

various awards for his many acts of service including the National Defense Medal, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Martinez continued serving the American people as a police officer and was eventually promoted to Sergeant for the Laredo Police Department (LPD). He eventually retired after many years of service with the LPD and worked as a court security officer in Webb County and later in the Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office.

Madam Speaker, it is important that we recognize our military and police officers and all those that bravely serve our country. Mr. Martinez is one example of the many men and women who have proudly served and protected others throughout their careers. He was admired and respected by many and his legacy lives on through his professional accomplishments and family.

Mr. Martinez was a loving father and husband. He is survived by his wife Beva Rivera, their five children, twelve grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. His commitment to public service lives on through his two sons, Pat and Benito Martinez, who are officers for the Laredo Police Department.

HONORING MARY JANE BOWKER AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Jane Bowker, as 2019 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Bowker is at the heart of political organizing up and down the Napa Valley. She's a strong defender of our democratic values and devotes much of her time, energy and resources to bettering our community. Her passion is working towards positive change, as seen from her leadership with Progressive Women of Napa Valley and Napa Valley ACTS. Through Progressive Women of Napa Valley, Ms. Bowker has trained numerous community members to constructively engage their local, state and federal representatives. Ms. Bowker works within Napa Valley ACTS to promote progressive activist collaboration and support the annual Napa Valley Women's March.

Ms. Bowker has also been instrumental in planning and organizing some of the biggest political events in our community, including the Napa Valley Women's Marches, Rock the Congress and Rock the Ride. For Rock the Congress, she has hosted luncheons, dinners and meetings to encourage interaction between the public and elected officials.

In addition to her activism, Ms. Bowker has also been my Campaign Events Coordinator

since 2002. She has planned countless events for me to engage with our community and has hosted numerous celebrations to thank volunteers.

Ms. Bowker was born in Southport, Connecticut. She has been married to Dennis Bowker since 1972, with whom she has two sons. She is also the grandmother to four grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Mary Jane Bowker is an incredible member of our community whose tireless work throughout her career has benefited the women throughout Napa County and California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—JESSE AND BECKY MARQUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jesse and Becky Marquez for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2018 Business on The Move Award.

The Retail Investment Award honors a retailer or commercial developer who contributed to Commerce City's economic vitality through the introduction of a new business that brought new employment and/or new capital investment to the city in the last year. As co-owners of Anchor Crossfit, Jesse and Becky Marquez share a love of well-balanced, healthy lifestyles and the desire to bring this passion to the Commerce City community. When Anchor Crossfit outgrew its existing space, the Marquez's saw an opportunity to meet the needs of the residents and visitors. They took a risk, built a new building, and met the demand for more restaurants and social gathering places.

Together with his co-founders, Jesse Marquez created Pour Tap House, where residents and visitors can enjoy a variety of craft beers with a focus on beers from Colorado. Pour Tap House hosts weekly events to bring a wide variety of people in, and then keep welcoming them back—including trivia, poker, yoga, and crafting nights. All together the 8,450 square-foot building now houses Anchor Crossfit, Pour Tap House, and space for a sit-down restaurant.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jesse and Becky Marquez for this well-deserved recognition from the Commerce City.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was ill. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 106, and Nay on Roll Call No. 107.

HONORING THE NORTH COUNTRY CAMPS ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The North Country Camps on their 100th anniversary.

Camp Lincoln for boys and Camp Whippoorwill for girls have provided children in the North Country an opportunity to spend their summers in a safe, healthy, and educational environment for generations. By engaging children in challenging programs such as sailing, canoeing, archery and wilderness excursions, North Country Camps helps children build confidence, resourcefulness and independence. These are skills they will carry with them for life. The camp also runs a scholarship to ensure that children can attend regardless of their family's ability to pay.

None of this would be possible without the steadfast commitment of four generations of the Gucker Family. The camp was founded by Colba "Chief" Gucker and his family has carried on this tradition ever since.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to thank the Gucker family for their commitment to our community and congratulate them on the centennial anniversary of The North Country Camps.

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—NEXUS TEAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nexus Team for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2018 Business on The Move Award.

The Economic Development Award for Leadership honors a business or individual that has been a catalyst toward economic vitality in Commerce City through creative leadership, innovation, facilitation, collaboration or through contribution of resources. Thanks to the pioneering vision of C.H. Thompson Company and Schuck Communities, the Tower Road corridor is now taking shape as a prime opportunity for development in the Denver Metro area. As a result of their leadership and vision, a 200-acre business park has begun to transform from empty land into a thriving development that will support new and growing businesses investing and creating jobs in Commerce City for many years to come.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Nexus Team for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.