

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

HON. MIKE 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.

Claire Pfaff 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 Claire Pfaff 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 Claire Pfaff 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN
KNOP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize Christian Knop.

A senior at Alexandria High School in Alexandria, Alabama, won his 235th consecutive wrestling match this month to win the 195-pound weight class in Class 1A–5A.

Christian is the first wrestler to go undefeated and win four straight championships in the history of the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA).

Christian is ranked third in the nation for wrestling and has not lost a match since he was in the 8th grade. Knop plans to attend and wrestle at N.C. State.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Christian Knop on such an awesome achievement and wish him the best of luck in North Carolina.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE UNITED
STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IL-
LINOIS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. It is an honor to recognize a court with such a rich and impactful history at the heart of the American judiciary system.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois traces its roots back to Illinois' establishment. Nathaniel Pope, serving as the Territory of Illinois' Secretary from inception in 1809, became its Delegate to Congress in 1816. There, he worked tirelessly on part of the territory's eventual admission to the Union as the state of Illinois in 1818. As such, it was only a natural progression for him to be nominated and confirmed as the first Judge of its new District, bringing with him strong anti-slavery views.

Eventually, the United States District Court for the District of Illinois was subdivided into the Northern and Southern District Courts in 1855. The Northern District led by its first judge, Judge Thomas Drummond, continued the tradition of protecting the rights of all people. One such example, was through the sentencing of the abolitionist John Hossack, who had violated the Fugitive Slave Act by abetting a runaway slave. Judge Drummond, conflicted between his duty to the rule of law and his abolitionist conscience, recognized Hossack was guilty of breaking the law, but chose to hand down a minimal sentence for the transaction.

Even as the Civil War raged on, Judge Drummond balanced his sense of duty and patriotism, actively supporting the Union and President Lincoln while still defending the Chicago Times' right to freedom of speech and criticism.

Today the court exists as the Northern District of Illinois and is led by Chief Judge Rubén Castillo. It has grown considerably during its 200 years and now contains 22 judicial posts, ensuring further public and juris prudential access to its resources and rulings. I am grateful to the District Court and its people, for laws are useless without justice.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on the 200th anniversary of the courts establishment. Through its celebration, we pay tribute not only to our institutions and the rule of law, but to our long-standing history of justice.

ANALENA SHAW

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 Analena Shaw for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Analena Shaw is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Analena Shaw 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 Analena Shaw 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.

RECOGNIZING MARFAN
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Americans affected by Marfan syndrome and related connective tissue conditions to recognize February as Marfan Awareness Month.

Marfan syndrome is a rare genetic condition. About 1 in 5,000 Americans carries a mutation in gene called fibrillin which results in an overproduction of a protein called transforming growth factor beta or TGFβ. The increased TGFβ impacts connective tissue and since connective tissue is found throughout the body, Marfan syndrome features can manifest throughout the body. Patients often have disproportionately long limbs, a protruding or indented chest bone, curved spine, and loose joints. However, it is not the outward signs

that concern Marfan syndrome patients, but the effects the condition has on internal systems. Most notably, in Marfan patients the large artery, known as the aorta, which carries blood away from the heart is weakened and prone to enlargement and rupture, which can be fatal. It is for this reason that increased awareness of Marfan syndrome can save lives.

While there is currently no cure for Marfan syndrome, efforts are underway to enhance our understanding of the condition and improve patient care. I applaud the National Institutes of Health, particularly the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases for their research efforts in this regard. I encourage NIH to expand research efforts in this area.

Early diagnosis and proper treatment are the keys to managing Marfan syndrome and living a full life. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting a Marfan education and awareness program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We can facilitate proper treatment by raising awareness leading to early diagnosis. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing February as Marfan Awareness Month.

MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN
GREECE

HON. PAUL MITCHELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, as a co-chair of the Congressional Macedonian Caucus and representative of one of the largest populations of Macedonian-Americans in the country, I would like to include in the RECORD the following article from the BBC entitled "Greece's invisible minority—the Macedonian Slavs". I'm dedicated to maintaining and strengthening a positive and mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and Macedonia, and urge my colleagues to join me in building and enhancing the cultural, economic, strategic, and governmental ties between our two nations.

[From the BBC News Stories, Feb. 24, 2019]

"GREECE'S INVISIBLE MINORITY—THE
MACEDONIAN SLAVS"

By ratifying an agreement with the newly renamed Republic of North Macedonia, Greece has implicitly recognised the existence of a Macedonian language and ethnicity. And yet it has denied the existence of its own Macedonian minority for decades, says Maria Margaronis. Will something now change?

Mr. Fokas, 92, stands straight as a spear in his tan leather brogues and cream blazer, barely leaning on the ebony and ivory cane brought from Romania by his grandfather a century ago. His mind and his memory are as sharp as his outfit.

A retired lawyer, Mr. Fokas speaks impeccable formal Greek with a distinctive lilt: his mother tongue is Macedonian, a Slavic language related to Bulgarian and spoken in this part of the Balkans for centuries. At his son's modern house in a village in northern Greece, he takes me through the painful history of Greece's unrecognised Slavic-speaking minority.

Mr. Fokas takes care to emphasise from the start that he is both an ethnic Macedonian and a Greek patriot. He has good reason