

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.