

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
KIMBERLY HAMM

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, together, Leader MCCARTHY and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Kimberly Hamm, who is departing the House to become a Senior Policy Advisor to the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ms. Hamm has served with great integrity and effectiveness in the House's Office of General Counsel for more than four years, as an Assistant and an Associate General Counsel. During her tenure, Ms. Hamm played a critical role in safeguarding the legal interests of the House of Representatives, its Members, Officers and employees, particularly in connection with federal court litigation involving issues of the highest institutional importance.

Specifically, Ms. Hamm provided invaluable legal counsel and representation to many of the Committees of the House, greatly assisting them in fulfilling their constitutionally-authorized oversight roles, protecting confidential committee communications with the Executive Branch from disclosure, and defending the House's oversight and investigative prerogatives when challenged in litigation.

In addition, Ms. Hamm provided frequent and vital legal advice to the institutional offices of the House, assisting with the development and implementation of numerous internal procedures, improving mechanisms for executing legal requirements and defending long-standing institutional norms, including the right of the House to open each legislative day with a prayer.

Ms. Hamm's work on behalf of the House has been of the highest caliber and I am confident that the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission will benefit from her exceptional policy knowledge and legal counsel. On behalf of the entire House community, Leader MCCARTHY and I thank Ms. Hamm for her dedicated service, and wish for her the very best in all her future endeavors.

ASHLEY CORIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Ashley Coria 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 Ashley Coria 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 Ashley Coria 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 1 during roll call no. 137, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1593. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 138, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1590. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 139, on approving the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye."

The descriptions would be, respectively:

137—"On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1593, the Coordinating and Leveraging Activities for School Security Act";

138—"On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1590, the Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act"; and

139—"on approving the Journal".

OATH CEREMONY ON APRIL 5, 2019

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on April 5, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On April 5, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world,

will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Yankho E. Pfledderer, Anas Bassam Kalam, Dalbag Singh Bajwa, Adriana Rivera, Josh Jesus Ortega, Luz C. Marquez, Zora Ristevska, Janette Magallanes, Maritza Zapata, Gonzalo Diaz, Julia A. Martinez, Araceli G. Campos, Bert Veenendaal, Yadviga Tischenko, Zoran Avramoski, Neha J. Patel, Irma Yolanda Duarte, Juan Carlos Amaya, Audrey Corinne Kaucoud Behinan, Miguel A. Rivera, Nathalia Conte Silvestre Casiano, Bojana Pavic, Victor Alvarez, Angelica Maria Avila, Enrique Vargas, Sonal B. Patel, Luis Enrique Hernandez, Sofia Sanchez, Alicia Prado, and Lourdes Maria Fry.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on April 5, 2019. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

MICHAEL A. CRUZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Michael A. Cruz is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Michael A. Cruz 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 Michael A. Cruz 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.

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ADDRESSING THE SITUATION IN
KAZAKHSTAN CONCERNING
BERGEI RYSKALIYEV

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my concern with what appears to be a politically motivated prosecution of the former governor of Kazakhstan's western Atyrau region, Bergei Ryskaliyev, as well as 22 other people, including Ryskaliyev's family members and colleagues from the western oil-producing region of the country. This sham trial appears to be the next step in the Kazakh regime's efforts to silence legitimate calls of local citizens demanding oil revenue transparency, safe working conditions, and fair pay. Just not long ago, in the country's western oil-producing city of Zhanaozen, a peaceful demonstration was crushed by Kazakh police, who opened fire on the protestors, resulting in at least 16 people killed.

The fact that Kazakhstan has a long history of discrediting and even criminally prosecuting members of the ruling elite when they are perceived to be gaining too much power and prominence, which was the case with Mr. Ryskaliyev during his time in office, points to the possibility of political motivation behind the prosecution. Additionally, independent NGOs and western legal experts who observed the trial point out that there has not been sufficient evidence to justify the prejudicial findings regarding Mr. Ryskaliyev, essentially denying him a fundamental human right to a fair trial. The U.S. State Department Human Rights Reports for 2018 corroborates that there is no such thing as judicial independence in Kazakhstan and corruption is evident at every stage of the judicial process.

As Kazakhstan is aspiring to be a strategic partner of the United States, I call on my colleagues to join me in urging the State Department to review the case of Mr. Ryskaliyev and assure that it will be included in our Government's discussions on promoting democracy in this important part of the world.

In light of the resignation of President Nursultan Nazarbayev, the issue of peaceful transition of power with participation of opposition politicians and people previously convicted on politically motivated charges is extremely important.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR PAY
ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today is Equal Pay Day, which marks the number of additional days a woman must work to earn what a man earned the prior year. The 1963 Equal Pay Act (EPA), the first of the great civil rights statutes of the 1960s, has grown creaky with age and needs updating to reflect the new workforce, in which women work almost as much as men.

The best case for a stronger and updated EPA occurred here in the Congress in 2003,

when female custodians in the House and Senate won an EPA case after showing that female workers were paid a dollar less per hour for doing the same or similar work as males. Had these women not been represented by their union, they would have had an almost impossible task in using the rules for bringing and sustaining an EPA class action lawsuit.

Based on my own experience as the first woman to chair the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, I again introduce the Fair Pay Act (FPA) on behalf of the average female worker, who is often first steered to, and then locked into, jobs with wages that are deeply influenced by the gender of individuals who have traditionally held such jobs. Much of the wage inequality women experience today is because of employer-steering and deeply rooted wage stereotypes, which result in wages paid according to gender and not according to the skill necessary to do the job. I introduce the FPA because the pay disparity most women face today stems mainly from the segregation of women and men in different jobs and paying women in female-dominated jobs systematically less. Two-thirds of white women and three quarters of African-American women work in just three areas: sales/clerical, service and factories. We need more aggressive strategies to break through the societal barriers present throughout history the world over, as well as employer-steering based on gender, which is as old as paid employment itself.

The FPA requires that if men and women are doing comparable work, they are to be paid comparable wages. If a woman, for example, is an emergency services operator, a female-dominated profession, she should not be paid less than a fire dispatcher, a male-dominated profession, simply because each of these jobs has been dominated by one sex. If a woman is a social worker, a traditionally female occupation, she should not earn less than a probation officer, a traditionally male job, simply because of the gender associated with each of these jobs.

The FPA, like the EPA, will not tamper with the legal burden. Under the FPA, as under the EPA, the burden will be on the plaintiff to prove discrimination. The plaintiff must show that the reason for the disparate treatment is gender discrimination, not legitimate market factors.

Remedies to achieve comparable pay for men and women are not radical or unprecedented. State governments, in red and blue states alike, have shown that it is possible to eliminate the part of the pay gap that is due to discrimination. Twenty state governments have adjusted wages for female-dominated professions, raising pay for teachers, nurses, clerical workers, librarians, and other female-dominated jobs that paid less than comparable male-dominated jobs. Minnesota, for example, implemented a pay equity plan when it found that traditionally female jobs paid 20 percent less than comparable traditionally male jobs. There may well be some portion of a gender wage gap that is traceable to market factors, but 20 states have shown that you can tackle the gender discrimination-based wage gap without interfering in the market system. States generally have closed the wage gap over a period of four to five years at a one-time cost of no more than three to four percent of payroll.

In addition, many female workers routinely achieve pay equity through collective bargaining, and countless employers provide it on their own as they see women shifting out of vital female-dominated occupations as a result of the shortage of skilled workers, as well as because of the unfairness to women. Unequal pay has been built into the way women have been treated since Adam and Eve. To dislodge such deep-seated and pervasive treatment, we must go to the source, the traditionally female occupations, where pay is linked with gender and always has been.

CELEBRATING KATHLEEN M.
WILSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. AYANNA PRESSLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Kathleen M. Wilson and wish her a happy 100th birthday. Mrs. Wilson, a longtime resident of Boston and Massachusetts's 7th District, is known for her youthful spirit, her volunteerism, her sense of humor, uncontrollable laugh and her love of dance.

Mrs. Wilson has spent over four decades as a public servant and a strong member of our community. She stood as the pinnacle of equality, working tirelessly with several women from Roxbury to fight segregation in the Boston Public Schools and demand a quality education for children in Boston's black community. Kay, the nickname given to her by her late husband and love of her life, regularly boarded helicopters and small service planes to deliver pay and supplies to workers in devastated areas after joining the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in her retirement.

Mrs. Wilson is a mother of two, grandmother of three, great-grandmother of three, and beloved by all of them. She remains active with the Goldenaires, The Urban League Guild, AARP of Boston, Seniors on the Move and The Swingers at 12th Baptist Church. No matter who Mrs. Wilson meets, they do not believe that she is 100 years young.

LILA DANIELS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Lila Daniels 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 Lila Daniels 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 Lila Daniels 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 DONATE FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACT OF 2019

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Donate for Disaster Relief Act.

Last year, there were 53 major disasters declared. The year before that, we had 61 declared major disasters. As we continue to feel the effects of climate change, there are going to be more major disasters and we as a nation are going to have to pay for the response and repair after these events. Now is the time to start thinking about what we can do to be better prepared for when these disasters strike.

That is why I am introducing the Donate for Disaster Relief Act, which creates a completely voluntary check-off on income tax returns that lets taxpayers elect to donate to a disaster relief trust. This bill is an opportunity for us to share our selflessness and generosity and be better prepared to adequately fund our response to an emergency situation.

The harsh reality of disasters is that while we may not be able to predict when or where they will always occur, we certainly can be prepared. The altruism of the American people is on display in their willingness to pitch in and help those in their greatest time of need. This bill creates an easy way for concerned Americans to anticipate the need for disaster relief, wherever and whenever it may be necessary.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this critically important legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAIRMAN ALLEN E. LAWSON OF THE SAN PASQUAL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and honor of Chairman Allen E. Lawson of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. Chairman Lawson has served for 22 years in a leadership position for the Tribe, headquartered in the Valley Center area of California's 50th Congressional District, and retired from his chairmanship on January 13, 2019. During his tenure, Chairman Lawson was firmly focused on Tribal welfare and increased prosperity for all members of the Tribe.

Under his leadership, San Pasqual's Tribal government grew from three employees to over 100 employees, resulting in significant increases in services to over 400 Tribal families living on the reservation. Chairman Lawson's leadership was instrumental with the establishment of Valley View Casino, a business that continues to thrive, generating revenue for the

entire Tribe and benefitted the reservation by creating new Tribal Fire and Police Departments that were dedicated to ensuring the safety of all Tribal residents. Chairman Lawson also established one of the few fully accredited Native American Fire Academies and, over the last 10 years, the academy has proudly trained over 1,000 first responders that help protect both the reservation and the surrounding community. Chairman Lawson successfully expanded the Tribal Education Center, resulting in increased high school graduation rates, more graduates headed to colleges, and the preservation of the Tribe's history, traditions and culture.

During his tenure, the Tribal Public Works, Water, and Environmental Departments were also established, and, after decades of negotiations with four other Native American tribes, Chairman Lawson was an integral part of the negotiation that finally settled and secured the entitled rights to the San Luis Rey watershed. Chairman Lawson was also instrumental in launching an Inter-Tribal Alliance in which Tribes and Federal agencies would partner collaboratively on construction projects thereby reducing costs, maximizing resources and providing jobs to Native Americans.

It is for these accomplishments and many more that Chairman Lawson should be recognized. The legacy of any leader is the impact and significant contributions they have made to greatly influence the lives of those around them. Chairman Lawson's guiding principle and singular focus has been the past, current, and future generations of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians and I am confident that his legacy will never be forgotten and always appreciated.

COMMENDING DON GRIMSLEY FOR HIS IMPACT ON HALL COUNTY'S YOUTH COMMUNITY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Grimsley for the incredible impact he has made in Hall County. Over the last decade, Mr. Grimsley has given countless hours to many youth organizations, and last month, he was recognized for his service as the Gainesville Kiwanis Club honored him with the 2019 John W. Jacobs Jr. Youth Service Award.

Mr. Grimsley first experienced his call to service when his son was born with spina bifida. With inspiration from his daughter, they launched Rolling Hearts, a charity for individuals with spina bifida that raises money for the neuroscience department at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, among other things. Mr. Grimsley and his wife also sat on the board of the Spina Bifida Association of Georgia, helping educate the community and working to give children with spina bifida a great and normal life. In addition to helping children with spina bifida, Mr. Grimsley also serves as Eagle Scoutmaster, statistician for North Hall Middle School's basketball team, and the Watch D.O.G.S. program, which increases the presence of male role models in schools.

Mr. Grimsley's service to this community is especially near and dear to my heart as my

daughter, Jordan, was born with spina bifida. I understand firsthand the importance of providing our children with a normal life, and I am incredibly grateful for his service to such a meaningful cause. I also know his passion for mentoring youth and stepping in as a 'surrogate dad' has made an immeasurable impact on the lives of many young men in Georgia.

I want to congratulate Don Grimsley on receiving the John W. Jacobs Jr. Youth Service Award, and I want to thank him for his tremendous service to our community. Hall County is a better place because of Don Grimsley.

SARAH DAVIDSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Sarah Davidson 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 Sarah Davidson 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 Sarah Davidson 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, my return flight to Washington, D.C. was delayed due to technical difficulties, and I was unable to attend the legislative session on April 1, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 137; yea on Roll Call No. 138; and nay on Roll Call No. 139.

HONORING LINDSAY RIGHTER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lindsay Righter. Lindsay has been with my team since I first took office, and left earlier this year after six years of service as an exemplary field representative for my constituents in Humboldt County, Trinity County, and Del Norte County. As a valued member of my staff, Lindsay has been essential to my work in the northern part of my congressional district, and of special note, has

helped thousands of our country's veterans and other constituents with complicated issues.

Lindsay grew up in Springfield, Illinois, and attended Southern Illinois University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in forestry. She moved to Humboldt County in June 2002 and worked with AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards from 2006 to 2008. In this role, she supervised staff and AmeriCorps members, and did demanding field work, including wading in some of the North Coast's most beautiful rivers counting salmon carcasses to better understand the condition of our vital fish populations.

In March of 2009, Lindsay was hired as a field representative for the former 1st congressional district of California under Congressman MIKE THOMPSON. She became a skilled case-worker with an affinity for helping veterans. After redistricting in 2012, I hired Lindsay in the same role and quickly recognized her as an asset to my team. Lindsay's eye for detail, her work ethic, and her dedication to helping the people of the new 2nd congressional district made her one of my most valuable employees. Her understanding of the issues in the district and her connections to the community—including sitting on boards for the Open Door Community Health Center and Redwood Parks Conservancy—helped me better understand issues in Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity counties. Lindsay increasingly focused on veterans' issues and health care, led event planning efforts, ran my Congressional Art Competition, and brought her extraordinary problem-solving skills to bear on an array of issues.

Madam Speaker, as Lindsay moves on to Humboldt State University's College of Professional Studies in Arcata, I hope you will join me and my staff in wishing her the best in all her future endeavors. We will miss her joyful nature, her sense of duty and her deep competence, and I am grateful for her work on my constituents' behalf.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on April 1, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 137, Roll Call 138, and Roll Call Vote 139. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 137, Yea on Roll Call 138, and Yea on Roll Call 139.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSHUA AND CHELSEA

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a matter that is very near and dear to my heart—the marriage of my son, William Joshua Balderson to Chelsea Alise Gallagher this coming Saturday, April 6, 2019.

As a parent, I know that one of life's greatest joys is witnessing the marriage of one of your children, and the blending of two families into one. As parents, we can only try to raise our children with honor, teach them well, and send them out into the world as respectable adults who are prepared to face life's challenges. Everything else—successful careers, love, marriage, and building families of their own—those are bonuses.

What a blessing it is for Joshua and Chelsea to have found each other, and to share such love for one another. I know I don't speak for only myself when I say how excited and honored we are to welcome Chelsea into the Balderson family this weekend. I thank Chelsea's parents, Bill and Karen Gallagher, for sharing their beautiful daughter with our family. I feel blessed to have Chelsea as my soon-to-be daughter-in-law. I wish my wonderful son, Joshua, and his bride a lifetime of health and happiness with one another. May this be the first of many blessings to come.

MADISYN DEIDEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Madisyn Deidel 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 Madisyn Deidel 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 Madisyn Deidel 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 REBECCA TEBBS NUNN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rebecca Tebbs Nunn, who was crowned Ms. Super Senior Virginia. This pageant recognizes the value and importance of senior women, exemplifying their wisdom, experience, and generosity.

Rebecca is not only a native from Lancaster County, but is also the Vice Mayor of Kilmarnock, an author of four published novels, and was a professional actress for over 20 years. Most notably, Rebecca had the privilege of performing with the Helen Hayes Reparatory Theatre on Broadway. She has even taught drama at both the high school and college levels.

After Rebecca was crowned Ms. Senior Virginia in 2016, she has continued to give back to her community by performing at nursing homes and other assisted living centers. She has also conducted acting workshops for children from all over the country and abroad. I am extremely proud to say that Rebecca is the first Virginian to receive the Ms. Super Senior award.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognition of Rebecca Tebbs Nunn. The Commonwealth is fortunate to have someone with such determination and tenacity. May God bless Rebecca Tebbs Nunn and I look forward to seeing her continued success for many years to come.

REMEMBERING ARLENE HOWARD

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a great American and true New Yorker, Arlene Howard, who passed away over the weekend at the age of 95. Mrs. Howard was World War II Navy Veteran who raised a family committed to serving the United States of America.

While I had met Mrs. Howard several times prior, my relationship with her started after the national tragedy of 9/11. Her son George, an off-duty officer with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department, raced from his Hicksville home to the World Trade Center and met death. In the days that followed, the story of George's bravery captured the nation's attention and Mrs. Howard gave her son's shield to President George W. Bush the day he visited Ground Zero.

When President Bush addressed a Joint Session of Congress in the weeks following the attacks, he did so with George's shield in hand. The shield remained with the President throughout his presidency.

In the years following, Mrs. Howard grew close with my entire family, especially with my mother. From my first meeting with her, I knew she was stronger, tougher, and more caring than anyone I had ever met. She was dedicated to preserving the memory of her son and never wavered in her support for America's military and the Men and Women in Blue. Her dedication to her country and family live on with her children and grandchildren.

R.I.P. Arlene Howard.

JULIE DELUNA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Julie DeLuna 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 Julie DeLuna 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 Julie DeLuna 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 AMERICAN RED CROSS NORTHWEST CHAPTER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to recognize the important role of the American Red Cross Northwest Chapter which contributed to the 2019 presidential declaration of March as Red Cross Month.

Since its founding in 1881, the American Red Cross has become one of the nation's largest humanitarian organizations, providing disaster relief, emergency volunteer training, and support to military families across the country. Each year the Red Cross responds to an average of 62,000 disasters across the country, operating emergency shelters, serving meals and distributing relief materials to millions of disaster victims. These efforts are largely completed by a resilient network of volunteers that the organization has trained throughout the country, who are estimated to respond to an emergency once every eight minutes. This scale of service and rate of response is truly unmatched by other humanitarian efforts nationwide.

In the last few years, my colleague and I have both witnessed the importance of the American Red Cross Northwest Chapter in a time of crisis. During the 2017 and 2018 wildfires, the Northwest Chapter operated shelters, collected and distributed relief materials, and provided emotional and mental health support of fire victims throughout Northern California. In fact, the Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross assisted 330 families with 123 local disasters and assisted 98 military families with emergency assistance this past year alone. And as recently as last month, the Red Cross was engaged in flood relief efforts in parts of my district that were severely impacted by rain and flooding caused by atmospheric rivers.

Since President Franklin D. Roosevelt first declared March as Red Cross Month in 1943, we have come together at this time, each year, to celebrate the accomplishments of the organization and raise awareness of its value to the American people. And as natural disasters continue to rise with each coming year, the humanitarian efforts of the American Red Cross and its many volunteers become that much more important.

Madam Speaker, the American Red Cross performs a critical humanitarian role throughout our country. The success of their efforts is largely connected to the organization's ability to recruit and train volunteers who can be called to action in their local communities. The American Red Cross Northwest Chapter has

provided invaluable assistance to our congressional districts in time of highest need. Therefore, please join my colleague and I in thanking them and in helping to raise awareness for the American Red Cross by supporting the annual declaration.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY
SPECIALIST JOSEPH P. COLLETTE

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to honor and commemorate a husband, a father, a brother, a son, and a hero. United States Army Specialist Joseph P. Collette, of Lancaster, gave his life in the service of our nation on March 22, 2019.

At age 29, Specialist Collette was fulfilling a goal he had held for over a decade: to deploy with the United States Army. As his soulmate and wife, Caela, tells it, following the tragedy of September 11, her husband felt the call to serve. As his time with the 242nd Ordnance Battalion, 71st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group was coming to an end, he desperately wanted to go on deployment.

It is that level of bravery, selflessness, and commitment for which Specialist Collette will be remembered by both his loved ones and community. He was a genuine, laid back, funny young man who was beloved by many.

A man of many special talents, he loved sharing his passion for cooking for others and challenging his friends in paintball matches and Pokémon battles. He loved spending time outdoors including running, snowboarding, and four-wheeling. But his priority in life was spending time with his friends and family.

Like a pebble dropped in a pond, the ripples created by Specialist Collette's life and work are far-reaching. His legacy will live on in the memories of those who knew him and loved him: his wife, Caela; his children; Blair and Cody Collette; step-children Lena and Aria Scott; his parents, Joey Collette, and Theresa Mecionis and step-father, Jim Wickline; his siblings; Anthony, Camille, and Nicholas; and the rest of his extended family and loved ones.

As a Brigadier General in the Ohio Army National Guard, I have had the distinct privilege to serve alongside outstanding men and women like Specialist Collette. I can say with absolute certainty that Lancaster, Ohio is undeniably a better place because of Specialist Collette, and our nation is a safer place because of his service. I am honored to celebrate his legacy, and I encourage my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending deepest condolences to his family, and in honoring his supreme sacrifice.

CAILIN DEVINE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cailin Devine

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

Cailin Devine 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 Cailin Devine 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 Cailin Devine 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.

GORDON LOGAN, THE HILLVETS' FOUNDATION PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I applaud the generosity of Gordon Logan, an exceptional Texan who has been selected to receive the HillVets' Foundation "Philanthropist of the Year Award." His commitment to veterans is second to none and he is a deserving recipient of this prestigious honor.

Gordon has made support for veterans central to his personal, professional and philanthropic life for the past 25 years. Following his service in the U.S. Air Force, Gordon founded Sport Clips Haircuts and has committed his growing company to putting veterans first. Sport Clips currently has 45 veteran franchise owners and offers a 20% discount to veterans looking to join the brand. The company sponsors the Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation, which provides dream flights in Boeing Stearman biplanes for seniors and veterans living in long-term care facilities and has given more than 3,500 dream flights. Gordon's Sport Clips also sponsors veteran-centered organizations such as the Aleethia Foundation, Gratitude Initiative, Honor Flight Austin, R.O.C.K veteran program and Rosie's List in San Diego.

In addition to being a past president and current member of the VetFran Committee, Gordon also serves on the VFW Foundation Board, which directs the funds donated to the VFW for active duty servicemembers and veterans, and on the advisory board for USO Fort Hood. The VFW's Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship program has provided some 1,300 scholarships totaling \$5.5 million to service men and women and veterans pursuing their education and training goals. Gordon's commitment to investing his abilities to support our veterans is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generous activism of true and devoted public servant.

Gordon Logan is one of our nation's stalwart champion for veterans. I am honored to represent him in Congress, as his efforts represents Texas values at their very best. I proudly stand alongside those who salute his work on behalf of our nation's heroes.

HONORING JOSEPH ORENDAIN

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I stand today to honor the career of Joseph Orendain. Mr. Orendain recently retired from the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office, serving with honor and prestige throughout his tenure as an Assistant District Attorney.

Twenty-nine years ago, Mr. Orendain began his legal career in the District Attorney's office. Though he easily could have left for a more lucrative job, he continued his service to the community for nearly three decades. He has worked on countless noteworthy cases and earned recognition from his peers as well as the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation Awards, receiving an award for Outstanding Advocacy in Capital and Complex Homicide Cases. Mr. Orendain made history when he became the first prosecutor to successfully try a human trafficking case in the United States using a state penal code.

Mr. Orendain's involvement and commitment to justice was ingrained in him at an early age. The child of the man who founded the Texas Farm Workers Union, he followed his father to strikes and marches to fight for workers' rights. When he was only 14-years-old he marched in the Texas Farm Workers March for Human Rights from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas to Washington, D.C.

In 2017, Mr. Orendain and his trial partner, Cregg Thompson, tried and successfully secured a guilty conviction in another landmark case. Ultimately, it took them six weeks of rigorous work to succeed. I am confident that Mr. Orendain will continue to improve the lives of many in his community and make us proud. I wish him the best as he enjoys his well-earned retirement with family, friends and loved ones.

Madam Speaker, Joseph Orendain is a pillar of our community, and it is truly a privilege to represent committed, selfless individuals like him.

LAVELL DICKERSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

LaVell Dickerson 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 LaVell Dickerson 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 LaVell Dickerson 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 ALICE PAUL TAPPER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Alice Paul Tapper, a District of Columbia native, for her activism creating a nationwide Raise Your Hand movement as a Girl Scout Cadette in Girl Scouts Nation's Capital.

Alice Paul Tapper was born in Washington, D.C. to humanitarian Jennifer Tapper and journalist Jake Tapper. She is a sixth grade student at Maret School. Raise Your Hand is the brainchild of Alice, who witnessed firsthand that girls were shying away from raising their hand in class or volunteering at school activities. She brought the issue to the attention of her Girl Scout troop, and they agreed that Girl Scouts should have a patch for that. Alice realized this type of empowerment could only take place in a girl-led organization.

Alice's observations are also grounded in research. Girls' self-confidence drops 3.4 times below boy's, especially between the ages of eight and 12. Working with Girl Scouts Nation's Capital, the Raise Your Hand patch, was launched. Girls earn the patch after pledging to raise their hands more in class and recruiting other girls to do the same. The patch was put into circulation nationwide in October 2017.

Today, over 12,000 girls and women from around the globe have taken the pledge and earned the patch. Alice has received national attention for the Raise Your Hand movement, including appearing on local news and being one of the youngest persons to get an op-ed published in the New York Times.

Alice will bring her message to young readers in a children's book, Raise Your Hand, published by Penguin Young. The book chronicles Alice's advocacy initiative for girls and will be released March 26, 2019, after she appears on the Ellen Show on March 22nd. Alice has donated her advance of \$25,000, as well as a matching donation from Oprah Winfrey, to Girl Scouts Nation's Capital, so that more girls can grow in confidence.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Alice Paul Tapper for her initiative to elevate girls' self-esteem and to encourage them to raise their hands in the District of Columbia and around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regretfully missed votes on Monday, April 1, 2019. I had intended to vote "yes" on Roll Call vote 137, "yes" on vote 138 and "yes" on vote 139.

VALERIA ECHAUARRIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Valeria Echauarría 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 Valeria Echauarría 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 Valeria Echauarría 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 JOHN DELL'OSSO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Dell'Oso, a National Park Service ranger who is retiring after more than 35 years of dedicated federal service.

Born in San Francisco, John's family moved to Petaluma where he would attend school. After getting his AA degree from the Santa Rosa Junior College in 1981, John received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Planning and Management from the University of California Davis two years later.

John began his career with the National Park Service in May of 1983 at the Point Reyes National Seashore. Starting as a Seasonal Interpretive Ranger that summer, John worked as an Administrative Clerk and a park ranger, eventually becoming a Supervisory Park Ranger. In 1994, John was promoted to Chief of Interpretation and Resource Education for the Point Reyes National Seashore, and later became the park Public Information Officer, roles that he held for 25 years.

John's leadership brought great acclaim to the park and the National Park Service over the years, especially in the area of universal accessibility. Through design work on exhibit panels, accessibility guides, audio descriptions, and braille publications, John expanded the way in which the park shares information to the public. The park interpretation and resource education division has received 14 national media awards under his leadership, which is more than any other national park unit. During his tenure, John also worked to expand accessibility in parks across the country, and the National Park Service recognized him for his work on sea level rise exhibits and messaging in 2017.

John's dedication to public service extended beyond his work for the National Park Service.

He was elected to the Cotati City Council in 1994, served three four-year terms on the council, and chaired the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association. John has also served as a member of numerous local boards and commissions, including the Cotati Library Foundation, Rancho Cotati Little League, Sonoma County Library Commission, and the Santa Rosa Junior College Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee, among others

Madam Speaker, John Dell'Osso has spent his career making our parks more educational and accessible to the public. His commitment to public service through the National Park Service, and as a local elected official, has had a significant and positive impact on the region and the country. Therefore, please Join me in congratulating John Dell'Osso on the occasion of his retirement, and wishing him well on his next endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF RAMONA THOMAS

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Ramona Thomas and celebrate her upcoming retire-

ment on June 3, 2019. Ramona has dedicated 29 years to serving the Permian Basin.

Ramona began her tenure with Permian Basin Community Centers, now known as PermiaCare, as a Staff Accountant in 1990, and almost twenty-nine years later, she will be retiring as the Chief Executive Officer, a position she's held since November of 2014. PermiaCare provides integral mental health, intellectual and developmental disability, and substance-abuse disorder services, and Ramona's leadership in the organization has attributed to their ability to expand into the leading expert in behavioral health and development disability services in the Permian Basin.

In addition to being an integral leader in PermiaCare, she has also served through various capacities in numerous professional organizations. Ramona has also gone above and beyond as an active leader in the community. She regularly volunteers with the Rotary Club, Leadership Midland, the Midland Behavioral Health Leadership Team, and the United Way of Midland.

I worked directly with Ms. Thomas during my time on the Board of Directors for Permian Basin Community Centers, during which time she was the Chief Financial Officer. I found her to execute her work precisely, and she led her agency to be ranked consistently as one of the best in Texas. I'll always remember Ms. Thomas' personable demeanor, unquestionable talent, and as a joy to work with. On behalf of the 11th District of Texas, congratula-

tions to Ramona Thomas on her retirement. I look forward to seeing what she will accomplish in this next chapter.

JEWEL FAHRIG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Jewel Fahrig is a student at Wayne Carl Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jewel Fahrig 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 Jewel Fahrig 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.