

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.

WEST METRO CHAMBER 2019  
JOYRIDE BREWING

**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 Joyride Brewing Company for receiving the 2019 Medium Business of the Year Award from the West Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Located in Edgewater right across from Sloan's Lake, Joyride Brewing is a small craft brewery focused on producing great quality brews with a fun atmosphere. Along with their majestic views, they have a 10-barrel brewhouse with eight serving tanks and six fermenters. Currently, their taproom holds around 95 people and they have plans to open a rooftop this spring.

When they first opened, their goal was to put the word "neighbor back in to neighborhoods" and they have done just that, helping bring together residents and neighbors to share ideas and good beer. This is also demonstrated with their annual anniversary street party.

Another story that embodies their fun-loving spirit is their mascot, Roger. Roger was the first elephant ever used by Barnum and Bailey's Circus. Barnum would keep Roger and the other elephants at Sloan's Lake during the winters while they weren't touring, providing daily entertainment to the surrounding community. To that end, they felt like Roger embodied their motto: "Life is about enjoying the journey, not always the destination."

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joyride Brewing Company for this well-deserved recognition.

COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, this February we recognize and celebrate the 41st commemoration of Black History Month.

This month we celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the history of our great nation, and pay tribute to trailblazers, pioneers, heroes, and leaders like the 44th President of the United States and First Lady, Barack Obama and Michelle Obama, respectively; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; U.S. Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce; U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland; Astronauts Dr. Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr. and Mae C. Jemison; activists, intellectuals, authors, artists, and entrepreneurs like Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, James Baldwin, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Gwendolyn Brooks, Shonda Rhimes, Ava Duvernay, and Oprah Winfrey, just to name a few of the countless number of well-known and unsung heroes whose contributions have helped our nation become a more perfect union.

The history of the United States has been marked by the great contributions of African American activist, leaders, writers, and artists.

As a member of Congress, I know that I stand on the shoulders of giants whose struggles and triumphs made it possible for me to stand here today and continue the fight for equality, justice, and progress for all, regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

The greatest of these giants to me are Mrs. Ivalita "Ivy" Jackson, a vocational nurse, and Mr. Ezra A. Jackson, one of the first African Americans to succeed in the comic book publishing business.

They were my beloved parents and they taught me the value of education, hard work, discipline, perseverance, and caring for others.

And I am continually inspired by Dr. Elwyn Lee, my husband and the first tenured African American law professor at the University of Houston.

Madam Speaker, I particularly wish to acknowledge the contributions of African American veterans in defending from foreign aggressors and who by their courageous examples helped transform our nation from a segregated society to a nation committed to the never-ending challenge of perfecting our union.

A few years ago about this time, I was honored to join my colleagues, Congressman JOHN LEWIS and Congressman Charles Rangel, a Korean War veteran, in paying tribute to surviving members of the Tuskegee Airmen and the 555th Parachute Infantry, the famed "Triple Nickels" at a moving ceremony sponsored by the U.S. Army commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The success of the Tuskegee Airmen in escorting bombers during World War II—achieving one of the lowest loss records of all the escort fighter groups, and being in constant demand for their services by the allied bomber units—is a record unmatched by any other fighter group.

So impressive and astounding were the feats of the Tuskegee Airmen that in 1948, it helped persuade President Harry Truman to issue his famous Executive Order No. 9981, which directed equality of treatment and opportunity in all of the United States Armed Forces and led to the end of racial segregation in the U.S. military forces.

It is a source of enormous and enduring pride that my father-in-law, Phillip Ferguson Lee, was one of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Clearly, what began as an experiment to determine whether "colored" soldiers were capable of operating expensive and complex combat aircraft ended as an unqualified success based on the experience of the Tuskegee Airmen, whose record included 261 aircraft destroyed, 148 aircraft damaged, 15,553 combat sorties and 1,578 missions over Italy and North Africa.

They also destroyed or damaged over 950 units of ground transportation and escorted more than 200 bombing missions.

They proved that "the antidote to racism is excellence in performance," as retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter once remarked.

Madam Speaker, Black History Month is also a time to remember many pioneering women like U.S. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; activists Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks; astronaut Mae C. Jemison; mathematicians like Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson authors Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks; all of whom have each in their own way, whether through courageous activism,

cultural or intellectual contributions, or artistic creativity, forged social and political change, and forever changed our great Nation for the better.

It is also fitting, Madam Speaker, that in addition to those national leaders whose contributions have made our nation better, we honor also those who have and are making a difference in their local communities.

In my home city of Houston, there are numerous men and women who are great because they have heeded the counsel of Dr. King who said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By that measure, I wish to pay tribute to some of the great men and women who helped to make Houston the wonderful, dynamic, vibrant, inclusive, and progressive city that it is:

1. Mayor Sylvester Turner
2. Rev. F.N. Williams, Sr.
3. Rev. Dr. S.J. Gilbert, Sr.
4. Rev. Eldridge Stanley Branch
5. Rev. William A. Lawson
6. Mr. John Brand
7. Ms. Ruby Moseley
8. Ms. Dorothy Hubbard
9. Ms. Doris Hubbard
10. Ms. Willie Bell Boone
11. Ms. Holly HogoBrooks
12. Mr. Deloyd Parker

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us pay tribute to those who have come before us, and pay forward to future generations by addressing what is the number one issue for African American families, and all American families today: preserving the American promise of economic opportunity for all.

Our immediate focus must be job creation, and enacting legislation that will foster and lay the foundation for today's and tomorrow's generation of groundbreaking activists, leaders, scientists, writers and artists to continue contributing to the greatness of America.

We must continue to preserve the American Dream for all.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to stand here in celebration of the heroic and historic acts of African Americans and their indispensable contributions to this great Nation.

It is through our work in creating possibilities for today and future generations that we best honor the accomplishments and legacy of our predecessors.

TRIBUTE TO PV. 2 GARY JOHN  
BORBA, II

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2019*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Pv. 2 Gary John Borba, II who lost his life too soon at the age of 23. Born in Hanford on July 6, 1995, Gary joined the United States Army on October 20, 2017 and was stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Gary was a young man full of life, hope and aspirations. He was someone full of character who enjoyed spending time with his family and making people smile.

Above all Gary was someone who brought joy to the lives of those he surrounded. He