

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.