

CONGRATULATING DEBBIE SIMON  
ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Debbie Simon on her retirement. She is the current Chief Executive Officer of UnityPoint Health.

Ms. Debbie Simon earned a bachelor's degree of nursing from the University of Illinois before beginning her outstanding career at Methodist Hospital. Ms. Simon then later pursued a master's degree in business administration from Bradley University before furthering her training and education by completing both the Wharton Nurse Executive Fellowship and Henry Crown Fellowship. With this extensive knowledge, Ms. Simon stood out as a leader at Methodist and eventually became the regional chief executive officer. In 2011, Methodist Hospital integrated with UnityPoint Health and she led the expansion further into central Illinois. Ms. Simon's leadership has contributed to major growth at Methodist College where over 600 students are pursuing degrees. In addition to her stellar career, Ms. Simon has taken the time to serve on many boards and is a fierce advocate for the health and wellbeing of the Peoria community. I wish her the best in her well-earned retirement and thank her for her many years of service.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Debbie Simon that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Debbie Simon on her retirement and thank her for her service to the Peoria community.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF JACOBS MEDIA

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Jacobs Media.

Founded in 1949 by John W. Jacobs, Jr., Jacobs Media is a family owned-media company based in my hometown of Gainesville, Georgia. On April 2, 1949, Jacobs Media successfully brought North Georgia our first FM radio station, WDUN. For 70 years, Jacobs Media has provided North Georgians with news, weather, sports, and variety of local and syndicated talk.

In addition to bringing North Georgia our first FM radio station, Jacobs Media also launched the region's first cable company and online newspaper. They have continued to thrive under the leadership of John W. "Jay" Jacobs III, as AccessWDUN is now the most read website for local news in North Georgia, reaching nearly 4.25 million views per month.

Access to free and trustworthy news is at the very core of our democracy. Each day, North Georgians turn to radio and online news to understand what is happening in our nation's capital and in their own backyard. While

many families and businesses throughout the region are hindered by limited internet access, WDUN's various media platforms have worked to ensure our communities have access to a variety of news.

On behalf of the Ninth District, I want to thank Jacobs Media for seven decades of service to North Georgia and congratulate them on their incredible success. We look forward to witnessing their continued growth as they enter yet another decade.

COLDWELL BANKER SKY RIDGE  
REALTY NAMED BUSINESS OF  
THE YEAR BY THE LAKE ARROWHEAD  
COMMUNITIES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty on being named Business of the Year by the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce.

Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty recently celebrated their 36th anniversary of operating in our mountain communities. The business was purchased in 2004 by Steve and Jamie Keefe, and they will celebrate their 15th year of ownership this April. They and their 60 agents are active throughout the community and serve on numerous boards and communities across the mountains, including Rotary, Soroptimists, Boys and Girls Club, RIM Educational Foundation, Hearts and Lives, and Fifes and Drums. Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty is also a "Chairman's Circle Company," meaning it is in the top 6 percent of Coldwell Banker Companies worldwide.

Anyone present in the mountain communities knows that Steve, Jamie, and their agents at Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty are incredibly active in both business and community service, and they are truly deserving of this award. I sincerely congratulate them and their staff on being named the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce 2018 Business of the Year.

GRAYC SUGAR

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

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

Grayc Sugar 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 Grayc Sugar 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 Grayc Sugar 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 ALICE C. DARROW

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alice Darrow on her 100th Birthday on March 16th, 2019.

Ms. Darrow was born Alice Beck in Paso Robles, California. She graduated from Hamilton City High School and continued her education at California State University, Chico. Ms. Darrow earned her Nursing Degree at Highland Hospital in Oakland, California.

Ms. Darrow is a veteran. She was a Navy Nurse stationed at Mare Island during World War II. She met her husband, Dean Darrow, after he survived the attack on Pearl and was shipped to Mare Island for open heart surgery, where Ms. Darrow was his nurse. They married after they were both honorably discharged from the Navy. They lived in Pleasant Hill and Kelseyville, where they raised their four children, Becky, Jim, Diane, and Neil. Ms. Darrow also has ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

As a "Sweetheart," the wife of a Pearl Harbor survivor, Ms. Darrow remained active in the local chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's organization until the last local member passed away. She also spoke at local high schools and colleges as part of her role as a "Sweetheart." Ms. Darrow is known for her compassion and drive to help others. She was a member of Gleaner's Group where she gathered and bagged fruit, nuts, and vegetables for needy members of our community.

Madam Speaker, Alice Darrow is a special member of our community. She has been committed to serving others, as a nurse, veteran, and volunteer. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE CEDARS OF MARIN  
CENTENNIAL

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Cedars of Marin reaching its centennial. The oldest and largest organization of its kind in Marin County, Cedars was the first residential school facility to serve individuals with mental disabilities in the western United States, a mission that it has stayed true to this day.

Founded in 1919, Cedars was originally established as a privately-owned school in Marin County for children with mental disabilities. After a change in ownership in 1938, the school grew, adding two dormitories and 22 acres of land over the next 18 years. By 1964, the school had expanded significantly, adding a ranch lodge, pool, workshop, and stables. One year later, the privately-owned school

was incorporated as a nonprofit, with the name Cedars Development Foundation. As a newly minted nonprofit, the organization pivoted to focus on both the education and housing of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This led to the opening of Cedars' first community-based home in 1968, pioneering a model for which the organization would become known. By 1984, Cedars began its Community Living Skills day program, expanding the organization's programming into skills development and community building for individuals who weren't housed by the program. Over the next seven years, Cedars would continue to innovate, adding a Community Challenges program, opening eight additional community-based homes, and initiating a successful capital campaign to renovate the original site. By 1995, the organization was officially re-named Cedars of Marin.

Today, Cedars of Marin has provided services to over 2,500 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through the organization's innovative community-based housing program, Cedars now houses approximately 100 individuals across its main campus and ten group homes, building a safe and productive environment for them to reach their highest levels of independence. The organization's skills-focused day programs serve over 190 individuals each weekday, creating a larger community of support for the intellectually and developmentally disabled, while also helping their families.

Madam Speaker, Cedars of Marin has continued to be an innovative leader in the areas of residential, educational, and community building programs for the intellectually and developmentally disabled. Through the unwavering dedication of its leadership and staff, the organization has never lost sight of its original purpose to provide opportunities to help these individuals live as independently as possible, while leading happy and productive lives. Therefore, please join me in congratulating Cedars of Marin for a century of inspiring work, and in wishing them many more years of success.

QUINNLAN THORNTON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

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

Quinnlan Thornton is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Quinnlan Thornton 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 Quinnlan Thornton 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.

IN HONOR OF TALLADEGA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL AHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the Talladega High School boys basketball team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 4A basketball state championship.

The Tigers defeated West Limestone 60–48 in the championship game on March 1st at Birmingham's Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama. The Tigers brought home the program's first ever state title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Talladega High School, the coaches, the players and all the Tiger fans on this exciting achievement. Go Tigers.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE McLANE MIDDLETON LAW FIRM

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the McLane Middleton law firm in celebration of their 100th anniversary.

Founded in 1919, the firm has 106 attorneys admitted to practice in 17 states and the District of Columbia and is the largest law firm in the state of New Hampshire with 226 colleagues, and has five locations across New Hampshire and Northern New England. The firm is marking its anniversary with a year-long celebration, which will include monthly community donations in quantities of 100, such as 100 blankets to transitional housing shelters, and a centennial celebration with colleagues and alumni on April 4th.

McLane Middleton is a pillar of the broader community in New Hampshire, committed to pro-bono work and community service. Its contributions to the state are reflected in its distinguished network of alumni—including Members of Congress, State Supreme Court Justices, and NH Attorneys General. I am grateful for all McLane Middleton has done to support our state and nation.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I want to thank McLane Middleton for all they have done, and will continue to do, for the Second District and the State of New Hampshire.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT PARADY

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Robert

Parady, who has served as the town moderator of Bourne for eighteen years.

Mr. Parady has devoted his life to improving the quality of life in the Town of Bourne. He has held numerous posts in town and has always remained dedicated to participating in local government and making our community a better place to live. His first job was working as a lifeguard for the town, and he later held his first elected position on the town's Planning Board.

After graduating from Bourne High School, Mr. Parady received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He then attended Suffolk Law School and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar Association.

Back in Bourne, Mr. Parady served as a Selectman for nearly two decades, starting in 1977. During his time in office, he always strived to solve problems that would have practical and positive impacts on his community. One project he and the Board of Selectmen were particularly keen on fixing was improving Main Street. Step by step they tackled the issue, first removing a sign blocking the view of the bridge. They then worked to secure the land to build Buzzards Bay park and were given a grant to build Taylor's Point Marina. Beyond Main Street, Mr. Parady worked diligently to complete numerous public works projects, such as expanding the police station and renovating the Town Hall.

In 2001, Mr. Parady was elected to serve as town moderator, to run the town meetings he attended starting in high school. He is remembered by his colleagues as a dedicated public servant who unrelentingly worked to improve the town he loved. After serving for over four decades in numerous capacities, Mr. Parady's legacy will continue to have a positive impact in Bourne.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Robert Parady and his commitment to improving the lives of all who lived in the town of Bourne. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his retirement.

XOCHITL VARGAS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 1, 2019*

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

Xochitl Vargas 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 Xochitl Vargas 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 Xochitl Vargas 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.