

Troop 501 has produced many Eagle Scouts over the last century.

For one hundred years, Boy Scout Troop 501 has been instilling the ever-important values of good conduct, respect for others, and teamwork in all members of the troop. Those who are fortunate enough to be a part of Troop 501 can attest that this incredible organization builds lifelong friendships, fosters an appreciation of the natural world, and provides quality leadership skills.

It is my pleasure to honor Boy Scout Troop 501 for one hundred years of dedication to community engagement, service, and leadership. I ask all members to join me in commending their efforts.

HONORING GRACIE PARRISH,
FOUNDER OF THE SHELTER
FOUNDATION

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 22, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the achievements of Mrs. Gracie Parrish, who is being honored by The Chamber of Northwest Douglas County as a “Woman Who Soars.”

On December 31, 2017, Gracie was startled awake by ‘The Knock,’ the nightmare of every law enforcement family member. Deputies proceeded to tell her that 29-year-old Deputy Zack Parrish, her husband of 8½ years and father to their 4-year-old Caroline and 18-month-old Everly, had been killed in the line of duty.

Upon reflecting on her journey as a police officer’s wife, she recognized the need for

brotherhood and sisterhood among those who are directly affiliated with the law enforcement community. This led her to start The Shelter Foundation, a non-profit organization to guide and assist the families of law enforcement officers through the trials often associated with a law enforcement career.

The foundation provides education to officers and their families, a protected and positive forum for social support, and a place for officers and their families to foster friendships and find community through like-minded social events and consistent connection. They firmly believe the best time to build a firm foundation is before tragedy strikes; however, if tragedy becomes reality, they will stand with those families.

Described as a pillar of strength for inspiring others with her courage, poise and perseverance, there are few others deserving of such an honor. I congratulate Mrs. Parrish for receiving recognition as a “Woman Who Soars.”