

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.

IN HONOR OF JULIE SCHWIETERT
COLLAZO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I, along with Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ, rise to recognize Julie Schwiertert Collazo who received a women's history month award from us and from Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas at a ceremony in Queens on March 22nd. Ms. Schwiertert Collazo is being recognized for her part in founding Immigrant Families Together, which works to support families in danger of being separated by anti-immigrant policies.

In June 2018, along with her husband, Francisco Collazo, she founded what has evolved into Immigrant Families Together (IFT), an organization of rapid response volunteers who fight back against punitive immigration policies, including zero tolerance and family separation, that have traumatized the nation's diverse population. IFT was created when a group of mothers learned about Yeni Gonzalez, a Guatemalan immigrant who was jailed in Arizona because she could not post bond, and whose three children were taken to New York. Ms. Gonzalez could not put together the \$7500 needed to secure her release. When Ms. Schwiertert Collazo and others heard about her plight, they raised the money to pay her bail and then helped transport her to New York, arranging for her to sleep at the homes of volunteers. They eventually helped her gain full custody of her children, and found her shelter, food and legal counsel.

In six short months, almost entirely through social media, Ms. Schwiertert Collazo and IFT raised nearly a million dollars. IFT now provides funding to pay bonds to secure the release of other immigrants facing deportation, and often donates critical funding to cover living expenses, medical costs and legal fees. To date they have posted bond for more than 65 parents, grandparents, and older siblings who had been detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and separated from their families. They also provide ongoing support and services for families who have filed asylum applications so that they can build healthy, stable lives while their applications are being processed.

As a result of her work with Immigrant Families Together, Ms. Schwiertert Collazo has become a much sought-after speaker and commentator on immigration policy, migration, and resettlement issues.

Ms. Schwiertert Collazo is a former social worker and creative arts therapist, who is currently working as a writer, editor, and translator. She left the field of social work and psychotherapy in 2004 to live abroad and to focus on her own writing full-time. She has interviewed the First Lady of Belize and the Spanish chef Ferran Adria, has covered the state visit of Prince Harry in Belize, and in 2008 was one of the few journalists permitted to visit the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay. She co-wrote/edited a book about Pope Francis, which to date has been translated into more than a dozen languages and is a bestseller in Italy.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in recognizing the compassionate work

Julie Schwiertert Collazo and Immigrant Families Together are doing to help recent immigrants achieve their American dream.

HONORING DENNIS L. PATILLO

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dennis L. Patillo.

On January 16, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) board of directors elected Dennis L. Patillo, of Victoria, as chairman of the nine-member governing body. The GBRA was established in 1933, and serves as a steward of water resources for ten counties, including, Calhoun, DeWitt, Refugio, and Victoria counties.

Mr. Patillo is the owner of the PumpHouse Riverside Restaurant and Bar in Victoria, Texas. In addition, he is the president of Stewart Title of the Coastal Bend Inc. and president of Evangelynn Hospitality LLC.

The GBRA first appointed Mr. Patillo to the board of directors in 2011. Mr. Patillo's participation and service in the district is noteworthy. He is the past chairman of the Victoria Economic Development Corporation, the Texas Association of Realtors, and the Houston Association of Realtors. Mr. Patillo served on the Texas Tax Reform Commission, the University of Houston Commission on Downward Expansion, the DeTar Healthcare System, and the Victoria County Airport Commission.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Dennis L. Patillo on becoming chair of the GBRA, as well as my thanks for his years of dedication to the people of Victoria and the 27th District of Texas.

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE INC.

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 Old Dominion Freight Line Inc. for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2018 Business on The Move Award.

The Business of the Year Award is given to a Commerce City company with a pioneering spirit that has shown a history of leadership within its industry and the community. Old Dominion Freight Line has demonstrated longevity and sustained growth within the community. Old Dominion Freight Line is a less-than-truckload (LTL) motor carrier providing regional, inter-regional and national LTL service and value-added logistics services.

Old Dominion Freight Line built its Commerce City service center in 1997, expanded in 2016 and then expanded again in 2018. These renovations accommodate the tremendous growth in the Colorado marketplace, making the service center the most advanced service center in the Denver Metro area and enabling the company to expand its customer base both locally and globally.

The facility employs 330 people, 26 of which were hired because of service center growth. All of these employees have future growth potential within Old Dominion Freight Line. I extend my deepest congratulations to Old Dominion Freight Line Inc. for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF VETERANS ADVOCATE AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY LEADER DALE "ANN" MORAN

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Dale "Ann" Moran, a dedicated and selfless advocate for the veterans community across the Commonwealth of Virginia, especially here in Virginia's 10th Congressional District.

Ann was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary, unit 293 of Purcellville, VA for 35 years. Mrs. Moran truly lived the Auxiliary motto, "Service, Not Self". Ann demonstrated this commitment through her tremendous leadership over the course of her time with the Auxiliary. Her roles included the Department Historian for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Virginia, 2-time Northern Zone Vice President, and multiple chairmanships. She served as the 16th District President and held various chairmanships at the district level. In her home office, Unit 293, Ann at one time served in every office, in every chairmanship, and served as a mentor to countless members. She played a major role in the Unit's successes at the Department and National Level, including receiving national awards for her Department Chairman reports.

In addition to her various leadership positions, Ann played an important role in directly assisting veterans through her work as a Veteran Service Officer where she worked with veterans in identifying and correcting a need, and helped them obtain the services that they had earned. She also established the "Blanketing Veterans with Love" initiative. Through this initiative Ann enlisted the involvement of her family, friends, and community to craft more than 300 blankets for veterans returning from combat. Ann also worked with the Martinsburg Vet Center to bring a satellite vet center to Loudoun County, and was a tireless supporter of Boulder Crest retreat, a local retreat for Military, Veterans, and their families. Ann was also a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her legacy lives on through her husband, Thomas R., and son Thomas D. Moran, daughter in law Shannon, and two grandchildren. Mrs. Moran was also a 25-year employee of the Loudoun County School system.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions that Mrs. Ann Moran so graciously made to our veterans, our district, the commonwealth, and nation. While we join her family in mourning her loss, we stand today to celebrate her commitment and legacy, on behalf of a grateful nation.