

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