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RECOGNIZING JEFFREY MEYERS

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2019*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeff Meyers, Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NHDHHS), for his many years of service and leadership in state government, including his four-year tenure as Commissioner.

Prior to joining NHDHHS, Jeff previously served as an Assistant Attorney General for the state's Department of Justice, as well as the New Hampshire Senate's legal counsel, and as chief counsel to former Governor John Lynch. During Jeff's time with NHDHHS, he was the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, leading the agency's efforts to implement programming, strategies and services. In 2016, Jeff was nominated by Governor Maggie Hassan and confirmed by the New Hampshire Executive Council as Commissioner of the state's largest agency.

As Commissioner, Jeff has managed significant initiatives including the implementation of the state's bipartisan New Hampshire Health Protection Program, which expanded access to health insurance for thousands of underserved Granite Staters. In addition, he negotiated a federal waiver to support the capacity of the state's behavioral health system and has promoted the integration of mental health and substance use disorder services with medical care. I commend Jeff Meyers for his leadership as NHDHHS Commissioner, his commitment to our state and wish him all the very best in his professional endeavors.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Jeff Meyers for all he has done to better health and well-being in our state and look forward to our future work together.

RECOGNIZING GREGORY GROVE  
FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CON-  
GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-  
MENDATION

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2019*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gregory Grove of Eureka, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Grove is a veteran of the United States Navy. He served from 1983 to 1984 as a Diesel Engine Technician.

Mr. Grove is best known for his coaching of the local Special Olympics team. His passion and dedication to children has made a huge impact in the community. Mr. Grove leads with a tender heart and truly loves being a positive influence on our youth. He has been involved

with the Big Brothers program, Boy Scouts, 4-H, and coached Little League baseball. For ten years he has coached for Special Olympics. He's also an incredible Santa Claus. If you saw Mr. Grove, you could tell why his smile makes every little face he sees light up during Christmas time. He is also a member of American Legion Eureka Post No. 74 and plays an important role in the Highway Fatality Marker program in Lincoln County.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Gregory Grove for his service to his country and community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LORI TRAHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2019*

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, on November 15, 2019, my vote was not recorded on the McAdams amendment to H.R. 4863 (Roll Call No. 619). I would like to reflect how I intended to vote: YEA on Roll Call No. 619.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. AYANNA PRESSLEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2019*

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, due to business that took me off the House floor on November 15, 2019, I was unable to vote in time to express my support of the McAdams amendment to the United States Export Finance Agency Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 619.

RECOGNIZING DONALD  
HELMBRECHT FOR THE 2019 MON-  
TANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN  
COMMENDATION

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2019*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donald Helmbrecht of Victor for the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and dedication to veteran causes in his community.

Mr. Helmbrecht served in the U.S. Army for seven years, spending time in both Vietnam and Korea. Mr. Helmbrecht received multiple commendations during his military service including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

His dedication to his country and community continued after his time serving in the Army. Mr. Helmbrecht serves on the American Legion Honor Guard with Corvallis Post 91 where he helps maintain the American Legion roadway cross program, as well as veteran crosses. Additionally, he is an active volunteer in his church, and for many other community activities.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Donald Helmbrecht for his service and dedication.

CELEBRATING PATHWAYS EARLY  
EDUCATION CENTER OF  
IMMOKALEE'S 55TH ANNIVER-  
SARY

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2019*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in recognition of American Education Week, I rise today to congratulate Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee on celebrating their 55th anniversary and to commend them for their dedication and exemplary service to Southern Florida.

Originally named Immokalee Child Care Center of Immokalee, Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee was founded in 1962 by members of the Church Women United, who recognized a need for childcare facilities in their community. At the time, working parents, specifically migrant workers, were left with few options for childcare. This led to parents having to make a difficult decision—leave their children unattended or take them to the fields during the workday. Both options posed significant dangers for these children. Knowing that this practice cannot continue, dedicated members and community groups worked together to raise funds and open a facility, which immediately served twenty-five children.

Since its founding, Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee has not strayed from its mission of providing quality education and developmental services for the children of Southern Florida. Presently, Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee serves 125 students from diverse backgrounds and continues to grow. Their curriculum centers on developing critical social, emotional, linguistic and academic skills for their students to ensure that each child has the ability to meet age-appropriate milestones. However, understanding that children need more than just in-classroom teaching to be successful, Pathways plays an active role in supporting children and their families after the school day ends. They identify students who need additional assistance and partner with agencies who provide them with access to mental health services, food and shelter needs, and healthcare options.

Having had the privilege of working with Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee for a number of years, I continue to be impressed by their steadfast commitment to each and every child they teach. It cannot be stated enough how important early childhood education centers, like Pathways, are for empowering students to reach their full potential. I am proud that Florida's 25th Congressional district is home to such a dedicated childcare center.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee for their fifty-five years of service to Southern Florida and the Immokalee community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable organization.