

Blanca Diaz, Logan Douglass, Kendal Fries, Cherie Gibson, Paul Gibson, Candace Harris, Catherine Kazyaka, Sarah Keith, Laurel Kuepker, Van Mathews, Allen Matthews, Karen McCurdy, Joseph Mendenhall, Courtney Miller, Jennifer Muirhead, Ann Nadeau, Louise Payblas, Vandana Rajpurohit, David Rawls.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize these outstanding students and teachers on this monumental achievement. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2019 HEB ISD Awards of Excellence.

JAKE McBRYDE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 27, 2019*

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

Jake McBryde is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jake McBryde 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 Jake McBryde 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 DUANA BREMER

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 27, 2019*

Mr. DUFFY. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor Duana Bremer, Director of Salvation Army's St. Croix and Polk County Wisconsin programs.

Duana has dedicated her life to serving the most vulnerable among us. I have seen the incredible work she does day in and day out, serving families in our community by showing them the path to personal growth and sustainability. Her commitment and experience makes her an invaluable asset to our work as legislators. Duana testified before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance on May 17, 2018 at a hearing titled, "An Overview of Homelessness in America," in which she provided valuable insight into what the homeless experience is like for those living in rural areas such as Wisconsin.

With the help of Duana, the Family Self-Sufficiency Act and the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Act have been signed into law. Both of these pieces of legislation will help break the multi-generational cycle of poverty in our communities.

It's easy to see the value of Duana's leadership in the fight against homelessness. All you

need to do is talk to her team around her. The staff and volunteers at Grace Place describe her as, "a fantastic leader and a champion for those in need. Her efforts to secure funding and bring programs into rural communities that will help the most vulnerable are truly inspiring. She never gives up and her tireless efforts are an inspiration."

Duana truly is an inspiration. And on behalf of the residents of Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District, I would like to thank Duana Bremer, for her selfless commitment to families in need.

RECOGNIZING THE 100 LADIES OF DEERING

**HON. DONNA E. SHALALA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 27, 2019*

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100 Ladies of Deering, a philanthropic women's organization dedicated to preserving the Deering Estate, a pillar of South Florida history. As Women's History Month comes to an end, I am proud to honor the 100 Ladies of Deering for carrying on the long tradition of Miami women working tirelessly on behalf of our community.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Deering Estate is the 1920's era Miami home of Charles Deering, an industrialist, preservationist, and environmentalist. The work of the 100 Ladies of Deering is vital to the preservation of the Estate, and more broadly, to keeping our South Florida community connected to our shared history.

The 100 Ladies of Deering are deeply involved in the maintenance of the Deering Estate, including the Stone House, Richmond Cottage, outbuildings, grounds, and natural areas. Today, visitors can explore these sites as they would have appeared when Charles Deering occupied the Estate in the 1920's. The 100 Ladies of Deering provide resources and assistance for the 444-acre Estate's historic furnishings. They preserve original objects in their original settings, recreate the scenes of daily life on the Estate, and create a period setting for original objects. As anyone who has visited can attest, the furnishings evoke a powerful experience of time and space while providing witness to past events and personalities.

The 100 Ladies of Deering exemplify extraordinary dedication to the South Florida community. I am pleased to celebrate their achievements as community leaders, philanthropists, and Miami women.

HONORING THE LOWVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 162 ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 27, 2019*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Legion as a whole and specifically, The Lowville American Legion Post 162 on their 100th anniversary.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in September 1919 after members

of the American Expeditionary Force, who fought in World War I, convened to create an organization to represent veterans of that conflict. Today, the American Legion focuses on serving veterans, current service members children and communities with a membership numbering over two million from 13,000 posts worldwide. The American Legion, under the leadership of its National Commander Brett Reistad, continues to grow and advocate on behalf of those who have served our nation with honor and distinction.

One of the very first posts to come into existence in the months following the creation of the American Legion was the Lowville American Legion Post 162. The National organization came into existence in March 1919 and the Lowville post was founded just three months later, in June. Since then, they have been a leading post, sending members to serve on national, state, and district committees. They have made an indelible impact on the Lowville community over the past century and I wish them continued success. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate them on this milestone and thank them for their century-long tradition of service.

NOZYOONNA McCALL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 27, 2019*

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

Nozyonna McCall 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 Nozyonna McCall 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 Nozyonna McCall 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 LIFE AND LEGACY OF FLORIDA B. THOMAS

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 27, 2019*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Florida B. Thomas. Florida was a selfless member of her community and spent her life serving others. She was a woman of strong values and always worked to help her community through her church and her jobs as a teacher and librarian.

Florida was born in Tallahassee, Florida in 1938. She attended Florida A&M University where she received her Bachelor of Science