

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HANNAH KING HOOVER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Hannah King Hoover is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hannah King Hoover 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 Hannah King Hoover 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.

HONORING THE LAKE HAVASU CITY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court located in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. My district is home to 90,000 veterans and the Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court has proven to be one of the most effective programs in improving the lives of our nation's veterans.

The Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court was awarded a SAMHSA grant of almost a million dollars over a three-year period, beginning in September 2017, one of four Veterans Treatment Courts in the country to receive this grant. The grant aims to benefit veterans who are participants of the Veterans Treatment Court and those who are ineligible to receive local VA treatment services. The grant also merged the Lake Havasu City and Kingman Veterans Treatment Courts in order to benefit all the veterans of Mohave County.

The success of the program speaks for itself. Over a five year period, the program has only experienced a 6.5 percent recidivism rate amongst graduates. When the graduates were asked what they felt was most helpful in the program, 87.5 percent of graduates felt it was their positive interaction with the judge, 73.6 percent felt it was their community service.

I want to especially commend Judge Mitchell Kalauli, Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator Colene Lowery, and Court Administrator

Jennifer Harrold for their incredible work in leading this program. They truly represent what is great about this country and the state of Arizona. The veterans of Mohave County and the entire state of Arizona are incredibly grateful for their hard work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHANGE OF COMMAND OF COMMANDER DAMON LOVELESS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Change of Command of Commander Damon B. Loveless, a brave and honorable man who has dedicated his life to the U.S. Navy.

CDR Damon Loveless attended the U.S. Naval Academy where he received a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering and was commissioned an Ensign in 2001. He earned his Wings of Gold in April 2003. Commander Loveless reported to the VF-101 Grim Reapers in Virginia Beach, VA where he qualified in the F-14 Tomcat. He completed his first deployment with Carrier Air Wing SEVEN on USS *George Washington* in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and later supported Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2007, CDR Loveless transferred to the VFA-122 Flying Eagles in Lemoore, CA where he served as Instructor Pilot, Air-to-Ground Syllabus Phase Head and a Program Model Manager. In 2009, CDR Loveless was selected to serve in a Department of Defense Legislative Fellowship with Congressman ROB WITTMAN (VA-01), in Washington, D.C. Then, CDR Loveless was transferred to Commander Carrier Strike Group EIGHT in Norfolk, VA where he served as the Flag Lieutenant to the Commander.

CDR Loveless reported to the VFA-115 Eagles for his Department Head tour in NAF Atsugi, Japan in 2012. He served as Safety Officer, Administrative Officer, Operations Officer, and Maintenance Officer and embarked on USS *George Washington*. After, CDR Loveless reported to the Pentagon as a Branch Chief on the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs' of Staff in the J-6 Directorate. He later attended Joint Forces Senior Staff College in Norfolk, VA, graduating in March of 2017. CDR Loveless joined the Tomcatters of VFA-31 in Virginia Beach, VA, as the Executive Officer in 2018.

CDR Loveless has accumulated more than 2,700 flight hours with over 600 carrier arrested landings. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the incredible accomplishments of

Commander Damon Loveless. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for his service. May God bless Commander Damon Loveless and the U.S. Navy.

HALLIE KEMP

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Hallie Kemp is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hallie Kemp 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 Hallie Kemp 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.

HONORING MRS. CHARLOTTE BENT

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Charlotte W. Bent for her years of service to the people of Alabama's Second District and my office.

Charlotte grew up in Troy, Alabama, and she spent time during college in Virginia, New York City, and Florence, Italy. She graduated from Troy University in Troy, Alabama, with a degree in Fine Art and Art History.

Prior to joining my staff in 2011, Charlotte worked several different positions, including jobs with Eastern Airlines and with her own sister's Sister Shubert's Homemade Rolls. In 2000, Charlotte joined former Congressman Terry Everett's staff as a Constituent Services Representative. Then, Charlotte graciously came back to serve Alabama's Second District and joined my original staff as a caseworker in my Montgomery district office.

Charlotte has dedicated much of her professional life to serving the constituents of Alabama's Second District. During her time in my office and in Congressman Everett's office, Charlotte worked to resolve various types of casework problems to better the lives of those in need of assistance. Throughout her time on Team ROBY, Charlotte proved to be a dedicated staff member with a strong commitment

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to team work. I am thankful for Charlotte's time on my staff, and I am grateful to call her a dear friend.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to join Charlotte's colleagues, family, and friends in honoring her successful career serving Alabama's Second District. I wish her all the best in all her future endeavors. Congratulations, Charlotte.

RECOGNIZING CLARK COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, Illinois' Clark County was formed in 1819 out of Crawford County. At the time of its formation, Clark County included about a third of Illinois and extended as far north as the present state of Wisconsin. Clark County was so large that it gave birth to many of its sister counties: Pike County and Fayette County in 1821, Edgar County two years later, and Coles County in 1830.

Clark County enjoys an illustrious history. The county was named for George Rogers Clark, the older brother of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. George Rogers Clark was an officer of the army of Virginia that captured the Northwest Territory from the British during the Revolutionary War.

Clark County's first courthouse was a log house located in Aurora, and the county seat was in Darwin Township, but by popular vote Marshall was designated the new seat in 1839. In the late 1800s, county leaders believed they were outgrowing their latest building, so a fourth courthouse was built in 1887. The current courthouse, which is the county's fifth, has been in place since 1903.

The people of Clark County have planned many festivities to celebrate their bicentennial this year. The celebration began on January 9th with Clark County Trivia Night, and commemorative activities will extend to October. I am honored to be a part of that celebration.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we pay tribute to those hearty people who first settled in Clark County, and to the pioneering spirit that lives today in all its citizens. I stand today to salute Clark County on its 200th anniversary and to wish it the very best in the future.

ABBIGAIL KING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Abigail King 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 Abigail King 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 Abigail King 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIONS CLUB OF MONTCLAIR, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize the Lions Club of Montclair, Virginia. The club will celebrate their forty-first year anniversary in June 2019. The Montclair Lions club was founded in 1979 at the Montclair Country Club and elected their first president, Mr. Ron Milam, soon thereafter. As part of the June 2019 celebration, the one remaining active charter member, Mr. Terry Tallent, will be assuming the role as the club's 41st President.

Over the past forty-years, the club has raised upwards of a half million dollars and provided hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours in support of various charitable organizations and community service projects within the First District. The Montclair Lions Club has supported the Old Dominion Eye Bank, training of leader dogs for the blind, high school scholarships, Action in Community Trough Service (ACTS), Boys and Girls Club of Prince William County, little league baseball teams, the Boy Scouts of America, Special Olympics and many more.

The men and women of the Lions Club of Montclair exemplify the best of the spirit of the First District. Their lives of patriotism, service, and selflessness stand as an example to the ideals founded in the Lions Clubs motto "We Serve." Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing this momentous occasion for the Lions Club of Montclair and to wish them the brightest future.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT AND BLACK EUROPEANS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution with my good friends and colleagues, Representatives GREGORY MEEKS of New York, GWEN MOORE of Wisconsin, and JOHN LEWIS of Georgia, which recognizes People of African Descent and Black Europeans.

Our resolution would observe the history and current situation of People of African Descent living in Europe and Black Europeans during the United Nations designated International Decade for People of African Descent. It also encourages the U.S. Secretary of State to take a number of steps to ensure

their situation is improved following recommendations from last year's People of African Descent Week (PADWEEK) held by our colleagues in the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium May 13–17, 2018.

As it was quite rightly put by European Parliamentarian Cecile Kyenge, "The People of African Descent Week reaffirms European values by developing strategic and coherent responses to make our society more inclusive in the face of rising racial prejudice and violence across Europe." Recommendations from the week included a European Black History Month and Remembrance Day for Victims of Colonialism and Enslavement; a fund for Black European led initiatives to address continuing disparities and discrimination and support for empowerment initiatives; European-wide strategies for the inclusion of People of African Descent; and support for transatlantic exchanges on common issues of racial prejudice and discrimination.

The need for recognition of Black populations in Europe became clear ten years ago when I chaired a U.S. Helsinki Commission hearing entitled, The State of (In)visible Black Europe: Race, Rights, and Politics, where we learned that the situation in Europe is very similar to the one in the United States. While the presence of Blacks in Europe can be traced to enslavement, colonization, military deployments, voluntary or forced migration, the movement of refugees and asylum seekers, or educational and other professional exchanges, the story of Europeans of African Descent and Black Europeans still remains largely untold, rendering many of their past and present contributions to the very fabric of Europe unseen or forgotten, which is unacceptable.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that when we gather in the years to come to review the efforts of the United Nations designated International Decade for People of African Descent, we will not only speak of how our efforts resulted in our respective nations publicly recognizing the injustices and long-term impact of slavery and colonialism, but also of how our societies reconciled these issues in a manner that ensured equal opportunity, access, and justice for all people of African descent.

SADIE KRAMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Sadie Kramer 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 Sadie Kramer 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 Sadie Kramer 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 RFK MEMORIAL STADIUM CAMPUS CONVEYANCE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill, the RFK Memorial Stadium Campus Conveyance Act, to direct the federal government to sell for fair market value the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium (RFK) to the District of Columbia.

RFK, once an active sports stadium, for years has been a rusted stadium surrounded by deterioration and several parking lots. The District leases the RFK site from the Department of the Interior and, under the terms of the lease, may only use the land for recreation, stadium purposes and open space. The lease expires in 2038. The stadium and its many parking lots comprise 88 percent of the 190-acre campus, which currently has only 22.3 acres of green space and is largely hardscape.

The District recognizes the vast potential of this sprawling campus in the heart of the city to provide significant value to residents while also strengthening the local economy and neighborhood. The current lease and its accompanying restrictions have limited the District's ability to make full use of this land, including collecting tax revenue. The limited number of years remaining on the current lease have also complicated the District's ability to plan for the long-term development of this site and attract private investment.

The District has worked hard to identify creative utilization options for the property despite the uncertainty surrounding long-term control of the land. In August of last year, the District began work on its efforts to redevelop one of the site's many parking lots into multipurpose playing fields as part of a larger recreation complex. The conveyance of the site will give the District the ability to consider more uses for this site including additional green space for public use, housing, commercial development and other enhancements that would benefit the surrounding neighborhood and the District as a whole.

This bill, at no cost to the federal government, would provide the District with the certainty that it needs to secure financing and proceed with long-term planning for this site. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HARRISON "SMITTY" MILTON SMITH, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Harrison "Smitty" Milton Smith, Jr., who passed away at the age of 83 years old on February 12, 2019.

Harrison's service to our nation spans 20 years, including time in both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Air Force and active duty service overseas during the Vietnam War. After his military career, Smitty worked for the U.S. Postal Service and retired after 21 years. He was a member of the Fredericksburg Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Harrison is survived by his wife Donna Lee Smith, five children, Elizabeth Terry Thompson and her husband Paul, Mike Smith, Don Smith and his wife Virginia, Rosie McCauley and her husband Dave, Harrison Smith III and his wife Melissa; one sister, Theresa Willis; 20 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in remembrance of Harrison "Smitty" Milton Smith, Jr. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for his life of service. May God bless Smith and his family during this difficult time.

ALICIA LARA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Alicia Lara is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alicia Lara 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 Alicia Lara 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. REGINALD T. HARDAWAY, SR.'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Reginald T. Hardaway, Sr. as he celebrates his 74th birthday. He has enriched countless lives through his public service.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Hardaway dedicated his life to serving others and teaching students. He is a retired college professor, most recently teaching in the graduate schools of education and business at Concordia University in Chicago. During his distinguished career, Dr. Hardaway had writings such as *The Keys to America's Kingdom: Business, Education and Politics* published. Dr. Hardaway has received various awards and nominations throughout his life, including

Who's Who in America's Education, Distinguished Leadership Award for Outstanding Contributions to Contemporary Society, Outstanding young Man of America and the Archbishop James P. Lyke African American Male Image Award.

In addition to his storied career, Dr. Hardaway is a devoted husband and father to his two sons. He is a lifelong fan of baseball, a sport that he played semi-professionally and continues to enjoy today. Dr. Hardaway is a valuable member of his community, and we are all grateful for his contributions to the next generation of business and educational leaders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Reginald T. Hardaway, Sr. on his 74th birthday. His life has been dedicated to family, faith and serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOM BRYMER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Tom Brymer, who is retiring from his dual leadership roles as the Town Manager of Westlake and Superintendent of Westlake Academy.

Mr. Brymer has devoted more than four decades of his life to public service. Before coming to Westlake in 2008, he held leadership roles in Gilmer, Lockhart, Bryan, and College Station, Texas, as well as Olathe, Kansas.

As Superintendent of Westlake Academy, Mr. Brymer has had the unique opportunity to lead Texas' only municipally-owned, open-enrollment charter school. Under his leadership, the school's enrollment has more than doubled, and it has added four additional building to its campus. Mr. Brymer, in coordination with Westlake Academy's faculty and staff, developed a renowned educational program that has earned accolades for its role in helping students thrive and prepare for the future.

During his tenure as Town Manager, Mr. Brymer has overseen significant improvements to Westlake's infrastructure and economic development. For his efforts, Mr. Brymer been the recipient of multiple awards including the Texas Municipal League's 2009 Municipal Excellence Award, the TEDC 2012 Community Economic Development Award, the ICMA 2012 Community Sustainability Program Excellence Award, and the Site Selectors Guild 2017 Excellence in Economic Development Award, among many others.

On behalf of the 26th District, I thank Mr. Brymer for his service to the Westlake community and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

JAMAL LATHON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Jamal Lathon 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 Jamal Lathon 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 Jamal Lathon 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.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AFRICAN DESCENT AFFAIRS ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the African Descent Affairs Act. As we continue to highlight the International Decade for People of African Descent, we have seen a sharp increase in racism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of discrimination across the globe.

Human rights violations emanating from racial prejudice and discrimination have negatively impacted people of African descent around the world, resulting in racial bias and disparities in education, employment, health, housing, justice, and other sectors.

We must act now to reverse these disturbing trends. The International Decade for People of African Descent provides an opportunity to not only draw attention to these inequities, but to also join efforts with countries around the globe to develop and implement national strategies honoring the vast contributions of people of African descent and to combat continuing issues of prejudice and discrimination such as those currently gripping our nation.

To aid these efforts, I have introduced the African Descent Affairs Act. This bill seeks to improve the situation of people of African descent around the world by establishing within the United States State Department a Global Office of African Descent Affairs to establish global foreign policy and assistance strategies for people of African descent; creating a "Fund" to support antidiscrimination and empowerment efforts by African descent led civil society organizations; requiring Annual State Department Human Rights Reports to include a section on discrimination faced by people of African descent; and creating similar initiatives at the United States Agency for International Development that can work in partnership with the State Department.

U.S. foreign policy strategies such as these have improved the situation of vulnerable groups internationally and would greatly assist in responding to increasing levels of prejudice and discrimination faced by people of African descent around the globe. The State Department has already launched many successful initiatives that have aided vulnerable populations, such as the Office of Global Women's

Issues, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, and special initiatives focusing on disability, LGBTQ+ and other communities.

Implementing a Global Office of African Descent Affairs will continue this tradition and facilitate the full and equal participation of people of African descent in our society, promote knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contributions of people of African descent, and strengthen and implement legal frameworks that combat racial discrimination.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will embrace the challenge of combating prejudice and discrimination around the world. I encourage them to join me in recognizing the collective history and achievements made by people of African descent by supporting the African Descent Affairs Act.

NAYELI LECHUGA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Nayeli Lechuga 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 Nayeli Lechuga 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 Nayeli Lechuga 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR.
ELIZABETH (SISSY) CROWTHER

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Dr. Elizabeth (Sissy) Crowther as President of the Rappahannock Community College. After 15 years as President, Elizabeth will be leaving the College a better, stronger institution of higher education and learning.

A Northern Neck native, Sissy grew up on Brington Farm in Northumberland County. Her late father, Rudolph Prosser Crowther, Sr., was president and then chairman of Lillian Lumber Company in Northumberland County, and served on the Rappahannock Community College local board in the 1980s. After graduating from St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, Crowther attended Virginia Tech where she received both a bachelor's and master's in English. After college, she

moved to Richmond, where she began a career in financial services. She aided J. Sargeant Reynolds and John Tyler community colleges with providing educational programs for their employees. Crowther was inspired by the change and inspiration she saw, shifting her career from banking to working in the community college system.

She was accepted into a doctoral program at the College of William & Mary, becoming friends with a colleague who encouraged Crowther to apply to her first job at Rappahannock Community College. She then advanced to positions at Lord Fairfax Community College and Blue Ridge Community College, ultimately returning to Rappahannock as President. Since 2004, Crowther has provided leadership and oversight for College and community initiatives. They include growing the Educational Foundation's assets from \$1 million to \$11 million; completing facility renovations at both the Glens and Warsaw campuses; adding satellite sites in Kilmarnock and New Kent; expanding partnerships with community organizations, agencies, and businesses including the establishment of LEAD Northern Neck; and providing focused resources on relevant programs.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Elizabeth Crowther's accomplishments as she ends her tenure as president of Rappahannock Community College. We hope she enjoys her new life back on the family farm near Reedville, pursuing personal interests and traveling with her family.

REAGAN LEWIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Reagan Lewis is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Reagan Lewis 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 Reagan Lewis 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.

MEDICAID SERVICES INVESTMENT
AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1839, the Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act of 2019. I'm very

pleased the House is considering this bipartisan, bicameral legislation to extend and authorize important Medicaid programs that serve medically complex children, seniors, and people with disabilities, mental health and substance use disorders.

I'm especially proud that H.R. 1839 includes the ACE Kids Act. ACE Kids is the product of years of extensive work by my colleagues, former Congressman Joe Barton and Congresswoman KATHY CASTOR. This bill will improve care for the sickest children enrolled in Medicaid, which is the backbone of our health care system for these children. Children with complex medical conditions require a large amount of health services which are expensive and difficult for families to coordinate. The ACE Kids Act aims to better coordinate this care while reducing overall Medicaid spending. Each state's program will be specifically tailored to fit each child's needs and will provide families with a care coordinator. It is based on existing programs that save money while decreasing hospital visits and improving care. This legislation has broad bipartisan support and was passed by the House last December by a vote of 400 to 11. I urge all Members of the House to support it.

This bill also extends spousal impoverishment protections for recipients of home and community based services in Medicaid. These important protections ensure that spouses of Medicaid patients do not have to spend down their own assets for the Medicaid beneficiary to qualify for home and community based long term care services. Home and community based long term care services are critical to meeting the care and treatment needs of Medicaid beneficiaries, but spouses should not have to risk impoverishment for their loved ones to access these important services.

H.R. 1839 authorizes additional funding for the Money Follows the Person demonstration which has been successful in transitioning Medicaid beneficiaries out of institutions into community settings. The bill also extends the Excellence in Mental Health demonstration for two states to provide mental health services in community settings. Evidence shows that keeping patients in their communities and out of institutions improves outcomes, and I'm pleased to support extensions of these critical programs to ensure that patients can access services in the best setting for their needs.

The bill offsets these important extensions by closing loopholes that drug companies have exploited to misclassify their drugs and receive inappropriate rebates on their products. It also makes changes to third-party liability in child support, and denies federal funding for penis pumps in Medicaid.

I'm grateful that this bipartisan, bicameral legislation is being considered today to strengthen the Medicaid program for children with complex medical conditions, seniors, and people with disabilities, mental health and substance use disorders and I'm very proud to support it.

ERIN LIBBERTON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Erin Libberton

for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Erin Libberton 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 Erin Libberton 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 Erin Libberton 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.

MENSTRUAL EQUITY FOR ALL ACT OF 2019

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month and the incredible advances women have made in our nation and around the world, I rise today to introduce the Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2019. This is the first comprehensive legislation that would end our nation's inequities toward women, girls, and individuals who menstruate. Menstruation hygiene items, such as pads, tampons, cups, and liners, are necessary purchases for the vast majority of women.

Madam Speaker, popular culture would have one believe these products are ubiquitous and cheap. But I have heard the heart-breaking testimonies of countless girls and women from across our nation that would say otherwise. We live in the richest nation and yet millions of women and girls suffer from issues of access and affordability. This is an injustice and it is simply wrong.

Most premenopausal women use menstrual hygiene products on a monthly basis and it is estimated that a woman will use up to 16,000 tampons in her lifetime. Regardless of income, women spend a significant amount of money on purchasing menstruation hygiene products each year.

Beyond being cost-prohibitive, different populations of women and girls face unique challenges in accessing menstrual hygiene products. The Menstrual Equity for All Act aims to address these challenges by:

Giving states the option to use federal grant funds to provide students with free menstrual hygiene products in schools—these grants already provide funding for health and wellness efforts;

Ensuring that incarcerated individuals and detainees in federal (including immigration detention centers), state, and local facilities have access to free, unrationed, menstrual hygiene products;

Ensuring that no visitor is prohibited from visiting an incarcerated individual due to the visitor's use of menstrual hygiene products;

Allowing homeless assistance providers to use grant funds that cover shelter necessities (such as blankets and toothbrushes) to also use those funds to purchase menstrual hygiene products;

Allowing individuals to use their own pre-tax dollars from their health flexible spending accounts to purchase menstrual hygiene products;

Requiring that Medicaid covers the cost of menstrual hygiene products for recipients;

Directing large employers (with 100 or more employees) to provide free menstrual hygiene products for their employees in the workplace; and

Requiring all public federal buildings, including buildings on the Capitol campus, provide free menstrual hygiene products in the restrooms.

Madam Speaker, every woman deserves to succeed and advancing menstrual equity is critical to achieving this goal. I urge my colleagues to support my legislation. Access to safe, affordable menstrual hygiene products is a basic need and a health care right for over half the population; it is a human right.

CHRIS LUCIANO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

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

Chris Luciano is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chris Luciano 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 Chris Luciano 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.

CONGRATULATING THE TELACU EDUCATION FOUNDATION ON THEIR 36TH ANNUAL BUILDING THE DREAM GALA

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the TELACU Education Foundation, a non-profit organization that has empowered talented Latino students and professionals in my district and throughout the country to achieve success for more than 36 years.

TELACU is one of the largest and oldest Community Development Corporation in the U.S., celebrating 50 years of service just last year. As part of its commitment to service, advancement, empowerment and self-sufficiency among its constituency, and in response to crisis-level dropout rates for Latino students, in 1983 TELACU created the TELACU Education Foundation.

This year marks the Foundation's 36th anniversary of shattering barriers to academic and professional success for thousands of first-generation Latinos from underserved communities. In addition to providing critical educational services and resources for veterans, TELACU's Continuum of Education—comprised of the College Readiness and College Success Programs—annually propels approximately 2,000 TELACU Scholars from high school through graduate studies, equipping them with the academic credentials and professional tools needed to successfully enter the increasingly technical 21st Century workforce.

Historically, approximately 98 percent of high school TELACU Scholars graduate and nearly all pursue higher education; more than 99 percent of college Scholars earn a Bachelor's degree, with an increasing number going on to seek advanced degrees. Since TELACU Scholars are predominantly Latinos from some of the most economically-depressed communities in Southern California, their attainment of high school diplomas and college degrees directly benefits disenfranchised communities. Program graduates become self-sufficient, well-educated professionals and role models who inspire and invest in the next generation of Latino leaders.

Their attainment of higher education, increased earning power and dedication to service leads to the socioeconomic empowerment of their local communities, and betters our country as a whole.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of the thousands of students, families and communities they have served and empowered, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating the TELACU Education Foundation on the occasion of its 36th Annual Building the Dream Gala, and in celebrating their inspiring TELACU Scholars.