

taught at Cooley Middle School in Gilbert, Arizona.

Her passion for education has been evident not only in the classroom but outside of school as well. She founded the Mountainside Middle School Helping Hands Club, a school service club that provided assistance each month to organizations and/or people in need in the local community, and she ran that club for nearly 14 years.

Like so many of our nation's educators, Sallie continued to support students after school hours and tutored a number of them in math, going on to create a successful tutoring program that positively impacted many young people in middle school and high school. She has been a mentor to numerous students, and has always been willing to give her personal time to help them succeed. Her compassion, patience, and strong belief in her students have had lasting impacts long after they leave her classroom.

Sallie has dedicated her professional career to helping students learn and achieve excellence. I join her family, her colleagues and her students, past and present, who thank her for her years of dedication to teaching and for her service to our nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF DR. BILLY CANNON

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a Louisiana legend, Dr. Billy Cannon.

Billy Cannon is an icon. He led LSU to a national championship, won the Heisman trophy and became the first professional football player to earn \$100,000. His career is summed up by his famous Halloween night punt return against Ole Miss that is replayed countless times in the hearts and minds of LSU fans, and every year on TV the week of the LSU-Ole Miss game.

To me, however, his exploits on the football field as a young man, impressive though they are, are the least impressive parts of Dr. Cannon's life.

Like many, life after the glory fades was not easy for Dr. Cannon. He made a major mistake, wound up involved in the criminal justice system, and served his time. After paying his debt and returning to society, he still found it difficult to make a living, something that happens far too often across the country.

Eventually he became the dentist at the Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, where he turned the dental office around and truly cared for the needs of the prisoners. He remained as dentist at Angola for more than two decades, treating teeth with care and men with empathy. In appreciation for his service, the men at Angola hand forged the casket where he now rests.

He once said that the people of Louisiana are quick to love and quick to forgive. We should not be quick to forget the care and dedication he showed to those society prefers to ignore. We should remember all his life as vividly as we remember The Return.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the whole life of Dr. Billy Cannon, a great All-American.

CONGRATULATING MAVERICK  
MCPEEK ON HIS TITLE

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maverick McPeek, a senior from Lena-Winslow High School, for earning the 220 pound Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in Wrestling.

Maverick McPeek defeated his opponent 3-2 to claim his title as state champion, and I would like to recognize Maverick for his tremendous accomplishment. Maverick's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold and cap off his season of 40 wins and 2 losses. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Ian is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Dakota, Illinois throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Maverick McPeek on his state title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO LOLA BLAZEK

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Lola Blazek on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during Lola's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Lola has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Lola in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Lola Blazek on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

DELILAH ROMERO JAMES

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Delilah Romero James for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Delilah Romero James is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Delilah Romero James 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 Delilah Romero James 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.