

1319 and the many volunteers who coordinated to make this new veteran's park a reality.

The park was proposed in 2014 and since then, many groups have come together to help accomplish this project. The American Legion Post 1319 helped compile the list of veterans from Lewis that participated in each war that the United States has been involved in since the Revolution. Those names were then etched into brass plaques that will be the focal point of the park. The entire community came together to assist with the construction, fundraising and planning, with local businesses also contributing to the effort.

This is a perfect example of the community spirit that makes the North Country so special. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank all those who contributed to this amazing effort to honor our veterans. I look forward to this park being a place where future generations can come and reflect on the service and sacrifice that has kept our nation safe.

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GREAT PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT 2019

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2019*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, in honor of America's heroic veterans, the Honor Flight Network conducts annual trips to Washington, D.C. This is the first ever High Plains Honor Flight, following the conclusion of the Northern Colorado Honor Flight which had taken more than 3,000 of our nation's heroes to visit and reflect at their war memorials over the past decade. On September 15, 2019, High Plains Honor Flight Northern held an Honor Flight that gave many of our courageous veterans this extraordinary opportunity. I am pleased to recognize the September 15, 2019 Honor Flight honoring World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans of Colorado.

Madam Speaker, those who participated in this flight are as follows:

World War II: Charles Assmus, Clarence Carlson, John Dutton, Gordon Norton, Willis Sibley.

Korean War: Michael Abramovich, George Edinger, James Forrest, Alan Gates, Charles Hall, Jason Laguna, Richard Lindemann, Richard McCown, James McWilliams, Gerald Mitchell, Erlis Morse, John Oliver, Bernard Pisciola, Donald Price, Earle Ridgeway, Richard Stoltzfus, Wayne Tobey, Johnny West, Benjamin Zimmerman.

Korean War & Vietnam War: Robert Davison, Gerald McDuffee, Jed Pancoast.

Vietnam War: Ronald Adams, Ronald Albers, Leon Bartholomay, Richard Belt, Hal Bennett, Kenneth Blum, Clyde Bullard, Jr., Kenneth Butcher, Jan Carlson, Allan Cazer, Terry Chandler, Spencer Chapin, Daniel Crego, James Crowell, James Davies, Robert Delva, William Dowling, Gerald Ecker, Carl England, Thomas Evans, Ricky Farrier, Markton Gadbury, Roy George, Don Gooding, Jack Hall, Calvin Hamilton, Robert Jacobson, Charles Jett, Larry Johnson, Daniel Katze, James Keeler, Gene Keys, Daniel King, Raymond Kirchner, Jr., Damian Kisner, Richard Knight, Terrence Kullborn, Dale Langholz, Noel LaRose II, Harvey Lawson, Richard Lawson,

Robert Loner, Jerald Lucas, Antonio Luna, Thomas Mason, Tony Mathias, Bobby Matthews, Charles McConnell, Timothy McGinnis, Allen Meyer, Blythe Miley, Richard Miller, Thomas Mitchell, Robert Montgomery, James Morgan, Richard Morris, Paul Niebel, Larry Odegard, Carol Jean Padilla, Theron Parlin, David Patterson, Mark Patterson, Robert Pennington, Randall Peonio, Arturo Perez, Floyd Peterson, Christopher Petroff, Linda Pickett, Gary Pitt, Donald Posselt, Richard Ranabargar, John Rasmussen, Robert Righi, Gary Schuler, Curtis Shaffer, John Shaffner, Lee Sherbenou, Donald Simmons, Jerry Skelton, Richard Smith, Richard Smith Jr., Jimmy Spence, Donald Spotanski, Roger Stocker, Thomas Tedesco, Virgil Treadway, Ted Turner, Thomas Wartella, Arthur Weidner, Mark Williamson, Garry Wilson, William Woolman, Darell Zimbelman.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

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PAM FEELY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Pam Feely for receiving the 2019 Board Member of the Year Award from the West Metro Fire Protection District.

Pam has served on the Board of Directors of the West Metro Fire Protection District for 10 years. During her tenure, she has provided strong leadership through a number of significant changes, including a transition in Fire Chiefs.

During the District's merger with the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District in 2016, Pam served as the lead negotiator and initiated the idea of including former Wheat Ridge Board members on the Board for West Metro. Pam was key to ensuring a smooth transition and successful merger of the two districts for the benefit of the local community. In addition, Pam was instrumental in her foresight of the impact of the Gallagher Amendment on the financial sustainability of the District. She worked to identify a solution to a major challenge facing the District and, in 2018, helped lead the District's efforts in a successful campaign to stabilize the District's budget.

From understanding the importance of the District and its board members within the community to working to ensure all District staff feels appreciated and valued, Pam's excellent leadership and ongoing dedication is invaluable to the District and the community it serves. I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Pam Feely for her service to the West Metro Fire Protection District and to our local community. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ELIS A. BARRETO ORTIZ

**HON. GEORGE HOLDING**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2019*

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Sergeant 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz, who was killed in the line of duty earlier this month.

Sergeant Barreto Ortiz grew up in Morovis, Puerto Rico. Following in the footsteps of his father, he joined the Army in 2010 and was assigned to the 259th Transportation Battalion. In 2013, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was deployed to Afghanistan for a nine-month stint. Four years later, he graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School and was assigned to the 82nd Brigade Support Battalion of the 82 Airborne Division based out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

This past June, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz left for his third deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan. His mission was to support and operate alongside a contingent of special operations forces.

On Thursday, September 5th, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was killed in action when his vehicle was hit by a suicide car bomber. Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was 34 years old and is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

He is described by those who knew him as a kind and compassionate leader who was proud to serve his country.

During his distinguished and decorated career Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was awarded the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Good Conduct Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Action Badge, the Basic Parachutist Badge, the Army Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Sergeant Barreto Ortiz's death is a painful reminder of the enormous sacrifices our service members and their families make to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

While Sergeant Barreto Ortiz will be dearly missed, he will not be forgotten. May he rest in peace, with the humble thanks of a grateful Nation.

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HONORING HIGH PERFORMING BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA'S 39TH DISTRICT

**HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, Jr.**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2019*

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to congratulate two schools in California's 39th Congressional District. Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School have been recognized as Exemplary High Performing Schools by the Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools program. This honor is a direct reflection of the culture of academic excellence built from the combined efforts of students, faculty, parents, volunteers, and local communities.

Acacia Elementary School of Orange County's Fullerton School District owes its distinction to a myriad of innovative teaching and