

her young female employees, many of whom today hold executive positions throughout the country. And for the last eight years as executive director of Leadership SLO, Sandi has taken her talents to an even larger stage. Sandi is first to raise her hand when help is needed, proud to speak up on topics needing a voice and is a woman who always, truly always, keeps the greater good firmly in her sight.

TRIBUTE TO JOELLE DOBROW—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Joelle Dobrow of the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

After graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in film and television, Ms. Dobrow became a pioneering activist in Hollywood. At a time when women simply didn't have opportunities to produce and direct films, Joelle and five other female directors set out to make a change. The "Original Six," as they've come to be known, decided to get organized in the fight against sexism and together, they formed the first Women's Steering Committee of the Directors Guild of America. Decades before the Me Too movement forced a Hollywood reckoning, Dobrow and the Original Six spearheaded the first entertainment industry lawsuits against feature films studios for discrimination against women and ethnic minorities.

Ms. Dobrow and the Original Six received the recognition for their important activism efforts with the recent book *Liberating Hollywood* and upcoming documentary *This Changes Everything*, which features Joelle along with Meryl Streep and Geena Davis as feminist crusaders in Hollywood.

Joelle's groundbreaking leadership is apparent in her television career as the first woman Producer/Director for the bay area television station KTEH, and later, the first woman Associate Director/Stage Manager at KABC-TV in Los Angeles. She continued to have an accomplished career as a television producer and director, including working for *Noticiero Estudiantil*—for which she won an Emmy—and *Good Morning America* among many others. She also helped produce live events such as *TV Goes to the Hollywood Bowl* and *Hollywood Remembers the Blacklist*.

Fifteen years ago, Ms. Dobrow founded the Edendale Library Friends Society (ELFS) in her neighborhood of Echo Park and has since led the organization as President. Joelle and the ELFS serve as a vital bridge between the Los Angeles Public Library, elected officials, Echo Park Neighborhood Council, other nearby non-profit organizations, and the local community. In addition to her volunteer service with ELFS, Joelle also served on the success-

ful Yes on Measure L campaign, a measure which permanently increased library funding for the City of Los Angeles.

In 2013, Ms. Dobrow received an Executive Master of Arts in Arts Management from Claremont Graduate University. She was recently the recipient of the Drucker Women in Leadership Fellowship, the Ahmanson Fellowship, and an Altrusa Richardson grant.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Joelle Dobrow.

IN RECOGNITION OF EAST-  
HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL'S 'WE  
THE PEOPLE' TEAM

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the students and advisors of Easthampton High School's 'We The People' team for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievement. These individuals prevailed over a number of highly skilled competitors to earn first-place honors in the Massachusetts 'We The People' academic contest for the second year in a row. They have accordingly earned the distinction of representing the Commonwealth in the 32nd 'We The People' national finals this month in Washington, D.C.

The annual 'We The People' tournament is a wonderful opportunity that brings bright young people together to learn about and debate issues of great importance in today's world. The students of Easthampton High School's team not only displayed exceptional commitment, ability, and character in preparing for and winning the statewide competition this winter, but they have also worked even harder this spring as they have looked forward to competing in the national competition. They have been preparing to testify at mock congressional hearings, demonstrate their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, issue statements on a variety of topics related to our country's political and historical heritage, and field complex questions from a panel of expert judges. There is no doubt in my mind that they will find this whole experience uniquely valuable for years to come.

This year's Easthampton High School 'We The People' team have been led by their teachers Kelley Brown and Taylor Dadmun who have provided crucial guidance and instrumental mentorship. The outstanding work performed by this group is a testament to the value of quality teachers in the Massachusetts public school system. The victorious students are Kerissa Bilski, Joseph Brough, Kunden Chumego, Samuel Colenback, Benjamin Dameworth, Sophia Fiordalice, Corinne Gawle, Joseph Hwang, Madeline Kleeberg, Cassidy Marowitz, Abigail McMahon, Jaquelline Perez, Madison Rinker, Madison Rodriguez, Trevor Waldron, Hanna Wauczinski, Christopher Williams, and Mohamed Zabir. The team's student coaches include Lucas Patton, Vinnie Catalano, and Fernando Tenesaca.

Madam Speaker, I would like to once again acknowledge Easthampton High School's 'We

The People' academic team for their superb achievements. Strong civic education is the foundation of our democracy and these inspiring students have exemplified the finest qualities of informed citizenship. I am proud of this group, and I wish them all the best in their upcoming national competition as well as all their other future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL FED-  
ERATION OF PUBLIC AND PRI-  
VATE EMPLOYEES AND ITS 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Federation of Public and Private Employees (FOPE) as it celebrates 25 years of fighting for American workers.

The National Federation of Public and Private Employees represents over 15,000 public sector employees in Florida who work for our colleges and universities, our counties and municipalities, and our school board and law enforcement agencies. Additionally, FOPE represents numerous private sector employees across the United States in the fields of aerospace, automotive, forestry, and parking and transportation.

The right to collective bargaining is vital for strong labor and safety standards. Since passage of the National Labor Relations Act in 1935, employees have had the right to organize and determine whether they wish to have unions to represent them. As a result of this organizing, union members earn 28% more in yearly wages, are more likely to have employer provided health insurance, and enjoy more secure pension benefits than their counterparts.

Madam Speaker, the benefits of FOPE's efforts reach far beyond its membership, improving the working conditions and compensation of workers across the board. For this, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking FOPE and its current President, Dan Reynolds, on their 25 years of service to workers in my district and across the country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed the following votes. I had intended to vote "yea" on roll call vote 157, "yea" on roll call vote 158, and "aye" on roll call vote 159.

IN RECOGNITION OF BAYLISS  
BOATWORKS

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bayliss Boatworks of

Wanchese, North Carolina, a team who every day applies their experience and unique craftsmen touch in creating the perfect vessels for their clientele. They are world renowned for exceptional attention to detail and building boats the right way. Team Bayliss Boatworks is over 100 strong and are all experts in their trades. Every step of designing and building boats is done in house with total attention to honoring their customers. They build the most effective, efficient, and well-built sportfishing boat in existence.

Bayliss Boatworks was established in 2002. The team was able to immediately draw up a number of contracts to begin their brand-new shop to create their exquisite boats used for fishing, travel and entertainment. Each boat is custom made to fit the needs and preferences of each client. These boats begin as a jig until it surpasses benchmarks like the "Whiskey Plank," hull rollover, and engine install. From there, the boats will have their cabins installed, flybridge and mezzanine build-out, interior cabinetry construction, paint, sea trial, and lastly, delivery to the client. The hard work of the employees can be seen on the water around the world. Since its establishment in 2002, Bayliss Boatworks have received mentions in magazines such as Marlin, being classified among the top builders in the world. It is a prestigious honor to be considered among the world's best boat craftsmen. The Team at Bayliss Boatworks is a family with each member respecting and valuing their colleagues that are always striving to be better and set the standard for the boat building industry. They are focused on building the best sportfishing boats in the world and with assuring that all of the needs of their customers are met.

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

ORIANNA LANGILL

**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 Orianna Langill 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. Orianna is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Orianna 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 Orianna Langill for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CLAY HIGGINS**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 157; NAY on Roll Call No. 158; and YEA on Roll Call No. 159.

RECOGNIZING BILL MCGAHAN,  
FOUNDER OF GEORGIA WORKS!

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill McGahan, founder of Georgia Works!, for the life changing impact he has made on countless men in the greater Atlanta area.

Bill McGahan founded Georgia Works! in 2013 based off his fundamental belief that every life has value, and virtually every person can be given the tools and habits to make their lives better. With the ultimate goal of achieving self-sufficiency, Georgia Works! strives to end homelessness, criminal recidivism and dependency among chronically homeless men in Atlanta through programs that ensure personal development in good habits, work ethic and character.

By helping participants gain stable employment and housing, Georgia Works! offers homeless men a second chance at life. Through personal support, case management, and workforce training, as well as AA/NA classes, GED classes, support in obtaining a driver's license, help setting up a bank account, and life skill preparation courses, the program works to set them up for long term success.

Thanks to Bill McGahan's leadership, Georgia Works! has graduated more than 600 men. Even more impressive is the fact that the program has accomplished this major milestone without accepting a single dime of government funding.

While Georgia Works! is among his most prominent accomplishments, Bill McGahan's love for and dedication to his community stretches far and wide. Bill has been involved in many organizations and non-profit boards including: The State of Georgia Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission; Atlanta Area Co-Chair of the Steering Committee for the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry; From Houses to Homes; Atlanta Academy; The Howard School, The Paces Civic Association; and The National Foundation for Facial Reconstruction.

As we celebrate Second Chance Month, I'm incredibly proud to recognize Bill McGahan for his dedication to providing men with an opportunity for a second chance. On behalf of the people of Georgia, I commend him for his service and I thank him for his steadfast commitment to bettering our communities.

TRIBUTE TO SOFIYA FIKHMAN—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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OF CALIFORNIA

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Born in the Ukraine in 1939, Sofiya was two years old when the war between the Soviet Union and Germany began. During World War II, she and her family, along with thirteen strangers, lived in the Bershad ghetto in a one-room tenement. After the Soviet army freed the ghetto in 1944, Sofiya and her family returned to Savran in 1945, where they lived until 1952, thereafter moving to Moldova to join her father's family, where she pursued her education at a medical college to become a nurse.

Sofiya married her husband, Shmil, in 1958, and they had two children. Upon completing her degree that same year, she began work in a children's hospital as a supervisor until 1967; then worked in early childhood education, retiring in 1988 to help raise her grandchildren. Ms. Fikhman was over fifty years old when she and her family moved to the United States in 1991, with the dream of creating a new life in a new country. She worked as a caregiver for the elderly, babysitter, and volunteered in her free time.

A tireless and dedicated volunteer, Ms. Fikhman has always enjoyed being of service to people in the community. She joined the Association of Holocaust Survivors from the Former Soviet Union in 1996, and two years later, started volunteering for the organization and undertook various tasks including answering telephone calls, curating events, assisting new immigrants, and visiting survivors in care facilities and hospitals. She expanded her volunteer work by visiting several Jewish day schools, where she educated young people about her experience during the Holocaust. Ms. Fikhman became a member of the City of West Hollywood Russian Advisory Board in 2006, where she continued to plan cultural events and assist immigrant families. Presently, Sofiya is a staunch volunteer at the City of West Hollywood's Russian Language Public Library.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Sofiya Fikhman.