

San Francisco State University, the University of Hawaii and New York University. Her degrees include Masters and five educational certifications both from California and New York.

In 1969, Kathy married Roberto Salom from Bogota, Colombia. When Roberto accepted a job with the United Nations, they left California where Kathy had been an elementary teacher in the San Francisco Unified School District and Roberto had worked with the Federal Reserve. They moved to Rye, New York where they raised two sons, David born in 1976 and Robert born in 1979. David resides in a group home in Greenburgh and Robert lives in Sudbury, Massachusetts with his wife Dena Manheimer and their daughter Isabel born in 2016. Kathy worked as a teacher for the deaf for BOCES for 36 years, bringing her total teaching experience to 42 years. She was fortunate to work at all grade levels and to use both sign language and an oral approach to educating the deaf and hard of hearing.

In 1992, Kathy joined Hadassah Kehilla and enjoyed planning many special programs for the organization. Later she became involved in the book club and especially loves reading books about Jewish communities around the world. When Kathy retired in 2009, the opportunity to travel around the world became possible. She and her husband Roberto have always explored Jewish communities when traveling. In New Delhi they visited a wonderful little synagogue. In Shanghai they visited the Jewish Museum, in Rome the magnificent Roman Synagogue, and the Ghetto of Venice. As they were standing in the Sephardic Synagogue in Amsterdam, they saw David Salom, their son's name, as one of the founding fathers of the synagogue. So many Jewish experiences in each place they have traveled make them feel part of the diversity of the Jewish world.

For her outstanding work in the field of education and her dedication to the Jewish community. This year, Hadassah Kehilla is honoring Kathy Salom as their 2018 Woman of the Year. They could not have picked a more deserving honoree. As Representative for Rye, I would like to congratulate Kathy on this wonderful honor.

RAEGAN SWANO

**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 Raegan Swano for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Raegan Swano is a student at Oberson Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Raegan Swano 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 Raegan Swano for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on my way to the House Chamber on May 9, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 175.

HONORING OLYMPIC GOLD  
MEDALIST JESSIE DIGGINS

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a hometown Olympic hero from Afton, Minnesota, Gold Medal winner Jessie Diggins. May 12, 2018 will forever be known as Jessie Diggins Day in Afton. In a "Bringing Home the Gold" celebration for Jessie's homecoming, family, friends and fans from far and wide got a chance to meet and cheer their hometown champion in person.

History was made at the Pyeongchang Olympic Games on February 21, 2018. With the eyes of the world upon her in the final 100-meter stretch of the team sprint freestyle cross-country ski race, Jessie Diggins dug deep, somehow finding a burst of energy to surge past her competitors and clinch a thrilling first-place finish. Jessie and her racing partner, Kikkan Randall, didn't just win the race, they won the first-ever Olympic gold medal in cross-country skiing for the United States. Here at home, friends and neighbors throughout the St. Croix Valley cheered on every stride. The entire state of Minnesota shares immense pride in their thrilling victory.

The triumph by Jessie Diggins and Kikkan Randall shows what is possible through vision, determination—and a tremendous amount of hard work. Their victory inspires future generations of young people, especially girls, to dedicate themselves and pursue their dreams.

Jessie continues to inspire us—to act. As a premiere athlete in a sport that depends on the presence of snow, it is not surprising that she is witnessing firsthand the rapid impact our changing climate is having on winter sports. Shortly after the Olympic Games, she shared her experience and her voice on Capitol Hill, speaking truth to power urging my colleagues and me to act now to address our changing climate. Her courage and passion to make a difference for future generations is commendable.

Jessie is a history-maker and a leader. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to her historic Olympic accomplishment than to be chosen by her fellow Team USA athletes to be the standard-bearer for the closing ceremony of the 2018 Olympic Games. All Americans, but especially all Minnesotans were filled with joy to see Jessie lead her teammates under the United States flag. As the Representative

of Minnesota's Fourth Congressional district, it is a privilege to be able to fly a flag in honor of Jessie and her incredible victory.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in rising to pay tribute to an exceptional athlete and role model, U.S. Olympic Gold Medal winner, Jessie Diggins.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF  
MR. PETER LIZCANO

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Peter Lizcano, a lifetime educator who dedicated his career to the advancement of education in Laredo, Texas. Mr. Lizcano passed away after serving his community for many years.

Mr. Lizcano affected the lives of many young Laredoans during his years working for the Laredo Independent School District (LISD). He served in a variety of roles during his employment, including as a coach and principal. He eventually became assistant superintendent, serving in this office until his retirement. During his tenure, Mr. Lizcano was instrumental in enacting a program that encouraged students who had dropped out of school to return to their educational pursuits.

In addition to Mr. Lizcano's countless contributions to LISD, he was actively involved with the League of United Latin American Citizens Council (LULAC) No. 12. As a LULAC member, Mr. Lizcano helped to initiate several projects, such as the Señor Internacional and Tejano Achievers, to increase scholarship opportunities for students.

Our communities rely on public servants like Mr. Lizcano to inspire and encourage young people to be their very best. His commitment to education has helped build a strong foundation in Laredo, and his legacy will be felt for many generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to honor Mr. Peter Lizcano for his contributions to education in South Texas.

HONORING YVETTE MARRIN

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize a pillar of the Riverdale community, Ms. Yvette Marrin, an individual who has done so much for the community through her work at the Riverdale Temple for many years. This year, the Riverdale Temple is honoring Yvette at their annual Student Sponsorship Breakfast and they could not have chosen a better honoree.

Yvette has been a member of Riverdale Temple since 2010. She joined the Board of Directors in 2011 and at that time became the chair of the Temple's education committee. She designed and managed a redevelopment of the Temple's gardens and served for several years as webmaster of its website, just two of the numerous tasks that she has undertaken as a member of Riverdale Temple.