

to Mr. Jim Allison for his work in the medical field. His earning of the Nobel Prize speaks volumes for the work ethic and innovation of our community.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND PAUL
RILEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Helen and Paul Riley of Essex, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 4, 2018.

Helen and Paul's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together, and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING IS
FUELING TOURISM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are only two Northern White Rhinos left in the world. These two remarkable creatures live under constant armed security because poachers and terrorists are determined to kill them for their horns. Guarding these rhinos is like protecting the Mona Lisa or some other priceless piece of art in a war zone. Along with the sale of elephant tusks, black market wildlife traffickers have hunted many of Africa's great animals to extinction. This must end now before it is too late and these animals are lost forever.

Today, Rhino horns go for \$65,000 per kilogram on the black market. At such a high price the illegal poaching of these rare animals contributes a sizeable portion of the estimated \$19 billion a year wildlife trafficking industry. Terrorists and other extremist groups have noticed this lucrative business as a source of funding for their own evil deeds. Terrorist organizations such as al-Shabaab and the Lord's Resistance Army desperate for money use the illegal rhino horn and ivory trade to raise millions of dollars for their violent causes. We may often look at wildlife trafficking as a conservation issue, but it is also a major national security concern that is not being taken as seriously as other terrorist financing schemes.

Unfortunately, wildlife trafficking and the illegal ivory trade exists in large part because corrupt governments like China and Vietnam permit a market for these illicit goods. These governments have pledged to support anti-

trafficking measures but have failed to enforce existing laws or target consumers. Even North Korea has gotten in on the illegal trade with its diplomats caught multiple times shipping horns and tusks in diplomatic pouches to East Asia. Without action by these governments to stop the rhino horn and elephant tusk markets in their countries, it will be nearly impossible to prevent poaching in Africa.

China, Vietnam, and other governments around the world must understand that allowing wildlife trafficking in their borders is contributing to the financing of terrorism and instability in Africa. Overall, more must be done to stop the poachers, traffickers, terrorists, and corrupt foreign authorities that allow this illegal business to thrive. With dozens of rhinos and elephants killed each day for their horns and tusks, time is running out.

And that's just the way it is.

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE YWCA GREAT-
ER LOS ANGELES

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the YWCA Greater Los Angeles (YWCA GLA) as it celebrates its 125th anniversary.

In September 1894, the YWCA GLA opened its doors to serve the needs of women and their families. The organization's mission was to create pathways for growth, for eliminating racism, and for empowering women. Its educational offerings included classes in cooking, languages, stenography, and elocution. From those modest beginnings, the YWCA GLA has grown into a local colossus, and has provided an astonishing array of services to generations of Southern Californians.

From Downtown L.A. to Watts, from Boyle Heights to the San Fernando Valley, the YWCA GLA has given help and hope to local residents. It has been an active force for racial justice, HIV/AIDS education, infant learning, and the prevention of sexual assault and sex trafficking. Young people have been able to access affordable housing thanks to YWCA GLA residence buildings. Even amid the heart-breaking relocation of Japanese Americans by the U.S. government in World War II, the YWCA GLA was offering help to those in need, assisting Japanese American women and girls at ten relocation sites.

Today, the YWCA GLA continues to inspire us with its determination to better our communities. It impacts more than 100,000 individuals each year through services including affordable child care, after-school youth programs, economic empowerment, job training and housing, senior engagement, and sexual assault crisis services. In addition, the YWCA GLA engages in advocacy, working with community members to communicate loud, clear, effective messages on important legislation.

One of its largest programs, YWCA GLA Job Corps Services, provides a second chance in life to young students who are at risk, are previously homeless, or are emancipated foster children. Job Corps Services has been an amazing resource for helping these youth become self-sufficient and gainfully em-

ployed members of our society. The program, which has been co-ed since 1977, assists them with housing, medical costs, meals, life skills, and educational services including job training and online degrees.

The YWCA GLA's activities span many locations across the Los Angeles area, including its seven-story Urban Campus in Downtown L.A., which was funded in part by an \$82 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. I was privileged to sign a beam of the building at its topping-off ceremony. Dedicated just six years ago, this campus features a state-of-the-art library, residential units, modernized health facilities, indoor lounges, classrooms, an amphitheater, and more. With locations like this Urban Campus, the YWCA GLA will stay at the forefront of the fight to make sure L.A. residents are safe, smart, and well-prepared for the wonders and challenges that the 21st century will continue to bring.

As the YWCA GLA celebrates its 125th anniversary, its accomplishments are far too numerous to list here. Its long list of successes is due, in no small part, to the fearless and stalwart leadership of CEO Faye Washington and the YWCA GLA staff. Faye and her team provide their clients with the best training and counseling possible, and constantly raise the bar to ensure their clients' success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the YWCA-Greater Los Angeles for all it does for women, children and youth. Let us congratulate it on 125 years of fighting to better our communities and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
DANCE TEAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Colorado School of Mines Dance Team for receiving the Golden Mayor's Goldmine Award for Excellence.

The Colorado School of Mines Dance Team's contribution to the Golden community while representing Mines is truly inspiring. With their hard work and dedication, the Mines Dance team has brought their spirit into all that they do. Not only are they involved with athletic events and campus appearances, they also participate in community events such as the Buffalo Bill Days parade and the Nightmare on Greek Street.

I congratulate the Colorado School of Mines Dance Team for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan. I thank them for their contributions to our community.

TUSTIN POLICE CHIEF CHARLES
CELANO RETIREMENT

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Charles