

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.