

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ERICA BASSETT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Erica Bassett is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Erica Bassett 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 Erica Bassett 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.

RECOGNIZING MS. PATSY SQUIRE

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Patsy Squire for her service and dedication to the United States Postal Service in Corcoran, California. After thirty-six years of exceptional customer service and commitment, Ms. Squire will be retiring.

Ms. Squire began her career at the Post Office in 1983 and everyone in the community can attest that she has gone above and beyond her daily duties. Ms. Squire is an integral part of the City of Corcoran and has become a dear friend to all her customers and colleagues. From working as a letter carrier, to being a friendly face behind the counter, Ms. Squire has spent close to four decades serving the people of Corcoran at the Post Office.

Throughout the years, Ms. Squire has seen children grow up, graduate, get married and even have children of their own. She has played an important role in the lives of everyone in the community and her customers and colleagues alike will miss her presence dearly.

Ms. Squire plans on spending her well-deserved retirement working within her home, golfing, taking road trips, and going hunting and camping.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending and congratulating Ms. Patsy Squire for her service to the City of Corcoran and her retirement from the United States Postal Service.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
WALTER B. JONES, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Ms. DELAURO, Madam Speaker, I rise to honor late Congressman Walter Jones, Jr.

Farmville, North Carolina is quite a distance away from my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut. But, they are closer than at first appearance. Both have loving families and hard-working Americans, dedicated to giving their children a better life.

Congressman Walter Jones and I may appear as far apart as Farmville and New Haven. But in more than two decades together in this body, it was clear how much we shared.

We both understood that our faith informs and motivates what we do and how we vote in the U.S. Congress.

And we fought side by side and successfully against the Trans Pacific Partnership on behalf of working men and women.

Now, Walter and I did not agree on every point or policy. But the friendship we shared and the collaboration we achieved is what we should aspire to in the Congress.

As I have seen in my years here, Members will always fight for their constituents. But, it is so much better to be fighting together than fighting one another.

And, it was an honor to fight alongside Congressman Jones.

He was a man of conviction, a man of faith, a man of honor and kindness, a gentle man, who served his constituents and our country ably.

I will continue to cherish our partnerships, our victories and our friendship. But, importantly, I will continue to follow his lead, with regards to compromise and collaboration. May we all. Then, we can best honor Congressman Walter Jones, Jr.'s memory.

ZEKARIYA BEARCE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Zekariya Bearce is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Zekariya Bearce 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 edu-

cation and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Zekariya Bearce 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 THE 2018-2019 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISION ON OBTAINING CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the educators serving in the Prince William County Public Schools Division on obtaining certification or recertification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Founded in 1987, the National Board was established by teachers for teachers as the premier vehicle for defining and recognizing accomplished educators. Today, this independent nonprofit organization remains dedicated to supporting excellence in education and is governed by classroom teachers, school administrators, school board leaders, governors, state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders.

A National Board Certification denotes the most respected professional certification available in the education field. Obtaining certification and completing the renewal process is a personal and public statement of one's commitment to the evolution of effective instruction methods. In order to obtain the distinction, teachers must display a mastering of the standards established by the National Board by successfully completing a rigorous multi-component assessment that demonstrates that he or she has acquired the knowledge, skills, and practices required of an accomplished educator. Certified educators support a vision of teaching based on the following five core propositions:

1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning;
2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students;
3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning;
4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; and
5. Teachers are members of learning communities.

I extend my personal congratulations and appreciation to the following 2018 National Board Certified Teachers for receiving their respective certifications and renewals:

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Amber Tiernan, Patriot High School
 Amanda Proch, Gifted Education
 Amy Ivory, Colgan High School
 Christina Sherman, Marumsco Hills Elementary School
 Julie Faith, Stonewall Jackson High School
 Carolyn Ciminelli, Old Bridge Elementary School
 Leah Krucelyak, Beville Middle School
 Ashley Marland, Covington-Harper Elementary School
 Andrea Wilkey, Featherstone Elementary School
 Allan Weberg, Potomac High School
 Todd Hayes, Hylton High School
 Chris Proch, Woodbridge High School
 Melonie Yielding, Ellis Elementary School
 Timothy L. Wilson, Mary F. Williams Elementary School
 Shannon Speights, Dumfries Elementary School
 Amy Wise, Rippon Middle School
 Jennifer Roberts, Piney Branch Elementary School
 Susan Bowden, West Gate Elementary School
 Melissa Callaghan, Cedar Point Elementary School
 Krista Oldenburg, Benton Middle School
 Connie Schumacher, Stonewall Middle School
 Kathleen Hugh, Woodbridge High School
 Stephanie Ryan, Coles Elementary School
 Donna C. Morgan, Professional Development
 Ashley Abraham, Brentsville District High School
 Kristen Augsburg, Battlefield High School

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education, professional development, and the students of Prince William County Public Schools. The world-class education provided to our students is due to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard and I thank them for their invaluable contributions.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today proud of the passage of H.R. 1—the 'For the People Act.' H.R. 1 not only restores faith back into our elections; it's a promise that House Democrats will deliver to the American public.

Despite what MITCH MCCONNELL says, H.R. 1 is not a "power grab." It's a plan to restore public confidence back into our electoral system. It says, in our democracy, everyone's voice and vote must count. So again—let's recap all the good H.R. 1 will do: it will increase access to the ballot box, end gerrymandering, create automatic voter registration; limit the power of restrictive voter ID laws, and make critical investments in election infrastructure and technology.

We all know Republicans have intentionally rigged our system of free and fair elections in their favor. Republican governors and state legislatures across the country have suppressed voting among: communities of color;

poor people; seniors; and people with disabilities, using targeted, racist voting laws.

The right to vote, our most basic democratic right, is under siege. But today, with the passage of H.R. 1, we say enough is enough. We're putting an end to the Republican culture of voter intimidation. We are giving power back to the people.

LORENZO BECERRA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Lorenzo Becerra is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lorenzo Becerra 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 Lorenzo Becerra 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 AND REMEMBERING
 THE LIFE OF JAY A. ARCANGELI**

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Jay A. Arcangeli.

Jay Arcangeli was born on December 11, 1967 in Montour Falls, New York. He grew up on his family's dairy farm in Burdett, New York, where he developed his love for farming. To many, farming is a full time job. To Jay, farming was his passion. Jay would finish a full day of work to come home to his family and then tend to his cattle and crops. To his very last day, Jay chased his farming dreams.

Jay was the model of hard work and public service. By day, Jay served as the Highway Deputy Superintendent for Schuyler County. Before taking his current position, Jay served as the Town of Hector Highway Superintendent and before that as the bridge foreman for Silverline Construction for over two decades. In his free time, Jay volunteered with the Burdett Fire Department. Whether he was on the clock or not, Jay was serving his community.

Jay will be remembered as a husband, a father, and a friend to many. We salute him now and stand with his family in somber remembrance of his life, his love, and his passions. I thank him for his service and pray he will rest in peace.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to remember the life of Jay Arcangeli.

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and for other purposes:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 1—The For The People Act of 2019. This once in a generation legislation will increase access to the ballot box, end gerrymandering, and limit the influence of big money in politics. This essentially is a down payment on a promise to the American public to create tangible voting reform, to eliminate discriminatory voting laws, and to make critical investments in election infrastructure and technology.

Voting is an integral part of our democracy, as elections are the method in which America chooses its elected officials and what it desires from its government. We are currently enduring a time in which the right to vote is increasingly under siege. Decision makers across the country have worked to suppress voting in communities of color, and among poor people, seniors, and people with disabilities using targeted, racist voting laws. They have intentionally rigged our system of free and fair elections in their favor.

In my home state of Texas, strict identification laws that largely penalize African-American, Hispanic and Native American voters have been enacted. Texas even went so far as imposing voter ID requirements and restrictions on college students, a prominent voting bloc in local and national elections. Closed and changed polling locations, inoperable voting machines, and unavailable translators in immigrant-heavy communities have also contributed to voter confusion.

Needless to say, we need to counter this culture of voter intimidation. Simultaneously, we must also invest in technological advancements and repeal discriminatory voting laws. In order to do this, we must restore public confidence that everyone's vote and voice counts. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

JAYLA BOITER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Jayla Boiter 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 Jayla Boiter 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 Jayla Boiter 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, March 5. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 104 (Passage of H.R. 1381, the Burn Pit Registry Enhancement Act): "yes"; and Roll Call Vote Number 105 (Passage of S. 49): "yes".

TYDARRIEN BOSTIC

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Tydarrien Bostic 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 Tydarrien Bostic 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 Tydarrien Bostic 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 THE 2019 OCCOQUAN-
WOODBRIDGE-LORTON VOLUN-
TEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFI-
CERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the incoming 2019 officers of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department. OWLVFD is located in Prince William County, Virginia, 25 miles from our Nation's Capital. The OWLVFD goes on an average of 20,000 runs per year, aiding 80,000 residents in a 27 square mile area.

Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1938, the OWLVFD is comprised of committed community members who volunteer

their time, energy, and financial resources to ensure the safety of the families and property in and around Woodbridge. During its 80 year history, the Department has continued to expand and there are now three stations staffed by approximately 250 volunteers who serve and protect an ever-growing local population. From their bravery in action to their presence with the youth in the community, OWLVFD is readily available for the families of Woodbridge.

It is with great honor I include in the RECORD the names of the following Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department Officers:

Department President—Dave Williams.
Department Chief—James McAllister.
Executive Vice President—George Smith.
Membership Secretary—Scott Shaw.
Board of Directors—Michelle Bauer, Kevin Lewis, Melissa Payne, Rebecca Barnes, Zach Wessolleck, Jonathan Baldwin, Michael Clark, Anna Smith.

Election Officer—Sabrina Brandon Ricks.
Treasurer—Debbie Haight.
Sergeant-At-Arms—Rick Moore.
Assistant Chiefs—Kurt Bolland, Ernest DeSantis, Steve Godin, Wayne Haight, Rick Michaels.

Rescue Chief—Ed Craig.
Fire Captains—Ben New, Justin Witt.
Rescue Captain—Stephanie Powers.

While a new executive board has been elected and new officers sworn in, the mission of OWLVFD remains the same. The volunteers of the OWLVFD continue to put themselves in harm's way for the benefit of the residents of the area and have educated and mentored the youth in Woodbridge, not only teaching fire safety education, but also strengthening community relations.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the men and women of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department for their service to our country and steadfast commitment to their community and in congratulating the newly-elected officers and board members. I thank them for their dedication and to all I say: "Stay safe."

COMMEMORATING 54TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY,
TURNAROUND TUESDAY, AND
THE FINAL MARCH FROM SELMA
TO MONTGOMERY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, fifty-four years ago, in Selma, Alabama, hundreds of heroic souls risked their lives for freedom and to secure the right to vote for all Americans by their participation in marches for voting rights on "Bloody Sunday," "Turnaround Tuesday," or the final, completed march—from Selma to Montgomery.

Those "foot soldiers" of Selma, brave and determined men and women, boys and girls, persons of all races and creeds, loved their country so much that they were willing to risk their lives to make it better, to bring it even closer to its founding ideals.

The foot soldiers marched because they believed that all persons have dignity and the

right to equal treatment under the law, and in the making of the laws, which is the fundamental essence of the right to vote.

On March 15, 1965, before a joint session of the Congress and the eyes of the nation, President Lyndon Johnson explained to the nation the significance of "Bloody Sunday":

I speak tonight for the dignity of man and the destiny of democracy. . . .

At times history and fate meet at a single time in a single place to shape a turning point in man's unending search for freedom.

So it was at Lexington and Concord.
So it was a century ago at Appomattox.
So it was last week in Selma, Alabama.

The previous Sunday, March 7, 1965, more than 600 civil rights demonstrators, including our beloved colleague, Congressman JOHN LEWIS of Georgia, were brutally attacked by state and local police at the Edmund Pettus Bridge as they marched from Selma to Montgomery in support of the right to vote.

"Bloody Sunday" was a defining moment in American history because it crystallized for the nation the necessity of enacting a strong and effective federal law to protect the right to vote of every American.

No one who witnessed the violence and brutally suffered by the foot soldiers for justice who gathered at the Edmund Pettus Bridge will ever forget it; the images are deeply seared in the American memory and experience.

Madam Speaker, what is so moving, heroic, and awe-inspiring is that the foot soldiers of Selma faced their heavily armed adversaries fortified only by their love for their country and for each other and their audacious faith in a righteous cause.

The example set by the foot soldiers of Selma showed everyone, here in America and around the world, that there is no force on earth as powerful as an idea whose time has come.

These great but nameless persons won the Battle of Selma and helped redeem the greatest nation on earth.

But we should not forget that the victory came at great cost and that many good and dear persons lost their lives to win for others the right to vote.

Men like Jimmy Lee Jackson, who was shot by a Alabama state trooper as he tried to protect his mother and grandmother from being beaten for participating in a peaceful voting rights march in Marion, Alabama.

Women like Viola Liuzzo, a housewife and mother of five, who had journeyed to Selma from Detroit to join the protests after witnessing on television the events at Edmund Pettus Bridge on "Bloody Sunday" and who was shot and killed by Klansmen while driving back from a trip shutting fellow voting rights marchers to the Montgomery airport.

Persons of faith, goodwill, and non-violence like the Reverend James Reeb of Boston, a minister from Boston who heeded the call of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to come to Selma and who succumbed to the head injuries he suffered at the hands of his white supremacists attackers on March 9, two days after "Bloody Sunday."

Madam Speaker, in the face of unspeakable hostility, violence, brutality, and hatred, the foot soldiers of Selma would not be deterred—would not be moved—would not be turned around.

They kept their eyes on the prize and held on.

And help came the very next week when President Johnson announced to the nation that he would send to Congress for immediate action a law designed to eliminate illegal barriers to the right to vote by striking down “restrictions to voting in all elections—Federal, State, and local—which have been used to deny Negroes the right to vote.”

On Adjust 6, 1965, that legislation—the Voting Rights Act of 1965—was signed into law by President Johnson and for the next 48 years did more to expand our democracy and empower racial and language minorities than any act of government since the Emancipation Proclamation and adoption of the Civil War Amendments.

But our work is not done; the dreams of Dr. King and of all those who gave their lives in the struggle for justice are not behind us but still before us.

Madam Speaker, in the wake of the Supreme Court’s 2013 ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which severely crippled the Voting Rights Act, we have seen many states across our nation move to enact legislation designed to limit the ability of women, the elderly, and racial and language minorities to exercise their right to vote.

To honor the memory of the foot soldiers of Selma, we must rededicate ourselves to a great task remaining before us—to repair the damage done to the Voting Rights Act by working to pass H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019, which I am proud to be one of the original co-sponsors.

As I have stated many times, the 1965 Voting Rights Act is no ordinary piece of legislation.

For millions of Americans, and for many in Congress, it is a sacred treasure, earned by the sweat and toil and tears and blood of ordinary Americans who showed the world it was possible to accomplish extraordinary things.

As we remember and honor the foot soldiers of Selma, let us resolve also to restore the Voting Rights Act of 1965, so that it remains a lasting monument to their heroism and devotion to the country they loved.

SHOHZODAKHON BURHONOVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Shohzodakhon Burhonova is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Shohzodakhon Burhonova 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 Shohzodakhon Burhonova 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 TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST STEUBEN COUNTY FAIR

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the first Steuben County Fair.

In Steuben County we are proud of our farmers and the hard work they do. The Steuben County Fair is a celebration of that hard work and an opportunity for friends and neighbors to come together to join in the festivities.

The County Agricultural Society held their first ever countywide fair in 1819. This would be the first of many festivals that would come to be known as the Steuben County Fair. The creation of the new Steuben County Agricultural Society in 1853 led to the establishment of an annual county fair. The following year marked the first time the fair was held at its current site and by 1862 the Agricultural Society had purchased the fairgrounds to ensure the longevity and continuity of the event. As the years have gone by, the fairgrounds have added fair houses, grandstands, a Judges Hall, and even a pioneer log cabin—each addition enhancing the experience for visitors and participants of the fair.

The Steuben County Fair holds a special place in my heart. I have many fond memories of going to the fair with my mother and eleven older siblings as we grew up in Corning and I’m glad to share this tradition with my son and daughter today. Everyone in our family has a part of the fair they like best, but the famous demolition derby has always been my favorite event and I make sure not to miss it.

Two hundred years of community tradition is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Steuben County Agricultural Society on this impressive milestone and look forward to many more fairs in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the Steuben County Fair.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1, THE FOR THE PEOPLE ACT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1, The For the People Act.

In November, Americans took to the polls to make their voices heard—and this Democratic Congress has heard them, loud and clear.

H.R. 1 will implement common-sense measures to give Congress and our elections more transparency.

It’s long been said that sunshine is the greatest disinfectant.

We need to limit the influence of money in our politics and make critical updates to our campaign finance laws.

We need to make sure that voters elect their representatives and not the other way around.

We need to give every American a seat at the table, so we can drive progress for every family in every community.

H.R. 1 does all these things and more.

It expands access at the ballot box by addressing systemic and institutional barriers to voting.

It prohibits voter roll purges and ends partisan gerrymandering.

It expands early and absentee voting.

It also protects our elections systems from attack.

I am also proud that H.R. 1 lays the groundwork for H.R. 4, The Voting Rights Advancement Act, which will restore the VRA’s preclearance provision.

Madam Speaker, voting is the very cornerstone of our democracy. And THIS is what Democracy looks like.

ELIJAH BURK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Elijah Burk is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Elijah Burk 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 Elijah Burk 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 THE 2019 TYSONS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce and to congratulate the incoming 2019 board members.

Tyson’s has drastically transformed during the past 56 years from a sleepy, rural area to one of the most vibrant regions in the country. This change began when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved plans for the Tysons Corner Shopping Center in 1962. When the mall opened in 1968, it was hailed as the largest enclosed mall in the world.

Since then, there has been a dramatic influx of technology companies, government contracting firms, and other corporations. Tysons

has become the premier business district of the Washington Metropolitan Area and is one of the largest employment centers in the United States. With the opening of Metro's Silver Line and ongoing redevelopment, the region is expected to continue adding not only businesses but also high-density residential housing. 45 million square feet of transit-oriented development is already present in Tysons and more is on the way.

The mission of the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce is to be the unified voice of the business community while ensuring that its ties and commitment to the community are strengthened.

The Chamber actively promotes local non-profits and community organizations as well as youth educational programs, and it sponsors multiple events each year in support of these activities. The growth of the Chamber has been the result of the diversity of its members and the leadership of its Board. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of the incoming 2019 board members:

Chairman of the Board: Tucker Gladhill

At-Large Members: Alex Levy, Andrew Clark, Anthony Anikeeff, Audrey Lustre, Chris Tomseth, David MacGillivray, Diana Villareal, Dr. Michelle Walker, Frederick Keown, Gina Gagliardi, James Lawson, Jeffrey Krashin, Jonathan LaCroix, Kara Shelton, Kara Mayle, Kathleen Kelley, Kathy McNeill, Kevin Corey, Maureen Loftus, Maureen Caufield, Miriam Tadross, Rod Loges, Rodney Lusk, Samim Ardeishar, Sanjay Srikanthiah, Suzan Zimmerman, Timothy Klinkner, Uppasna Chand, Virginia Case, Walter Kim.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the incoming board members and in commending the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce for its commitment to promoting the business community while encouraging social responsibility and civic engagement. I wish the Chamber the very best for its continued growth and success.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY OF POLL WORKERS AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my excitement about the passage of H.R. 1. I am especially pleased that my amendment to increase the cultural competency of poll workers was adopted as a part of this historic bill.

I represent New York's 6th district in Queens, New York—a robust and diverse community. I understand firsthand that voters in every district are unique. Poll workers should not only be aware of the intricacies of state voting laws, but the ways in which individuals have different needs at the polls as well.

Poll workers are a crucial component to elections at every level of our democracy. These individuals check with voters to verify information and either hand voters a ballot or direct individuals to a voting machine. They ensure order and efficiency on Election Day.

My amendment requires that poll worker manuals contain cultural competency training

information. Those who work our polls will learn strategies to help voters who come from diverse backgrounds, live with disabilities, or have limited English proficiency—regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Cultural competency training will decrease congestion at the voting booth and ensure that all voters are able to participate in our democracy to the fullest.

I thank my colleagues Representative CHU, Representative GRIJALVA, and Representative PRESSLEY for co-sponsoring this amendment with me. I look forward to continuing my work on the expansion of voting rights in the 116th Congress.

MARY BERNADETTE CHAMBERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Mary Bernadette Chambers 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 Mary Bernadette Chambers 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 Mary Bernadette Chambers 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.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF RICHARD CHISOLM

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Richard Chisolm, who passed away on Monday, March 4th.

Richard, originally from Meridian, Mississippi, joined the Marine Corps as soon as he graduated high school. He served our country for four years before retiring. It was during this time he married his high school sweetheart, Diane Chisolm.

Upon retiring from the Marine Corps, Richard was employed by Mississippi Power and moved to my home town Union, Mississippi. This is where Richard planted his roots and became involved in the community around him. He became a Boy Scout leader, helping many young men including myself, become an Eagle Scout. Richard was an avid outdoorsman, spending as much time as he could bass fishing and playing softball. It was through Richard's example, so many young men knew

how to be devoted to their country, family, work and community.

Richard was a great community leader and very formative in the lives of many young men through being a scoutmaster of Troop 29 in Union. He was a great mentor and taught us as Scouts, the value of God, community, and country. He lived the core values of the Boy Scouts and Marine Corps and developed all his Scouts to observe the same values and to learn leadership skills to be community leaders of the future. I have no doubt that I am a sitting Member of Congress because of the values instilled in me by my beloved Scoutmaster Richard Chisolm. There is no way to quantify the countless lives Richard impacted through his leadership.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Diane Chisolm and son, my friend and Scout, Robby Chisolm. Richard leaves behind his two daughters, Tammy Livingston and Melissa Dienheart, along with four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Richard was loved by all that knew him. Semper Fi my friend, you will be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 VIENNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Vienna Business Association (VBA) and to congratulate the incoming members of the 2019 Board of Directors.

Vienna is known for its local charm and strong small business community. Money Magazine and CNN have both rated Vienna as one of the best places to live in the United States. The vibrant community spirit exhibited by its residents and local businesses has fostered an exceptional quality of life that is cherished by so many.

The Vienna Business Association is the voice of the greater Vienna business community. It promotes business opportunities and development through networking and increased interaction between the commercial and residential communities within the town. Its members help maintain Vienna's small town feel by hosting and supporting many annual community events.

The VBA has thrived thanks to the diversity of its members and the leadership of its Board.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the following names of the incoming members of the 2019 Board of Directors:

Incoming Chairman: Mark Sweeney.

Incoming Board Members: Ann Cole, Kari Cannistraro, Michael Amouri, Karen Thayer, Bettina Lawton, Preeti Swaminathan, Jeff Bollettino, Greg Kunstbeck, Tim Fricker, Holly Siebold.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the incoming board members and in commending the Vienna Business Association for their commitment to promoting the business community while encouraging social responsibility. I wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.

KRISTINE CHAVOYA-OLIVAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kristine Chavoya-Olivas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kristine Chavoya-Olivas 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 Kristine Chavoya-Olivas 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 Kristine Chavoya-Olivas 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 LET EVERYONE GET INVOLVED IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIONAL SERVICE ACT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, the American Legion is the largest veterans service organization in the United States. Originally chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919, the American Legion has consistently advocated for our nation's servicemembers and their families for 100 years. In that time, the American Legion has fostered a community of support for our men and women who have served in the Armed Forces.

Currently, only veterans who served during formally recognized periods of hostilities are eligible to join the Legion. Therefore, I am introducing the bipartisan LEGION Act, which will enable all veterans who have fought for our country to join and enjoy the benefits of the American Legion. Specifically, the bill expands membership eligibility to veterans who have served honorably in unrecognized periods of conflict since World War II. This bill recognizes and thanks our brave servicemembers and veterans for their service to our country.

HONORING STEVE SANDERS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Steve Sanders of The Woodlands, Texas in recognition of his dedication and service to our community and the State of Texas.

This marks the 25th year that Steve has worked with The Woodlands Chamber of

Commerce. In this capacity, Steve has labored tirelessly to promote the local businesses of The Woodlands and developed leadership projects within the community.

In addition to his distinguished service to the Chamber of Commerce, Steve has dedicated his life to the well-being of others through his work as a healthcare professional. For 32 years, Steve worked with the Memorial Hermann Health System (MHHS) to strengthen the medical community's commitment to and treatment of patients. 20 of those years were spent serving as CEO of the Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was recognized for his exceptional leadership in generating grassroots activity and was presented the Grassroots Champion Award for Texas.

Steve has also served on several non-profit boards in our community and has spearheaded many successful charity events. In recognition of his efforts, Steve has been the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award, the Martin Luther King Drum Major Award, the Home Town Hero of The Woodlands Award, and the Interfaith of The Woodlands Service of Excellence Award for Health—all prestigious and distinguished honors that demonstrate his commitment to his community.

During his years spent in the medical field, Steve developed a deep understanding of the challenges faced by cancer survivors—both in our community and across the nation. This inspired him to cultivate "The Canopy", the foremost cancer survivorship center in the Houston area. This development offers a wide variety of programs and services designed specifically for cancer survivors and their families to address their emotional, physical, and social needs. The Canopy is a revolutionary, innovative center that offers free services to those in need while educating the public on the signs of cancer and how to reduce its risks—all of this simply would not have been possible without Steve's passion, vision, and guidance.

Steve Sanders is someone The Woodlands is incredibly proud to call one of our own. Though his career has been a long and successful one, what I most admire in Steve is his deep passion for helping others and empowering those in and around any community with whom he is associated. On behalf of the Eighth Congressional District of Texas, I want to thank Steve for all he does for our community and for our country.

ASHLEY CORIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Ashley Coria 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 Ashley Coria 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 Ashley Coria 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.

RECOGNIZING THE NOMINEES FOR THE 2018–2019 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the 2018–2019 Prince William County Public Schools Teacher of the Year Award. Teachers who meet the criteria for the award are those who instill in students a desire to learn and achieve, understand the individual needs of students, demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter, and have the ability to share it effectively. The selected winner will be named the Prince William County Teacher of the Year.

As the second largest school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Prince William County Public Schools educates 90,000 students in ninety-eight schools. The impact of these teachers is apparent as PWCS is ranked the highest in the entire state with their on-time graduation rate.

Each Teacher of the Year Award nominee exhibits excellence in teaching by serving as an effective leader in and out of the classroom, fostering strong rapport with parents and peers and providing a safe and inclusive environment for all students to learn and develop.

I extend my personal congratulations to the following nominees for the 2018–2019 Prince William County Teacher of the Year Award:

Simon Bhagwandeem, Potomac High School; Leslie Browngold, Gravely Elementary School; Marianne Burns, Patriot High School; Garrett Carlson, Colgan High School; Pamela Clute, Potomac High School; Jennifer Diehl, Buckland Mills Elementary School; Gail Drake, Battlefield High School; Gail Drake, Battlefield High School.

Julie Faith, Stonewall Jackson High School; Lauren Fenner, Swans Creek Elementary School; Amanda Grant, Ashland Elementary School; Amy Hardt, Buckland Mills Elementary School; Elizabeth Hoffmann, The Nokesville School; Carl Hood, Alvey Elementary School; Kristen Keskel, Ashland Elementary School; Jennifer Kimble, Graham Park Middle School; Kathy Lamont, Antietam Elementary School; Pamela Lansberry, King Elementary School; Christy Lazer, Bull Run Middle School; Elizabeth McKeown, Pennington Traditional School; Ashley Meyer, T. Clay Wood Elementary School.

Melissa Morgan, Chris Yung Elementary School; Jeanie Noel, Freedom High School; Norman Pattarozzi, Osbourn Park High School; Emily Ramirez, Brentsville District High School; Rebecca Schelling, Antietam Elementary School; Brian Shepard, Battlefield High School; David Shuler, Battlefield High School; John Spaulding, Independence Non-traditional School; Jennifer Tallman, Lake

Ridge Middle School; Crystal Watt, Ashland Elementary School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for the Prince William County Public Schools 2018–2019 Teacher of the Year Award and in thanking them for their dedication to our children. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County Public Schools students continue to receive a world-class education in a vibrant learning environment.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASSAGE OF
THE HOUSE RESOLUTION
AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM, BIG-
OTRY AND HATRED

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, Congress made clear that there is no place for anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim, or any other hate-based rhetoric in America. In doing so, we are echoing the words of George Washington who pledged to the Jewish community in Newport, Rhode Island, that ‘the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.’

The language of anti-Semitism is often subtle, but it is very painful to Jewish Americans: they hear the implied threat and the ‘othering’ of them as Americans. We all must be mindful of the impact of our words. All hatred on the basis of religion is abhorrent, including the suggestion that all Muslims are terrorists or that Catholics owe allegiance to the Pope, accusations that have tarnished our political discourse in recent memory.

We are currently witnessing an alarming spike in anti-Semitic rhetoric and hate crimes. Just a few months ago, we witnessed the deadliest attack on American Jews in our nation’s long history, with 11 worshippers murdered while praying at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. In my community in New York City, we’ve had a 72 percent increase in hate crimes against Jews with Jewish men being attacked and beaten on the street; schools and walls defaced with Nazi symbolism; and synagogues vandalized. Elsewhere in the U.S., attacks on Jews are growing.

Last year, we heard the shameful chants of white supremacists in Charlottesville saying, ‘Jews will not replace us.’ Recently, we’ve heard the suggestion that Israel hypnotizes the world into overlooking its actions. We’ve heard that pro-Israel groups purchase U.S. support for Israel, as if the only reason American politicians would support Israel is campaign contributions and not because of our shared values and interests. We’ve heard the ancient anti-Semitic trope of dual loyalties—one that goes back thousands of years.

Words and ideas lead to action. Anti-Semitic language and hate-filled rhetoric have no place in this country and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms, which is why I was proud to join my colleagues in voting for today’s resolution.

But we also need to be proactive, and not just reactive, in our fight to combat hate and

anti-Semitism, which is why I have introduced the Never Again Education Act, H.R. 943, so that all Americans can learn about the Holocaust and the impact of anti-Semitism. We must do everything we can to eliminate anti-Semitism in the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE VIETNAM VET-
ERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 17

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) from Chapter 17 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

I foremost acknowledge their service to our country as veterans of one of the nation’s deadliest wars. These brave men and women answered our nation’s call to serve without hesitation and with the utmost commitment to service and country. Upon returning from this war, they continued their service to their brothers and sisters in arms by becoming active members of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

VVA members in southern Nevada and across the country are dedicated to improving their communities and the lives of their fellow veterans. From supplying wheelchairs to Las Vegas area veterans with disabilities, to providing countless resources to homeless veterans—including job training, providing showers and haircuts, VVA goes above and beyond in serving their community. They also advocate for their fellow returning service members, helping them with Department of Veterans Administration disability claims and appeals assistance. These forms of aid are the bedrock of their continued commitment to service of both community and their fellow veterans.

Their duty to serving their country is unwavering, and our duty to them is as well. We all are responsible to care for every veteran and servicemember as they have cared for us. No veteran should be without adequate health care, housing, or employment. Health benefits need to extend to mental health services and suicide prevention, along with benefits for Vietnam veterans suffering from the effects of Agent Orange. After service, veterans become teachers, police officers, mechanics, and more, which requires the best job training and education to set them up for success. This is our duty as citizens and elected officials, and we must do our best to uphold our end of the deal.

The positive impact and influence of the VVA Chapter 17 extends as far as the mountains that encircle the Las Vegas Valley and as close as the lives they touch through their public works. In an area with a population of hundreds of thousands of veterans, we should be so lucky to count these individuals amongst our friends and advocates.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing VVA Chapter 17 for their commitment to service, to country, and to improving the lives of countless veterans of the Las Vegas Valley.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF LEIDOS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Chairman/CEO Roger Krone and the 32,000 employees of Leidos on the occasion of the company’s 50th anniversary.

Founded in 1969 by Dr. J. Robert Beyster as Science Applications Incorporated (SAI), the company that would become Leidos was a result of Dr. Beyster’s lifelong commitment to innovation. Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1924 and raised in the midst of the Great Depression, Dr. Beyster watched as his family struggled through incredible hardships to provide for themselves. He joined the Navy after graduating from high school and served on a destroyer during World War II. With the help of the GI Bill, he attended the University of Michigan after his naval career and earned several degrees, including his Ph.D. in nuclear physics in 1950.

After earning his doctorate, Dr. Beyster spent five years working at the Los Alamos National Laboratory before spending a dozen years with General Atomics in San Diego. His time there came to an end shortly after Gulf Oil acquired General Atomics. Dr. Beyster felt that senior management had little interest in the research his department was performing. He resolved to create a company where that would never be the case and which nurtured a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. That vision led to the creation of SAI, which changed its name to SAIC in 1984.

I served as Director of Community Relations for SAIC from 2002 to 2008 and will always remember fondly my time with the company. I was pleased to be present in Congress in 2009 when SAIC made the decision to relocate its headquarters from San Diego to my district in Tysons. I’m not sure anyone, including Dr. Beyster, could have foreseen the growth that this company would experience. What began as a \$50,000 loan with Dr. Beyster’s house as collateral has evolved into a \$7 billion Fortune 500 powerhouse. In 2013, SAIC bifurcated its company into two entities; Leidos, the solutions-focused parent company and a services business spin-off which carried on the SAIC name. I am confident that both of these companies will continue the fine legacy that has been left by Dr. Beyster, Roger Krone and so many others over the last 50 years.

The impact of Leidos and SAIC is not solely confined to a profit margin or a balance sheet. Both companies have received numerous accolades for their work in their communities, including being named one of the Best Places to Work by the Human Rights Campaign in 2017, receiving an Annual Corporate Equality Index Score of 100 percent and being named one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute just last year. When I served as Director of Community Relations, I saw firsthand the engagement in and care for the community that SAIC/Leidos exhibited. The community was not merely where their facilities were located; it was their home and they treated it accordingly. We could all stand to learn from their example.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Leidos on this momentous occasion and in wishing them great success in all their future endeavors. I have no doubt that they will continue their myriad contributions to our economy, our government and our community for many more decades to come.

COMMEMORATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR MICHAEL PENDER'S PASTORSHIP OF FALLBROOK CHURCH IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, this weekend I will have the pleasure and honor of

paying tribute to Pastor Michael Pender on the 25th anniversary of his having assumed the pastorship of Fallbrook Church in Houston, Texas.

I include in the RECORD my remarks prepared for delivery at the Pastoral Appreciation Weekend event that will be held at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center.

I am Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, representing the 18th district of Texas.

It is a pleasure to speak to you all for the Fallbrook Church 25th Pastoral Appreciation Weekend and to honor Pastor Michael Pender for his commitment to not only this community but this congregation.

In 1994, Pastor Michael was just beginning to form what is now Fallbrook Church.

Pastor Michael's leadership and obedience to God has created a church that began with just four families and is now serving thousands of members every Sunday.

Fallbrook Church is committed to reaching the community and has formed partner-

ships with multiple organizations in order to continue to spread positive service and influence to the community.

Spring, Aldine and Klein school districts, the national Prison Fellowship, Compassion International Ministry, and most recently, Lone Star College are just a few examples of how influential Fallbrook and Pastor Michael have been to this community.

It warms my heart to see such a servant of God that leads with such obedience, focus, and dedication to this ministry.

I would also like to take this time to recognize Michael's beautiful wife of almost 32 years, Janice and their four lovely children Bailee, Michael Jr., Arnelle, and Colin.

I applaud everything that this ministry is doing, and I congratulate Pastor Michael Pender on his 25 years of service and leadership.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak before you today.