

sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Mr. Detweiler, in addition to his wife, survivors include two sons Scott Reed Detweiler and Keith Michael Detweiler; two daughters, Bonnie Detweiler Shor and Jeannie Detweiler Miller; and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of National Commander William M. Detweiler.

BLAKE HAGAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

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

Blake Hagan is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Blake Hagan 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 Blake Hagan 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 RECOGNITION OF JOHN
BAYLISS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Bayliss of Bayliss Boatworks from Wanchese, North Carolina. John is the leader of a team who every day applies their experience and unique craftsmen touch in creating perfectly crafted vessels for their unique clientele.

Bayliss Boatworks was established in 2002. With a fishing background, self-motivated John, and his team built the company from the ground up. John and friends were able to draw up a number of contacts from the sportfishing community to begin their brand-new shop to create their exquisite boats used for fishing, travel and entertainment. John turned his passion into a profession. Since the establishment of the company, Bayliss Boatworks has risen to become one of the premier boat craftsmen in the world. I am fortunate to have known John for many years and be witness to the dedication he has for his family, colleagues, and Bayliss Boatworks.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of John Bayliss as he and Bayliss Boatworks celebrate 17 years in operation. May God bless John and the operations of the Bayliss Boatworks, and I look forward to seeing their excellence for many years into the future.

HONORING GERARDO OLIVERO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Gerardo Olivero to the people of the State of New Jersey. His numerous achievements through hard work and dedication inspire generations, old and young. To this day, he motivates his community to achieve their own American Dream.

Of humble beginnings, Gerardo Olivero was born in Avellino, Italy, the youngest of 11 children. The Olivero family moved to Tripoli, Libya in 1939 and worked tirelessly on the land given to them, however, this peaceful life did not last. In 1943, the Olivero family was forced to evacuate Italian Libya due to World War II. They left their new home behind, sought shelter in a refugee camp in Sicily, Italy, and returned back to their hometown of Avellino.

In 1952, Gerardo's father, Constantino, immigrated to the United States and three years later, the rest of the family made the same journey. The seven-day voyage from Naples to Manhattan not only reunited Gerardo with his father, but also opened a world of new opportunities. Making a home in Paterson, New Jersey, Gerardo attended Central High School, where he diligently studied English.

Gerardo worked many jobs to help support himself and his family. His first and most pivotal job was in a coat factory; at the beginning of his career he learned the fundamentals of persistence and gratitude that would make him a role model for his community. While visiting Italy in 1967 for the first time since leaving, Gerardo met and later married Dina Della Salla on October 22 of that year. The two returned to the United States and settled down in Paterson. In 1973 Gerardo became a businessman in his own right, opening a coat factory, which stayed in business for 28 years until his retirement in 2001. This was one of Gerardo's greatest achievements, second to that of raising his family with his loving wife.

In 1955, Gerardo began an active membership in the Roma Club, formed numerous life-long friendships, became Vice President in 1972, and went on to serve as President from 1982 to 2014. With the Roma Club being a second family to him, Gerardo still frequents the club and keeps his Italian heritage alive as a participating member, whilst residing in his Pompton Plains home of 43 years and enjoying being a proud father and grandfather.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated individuals like Mr. Gerardo Olivero.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Gerardo Olivero's family and friends, and the residents of the State of New Jersey in recognizing his outstanding character and service to his community.

EZEKIEL HATFIELD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

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

Ezekiel Hatfield is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ezekiel Hatfield 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 Ezekiel Hatfield 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, due to delayed flights on April 1, 2019, I was in transit and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 137.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ OF POMONA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Deputy Chief Hector Rodriguez of the Pomona Police Department. After almost 30 years of dedicated public service to the people and communities of the City of Pomona, Deputy Chief Rodriguez is finally retiring and will be sorely missed.

Before officially working for the department, Rodriguez formed part of the Pomona Police Explorer program in 1982. His remarkable career with Pomona Police Department began on January 2, 1990 as a Patrol Officer. Four years later, Rodriguez was promoted to the rank of Police Investigator to the Gang Unit and the Homicide Unit. Then, in 2005, he was promoted to Sergeant.

During his time in law enforcement, Rodriguez joined the Neighborhood Enforcement Team and LA Impact Task Force. These teams focused on quality of life issues. LA Impact specifically focused on uniting federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County to investigate major crimes and the dismantling of major drug trafficking organizations. Additionally, Rodriguez served on the Pomona Police Department's SWAT Team for 18 years.

In recognition of his excellent service, Rodriguez was promoted to Lieutenant as he returned to the Investigative Services Division. Then, he was Captain for the Operations Division. Two years later, Rodriguez became the Deputy Police Chief, which he served as for the rest of his distinguished career.

His admirable character and confident approach left an indelible mark at the Pomona Police Department. His dedication to the profession, the community, the Department and the City of Pomona is highly commendable and has earned him the esteem of the men and women of the Pomona Police Department.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Deputy Chief Hector Rodriguez. His decades of commitment and contributions to the City of Pomona are worthy of commending and admiration.

SAMUEL HERNANDEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

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

Samuel Hernandez is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Samuel Hernandez 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 Samuel Hernandez 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 THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COACH BOB HALLBERG

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bob Hallberg and recognize his tremendous impact on our community, most recently as the Women's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director at St. Xavier University in Chicago. Coach Hallberg's dedication to his athletes and his love for the sport is nothing short of extraordinary. Despite starting his career over 50 years ago, Coach Hallberg still considers his retirement to be an early one. His commitment to his profession and his players throughout his distinguished tenure stands as an example to all educators striving to make a positive impact on the student-athletes they mentor.

After playing basketball throughout his studies at Leo High School and later the Chicago

Teachers College (Chicago State), Coach Bob Hallberg began his career coaching boys' basketball just down the street from my childhood home at Chicago's Kennedy High School in 1966. From there he went on to coach Men's Basketball at St. Xavier University, Chicago State University, and the University of Illinois, Chicago. In 2000 he came back to St. Xavier to become the university's first—and so far only—Women's Basketball coach. In addition, Coach Hallberg spent many years as St. Xavier's Athletic Director.

Coach Hallberg has been honored with induction into multiple Halls of Fame, including St. Xavier, Leo High School, the University of Illinois-Chicago, the Chicago Catholic League, the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA), and Chicago State University. Meanwhile, his former players remember him for his endless encouragement and someone who would stop at nothing to mold a player into the best version of themselves.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Bob Hallberg. It is not often you come across a person who so encompasses inspiration, sportsmanship, and professionalism. I congratulate Coach Hallberg on his distinguished accomplishments, thank him for his service, and wish him and his wife Linda nothing but good health and happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ENDEAVORS

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. HURD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50-year anniversary of Endeavors. Since its start in 1969 as Urban Ministries, Endeavors has provided comprehensive and effective support services for children, families, and our nation's veterans.

As an organization, Endeavors aims to empower people to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities through services like career training, crisis intervention, homelessness prevention, childcare, emergency case management and employment assistance for individuals with disabilities. The organization provides critical support to over 16,000 people each year and makes a positive difference in communities across the country.

On behalf of the Twenty-third Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Endeavors on their 50th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 2, 2019 during roll call no. 140, on ordering the previous question for H. Res. 274, consideration of S.J. Res. 7 and H. Res. 271. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 141, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 274, consideration of S.J. Res. 7 and H. Res. 271, and suspension

authority. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 142, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 540. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 143, on approving the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND SAMSON "SKIP" ALEXANDER

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Reverend Samson "Skip" Alexander, a New Orleans pastor and civil rights leader who befriended and worked alongside Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., photographed Dr. King's life and career and was present during some of the Civil Rights Era's pivotal moments. He passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at the age of 88.

Rev. Alexander graduated from Gilbert Academy and Booker T. Washington High School in New Orleans. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree at Clinton University and a doctorate in theology at A.P. Clay Theological College. Rev. Alexander became an active minister in the 1970s and he preached at churches throughout the city. He was associate minister at Christian Unity Baptist Church. In 1957, Rev. Alexander attended the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in New Orleans. At a meeting at the New Zion Baptist Church in Central City, Dr. King was elected president of the group, which would go on to become one of the most important organizations in the civil rights movement.

Rev. Alexander marched with Dr. King during many of the marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, seeking voting rights for African-Americans. During the marches in 1965, Rev. Alexander suffered a bump to the back of his head from a state trooper's baton.

Rev. Alexander's friendship with Dr. King and his interest in photography led him to capture the civil rights icon's life and career on film. He also captured an iconic photo of King's widow, Coretta Scott King, sitting in the front row of her husband's 1968 memorial service, holding their daughter Bernice on her lap.

In addition to his work with civil rights causes, Rev. Alexander was also a labor organizer and led striking workers in Memphis and New York. Also, he was involved in many 1960s New Orleans sit-ins and demonstrations seeking to integrate Canal Street lunch counters and department stores and efforts to desegregate the U.S. Custom House on Canal Street. As an Air Force veteran, he led the effort to desegregate an Air Force base near Denver, Colorado.

Balancing his time with the civil rights movement, Rev. Alexander continued preaching well into his 80s. He also hosted a radio show on WBOK and was involved in politics as a member of the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee.

Rev. Alexander loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be