

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LEE ARTHUR HOWE III

**HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of the 25th district, Lee Arthur Howe, III. Mr. Howe passed away on January 8, just 2 months shy of his 87th birthday. Mr. Howe graduated with his master's in education from Fredonia State Teacher's College before spending two years in the army during the Korean War. After an honorable discharge, he moved to Rochester in 1955 to begin his devotion to public education. He began teaching 6th grade at Lincoln Avenue School, known today as Sutherland High School. His promotion to principal came in 1962, and he would serve in that role at three other elementary schools until his retirement in 1988.

The oldest son of a Baptist preacher, he moved to different towns around Western New York along with his mother and three brothers. While he was young, he developed two life-long loves: jazz, especially big band jazz, and making those around him howl with laughter. He learned the trumpet and played it at every opportunity. He served as a first chair trumpet for the Perinton Concert Band for many years, entertaining countless big band concert fans all around the Rochester region.

Mr. Howe was beloved by his family, and whenever he went, music and laughter followed him. He was a gentle man, who took more pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren than he did in his own accomplishments. Patient beyond words, a trait that is vital to being as avid of a golfer as he was in his retirement, he was able to enjoy his life to the fullest.

While I am saddened by Mr. Howe's passing, I am proud to have represented a man who brought so much joy to so many people for so many years. My heart is with his entire extended family.

DESTANIE ALLEN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

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

Destanie Allen is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Destanie Allen 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 Destanie Allen 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.

OATH CEREMONY ON MARCH 8, 2019

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate twenty-five individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on March 8, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On March 8, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Saudi Elizabeth Gonzalez-Martinez, Clemence Ingabire Andrew, Avelina Garcia, Maria Del Carmen Trevino, Simona Podlecki, Fatoumata Diallo, Lorena Garcia-Vargas, Thu Le Coultas, Gustavo Lopez Lemus, Piotr Henryk Ozimek, Maria Del Pilar Parent-Quintana, Patricia Aguirre, Alyda Frederika Willemina Veenendaal, Khristine Mascardo Bernier, Gurpreet Kaur, Nada Jovanoski, Anaya Alvarez Lucila, Patricia Bugayong Fry, Miguel Avila, Nelly Berenguel Ramirez De Vargas, Elaine Criselda Dequina Moline, Dipika Darji, Adriana Albertina Martinez, Carmen Mendoza De Garcia, and George Vlahos.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on March 8, 2019. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

SUPPORT OF S. 47, JOHN D. DINGELL, JR. CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RECREATION ACT

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 47, John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. This legislation is critical to public lands management, and contains numerous important provisions.

This legislation protects three historic sites in my home state of Georgia—the Ocmulgee National Monument, Fort Frederica National Monument, and Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park. By doing so, the Natural Resources Management Act will provide Georgians with increased opportunities to appreciate our public lands.

Importantly, the Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act also includes the Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act—legislation I have been working on for years.

I introduced the Open Book for Equal Access to Justice Act with my friends Representatives COHEN, CHENEY, and PETERSON, and Senators BARRASSO and COONS. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation reinstates needed transparency and accountability requirements to ensure that the Equal Access to Justice Act is helping individuals, retirees, veterans, and small businesses as intended.

I want to thank my Senate colleagues for including the Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act in S. 47.

My legislation requires the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) to develop an online searchable database that includes information on the number, nature, and amount of the awards, claims involved in the controversy, and other relevant information.

Agencies would be required to provide information requested by ACUS for the development and maintenance of the database.

As made clear in report language in previous years, it is our intent that ACUS take appropriate measures to ensure that individual-specific healthcare information, such as an individual's diagnoses and treatments, is not contained in the database.

This legislation ensures appropriate protections are in place, while facilitating critical public and Congressional oversight.

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I am encouraged that S. 47 passed the House, and I look forward to its implementation.

DANIEL BURNETTE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

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

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

The dedication demonstrated by Daniel Burnette 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 Daniel Burnette 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
EDWARD ZIGLER

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary life of Dr. Edward Zigler. Dr. Zigler, often called the "Father of Head Start" was a legendary figure, and a force for good. He was also a dear friend whose counsel I relied on over the years to inform my work in Congress.

He was a giant in the field of psychology and social policy, conducting some of the most important research in developmental science and creating the "whole child" approach to education. Dr. Zigler helped to create the Head Start program, which has served over 35 million children and families across the country. He was a teacher, researcher, scholar, and mentor who helped to shape some of the most important family and child legislation considered in Congress.

Dr. Zigler believed that science should serve the public interest. His contributions are without parallel, from serving as the first director of the U.S. Office of Child Development—which would later become the U.S. Administration for Children and Families—to advising on child and family policy to officials in nine consecutive White House administrations. At every step, he strived and succeeded in making the lives of countless children better because he understood that their wellbeing was directly linked to their family and community. Dr. Zigler will live on in those he prepared to carry on his work, and in the children whose lives he helped to shape.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating the life of Dr.

Edward Zigler. Through boundless wisdom, he charted a vision for how to best help children and families that shaped child nutrition, health, injury prevention, and so much more. His impact spanned decades, and will last well into the future. He will be dearly missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BAYARD  
RUSTIN STAMP ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Bayard Rustin Stamp Act. This bill would direct the United States Postmaster General to issue a forever stamp to commemorate the life and work of Bayard Rustin.

Born March 17, 1912, Bayard Rustin became one of the most important leaders in the 20th century civil rights movement. At a young age, Rustin learned the values of nonviolence and peacekeeping from his grandparents' Quaker faith, and he would continue to build these values into his life as a civil rights movement leader.

Rustin attended City College of New York, where he joined a progressive club that aimed to remedy racial issues during turbulent times. His time with the club was short lived, but it inspired him to join the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an organization that became a champion for labor rights, equity and world peace.

His time with the Fellowship of Reconciliation led Rustin to become a leader in the 1947 "Journey to Reconciliation," where white and black people across the South rode buses together to challenge segregation laws, a precursor to the Freedom Rides.

Rustin was an advisor in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s inner circle as he advocated pacifism and nonviolence for achieving equal treatment for African Americans. He applied his brilliant strategic mind to the use of aggressive, peaceful action in the civil rights movement and throughout his life as an activist.

His most important role was as the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, D.C., the largest demonstration ever organized at the time, in which a quarter of a million people turned out to demand civil rights for African Americans.

In the years after the civil rights movement, Rustin used his background as a gay man to inspire others to advocate for and to achieve LGBT rights. He remained a strategist and public speaker for workers' rights movements, including co-founding the A. Philip Randolph Institute for black trade union members. Rustin committed to promoting social good, and advocating for the disenfranchised, until his death, in 1987.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

CHRISTIAN CASTILLO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christian

Castillo for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Christian Castillo is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christian Castillo 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 Christian Castillo 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.

RECOGNIZING CAROLINE  
BUECHNER AS THE SANTA ROSA  
COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Caroline Buechner as the Teacher of the Year for Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Ms. Buechner is the Choral Music Educator at Navarre High School. She has served the Santa Rosa County School District with exceptional passion and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

It is recognized that the teaching profession is one of the most difficult yet rewarding professions in existence. Ms. Buechner has continued to exceed all expectations and proves her devotion to her profession in a multitude of ways.

During Ms. Buechner's 9 years at Navarre High School, she has impressively grown the choral program from 80 members, to over 200 members.

Ms. Buechner exhibits her passion every day in her actions. Her unmistakable love for her job provides a strong foundation for her ability to successfully engage and encourage her students.

Ms. Buechner instills a love of music in each and every one of her students. She sets high expectations yet provides the necessary tools and support for her students to successfully meet those expectations. She encourages students to challenge themselves and enables them to attain their fullest potential.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Caroline Buechner for her accomplishments and her profound commitment to the Santa Rosa County School District. I offer my gratitude for her service and wish her all the best for continued success.

COMMEMORATING THE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AWARE-  
NESS FOR CYCLIC VOMITING  
SYNDROME

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the International Day of Awareness for Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome (CVS).

CVS is a rare condition that impacts both children and adults, causing severe nausea attacks that can last between several hours and several days. The cause of CVS is still unknown. Through research and education in the United States and in over thirty other countries, the Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association (CVSA) is working to develop a cure for those affected by CVS. Founded in 1993, CVSA started modestly with eighteen families and a few medical professionals. All those involved were dedicated to working towards a cure for the debilitating condition and through their hard work the organization has grown into an international coalition fostering research and providing resources and support for families suffering with CVS.

The Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association advocates tirelessly to make others aware of how challenging CVS can be, and how important it is to find a cure. With assistance from the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition and the American Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society, the CVSA produced the necessary guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of both pediatric and adult CVS and in 2012, supported a breakthrough in treating CVS with the establishment of the first emergency room protocol model.

As we recognize the International Day of Awareness for CVS, I know they will continue to advocate for the advancement of medical procedures, continued research and public awareness for this disease and the patient community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be on the House floor on February 25, 2019 for the vote on H.R. 539. My flight from Oregon was delayed because of weather conditions. If I had been present for the vote, I would have voted in favor of the Innovators and Entrepreneurs Act. This bill would expand the National Science Foundation's Innovation Corps program to give scientists and engineers the tools to commercialize their research. I support this effort to help researchers bring their innovations to market, and I commend the House on the bill's passage.

JUAN CONTRERAS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

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

Juan Contreras is a student at Lakewood High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Juan Contreras 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 Juan Contreras 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 SUGAR LAND'S  
NEW FIRE CHIEF

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Doug Boeker for his recent promotion to the position of Fire Chief of the Sugar Land Fire Department.

Chief Boeker has admirably served the Sugar Land community for the past 27 years, joining the Sugar Land Fire Department after graduating from a fire academy in 1992. He helped establish the Sugar Land Fired Up 5K and leads youth outreach programs through Shattered Dreams, Decisions Matter and Crud Wars. In addition Boeker implemented the Senior Fires and Falls safety prevention program and a critical ambulance service established after our Sugar Land population rapidly grew. While these accomplishments are unparalleled by most, Boeker didn't stop there. He has also served as the chief executive officer of NexGen Group, the general manager of Intercare Health Services and as the fire commissioner for the Harris-Fort Bend Emergency Services District No. 100. His service to our community is exceptional.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Fire Chief Doug Boeker on his promotion. We thank him for his dedication to keeping Sugar Land safe.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 31ST AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE SUMGAI  
T POGROMS

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, today, we commemorate the 31st anniversary of the

Sumgait pogroms, which saw the murder, abuse, and eventual expulsion of Armenian Christians living in Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh solely based on their Armenian identity. The Azeri government cannot be allowed to continue denying its role in instigating these atrocities and allowing them to continue, especially in light of similar efforts to target Armenians by Azerbaijan today. I hold memories of the Sumgait victims close to my heart, they motivate me to fight for the rights for Armenians and all people.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMIS-  
SION HOME RULE ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Zoning Commission Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint all members of the D.C. Zoning Commission (Commission). Currently, the Commission consists of two federal officials (the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) and the Director of the National Park Service (NPS), or their designees), and three mayoral appointees, subject to D.C. Council approval. The federal officials are members even though the Commission has no authority over federal property.

Land use is a quintessential local matter in our country. Despite the D.C. Home Rule Act, which gave the District jurisdiction over its local matters, 40 percent of the members of the Commission are federal officials, who are unaccountable to the more than 700,000 residents who live in the District. The federal government would lose nothing as a result of this bill because the federal government's land-use interests in the nation's capital are protected by federal law and federal agencies.

The Commission creates the zoning maps and regulations, which must "not be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan for the national capital." The mayor is responsible for the local elements of the comprehensive plan, subject to Council approval. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPA), which is the central federal planning agency for the federal government in D.C. and approves federal projects here, is responsible for the federal elements of the comprehensive plan. This bill would not alter the comprehensive plan process or the authority of NCPA and the Commission.

This bill would immediately remove the AOC and the Director of the NPS from the Commission, and the Commission would, at least initially, consist solely of the three mayoral appointees. The District would have the authority to reconstitute the membership of the Commission through local legislation.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

GABY PERLERA ESCOBAR

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

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

Gaby Perlera Escobar 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 Gaby Perlera Escobar 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 Gaby Perlera Escobar 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.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH 1ST KOREAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KOREAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

**HON. JIMMY GOMEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the March 1st Korean Independence Movement. One hundred years ago, Korea was not a free nation but lived under the rule of Japan. March 1st commemorates the start of Korea's independence movement from Japanese colonialism and 100 years ago from this day, the people of Korea united to fight for their freedom.

On March 1, 1919, a group of incredibly brave individuals banded together across the nation and declared their freedom in a proclamation of Korean Independence. These individuals started a movement that not only extended throughout the Korean peninsula, but across the world. In the struggle for freedom, many Koreans were imprisoned and killed. Today we recognize the Koreans who courageously fought to defend their home, people, and heritage.

As the Member of Congress representing California's 34th District and home to the largest Korean population in the country, I would like to recognize this significant day and all those who fought for independence. I ask all Members to join with me in celebrating the centennial of the March 1st Korean Independence Movement.

NATURAL RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 26, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, Congressman RUIZ and Congressman CALVERT to speak to S. 47, the Natural Resources Management Act and a provision that I introduced as part of the California Desert Protection and Recreation Act of 2019, specifically Section 1457 as it relates to the designation of the Whitewater River as a Wild and Recreational River.

The City of Banning and the Community of Banning Heights, which are in the district of Mr. RUIZ, receive a vital source of water from a flume that conveys water from the headwaters of the Whitewater River, which is located in my district.

In 1913, the State of California recognized the appropriate state water rights that the City of Banning and Banning Heights Mutual Water Company use to divert water from the headwaters of the Whitewater River into the San Geronio watershed. In 1918, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior approved the right-of-way for the diversion structures and the flume that carries the water to the City and to Banning Heights. These communities have relied on this water for over a century—water that is critical for drinking, cooking, washing, and fire control. The two communities own the water rights, which provide 100 percent of the water for the community of Banning Heights and approximately 30 percent of the water for the City of Banning.

In designating the Whitewater River as a Wild and Recreational River, we speak with one voice in saying that we do not wish in any way to interfere with these historic rights. We recognize that the downstream portions of the Whitewater River already have the necessary flows for the Wild and Recreational designations and that additional flows are not needed to maintain or enhance these designations. As the primary sponsor of the legislation containing the Whitewater designation in the House, I in particular, wish to underscore this as a matter of legislative history and Congressional intent. We ask that the Forest Service and the BLM in implementing the Wild and Recreational River designations heed this Congressional intent and incorporate it into any land management plan amendment and other implementing documents.

We also want to be sure that the United States Forest Service—specifically the San Bernardino National Forest—heeds the instructions from the FY19 Interior Appropriations bill (P.L. 116-6) that reminds the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service of the states' jurisdiction over water law and expect that all applicable laws will be followed when considering a request for a permit or permit renewal.

The U.S. Forest Service, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Bureau of Land Management, and other agencies should not now, or in the future, point to the designation of the Whitewater River as a Wild and Recreational River as a justification to require the City of Banning or the Banning Heights Mutual Water Company to relinquish their state-granted

water rights nor should such agencies require the removal of diversions at the headwaters of the Whitewater River and the flume that are necessary for these communities to receive water appropriated to them by the State of California.

YENSI GRANILLO ESTRADA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

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

Yensi Granillo Estrada is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yensi Granillo Estrada 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 Yensi Granillo Estrada 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.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MOVE  
AMERICA ACT**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Move American Act of 2019. This bipartisan legislation will spur private investment in airports, ports, transit, freight and passenger rail, bridges, flood projects, inland and coastal waterway improvements, wastewater and sewage facilities, and broadband infrastructure.

The Move America Act will bring billions of dollars of investment to state and local governments to help grow and repair America's aging infrastructure. The legislation creates Move America Bonds, which provides states the ability to issue tax-exempt bonds in partnership with private entities to expand infrastructure investment. The legislation also allows states to trade in some or all of their bond allocation for Move America Credits, which can be used to help finance individual projects, or be allocated to state infrastructure banks or infrastructure revolving funds. To be clear, this legislation is not a panacea to solve all of our infrastructure needs, we need more direct funding. The Move America Act is an important aspect of our strategy to rebuild and renew America. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass it into law.

CELEBRATING THE LIFETIME OF EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OF JESSE BERNARD BILBERRY, JR.

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I join former Congressman Cleo Fields and the entire Baton Rouge community today in honor of Reverend Jesse Bernard Bilberry, Jr. Rev. Bilberry has spent the entirety of his life dedicated to educational and community development. Revered as a trailblazer throughout his lifetime, Rev. Bilberry most recently retired after 34 years of pastoral service at Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Baton Rouge.

Rev. Bilberry was born on May 12, 1929 in Marion, Louisiana the oldest of ten children of Jesse Bernard Bilberry, Sr. and Joe B. Bilberry. He was baptized at the age of 14 at the Bloomberg Grove Baptist Church in Farmerville, Louisiana. Rev. Bilberry went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern University and A&M College. An Army veteran, Rev. Bilberry was honorably discharged from the United States Army after serving from August 18, 1951 to July 21, 1953.

After Rev. Bilberry's return from the Army, he went on to marry Verta Lee Hamilton on December 23, 1953. The couple has one daughter, Cassandra Gail.

Rev. Bilberry began a new chapter in life after marriage that started his esteemed trajectory in educational and community development. He began his career as the principal of Tensas Rosenwald High School in St. Joseph, Louisiana from 1956 to 1969. During this time, he completed his Master of Education from Louisiana State University in 1957. He was also awarded the Human Rights Award for Creative Leadership in Education in 1968.

In 1969, Rev. Bilberry took his talents back to Southern University where he served as the Freshman Complex Director until 1971. He then implemented and directed the inaugural Office of High School Relations at Southern from 1971 to 1973. The following year, Rev. Bilberry was promoted to Director of Admissions of Southern University, where he served this role until 1984.

During his early years as Director of Admissions for Southern, Rev. Bilberry first became acquainted with Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in 1975. He was later ordained a Deacon and asked to serve as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. By 1981, he became an Associate Minister.

Rev. Bilberry retired from Southern University and the State of Louisiana in 1984. That same year, he accepted the pastorate of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church. Rev. Bilberry continued his studies of the church and graduated from Christian Bible College in 1988 with a Master of Theology and a Doctorate of Theology in 1990.

Throughout his lifetime, Rev. Bilberry has received numerous awards and recognition, including Minister of the Year in 1989 from the Early Risers Kiwanis Club, two-time recipient of the M.S. Tally Walk on the Water Award from the Department of Christian Education in 1991 and 1992, and the Frontiersman Award

from the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. in 1993 for his work leading a mission trip to Dominica, West Indies.

Rev. Bilberry has also dedicated his time to a plethora of scholastic and service-oriented organizations, including the Southern University and A&M College Board of Supervisors, supervisor and instructor for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and a member of East Baton Rouge Parish Ministers Conference, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Society.

Rev. Bilberry's trajectory in leadership continued as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Crestworth Learning Academy, President of the Fourth District Missionary Baptist Association, and State Director of the Louisiana Missionary Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Rev. Bilberry has led a life of exemplary service, leadership, and compassion that has resonated throughout the entire Baton Rouge community and the state of Louisiana. His lifetime body of work should be well known and celebrated not only by those he has influenced throughout the years, but by all who seek to make a difference in this world through the vocation of ministry and education.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and work of Rev. Jesse Bernard Bilberry, Jr. and wish him luck in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING DR. STEPHEN BASH ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Stephen Bash for his retirement. Dr. Bash currently serves as Professor of Pediatrics, Section of Cardiology, in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria.

Dr. Bash has had a long and distinguished career as a doctor. He graduated from Indiana University Medical School in 1967 and began his medical career with an internship at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York. Dr. Bash then returned to Indiana where he completed his Pediatric Residency and a Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Academia has also been an important aspect of Dr. Bash's career as he worked as an instructor at the Fort Wayne Family Practice Residency and an assistant professor at the University of Illinois. Additionally, Dr. Bash served our country honorably as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy and was a visiting cardiology consultant for the Riyadh Armed Forces Hospital in Saudi Arabia. Dr. Bash is part of several professional societies and has received several awards for his work. I would like to wish Dr. Bash well as he begins his well-earned retirement and thank him for his many contributions to medical research.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Dr. Stephen Bash that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Dr. Stephen Bash on his retirement and thank him for his service to our country.

MIGUEL GARCIA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

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

Miguel Garcia is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Miguel Garcia 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 Miguel Garcia 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.

MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL EARNS 'A' RATING

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital for earning an 'A' rating from The Leapfrog Group's Fall 2018 Hospital Safety Grade.

Memorial Hermann Katy was one of only 855 hospitals in the United States given an 'A' rating from the Leapfrog Group, a national organization committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Hospital Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harmful incidents among patients in their care. By consistently striving for and achieving excellence, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital has set the bar high for hospitals around the country.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital for being recognized with an 'A' rating along with 855 other hospitals across our great nation. Thank you for your dedication to providing quality care to our Katy community.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOUIS J. GOODMAN, PH.D., CAE

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Louis J. Goodman, Ph.D., CAE, as he retires after 22 years at the helm of the Texas Medical Association.

In his role as Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Goodman has

helped to strengthen the Texas Medical Association as it has grown more than 50 percent since 1997. Today the organization, our nation's largest state medical society, represents nearly 53,000 physician and medical student members—including myself.

A committed leader, Dr. Goodman has spent more than three decades serving the Texas Medical Association and its members since he first joined the staff in 1987. He previously held positions with the American Medical Association and the former Michael Reese Medical Center in Chicago. In the span of his career, Dr. Goodman has published more than 100 professional articles and papers.

Dr. Goodman also holds the appointment of Adjunct Professor of Public Health at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, is an honorary member of the American Medical Association, treasurer of the Physician Advocacy Institute and past president of The Physicians Foundation, the American Association of Medical Society Executives, and the Texas Society of Association Executives. Dr. Goodman serves on the executive committee of the Texas Civil Justice League, the TMA Insurance Trust Board of Trustees, and is chairman of The Coalition of State Medical Societies.

As Dr. Goodman retires from a distinguished career, I thank my friend for his steadfast service to Texas and wish him the best of luck in the chapters to come.

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HONORING THE CAREER OF DEB WARNER

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Deb Warner, who retired from CenterState CEO on February 15, 2019. Throughout her career, Ms. Warner has utilized her policy expertise to empower local businesses in the Central New York region.

Beginning her career in advocacy at the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce in 1982, Ms. Warner took leading roles in implementing the Ambassador Committee, the Buy Local Committee, and the Total Quality Management training program. Following the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce's merge with CenterState, Ms. Warner shifted her focus to growing the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) industry in Central New York. Most notably, Ms. Warner successfully advocated before members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to designate Central New York as an FAA UAS Test site and create the NUAIR Alliance, a non-profit aimed at operating and overseeing UAS testing.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing the career of Deb Warner. Over the course of her 30 year career in advocacy, Ms. Warner has been a powerful promoter of our region. Her insight has left a permanent impact on Central New York's economy and has helped lead local industries to great success.

YANIRA ALVARADO ISLENOS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

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

Yanira Alvarado Islenos 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 Yanira Alvarado Islenos 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 Yanira Alvarado Islenos 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.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE BICYCLE COMMUTER ACT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Bicycle Commuter Act of 2019. This bipartisan legislation will reinstate the bicycle commuter tax benefit, modify the benefit to be used in concert with parking and transit benefits, and expand the bicycle benefit to include bikeshare.

The bicycle is the most efficient form of urban transportation ever devised. Cycling reduces carbon emissions, provides enormous physical and mental health benefits, and is one of the most cost-effective modes of transportation available. Communities across the country have realized these benefits and substantially invested in building better bike networks and improving facilities for biking to work. Across America, more than 100 communities of all sizes have installed or permitted bikeshare systems, supporting a nationwide network of nearly 5,000 stations, more than 100,000 bikes, and more than 120 million trips since 2010. These investments are one of the reasons that rates of biking to work have nearly doubled since 2000 while driving and public transportation rates have increased by 16 percent and 26 percent, respectively.

Despite these impressive developments, there is currently no commuter tax benefit for biking to work. Public Law 115–97 suspended the bicycle commuting reimbursement benefit through 2025, taking away a valuable financial incentive for people who choose to bike to work. The Bicycle Commuter Act reverses the benefit's suspension, changes the structure of the benefit to be more flexible to, and adds bikeshare as eligible for the benefit. Employees don't commute the same way every day and our commuter tax benefits should reflect that. The Bicycle Commuter Act provides the flexibility that people need while also

incentivizing a clean and healthy mode of transportation: the bicycle.

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CONGRATULATING DR. JITENDRA SHAH ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Jitendra Shah for his retirement. Dr. Shah currently serves as the Director of the Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the Children's Hospital of Illinois at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Dr. Jitendra Shah has had a long and distinguished career as a doctor, which began after he graduated from the Medical College at Maharaja Sayajirao University in Baroda, India in 1969. Following graduation, Dr. Shah completed an internship and his residency at Shree Sayaji General Hospital in Baroda, India, the Albert Einstein Medical Center and Philadelphia General Hospital in Pennsylvania. Dr. Shah did a fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, and then led research at the Congenital Heart Disease Research & Training Center's Hekteon Institute for Medical Research in Chicago, Illinois. He has also served in the academic world, most recently as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria. Dr. Shah is a part of many scientific organizations and has received two teaching awards for his time in academia. I would like to wish Dr. Shah well as he begins his well-earned retirement and thank him for his many contributions to medical research.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Dr. Jitendra Shah that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Dr. Jitendra Shah on his retirement and thank him for his service to the Peoria community.

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HAYLEE LAITURI

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

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

Haylee Laituri 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 Haylee Laituri 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 Haylee Laituri 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.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE WINS EXCALIBUR AND MEDALLION AWARDS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate San Jacinto College for earning the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Houston Chapter's 2018 Excalibur Award and the 2018 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 4 Medallion Award.

San Jacinto College was awarded a Silver Excalibur Award from PRSA and a Bronze Medallion Award from NCMPR. The Excalibur Award is given to recognize extraordinary professional accomplishments in the execution of public relations programs while the Medallion Award is given to those who express outstanding achievements in the areas of marketing and communication at community colleges. It is thanks to the tireless efforts of the faculty and students that the college received these prestigious awards. These awards highlight San Jacinto College's ongoing effort to recruit bright minds and future leaders to their institution.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to San Jacinto College for earning PRSA's Houston Chapter's 2018 Excalibur Awards and the 2018 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations District 4 Medallion Awards. We know we will be seeing even more accolades for San Jacinto College in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, on roll call vote 100, 101, 102, and 103 I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea," "yea," "nay," and "yea."

INTRODUCTION OF STOP UNDERRIDES ACT OF 2019

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Stop Underrides Act, a bipartisan, bicameral bill I introduced earlier today along with my colleague on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Representative MARK DESAULNIER from California, and in the Senate, Senators KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND and MARCO RUBIO, to prevent deadly truck underride crashes.

An underride crash is when a car collides with a truck and goes underneath the body of the truck. Modern car safety features are designed to ensure that a passenger can walk away from a crash where the vehicle hits a solid wall at 35 miles per hour. In an underride

crash, the first part of a car coming into contact with a truck body is the windshield, and as a result, a car's safety features are rendered useless. When a car collides with a truck, it will keep moving forward, and decapitation is a serious threat at 35 miles per hour.

While large trucks have been federally required to have rear underride guards since 1953, there is no requirement to adequately maintain rear underride guards and they often fail. In addition, underride guards are not federally required to be on the sides or front of trucks. Too many lives have been lost or forever altered by these preventable crashes and the time has come for Congress to act.

The Stop Underrides Act does just that—lays out a path to bring an end to these terrible and all too often fatal accidents by requiring all large truck trailers to have front, side, and rear underride guards.

These guards, if installed, would have likely prevented the death of Michael Higginbotham, who was killed in an underride crash in Memphis and whose parents, Randy and Laurie Higginbotham, have been urging Congress to take action on this long overdue issue.

This is common sense legislation that will save lives. I urge my colleagues to support the passage of the Stop Underrides Act.

NEVEAH PADILLA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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

Neveah Padilla is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Neveah Padilla 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 Neveah Padilla 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 THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF OCONTO

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Oconto's sesquicentennial.

Nestled on the coast of Green Bay, the City of Oconto is the home to thousands of Wisconsinites. The city hosts thirty-three sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places and in its 150 years, it has seen tremendous growth and prosperity.

First settled by the Copper Culture People over 6,000 years ago, Oconto is rich with history and culture. The Copper Culture People, rightfully named for their role as some of the earliest copper workers in the Americas, made a variety of tools and ornaments, many of which can still be found today in Oconto at the Copper Culture State Park. When Jesuit missionaries arrived in Oconto in the mid-1600s, Oconto became vital in building the trade relationships that helped so-called "New France" to prosper. The Copper Culture People, along with ancestors of the Menominee who had settled there, traded beaver and other furs for various goods and tools with the European settlers.

Oconto experienced a population boom during the 19th and 20th centuries. Located directly on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, Oconto became a hub for the growing commercial lumber and fishing industries. Americans were in search of a beautiful place to earn a living and raise a family, and this wonderful city in Northeast Wisconsin offered them just that.

Today, several industries have expanded and are expected to continue to grow, creating new jobs and boosting the local economy. Oconto's small-town fishing lifestyle has continued to play a crucial role in the economy, attracting anglers from across the United States fishing for walleye at its Breakwater Park on the Bay.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the City of Oconto on 150 years of community, industry, and success. As citizens committed to preserving the vibrant history of their home and watching it grow and prosper, the people of Oconto truly embody what it means to be a Wisconsinite: to strive forward. I wish them another 150 years of prosperity.

THANKING JAMES "BUCK" GILCREASE FOR HIS SERVICE TO ALVIN ISD

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank James "Buck" Gilcrease on his years of dedication and service to the students and faculty of Alvin ISD.

Since assuming the Superintendent position in 2014, James has overseen the opening of seven new schools in the district. James led the district through multiple successful bond elections which were needed because of unprecedented population growth. During his tenure, seven new schools were opened by Alvin ISD. Even though James is retiring, he plans to continue his legacy advocating for the advancement of our children's education.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you again to James "Buck" Gilcrease for his years of dedication and commitment to academic excellence at Alvin ISD. While we are sad to see him leave Alvin ISD, we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I was not present for votes from February 25th through February 28th due to my father's passing. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 88, 89; YEA on Roll Call No. 94; YEA on Roll Call No. 95; NAY on Roll Call No. 99; and NAY on Roll Call No. 103.

## HONORING ARCHIE ARCHULETA

**HON. BEN MCADAMS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Utah's finest. On January 25th, Utah lost Archie Archuleta—a longtime community activist. Archie was a shining beacon of hope, leading by example on how to be a champion for marginalized groups and for the causes of civil liberties and peace in the State of Utah. He believed that "truth needs witnesses" and each person's voice matters.

Archie was born near Grand Junction, Colorado, the child of farm workers who picked sugar beets, lettuce and other crops. After getting his bachelor's degree in education, he came to Salt Lake to teach elementary school. He met the love of his life, Lois, and together they raised five children.

Archie served as president of the Coalition of La Raza for nine years and for his work on behalf of the Latino Community, he was recognized by many for his efforts.

I'll always remember Archie's calls and visits to my office to share his thoughts and advice. He cared deeply about our community and worked hard to make all of us better. I was inspired by Archie's fiery speeches at public rallies and humble mentorship in more private moments.

Archie was someone bigger than life—a man who left his mark on so many of the people with whom he came in contact. We mourn his passing but celebrate the legacy of this fierce advocate and gentle teacher.

## CONGRATULATING DR. RICHARD PEARL ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Richard Pearl for his retirement as Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. Dr. Pearl is currently the director of Surgical Simulation at the Jump Simulation and Education Center at OSF HealthCare and is completing a long career of service through medicine.

Dr. Richard Pearl began his distinguished career after he received a medical degree from Wright State University in 1980. Dr. Pearl

first gained experience as a Surgical Intern at Madigan Army Medical Center prior to completing his residency at Harvard Surgical Service in Boston, and a fellowship focused on Pediatric Surgery in Toronto, Canada. In addition to these outstanding achievements, Dr. Pearl honorably served our nation as a Colonel in the U.S. Army. He began his military service as an infantry officer and helicopter pilot before joining the Army Medical Corps. In the Army Medical Corps, Dr. Pearl served in Operation Desert Storm as Deputy Commander of a Combat Support Hospital and Commander of a Forward Surgical Team in Saudi Arabia and Iraq. This extraordinary service earned Dr. Pearl many recognitions and accolades, including three Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit and the Air Medal for Valor. I would like to wish Dr. Pearl well as he begins his well-earned retirement.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Dr. Richard Pearl that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Dr. Richard Pearl on his retirement and thank him for his service to our country.

## KATY HIGH SCHOOL DEBATER MAKES HISTORY

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chandler Scott of Katy, TX for advancing to the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Congressional Debate.

Chandler is the first UIL Congressional Debate qualifier in the history of Katy High School. In the competition, Chandler will play the role of a mock legislator. Students work hard to prepare their bills and resolutions, which they then debate with their competitors as they work toward passing laws. Although he has already made history, Chandler says that there is no added pressure on his performance. Instead, he is proud to represent his school at the competition. Chandler, whose mother is a 1984 refugee from Afghanistan, says her work ethic and perseverance helped shape him into the person he is today.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Chandler Scott of Katy, TX. We are proud of this accomplishment and wish him well at the contest.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LAW PROFESSOR THOMAS L. SHAFFER

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Notre Dame Law School Professor Thomas L. Shaffer, a true icon who passed away last week. Tom Shaffer was a teacher, mentor and friend to generations of Notre Dame Law students. I was privileged to be one of those stu-

dents whose life and career benefitted so much from that experience.

Tom Shaffer began his teaching career at Notre Dame in 1963 after graduating from the Law School two years earlier. Besides his ability in the classroom Professor Shaffer served as Dean from 1971–1975 and was a renowned legal ethics scholar and prolific legal author having written more than 300 scholarly works.

Most important was Tom Shaffer's lasting impact on so many students to whom he imparted his dedication to strong legal thinking and analysis founded on ethics and moral responsibility.

Tom Shaffer was a good man and that goodness is being reflected in the outpouring of statements from so many of his former students since his death. All of us have Tom Shaffer in our thoughts and prayers and send our sincerest condolences to his wonderful wife Nancy and their children and grandchildren.

Professor Tom Shaffer R.I.P.

## IN HONOR OF MARGIE WILSON BRIDGES

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Margie Wilson Bridges, a constituent who passed away on January 4, 2019. The daughter of the late T.B. and Lorene Morris Wilson, she was also preceded in death by her infant brothers, Thomas Daniels Wilson and Steven Morris Wilson. She is survived by her cherished husband of fifty-six years, Gary Bridges and her beloved children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was devoted to her family, and her warmth and compassion were without measure. She is remembered for the many and generous contributions she made to her family, friends, and her community. Margie Wilson Bridges will be deeply missed by all whose lives were touched by her remarkable presence.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, February 25, 2019 I am not recorded on two votes because I was unavoidably detained due to weather impacting my commercial flight.

If I had been present, I would have voted: yes, on Roll Call 88 and on Roll Call 89.

## FINDLAY NAMED TOP MICROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Findlay, Ohio for being recognized as



the Top Micropolitan Community in the United States for the fifth year in a row. The issuing magazine, Site Selection, announced the 2019 award by describing Findlay as “being propelled into superstar status.”

To be considered, a micropolitan city must have a population ranging from 10,000 to 50,000. Over 500 of these cities were evaluated on business growth and economic sustainability. With Findlay’s 23 projects that met Site Selection’s criteria, it surpassed the competition and secured the “five-peat.”

Fostering a cooperative environment between the community, business, and local government has allowed for continued economic growth in Findlay. This success would not be possible without the commendable efforts of the Findlay government, the Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development office, the Hancock County Commissioners, and the entire Findlay community.

Madam Speaker, Findlay has routinely served as an example of what a strong community and a commitment to its prosperity can do by implementing their renowned “Findlay Formula.” This formula continues to pay dividends and serves as an example to cities across the country.

I congratulate Findlay for another year as the nation’s top-ranked Micropolitan Community.

AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY  
HEALTH

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics who prepared this statement for me in acknowledgement of Black History Month.

Minority populations, especially the African American population, continue to remain in relatively poor health when compared to the majority population, and also continue to be underserved by the health care system.

One of the biggest health challenges facing our country today is obesity, and the African

American community is especially at risk. In a 2015–2016 study by the CDC, the report found non-Hispanic black (46.8 percent) adults had a higher prevalence of obesity than non-Hispanic white adults (37.9 percent).

Compared to other states, Illinois’ obesity rate is a significant area of concern, with 31.1 percent adults having obesity. This statistic is higher than the U.S. median.

Illinois has the twenty-seventh highest adult obesity rate in the nation, and the seventh highest obesity rate for youth ages 10 to 17.

Chicago’s African American community is the demographic with the highest obesity rate at 39.8 percent.

With such a high percentage of the African American community falling in the obese category, the demographic runs a higher risk for obesity-related conditions, including heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer that are some of the leading causes of preventable, premature death. Compared to the general population, African Americans are disproportionately affected by diabetes.

Adult Illinoisans with hypertension is 32.32 percent, while 11 percent have diabetes—both illnesses directly related to obesity.

13.2 percent of all African Americans aged 20 years or older have diagnosed diabetes.

African Americans are 1.7 times more likely to have diabetes as non-Hispanic whites.

African-Americans are significantly more likely to suffer from blindness, kidney disease and amputations.

Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure in African Americans. African Americans are twice as likely to be diagnosed with diabetes as Caucasians.

Approximately 4.9 million African Americans over 20 years of age are living with either diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes.

African Americans constitute more than 35 percent of all patients in the U.S. receiving dialysis for kidney failure, but only represent 13.2 percent of the overall U.S. population.

High blood pressure is the second leading kidney failure among African Americans, and remains the leading cause of death due to its link with heart attacks and strokes.

With these troubling statistics, where do we go from here? Awareness, education, and ac-

cess are the keys to changing our nation’s health. And food and nutrition practitioners play a very important role in leading the health revolution.

Obesity is partially attributed to poor nutritional intake and has been implicated as a contributor to cancer, heart disease, stroke, arid diabetes. Food and nutrition practitioners have an opportunity and an ethical obligation to positively influence the health care experience of individuals.

These experts have the power to influence factors affecting health disparities at the individual and the population level, including programs such as SNAP, WIC, adult care food programs, and other nutrition programs. By connecting with individuals who are most at risk, food and nutrition practitioners can make a huge change when it comes to the health of African Americans, as well as all Americans.

CELEBRATING THE DANVILLE-  
BOYLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Danville-Boyle Chamber of Commerce 100-year celebration.

I am proud to represent the City of Danville and Boyle County in Congress. Danville is one of the most vibrant communities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, boasting a family-friendly environment with many thriving businesses. Danville has been named the Most Beautiful Small Town in America and one of the best places to retire in America. This would not be possible without the great work of the Danville-Boyle Chamber of Commerce, which has supported the local business community for 100 years.

I want to congratulate the Danville-Boyle Chamber of Commerce for their success and commitment to the Danville community over the last century. Here’s to the next 100 years.