

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