

Ms. Hritz teaches World History at Davidson Middle School, where she has spent her twenty-year teaching career.

Ms. Hritz has served the Okaloosa County School District with exceptional passion and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

It is recognized that the teaching profession is one of the most difficult yet rewarding professions in existence. Ms. Hritz has continued to exceed all expectations and proves her devotion to her profession in a multitude of ways.

Ms. Hritz possesses the dynamic capability to encompass many different facets in her lessons. She is specifically known for incorporating ELA standards within her social studies activities.

She immerses her students in the content by using Socratic Seminars to deepen their understanding and develop communication skills in a respectful environment.

Ms. Hritz exhibits her passion for education every day in her actions. Her unmistakable love for her job provides a strong foundation for her ability to successfully engage and encourage her students.

Ms. Hritz also effectively draws from her own experiences to compliment her instruction. Having traveled to some of the very places of which she teaches, enables her to better instill a sense of wonder about the world in her students and to encourage them to embrace other cultures.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Angela Hritz for her accomplishments and her profound commitment to the Okaloosa County School District. I offer my gratitude for her service and wish her all the best for continued success.

WEST METRO CHAMBER 2019
SEYFER FAMILY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud The Seyfer Family for receiving the 2019 West Metro Chamber of Commerce's Steve Burkholder Diamond Legacy Award.

This award is reserved for individuals who achieve the highest level of respect within their community. Nominees are known as the "shining stars" of the current business world and must have had a positive economic impact within the Jefferson County community over the last year. This is true of the one and only Seyfer family—Margie, Christy, Don, TinaMarie and Troy—who have all contributed to their community in unique and substantial ways.

Margie Seyfer has co-chaired the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival and Wheat Ridge Kite Flight Festival as well as spearhead membership and recruitment efforts for the Wheat Ridge Business Association. For the past several years, she has also served as a reading tutor for Jefferson County and Denver Public Schools.

Christy Seyfer has also been an integral part of the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival as their designated photographer and organizing the kid's craft booth. She has also volunteered with the Wheat Ridge Kit Flight Festival, Ar-

vada Center Dance Academy, and the Wheat Ridge High School's Boy's Tennis Team Booster Club, After Prom Committee, and STEM Program. In 2015–2016, she co-created the Wheat Ridge Business Association Christmas Tree Auction and served on the planning committee.

Don Seyfer formed Seyfer Automotive in the spring of 1961 and has been actively involved in leadership for the Automotive Service Association, both state and national chapters, and served as the National Chairman for the ASA. Locally, he served as a board member for Wheat Ridge Local Works (formerly Wheat Ridge 2020) and the Wheat Ridge Business Association.

After twenty years of working for Corporate America, Troy and Tinamarie Seyfer, decided it was time to follow their passion and start Seyfer Specialties, a hot rod specialty business in Wheat Ridge. Tinamarie has been on the Board of Directors with the Wheat Ridge Business Association for the last four years and is currently the Vice President. Troy volunteers and/or directs several car shows throughout the year in the community, including the Berkeley Bash and the All Ford Show where money is raised for different charities. In 2014, the couple created the Annual 44th Avenue Rumble which brings together community leaders, car enthusiasts, families, and small business owners in the community as well as raises funds for the Wheat Ridge High School's STEM program.

The Seyfer family has clearly demonstrated an extraordinary ability to influence their community and have used their strong leadership skills to advance community and business success through public service and philanthropy.

I extend my deepest congratulations to The Seyfer Family for this well-deserved recognition.

CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION
OF DR. ELSIE M. TAVERAS, M.D.,
M.P.H.

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, Dr. Elsie M. Taveras, M.D., M.P.H. is Chief of the Division of General Academic Pediatrics and Executive Director of the Kraft Center for Community Health at Massachusetts General Hospital, Conrad Taff Professor of Pediatrics in the Field of Nutrition at Harvard Medical School, and Professor in the Department of Nutrition at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Dr. Taveras is a board-certified Pediatrician, clinical epidemiologist, and childhood obesity researcher, whose focus of research is understanding determinants of obesity in women and children and developing interventions across to prevent obesity and chronic diseases, especially in underserved populations.

Dr. Taveras has published over 190 research studies in her career thus far and has been cited by the Institute of Medicine, World Health Organization, White House Task Force Report on Childhood Obesity, and the USDA-HHS Dietary Guidance Development Project for Birth to 24 Months and Pregnancy.

Dr. Taveras received the Public Health Leadership in Medicine Award from the Massachusetts Association of Public Health for her extensive work improving health and health care in community-based settings.

Dr. Taveras was named Executive Director of the Kraft Center for Community Health, a national center devoted to improving health outcomes for underserved patients, families and communities developing and implementing culturally-competent interventions related to substance use treatment, cancer care equity, obesity prevention, and community health training.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNDER-
GROUND RAILROAD IN NORTH
CAROLINA

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. WALKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bicentennial anniversary of the Underground Railroad in North Carolina. With the first known stop of the Underground Railroad being in Guilford County, this portion of North Carolina's Sixth Congressional District became a refuge for slaves seeking hope and freedom. I am proud to stand and reflect on the brave individuals like Vestal Coffin and his family, New Garden Quakers who sacrificed immensely for the cause of freedom and justice. In honor of the bicentennial anniversary of the North Carolina Underground Railroad, Guilford County will be hosting several ceremonies, forums, and educational events. As we celebrate National African American History Month, I join the citizens of Guilford County and North Carolina in recognizing this important moment in our nation's history.

EARL W. AND LINDA M. LAMMERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Earl W. and Linda M. Lammers, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 16, 2019.

Earl and Linda fondly recall how they met on a blind date in October and have since loved and cherished each other for over half a century. Earl and Linda have never met a flea market they didn't like and both willingly suffer through deer hunting season or never ending music shows at the Missouri Theater. They also continue to spend many days and nights a year in the most fun place on earth—Branson. Earl and Linda have leaned on each other through losses of dear friends and family, and both have spent their time together supporting their children and grandchildren in all school and community endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, their friends, and their sons, Kevin and Scott, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren in congratulating Earl W. and Linda M. Lammers and wishing them many more years of health and happiness together.