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I extend my deepest congratulations to Reyna E. Frias for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING KIRSTJEN NIELSEN
AND HER SERVICE TO OUR
COUNTRY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and her years of service to our country as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

It is no secret that we are in uncharted territory when it comes to our security, both at home and abroad. Whether in the realm of cybersecurity, border security, or counterterrorism, Secretary Nielsen has been integral in protecting the lives of hundreds of millions of Americans. And while the crisis at our Southern border and terrorist threats grab the headlines, I would also like to thank Secretary Nielsen just as much for her leadership in responding to hurricanes that have devastated the Carolinas the past few years.

Secretary Nielsen has shown profound leadership and unwavering dedication as the Secretary of Homeland Security. Our country is facing a humanitarian and security crisis at our Southern border Secretary Nielsen has been dogged in taking on the Herculean task of addressing these unprecedented challenges. Yet, she has always conducted her duties with professionalism and poise. Secretary Nielsen's determination to act in the country's best interest will be extremely tough to replace.

In her early career, Secretary Nielsen served as Special Assistant to the President as Senior Director for Prevention, Preparedness and Response under President George W. Bush. After serving in the private sector as the founder and president of Sunesis Consulting LLC, she answered the call to serve again and became Chief of Staff to the then-Secretary of Homeland Security, General John Kelly and then White House Deputy Chief of Staff. While our nation has demanded so much of her, Secretary Nielsen has risen to the occasion each and every time.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen for her incredible dedication and service to our country upon her departure as Secretary of Homeland Security.

RECOGNIZING DR. TANIA ISRAEL

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Tania Israel for her Congressional Women of the Year Award and for all the incredible work she does to improve the quality of life on the Central Coast.

Dr. Tania Israel is a Professor of Counseling Psychology at UCSB who has provided leadership in the Santa Barbara community and beyond for decades. In 2010, Dr. Israel collaborated with several Santa Barbara nonprofits to lead a community-based participatory research project which surveyed the LGBTQ community about their perceptions and concerns, which led to a mandatory 5-hour workshop on LGBTQ issues for all sworn police officers in the City of Santa Barbara. The workshop almost immediately proved to significantly improve relations between police and the LGBTQ community.

Most recently, Dr. Israel has designed and presented a two-hour interactive workshop, titled Beyond the Bubble, to help participants engage in productive dialogues across political lines by building their skills in active listening, managing emotions, and perspective taking. Hundreds of people in Santa Barbara County have taken advantage of Beyond the Bubble in workshops delivered to the Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP, the Santa Barbara Progressive Coalition, Congregation B'nai B'rith, and a League of Women Voters community forum, among others. Dr. Israel has not charged any of these organizations or their participants for her time and expertise, instead describing the workshop as her offering to our community.

SAMUEL TRUJILLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samuel Trujillo for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Samuel is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Samuel 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 Trujillo for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE GAY AND LESBIAN
ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASH-
INGTON, DC

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of representing the oldest continuously functioning Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) organization in the United States. Today, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 48th anniversary of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C. (GLAA).

GLAA is Washington's premier LGBTQ organization. Washingtonians know that GLAA champions the District of Columbia's full and equal rights. It calls for stronger enforcement of D.C.'s comprehensive landmark Human Rights Act of 1977. GLAA helped form and marshal the grassroots coalition that resulted in the enactment of the District of Columbia Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act. D.C. recognized same-sex marriages five years before the Supreme Court's decision in Obergefell v. Hodges.

GLAA advocates on behalf of LGBTQ youth and seniors. It demands the right of equal treatment for transgender individuals by the police and access to culturally competent healthcare. GLAA educates local officeholders and office seekers on LGBTQ issues. It also nurtures and builds coalitions with other constituencies to advance LGBTQ causes and to defend the District's autonomy.

At its 48th anniversary reception on April 18, 2019, GLAA will recognize the 2019 Distinguished Service Awards recipients:

Center Global, a program of the D.C. Center for the LGBT Community. Matt Corso and Eric Scharf co-founded Center Global in 2012. Under their guidance, Center Global supported nearly 300 asylum-seekers through this nation's immigration processes. The asylees come from nations on the African continent, Eastern Europe, Russia, the former Soviet bloc, Southeast Asia and the Caribbean.

Center Global follows a unique model. It provides access to healthcare, legal assistance, financial support, and most importantly, a safe LGBTQ peer community that is often unattainable in D.C.-area diasporas. Its program includes case-management services; monthly support dinner and volunteers meetings; community and Capitol Hill education and outreach initiatives; partnerships with the Human Rights Campaign and D.C.-area social support and asylum organizations; and the annual May fundraising reception. Center Global is a volunteer-staffed program, led by its executive committee (Tom Sommers, Chair, and Eric Scharf, Vice Chair) under the D.C. Center's administrative umbrella.

Compassion & Choices led the lobbying for the D.C. Death with Dignity Act of 2016, which became law in 2017. Compassion & Choices envisions a society that affirms life and accepts the inevitability of death, embraces expanded options for compassionate dying and empowers people to choose end-of-life care that reflects their values, priorities and beliefs. It is a nationwide organization that works to ensure that healthcare providers honor and