

students and leaders in our communities to work to enhance the quality of life all across the state.

I want to congratulate Mr. Massey on his recent award and thank him for his profound impact on the great state of Georgia. He will go down in history as one of the most respected and influential leaders in Georgia, and his contributions will benefit countless generations to come.

JOHNATHAN AIKMAN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

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

Johnathan Aikman is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Johnathan Aikman 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 Johnathan Aikman 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.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCK ISLAND GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE BEN FARRAR INSURANCE TEAM ON BEING THE FACE OF BIG LEAGUE CHEW

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ben Farrar Insurance softball team of the Rock Island Girls Softball League on becoming the face of Big League Chew. This is the first time in the 38 years the gum has been offered that women have been on the cover.

Big League Chew is one of the most famous bubble gums in the world, and the Ben Farrar Insurance softball team is on the cover of the packaging. George Stege, who represents Big League Chew, and Ben Swanson, who coaches the girls, formed a friendship that led to this wonderful debut of girls on the cover of the packaging where only boys had been before. The group of teenage girls from Rock Island helped make this happen by inspiring George Stege to take this idea to his team at Ford Gum Company. Not knowing that this would be something the company would consider, given they have such an iconic logo, the team was excited to hear the news that they would be the face of Big League Chew and inspire female athletes everywhere.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as George Stege, Ben Swanson and members of the Ben Farrar Insurance softball team that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Rock Island Girls Softball League's Ben Farrar Insurance softball team for being on the cover of Big League Chew's packaging.

JAMIE AVILA

**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 Jamie Avila for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jamie Avila 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 Jamie Avila 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.

HONORING MS. YU GWAN-SUN

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Yu Gwan-sun to her country and to the "March 1st Movement." Her courage united the people of South Korea to fight for their freedom and inspired many to persevere through hardships. Yu passed away upholding her beliefs and resistance against the colonial rule.

Nine years after the Japanese military rule of the Korean Peninsula, the push for Korean independence against Japan began in Seoul on March 1, 1919. Back then, 16-year-old Yu Gwan-sun gathered her classmates and began protesting on the streets. Yu's efforts garnered support from many community members and she became involved in peaceful student demonstrations. The protest, however, led to the closure of all schools in South Korea. Yu was briefly detained, and ultimately forced to return to her hometown, Cheonan.

Yu was not deterred by these obstacles, instead she spread a copy of the United States Declaration of Independence from town to town, rallying for support. Her efforts encouraged 3,000 citizens to protest on April 1st. Unfortunately, during the protest, nineteen people were shot and killed by the colonial police, including Yu's parents. This sparked a nationwide uprising with over two million people participating in independence marches. Of the

two million, 700,000 were killed and 46,000 were imprisoned.

Yu was captured, jailed, convicted of sedition, and sent to Seodaemun Prison in Seoul. Even in prison, Yu was extremely rebellious. She demanded the release of other prisoners and continued to display her support for Korean Independence. In addition, Yu helped organize a large-scale protest with other inmates until she was transferred to an underground facility where they tortured and killed her.

Yu Gwan-sun's courage of conviction, even after countless setbacks, made her the symbol of Korea's Independence movement. She inspired countless amounts of people to take a stand for their freedom and sense of self. Although the "March 1st Movement" did not immediately result in Korea's Independence, Yu's presence throughout the protests united many individuals.

Over 100 years ago, United States President Woodrow Wilson's ideas of self-determination to resist the occupation of Japanese military rule inspired the Korean people. It is estimated that approximately two million Koreans participated in more than 1,500 demonstrations for independence. These acts became the catalyst for the Korean Independence movement that would help unify the Korean people in their quest for independence in 1945.

Our alliance with the Republic of Korea has always been firm. South Korea has remained one of the United States' closest and most steadfast allies and partners. Our shared belief in self-determination is pivotal to our joint success and I am proud to rise today to honor that history. I hope my colleagues will recognize the importance of the Korean March 1st Movement as a reflection of our own values of freedom.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated individuals like Ms. Yu Gwan-sun.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, family, friends and the residents of the Ninth Congressional District in recognizing, Ms. Yu Gwan-sun and her outstanding character and service to her country and community.

GLENDA ROSE BOLING

**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 Glenda Rose Boling for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Glenda Rose Boling 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 Glenda Rose Boling 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 Glenda Rose Boling for winning the Arvada