalf of Mr. Hunt Wasden.

I am a Republican because I believe in the freedoms, both economic and social, that were given to us by the founding documents of this great nation. The Constitution begins with "We the People," and later the First and Fourth Amendments solidify the sovereignty of the American Citizen. These documents may be old, but their relevance today is still resounding.

The role of the government should be to protect the people from foreign and domestic threats, while also preserving the individual rights and freedoms of its people, not regulating or infringing upon those rights and freedoms. One of the main reasons I identify as a Republican is my strong belief that the work of private citizens, not the government, is the foundation of the American economy. Businesses made by the people for the people not only contribute positively to the nation's overall GDP but also supply Americans with jobs. The truth is, a government that is nineteen trillion dollars in debt should not be dictating how private citizens choose to run their businesses. Due to President Trump's aggressive deregulation and tax policies, our economy is growing at an impressive rate, with the labor department reporting in late March that the jobless rate in America has fallen to the lowest rate since 1973. In addition, the unemployment rate is now at 4.1 percent which is below the level the Federal Reserve considers ideal for a stable and growing economy.

As a Republican I also believe in a tax system that supports businesses, and gives them the means to compete in a global market and also to reinvest not only in the company itself, but also in its employees. President Trump's tax reforms have enabled businesses, from the largest corporations to family-owned small businesses, to give significant bonuses to their employees at all levels, directly citing the new tax plan as the reason why.

Republican policies are making an undeniable impact in the lives of the working class, as many people are now coming to the realization that a hand up is almost always more beneficial than a hand out.

Republican policies are also making an impact abroad. President Trump and Secretary Mattis' strong opposition to ISIS has led to

a 98 percent loss in territory held by the terrorist organization. The President also showed strength in garnering multinational support in his strong response to chemical attacks from the Assad regime in Syria.

Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president, wrote the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, an order to free all slaves. Later, in 1865, the Republican-controlled 38th Congress passed the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. The creation of the Fourteenth Amendment, granting citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, passed soon after, despite opposition from Democrats.

Ronald Reagan once described the difference between Republicans and Democrats as "Two visions of the future, two fundamentally different ways of governing—their government of pessimism, fear, and limits, or ours of hope, confidence, and growth. Their government sees people only as members of groups. Ours serves all the people of America as individuals." The inspiring track record of the Republican Party follows suit with this philosophy, and this track record is another main reason why I am a Republican.

While figures like Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan may come to mind when thinking about the Republican Party, powerful women in the party have changed the course of history as well. Republican Senator Aaron A. Sargent introduced the Nineteenth Amendment which was written by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Stanton, who worked closely with Republicans to further women's rights in America. Republican Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and Margaret Chase Smith was the first woman to serve in both the Senate and the House. In 1981 Ronald Reagan appointed Sandra Day O'Connor as the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court. Also, George W. Bush selected Condoleezza Rice to be his Secretary of State. She was the first African American woman to hold this position.

Republicans also had a great impact on the Civil Rights movement in our country. In 1954 Chief Justice Earl Warren, a former Republican governor, wrote the majority opinion of *Brown vs. Board of Education*. The Republican-controlled 68th Congress and President Calvin Coolidge granted citizenship to Native Americans. In 1957 Dwight Eisenhower desegregated Little Rock's government schools over the resistance of Arkansas' Democrat governor. Eisenhower also signed the 1960 Civil Rights Act after a filibuster by Democrats. Further, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed when Republican Everett Dirksen defeated yet another Democrat filibuster.

The Republican Party has been the Party for all people since its creation. Both what the party has done in the past, and what it continues to do today inspires me, and makes me proud to be part of such an important movement. At the end of the day, the principles of economic and individual freedoms defended by the Republican Party have led so many people in America to truly live the American Dream, and will continue to do so for generations to come. AND THAT IS NOT FAKE NEWS.

COMMANDER PATRICK MURPHY

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 former Federal Heights Police Commander Patrick J.

Murphy for his decades of service to the City of Federal Heights, Colorado.

For over thirty years, Commander Murphy has been active within the Federal Heights community and police department.

Commander Murphy started at the Federal Heights Police Department in 1980. He served in various roles at the department and worked his way up to a Commander, retiring from his extraordinary career on March 23, 2018. For nearly 40 years, Commander Murphy brought passion to his job and made a personal investment to the employees within the police department and the Federal Heights community. His hard work and dedication helped make Federal Heights a great place to live and work.

I extend my deepest thanks to Commander Murphy for his service to the community. I thank him for his continuous dedication to serving the people and the City of Federal Heights.

HONORING SERGEANT DAVE
BEYER

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism and bravery of Douglas County Sheriffs Sergeant Dave Beyer. On December 31st, 2017, Sergeant Beyer responded with fellow law enforcement officers to a domestic disturbance call where he was wounded in the line of duty. On behalf of myself and the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for Sergeant Beyer's service to our community. I admire his courage and willingness to stand in harm's way so that the innocent may be protected.

Sergeant Beyer has committed his life to protecting Americans through his service in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps, as a Reserve Deputy with the University of Colorado, with the City of Lafayette Police Department, and then with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office for nearly 20 years.

During the incident on December 31st, Sergeant Beyer sustained injuries while providing cover during a shootout with a barricaded gunman. He also helped place a tourniquet on his colleague, Deputy Michael Doyle, during the exchange of shots. As Sergeant Beyer now confronts his own physical and emotional healing, he will also carry the burden of knowing that one of his fellow deputies didn't make it away from the incident alive. For a profession that treats each other like family, the loss of a colleague is especially painful.

We must never forget the sacrifices paid by our men and women in uniform. Our nation's law enforcers are vital to the safety of Colorado communities. On behalf of the citizens of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and deepest gratitude to Sergeant Beyer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for Roll Call votes 173 and 174 on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

MICHELLE THOMAS TEACHER LIAISON SPACE FOUNDATION SELECTION

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michelle Thomas, a teacher with the Independence Academy Charter School in Grand Junction, Colorado, for her recent selection as a Teacher Liaison Officer for the Space Foundation. The Space Foundation chose Michelle for her active promotion of space and science education in her school and community.

Michelle was chosen for this position following a rigorous selection process conducted by a panel of space industry experts. She was one of 31 people across the globe who were nominated for this position, and she will join 250 other active Teacher Liaisons.

As a Teacher Liaison Officer she will receive Space Foundation training and resources, take part in specialized NASA workshops, and take on more educational responsibility. This opportunity will allow Michelle to expand her institutional space-based knowledge, further implement space education into her classroom, and in turn elevate her student's education.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Michelle for her accomplishment. Her talent, hard work, and commitment, has led to her selection as a Teacher Liaison Officer and I have no doubt she will take what she learns from the Space Foundation and give back to her students and the Grand Junction community. I stand with the people of the Colorado's Third Congressional District in commending her for her achievement.

TYLER PITERA

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 Tyler Pitera for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Tyler Pitera 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 Tyler Pitera 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 Tyler Pitera 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 CANTOR EMERITA
HELENE REPS

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 a spiritual leader in the New Rochelle community, Cantor Emerita Helene Reps, who this year is being honored for her 17 years of dedicated service to Temple Israel in New Rochelle at their 110th Anniversary Gala.

Born and raised in the Pittsburgh area to a musical family, Cantor Helene Reps entered Carnegie Institute of Technology—now Carnegie Mellon—as a piano major. Encouraged by the faculty to switch to the vocal department, she received a double major in music and education.

Her first professional opportunity came in 1956, the Mozart bicentennial year, when William Steinberg, conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony, engaged her as the alto soloist in the Mozart Requiem. Helene called that moment a dream, which was followed by several more roles with the Pittsburgh Opera.

Upon graduation from Carnegie, she moved to New York, teaching in a Harlem junior high school. In 1958, Helene returned to Pittsburgh to marry David Reps, and Tamara, Aaron, and twins Steven and Jennifer arrived for the happy couple soon thereafter. When Davis' work moved the family to New York City, the Cantor at JCC persuaded Helene to enter the five-year cantorial program at the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music. Helene called the move a perfect fit, and in 1979 she graduated as one of the very first woman cantors to serve a major pulpit. Helene joined the clergy at Temple Israel in New Rochelle in 1980, where she served the growing congregation until 1997. She conducted services with Rabbi Amiel Wohl and prepared, on average, 40 to 50 children each year for their bar and bat mitzvahs.

These days, Helene spends her time with her husband, now of almost 60 years, enjoying their four grown children and seven brilliant grandchildren. The mark Helene has left on Temple Israel and indeed the entire New Rochelle community cannot be understated. The Temple has chosen an outstanding honoree for this year's Gala, and I'd like to congratulate Helene on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HUGH
KENDALL

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, the Fort Walton Beach/Destin community, the place that I call