

IN RECOGNITION OF BRUCE & NANCY WEINSTOCK, RECIPIENTS OF THE WYOMING VALLEY CHILDREN ASSOCIATION'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bruce and Nancy Weinstock, who will be receiving the Making A Difference Award from the Wyoming Valley Children's Association. The award is given to individuals who "go above and beyond" in their commitment and service to the WVCA.

The Wyoming Valley Children's Association has been helping children with disabilities since its founding in 1923 by the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre and the Community Chest. Today, the WVCA is dedicated to nurturing the potential of all children. Their staff works tirelessly to implement the latest educational strategies and therapy techniques. The WVCA serves typically developed children, as well as children with a variety of conditions and diagnoses such as autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, multiple sclerosis, and muscular dystrophy.

Bruce and Nancy have supported the WVCA for over 30 years. In the early 1980s, the two got involved with the WVCA's "Sweet Treat" candy bar drive. Together, they distributed boxes of candy to local businesses on behalf of the WVCA families. Bruce has served as a member of the WVCA Board of Directors for 18 years and is a former board president.

It is an honor to recognize Bruce and Nancy Weinstock for their support of the Wyoming Valley Children's Association. I am grateful for all they do for the youth of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on 5/8/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 169 and NAY on Roll Call No. 170.

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mental Health Awareness month.

Every May since 1949, we have observed Mental Health Awareness Month.

To begin, I want to share my understanding of what is entailed when we say "mental health."

Many of the disorders include, but are not limited to: Eating Disorders, Attention-deficit/

hyperactivity disorder, Addictions Alcohol and drug abuse, Alzheimer's Disease, Anxiety Disorders, Bipolar Disorder, Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD), Conduct Disorder, Depression, Eating Disorders, Excoriation Disorder (Skin Picking), Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD), Tardive Dyskinesia, Learning Disabilities, Maternal Depression, Multi-infarct Dementia, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Panic Disorder, Paranoia and Delusional Disorders, Schizophrenia, Seasonal Depression, Self-injury (Cutting, Self-Harm or Self-Mutilation), Social Anxiety Disorder, Social Determinants of Health, Stress, Substance Abuse, Suicide and Tardive Dyskinesia.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, Mental illnesses are common in the United States. One in six U.S. adults lives with a mental illness. That is almost 45 million people in 2016.

Mental illness is separated into two major groups: Serious Mental Illness and Any Mental Illness.

Any mental illness is defined as a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder. Serious Mental Illness is defined as a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder resulting in serious functional impairment, which substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.

In 2016, among the 10.4 million adults with Serious Mental Illness, 6.7 million, almost 65 percent, received mental health treatment in the past year.

More women with Serious Mental Illness received mental health treatment than men with Any Mental Illness.

The percentage of young adults aged 18 to 25 years with Any Mental Illness who received mental health treatment was lower than adults with Any Mental Illness aged 26 to 49 years and aged 50 and older.

Let me say that again. Fewer young adults with mental illness were getting treated than any other age group. It is not that fewer have mental illness, but that fewer are getting treated.

This should concern us greatly.

If anyone feels they have a mental illness or has a loved one they believe has a mental illness, there are resources available to help them.

For immediate help if the person is in crisis, they can call National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

In addition, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) runs a Treatment Referral Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). SAMHSA also has a Behavioral Health Treatment Locator on its website that can be searched by location.

The thing to remember is that no one is alone and there is help available for those who seek it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on 5/7/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167 and YEA on Roll Call No. 168.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 4451, the Veterans Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2018.

Due to hectic circumstances on the floor, my vote was recorded as a "no" when I had intended it to be recorded as "yes."

Please make sure that my vote on H.R. 4451 is recorded as "yes," which is what I had intended.

HONORING MRS. ELADIA VELEZ ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend the happiest of birthday wishes to Mrs. Eladia Velez, a resident of the Lower East Side, New York, and a centenarian, who celebrated her 100th birthday on May 19, 2018. Eladia has lived a life characterized by hard work and unyielding selflessness, and is a pillar of her community. From an early age, Eladia exhibited an outstanding work ethic and profound concern for others.

Eladia Velez was born in 1918 in Carolina, Puerto Rico and was one of three children. She later married and had four children. She was a stay-at-home mom and also cared for her ailing mother. When her mother passed, her brother encouraged her to earn her high school degree which she proudly accomplished.

In 1948, Eladia and her husband came to New York City to work and build a new home for her family, leaving their children back in Puerto Rico. In 1950, she reunited with them in the Lower East Side. Eladia worked as a seamstress and after a year of hard work, she was promoted to supervisor at the factory. In 1989, she returned to Puerto Rico due to a family matter. She remained there and pursued her interest in human services to become a social worker. For three years she provided services to the children and families of Carolina, Puerto Rico. She then subsequently returned to New York City where she has been living since with her family.

Eladia symbolizing decades of longevity and hard work, this occasion reflects an important milestone in a growing segment of American life: the Centenarian. Over the years, special individuals like Eladia have contributed to our nation and witnessed remarkable changes and extraordinary progress. She has lived through some of the most exciting times in our nation's history.

Today, Eladia enjoys the company of her beloved children, grandchildren and community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Velez on this special occasion of her 100th year birthday.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF MRS. CLARENE HELEN
VICKERY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Mrs. Clarene Helen Vickery and to congratulate her on an incredible milestone. On May 22, Mrs. Vickery will celebrate her 100th birthday. It is my honor to include this extraordinary woman and citizen of Fairfax County into the RECORD.

Born Clarene Helen Dickens in Collins, Mississippi, Mrs. Vickery began her service to her community at an early age, working for the National Youth Administration during the Great Depression. That service continued when she relocated to Virginia, where she founded the Parkwood School and has served as its Director from 1956 to the present time. Since its founding, more than 10,000 students have attended Parkwood School. Mrs. Vickery has been recognized with a lifetime achievement award from the Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education and a Certificate of Recognition from the Fairfax County Health Department for her more than six-decade support of the health and well-being of children.

Mrs. Vickery has also been a successful business woman and active member of the Vienna, Virginia business community, receiving the Business Person of the Year award from the Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce, serving as the Grand Marshall of the Vienna Halloween Parade for the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce, and in other capacities.

Her contributions to our community have also extended into her role as a person of faith. Mrs. Vickery was a founding member of the Providence Baptist Church in McLean, Virginia, and served the Vienna Baptist Church as a member for the past 60 years in the position of Sunday School Director.

One would think that these innumerable commitments to serving her community would be the overriding force in Mrs. Vickery's life and replace all other considerations. But one would be mistaken. Mrs. Vickery is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She and her husband "Vick" raised four sons; and have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Fairfax County is one of the best places in the entire country in which to live, work, raise a family and start a business. Our high quality of life is only made possible through the efforts of citizens such as Clarene Helen Vickery. I congratulate her again on joining the Century Club and ask my colleagues to join me in offering their congratulations and in thanking her for her many years of service to our community. I know that she will continue to remain involved in the causes that are dear to her for many years to come.

RECOGNITION OF MICRONOVA
MANUFACTURING, INC., WINNER
OF THE 2018 PRESIDENT'S E
STAR AWARD

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Micronova Manufacturing, Inc., honored recipient of the 2018 President's E Star Award. The President's E Star Award is the highest honor given to United States exporters and export service providers in the nation. The award honors and recognizes persons or organizations that contribute significantly in efforts to expand U.S. exports. The 2018 President's E Star Award was presented to Micronova this morning, in a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Micronova Manufacturing, Inc., was established in the City of Torrance, California, in 1984 by founder and owner, Audrey Reynolds. Micronova is a woman-owned business, which has developed a variety of specialized tools to address critical cleaning needs in the emerging electronics and aerospace industries. Micronova exports California-made products around the world.

Audrey Reynolds is a forward-looking business owner, who understands the importance of manufacturing to the global marketplace. For decades, she allocated resources to global research and navigation of regulatory procedures and by 2017, global sales made up sixteen percent of Micronova's business.

As the Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee and a strong supporter of the Export-Import Bank, I understand the importance of the global marketplace for American businesses and American workers. The Export-Import Bank opens up international markets to U.S. businesses by financing and insuring the sale of U.S. exports when private sector financing is prohibitively expensive, or simply not available. In this way, the bank is a lifeline for small businesses looking to expand.

Under Audrey Reynolds' innovative leadership, Micronova Manufacturing, Inc. is a responsible and valued corporate citizen. I congratulate Micronova for this admirable achievement.

HONORING FRANCES LUCERNA

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a trailblazer and pioneer of community arts and education, and a friend, Frances Lucerna, who was bestowed the title of Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) by the Bank Street College of Education on May 10, 2018.

Frances is the Co-Founder and Artistic Executive Director of El Puente, a non-profit Brooklyn based community and youth development organization that promotes the arts, leadership, peace and social justice. This organization was founded at the height of the

gang and drug epidemic in the Williamsburg, Brooklyn community. Frances, a former dancer believed that arts and culture could be spiritually healing and transformational for young people and their families. Since inception in 1983, El Puente has positively transform the lives and future of hundreds of underserved and low-income at risk-youths with its arts, dance and literacy-based after school programs. It has introduced and opened the doors to the theater and film for many young people. In addition, the holistic approach to art combined with academic enrichment programming and activities is unique and has positioned El Puente to be one of the most celebrated Latino cultural organization's in my district.

Without a high school for participants to further their interest and education in the arts and social justice, in 1993 she championed and founded El Puente Academy for Peace and Justice High School. It was the first school in the country dedicated to human rights and a national model for community based schools serving students from 9th through 12th grade.

In 2012, Frances spearheaded the development of the Global Justice Institute, El Puente's training, research, and development center, which engages individuals and organizations from around the world in learning about El Puente's social justice practices while creating strategies for sustainable, community-driven change for a more healthy, vibrant, livable community.

Her advocacy, passion and dedication to strengthening the human condition is immeasurable. She has earned the respect of leaders, both local and global. Although she is the recipient of numerous awards, being conferred the title of Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) reaffirms her life's work and significant contribution to society.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Frances Lucerna for a distinguished life of public service and accomplishments. My district is enriched because of her vision and leadership.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.