

Willis, Sonny, Ezra, Millie, Rachel, and Margaret endured the unspeakable hardships of slavery. Even after slavery was legally abolished, injustices in education, employment, and law enforcement have had an impact on African Americans in our society. Despite this, communities of strength and virtue have prevailed, as we bear witness today at this Moye family reunion.

While this is the 39th annual Moye family reunion, it is the first one being held in Buffalo, and the city is honored to be the site of celebration for a family with such rich history and traditions. Family members descending from Eugene and Minnie, Daisy and Joseph, and Georgia and Neb live in Buffalo today. Moye family members began moving to Western New York as early as the 1930's, and thanks to the Moye Family Historian, Gregory Moye, we are able to recount some aspects of the family history today.

The Moye family is the embodiment of a virtuous family with a rich history of obstacles that ultimately led to great perseverance and triumph. Family members from all around the country have traveled and sacrificed to be here today, for the simple and beautiful reason of celebrating family with one another. Buffalo is honored to have been called home for many members of the Moye family and I would ask my colleagues to join me in extending a warm welcome to each member of the Moye family and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable successful celebration this year and for generations to come.

HONORING ANDREA AGUILAR FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrea Aileen Aguilar, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Andrea joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual's outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Andrea installed a bicycle rack and a repair station with sidewalks and landscaping at the National Historical Park—Resaca De La Palma Battlefield in Brownsville, Texas. Andrea worked with local businesses to secure labor and material. I am proud of her work ethic and ability to improve community access to an historic landmark through this project.

It is a great honor to recognize Andrea Aileen Aguilar for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

RAISE THE WAGE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, working Americans are rightfully concerned with their salaries and wages. H.R. 582, the "Raise the Wage Act" was an attempt to address this issue by increasing the minimum wage up to \$15/hour. Unfortunately, this is not the right approach. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) stated that this could result in the loss of up to 3.7 million jobs.

Incremental increases in the federal minimum wage are appropriate, and I was proud to support West Virginia's recent increase of the minimum wage to \$8.75/hour. But the fact is, H.R. 582 did not account for regional differences in cost of living. \$15/hour may work for places like Manhattan and San Francisco but would devastate small businesses in the Mountain State.

Further, such a drastic increase in the minimum wage would harm those workers that this bill claims to help. CBO has estimated that of the millions of jobs lost, 46 percent will be young workers and 38 percent will be those without a high school diploma. For every person lifted out of poverty by this bill, another 1 to 3 jobs would be put at risk.

If Democrats in Congress are serious about addressing issues surrounding the minimum wage, they should have proposed legislation that accounts for regional factors and slowly increases it to a more reasonable level, instead of pushing a one size fits all 107 percent increase nationwide. Unfortunately, this legislation would have been unworkable for West Virginia and I was given no other choice but to oppose it.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SUZANNE EATON

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Dr. Suzanne Eaton, an American biologist who was murdered in Greece on July 2nd. Dr. Eaton worked at the Max Planck Institute at Dresden University in Germany, where she was a leader in the field of molecular biology. Her colleagues described her as a woman with an insatiable curiosity and a humble, loving heart.

The legacy she leaves behind is not one of sorrow. Instead, it is a legacy of discovery. Dr. Eaton's work advanced our understanding of the building blocks of life, and in doing so, provided an invaluable contribution to the understanding of humankind. For this, and for her, we are grateful.

Today, it is my hope that we can remember here in this chamber her work, her life, and her legacy.

HONORING ABIGAIL ELIZABETH ROCHA FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Abigail Elizabeth Rocha, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Abigail joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual's outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Abigail built five libraries, three in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico and two in Brownsville, Texas. An avid reader, Abigail excelled in her goal of providing both communities with access to books. I applaud her vision and ambition as she diligently worked on both sides of our border to get the communities involved in this project. Her imagination and leadership helped improve educational opportunities for children and families.

It is a great honor to recognize Abigail Elizabeth Rocha for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

DAN BRENNAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chief of Police Dan Brennan for his many years of service to the City of Wheat Ridge and surrounding communities.

For almost 15 years, Chief Brennan has served the Wheat Ridge community and the City's police department. Chief Brennan became Chief of Police in 2005, but his commitment to his community started long before then. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from local colleges before graduating from the 208th Session of the FBI National Academy, the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) Senior Management Institute for Police, the University of Denver Public Safety Leadership Institute, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leading Police Organizations Program.

Chief Brennan has been recognized for many of his achievements with the Medal for Meritorious Service, Medal for Distinguished Service, the Police Service Award, Police Officer of the Year, and the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police Ralph Smith Professional Innovation Award. Chief Brennan's dedication