

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 to 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 SUMGAIT  
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 (NCP), 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 NCP 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.