

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

political leaders, and the continued military clashes along the border. Azerbaijan's leaders must commit to fruitful negotiations to bring lasting peace in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Madam Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to join me in condemning this violence and injustice. We must learn from this atrocity and continue to advocate for the protection of human rights for the Armenian people, and for all. I'm committed to working with my colleagues on the Armenian Caucus to always remember the victims of the pogroms in Sumgait and to ensure this history never repeats itself.

HONORING RAMOLA AND THE
LATE RAMESH "BOB" MOTWANI

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today to honor Ramola and her late husband Bob Motwani for their integral contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and to congratulate them on being recognized as "Honored Founders" of Fort Lauderdale.

After hearing that the city was flourishing due to large numbers of spring breakers, Ramola and Bob moved to Fort Lauderdale and purchased the Merrimac Hotel in 1986. However, the city's crackdown on spring break that same year led to a sharp decline in business, making it difficult to support their family.

In the face of this adversity, Bob set out to find new guests from around the world and began working with local beach committees. These committees sought infrastructure and other improvements that would attract more visitors to the beach. This hard work and determination paid off, attracting more visitors, businesses, and developers to the area. Their success allowed them to purchase additional properties for redevelopment and make an even bigger impact on the city.

Following Bob's untimely passing at the age of 47, Ramola took the reins managing their properties and raising their two sons. Ramola has continued the family's active civic engagement in beach development and redevelopment issues, including securing sponsors for projects the city couldn't afford on its own.

Madam Speaker, we have only just scratched the surface of the myriad contributions the Motwanis have made to revitalize Fort Lauderdale and turn it into the thriving city we have today. Congratulations to the Motwanis on this well-deserved recognition.

BAILEE STRANG

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 Bailee Strang for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Bailee Strang is a student at Lakewood High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Bailee Strang 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 Bailee Strang 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 THE SCHLARMAN
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Danville Schlarman High School girls' basketball team on winning the 2019 Illinois Class 1A championship. Schlarman defeated Lanark Eastland 62-36 in the final. The win capped a 31-2 season and the Hilltoppers' second consecutive state title.

The tremendous amount of hard work and dedication the team put forth during the season was apparent in its dominant victories during the state playoffs. A 17-point win in the semifinals was the team's smallest margin of victory in postseason play. During the past two seasons, the Hilltoppers have posted a combined 62-3 record.

Head Coach Keith Peoples molded a team with both a high-powered offense and a stingy defense. The Hilltoppers scored 80 or more points seven times and yielded 20 or fewer on seven occasions. The 2018-19 team was led by four standout seniors—Destiny Dye, Janiah Newell, Anaya Peoples, and Sydney Gouard—along with junior Capria Brown.

It gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the entire team, which also included CeCe Damilano, Tannah Ceader, Taylor Fowler, Suzette Semersheim, Lauren Barnette, McKaylee Allen, and Emma Bogen. Coach Peoples was assisted by Jerry O'Neill, David Gouard, and Ollie Harrison, and team managers were Ana Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Stimac, and Molly Deboard.

Madam Speaker, the players, coaches, and entire school community should be very proud of their accomplishments. I wish the graduating seniors all the best in their future endeavors and good luck to those who will return for a chance to make it three in a row next season.

CONGRATULATING LOGAN
BRINSON FOR OPENING TWO LOCATIONS OF "LOGAN'S LITTLE LIBRARY" IN ALPHA, ILLINOIS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Logan Brinson, whose love for reading and sharing books with others has led

to him opening two locations of "Logan's Little Library" in Alpha, Illinois.

Logan, a five-year old from Alpha, Illinois, noticed that his town did not have a library when he moved there in 2017. As a result, Logan decided to start one himself by building one right in his own front yard—that way, he could share his love of books and reading with others in the community. "Logan's Little Library" now stands out front of his house and serves as a space where members of the community may pick a book up that they are interested in reading and also drop books off that they would like to share with others. Logan has also included books that he has finished reading as well as some others from his collection. The success of "Logan's Little Library" has even led to the opening of a second location, which will be ready in May 2019. The second location came about after Logan made his case to the village that some children are unable to cross the busy Highway 150 and therefore cannot reach the Library. Logan's idea has even drawn the attention of those in other countries, and he has since received book donations from London and Australia.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Logan Brinson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Logan Brinson on sharing his love for books and inspiring the Alpha community.

WAIS ASLAMY

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 Wais Aslamy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Wais Aslamy is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Wais Aslamy 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 Wais Aslamy 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.

NATURAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the passage of S. 47, the Natural Resources Management Act. This bipartisan