

Madam. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Kimball for his many years of service. I wish him and his family the very best in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF DONALD FLAKE FARMER

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Chief Donald Flake Farmer. Chief Farmer, a native of Coffeeville, Mississippi, is retiring after a long and distinguished career.

Chief Farmer is a founder of the Snow Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Through his efforts the town has seen a steady improvement in insurance ratings and has been a trend setter in fire protection in the region. Chief Farmer also serves as President of Snow Lake Fire District and heads the Benton County Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Farmer has given the last 50 years to the advancement of Snow Lake Shores and Benton County Mississippi. He has been a leader for the July 4th celebration and Santa Claus at the Fire House. He was also the Police Chief for the Town of Snow Lake.

Chief Farmer has given and done whatever was needed to help the people of Snow Lake and Benton County for many years. I wish him and his wife Carol all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

LACEY ARMENTA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

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

Lacey Armenta 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 Lacey Armenta 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 Lacey Armenta 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.

CONGRATULATING STEVEN  
ROEGGE ON BEING NAMED EAST  
PEORIA'S NEW POLICE CHIEF

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Steven Roegge on being

named East Peoria's next police chief. His 31 years of service at the Peoria Police Department have not gone unnoticed.

Mr. Roegge began his career in law enforcement after receiving a criminal justice degree from Illinois State University and earning a certificate in supervision of police personnel from Northwestern University. He then went on and served as a lieutenant with the Peoria Police Department for the past 11 years, where he worked as a vice and narcotics investigator. Additionally, he worked closely with the K9 Unit by serving as a K9 sergeant and training other officers and their K9s, while also developing active shooter trainings for the department. Mr. Roegge has also represented the Peoria Police Department with the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarms System to further his leadership within the department. I would like to express my gratitude for the work he has done to protect our community and I look forward to seeing what he will accomplish in his new role.

As the wife of a sheriff, I know how important it is to share our gratitude for those who put their lives on the line for our communities. Dedicated leaders like Mr. Steven Roegge make me especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. Steven Roegge on his well-earned promotion to East Peoria Police Chief, and thank him for all of his service to the community.

RECOGNIZING POLICE SERVICE  
REPRESENTATIVE III ULRIC J.  
PATTILLO, JR. OF LOS ANGELES

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Police Service Representative III Ulric J. Pattillo, Jr. of Los Angeles. After 40 years of dedicated public service to the people and communities of the City of Los Angeles, Ulric is finally retiring and will be sorely missed.

Ulric's incredible career with the Los Angeles Police Department began on February 2, 1979 as a Station Officer. He was commended for conducting himself in a professional manner and doing an outstanding job. He served in this capacity until he transferred to Communications Division as a Police Service Representative on December 1, 1981.

Ulric received many commendations during his career, including but not limited to: his service during the Valley Bureau cutover to ECCCS and the 1992 Civil Unrest; recognition for National Dispatchers week; and outstanding support of field officers during emergency situations.

He was deeply involved in his community outside of the department by volunteering as a poll worker, serving as an AFSCME Union Shop Steward, being a member of the PSR Task Force, and being selected as Councilperson for the Employee Council and End of Watch Cadre.

His friendly character and positive approach left an indelible mark at Communications Division. His dedication to the profession, the community, the Department and the City of Los Angeles is highly commendable, and has

earned him the esteem of the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, Communications Division.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Police Service Representative III Ulric J. Pattillo, Jr. on the House floor today. His decades of commitment and contributions to the City of Los Angeles are worthy of commending and admiration.

JOSHUA STALEY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

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

Joshua Staley is a student at Sobesky Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joshua Staley 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 Joshua Staley for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ETHNIC  
ATTACKS AGAINST ARME-  
NIANS IN SUMGAI, AZERBAIJAN

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, February 27th marks the 31st anniversary of the ethnic attacks against Armenians in Sumgait, Azerbaijan. During these horrific pogroms, hundreds of Armenians were wounded or murdered, women and children were raped and even burned alive. Despite Sumgait's close proximity to Azerbaijan's capital, Baku, police and law enforcement stood by and allowed the persecution to continue on for three days.

The violence was just the start of continued attacks against Armenians in Azerbaijan, resulting in a war with Nagorno-Karabakh where thousands of more were killed. To this day, the conflict in Azerbaijan remains and a military blockade of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic continues. Devastatingly, these pogroms have led to a huge refugee crisis, ultimately displacing thousands and eliminating the once-significant Armenian population in Azerbaijan.

The government of Azerbaijan has never been held accountable for these atrocities. Now more than ever these acts of murder must be condemned. As we mourn the loss of the innocent lives, we must be mindful of the ongoing conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, the recurring incidents of hate rhetoric led by Azeri