

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 regretfully 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