

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 America 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.