

the Arts”—D.C.’s “Oscar for the Arts;” and in 1993 he received the Washington Association of Black Journalists (WABJ) “President’s Award.” He served twice as a judge of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards and twice as a judge of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Merit Awards. His commentaries on The Tavis Smiley Show on NPR won First Place in 2003 and 2004 in the Salute to Excellence Award competition of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and his commentaries for Pacifica Radio won First Place in 2002 in the NABJ Salute to Excellence competition. He is an award-winner for best editorial column in the 2017 National Newspaper Publishers Association.

During his tenure as host of “Yardbird Sweets” on WPFW—89.3 FM, Askia Muhammad has produced nine nationally broadcast documentaries for the “Soundprint” public radio series; his articles have appeared in USA Today, The Washington Post, The Nation, The Washington Informer, The Richmond Free Press, Jet, The Baltimore Sun, The Boston Globe, and The Los Angeles Times. He has been a commentator on W\*USA-TV9’s “Capital Edition,” a host and panelist on WHUT-TV32’s “Evening Exchange,” and on the WOL—Radio One News Talk Network. He was an original panelist on the syndicated television program, “America’s Black Forum;” for more than 20 years, from 1981 through 2003 and a regular commentator on National Public Radio’s (NPR’s) “All Things Considered,” and “The Tavis Smiley Show,” and a regular commentator for several years on Christian Science Monitor Radio, and Public Radio International’s “Marketplace.”

Askia Muhammad is a husband, father and grandfather. March 26, 2019 marked the 40th anniversary of Askia Muhammad’s Tuesday morning radio program on Pacifica Radio’s WPFW—89.3 FM.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Askia Muhammad for his work on WPFW over the past 40 years.

NATHAN RIGGS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2019*

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

Nathan Riggs 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 Nathan Riggs 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 Nathan Riggs 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 MR. SMITH OF  
LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize the brave service of World War II U.S. Army Veteran Henry W. Smith of Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He is the esteemed recipient of the rank of Knight in the order of the Legion of Honour.

Established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, the Legion of Honour is the highest French order of merit for military or civilian service. This award is reserved for those extraordinary individuals around the world who have made outstanding achievements and have dedicated themselves to defending the principles of liberty and equality. In the case of Mr. Smith, through his courage and conviction, he went above and beyond his call to serve during the Second World War.

Mr. Smith bravely fought on the shores of Normandy, even surviving a boat crash and supporting our frontline efforts. He also participated in campaigns in Germany, Belgium, Holland and the Ardennes. He has received various military awards and decorations, including five Bronze Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

By virtue of his service, Mr. Smith has made great contributions to the American story, defended democracy, and most importantly, preserved our freedom. On behalf of the constituents of Pennsylvania’s Ninth Congressional District and the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer my most sincere and humble thanks to Mr. Smith for his service and sacrifice.

JUSTICE QUACKENBUSH

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2019*

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

Justice Quackenbush 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 Justice Quackenbush 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 Justice Quackenbush 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.

NHI NGUYEN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2019*

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

Nhi Nguyen 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 Nhi Nguyen 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 Nhi Nguyen 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 RICHLAND  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2019*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richland Elementary School of Essex, Missouri for being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2018, a distinction bestowed upon only 349 public and private schools across the country.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. This award affirms Richland Elementary School’s hard work in creating an environment for educational attainment that is recognized as a symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

By believing in, and maintaining positive, open lines of communication between parents, students, and educators, Richland Elementary created an educational environment to prepare productive and responsible citizens. This school is a model for success that starts with the leadership of Superintendent Frank Killian and Principal Cara Merritt.

On behalf of the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri, it is my great privilege to congratulate the entire Richland Elementary School community for this remarkable achievement.

ALEXIS PETERSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 29, 2019*

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