

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