

Kiwanis clubs and their members are dedicated to improving the lives of children all over the world. Their members engage in local, hands on volunteer activities to serve the needs of the children in their communities. These activities range from improving literacy and fighting hunger to fundraising for scholarships. The Plattsburgh chapter meets weekly to organize and volunteer at soup kitchens, holiday gift drives and fundraisers, and plays a vital role in improving the lives of children in the community.

On Thursday, April 11th, the Plattsburgh Noon Kiwanis Club will be celebrating 90 years of service. They have served generations of North Country children since their founding back in 1929. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate them on this milestone and thank them for their long tradition of service.

MELISSA OTAVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Melissa Otava for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Melissa Otava is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Melissa Otava 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 Melissa Otava 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.

DO THE WRITE THING

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD a poem written by Emma Tews, an eighth-grade student at Herbert A. Ammons Middle School in Miami-Dade County. Gun violence does not only impact those who have lost loved ones; children like Emma know that we are in the midst of a gun violence epidemic and they fear for their lives.

DO THE WRITE THING

(By Emma Tews)

Every day we wake up
To the news of something bad happening
School shootings, terrorist attacks, violence
We have gotten used to seeing it
It's not a surprise anymore
Every day we wake up
We see bad things happen around us
Pain that people experience

Hate that people give
We see it every day
Every day we wake up
It's just another day in the cycle
We see things that we are immune to
We are told to walk away
Or run
Every day we wake up
A part of our generation's youth is taken away
Other people's pain turned into violence
There is so much hate in our world
Nobody realizes
Every day we should wake up
We shouldn't ignore it
We should seek a change
We shouldn't run
We should love

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENDRA S. HORN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my Congressional District on Monday, February 25, 2019 due to complications with my flight from Oklahoma City to Washington, D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way on votes that day: "yea" on Roll Call No. 88 and "yea" on Roll Call No. 89.

OBITUARY OF MY FATHER WILLIAM QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the obituary of my father William Quigley, published in The Chicago Sun-Times on February 10, 2019.

WILLIAM QUIGLEY, ARMY VETERAN, FATHER OF CONGRESSMAN, DIES AT 92

Abandoned by his mother, the baby boy—he was about 2—ended up at an Indiana orphanage during the Great Depression.

His luck changed when a WWI veteran and his wife filled out the "boy or girl" portion of an adoption application with the words: "any child we can love."

That veteran, William Earl Quigley, made his adopted son his namesake and gave him whatever else he could working as a handyman and farmhand in a rural area outside Indianapolis.

The origin story stayed with him always—from when he served in the Army during the Korean War era as a newlywed to the time he retired with a pension from AT&T—and formed the bedrock motivation of his life: "You work hard to give your kids a better chance than you had."

On Saturday, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease, Mr. Quigley, 92, died knowing he did just that.

His daughter Chris is a retired school superintendent. His daughter Linda was a social worker. His son Dan, who passed away two years ago, owned a used-record store. And his son Mike is a U.S. congressman.

"He didn't like most politicians, so the irony that his son grew up to be one was not lost upon him," said Mike Quigley, who represents Illinois' 5th Congressional District.

Despite that fact, Mr. Quigley insisted on standing the entire time as his son was sworn in to the House of Representatives in 2009.

Mr. Quigley regularly wrote letters to politicians calling out "idiotcy and hypocrisy" and dinner conversation could easily be mistaken for political debate at the Quigley house.

Whatever adopted dog the family had at the time—there were many and they were all called "Missy" because it was easy to remember—was certainly well fed.

"He'd spoil those dogs rotten, and sing to them even, because they went through similar things as him. He knew what it was like to be an orphan," Mike Quigley said, recalling his dad's habit of mixing table scraps with gravy and offering it to the dogs.

Mr. Quigley had a unique appreciation for food surpluses.

"When you're hungry, you'll eat anything," he recalled his father saying. "We'd be like, 'Yeah, right!' And he'd never elaborate, he'd just say, 'Trust me.'"

Mr. Quigley, who went by Bill, was starting his second year at Purdue University when he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. He married Joan Louise Deputy in the chapel of a military training facility in Georgia; the couple celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary last June.

Mr. Quigley spent his post-military career working for AT&T as a supervising engineer. A promotion brought him to the Chicago area in 1967. He settled in Carol Stream. Upon retirement, he moved to Ottawa, Illinois, where he volunteered at a homeless shelter and served on the Ottawa Planning Commission.

His hobbies included chess and reading. He also built radios, stereos—and his family's first color TV.

He was also fanatical about the Indianapolis 500; he sported his checkered socks and stopwatches to the race on as many as 60 occasions.

"To me he represented a more realistic aspect of the American Dream. He did it all to put a roof over our heads and food on the table," Mike Quigley said.

"He came from less than nothing and he raised four kids. My accomplishments are a shadow compared to what he was able to do," he said.

In addition to his wife and children, Quigley is also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CLAIRE PFAFF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Claire Pfaff for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

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I extend my deepest congratulations to Claire Pfaff for winning the Arvada Wheat