

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GLOVE CITIES VETERINARY HOSPITAL FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THOMAS B. CONSTANTINO ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARD

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Glove Cities Veterinary Hospital for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Thomas B. Constantino Entrepreneurial Award.

Glove Cities Veterinary Hospital, led by Dr. Mark Will, has built a strong reputation thanks to its kind and professional staff and their commitment to offering high standards of care. The practice was established in 1939 by Dr. Mark "Doc" Crandall in Gloversville and now employs eight licensed veterinary technicians and two client service representatives. Glove Cities Veterinary Hospital is highly involved in the community, conducting an annual Shelter Supply Drive to support the local shelter pets. The practice's mission is "to promote responsible pet ownership, to communicate compassionately as we educate our clients, and to nurture a longer, more comfortable, and better quality of life for our patients."

Glove Cities Veterinary Hospital is a staple of the Gloversville community and on behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank and congratulate Dr. Mark Will and his team for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

CELEBRATING LOU MAIELLO'S  
100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. MAX ROSE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Lou Maiello's 100th birthday.

Born in 1920 to his Italian immigrant parents Elena and Benjamin, Lou is the fourth of seven siblings. He attended PS 78 and Benjamin Franklin High School, then moved out to Idaho as a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Eventually Lou moved back to New York City to work for a series of construction companies. At the Rockefeller Construction Company, he met the love of his life, Nancy. Nancy and Lou will celebrate their 64th anniversary in June.

Although Lou retired in 1990, he has kept himself busy. An avid golfer, Lou won the Staten Island Senior League Club Championship against a man 43 years his junior. He followed up his victory a week later with the first hole in one of his golfing career.

During his retirement, Lou learned to paint while watching Bob Ross on PBS. His artwork now hangs in the homes of his friends and family. Lou is also known for his gardening skills, often sharing his harvest with the neighbors.

Lou and Nancy moved to Staten Island in 1960 from the Bronx. They raised their four children, Anne Marie, Barbara, Robert and Rick, in Westerleigh. Lou's children are all proud of their father and thrilled to be celebrating this huge milestone together, and I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating with them.

I wish Lou a very happy 100th birthday surrounded by his loving family.

### BEYONDHOME

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize BeyondHome for receiving the 2019 Non-Profit of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

For 30 years, BeyondHome, formerly Colorado Homeless Families, has been helping working families who are experiencing homelessness or who are on the verge of becoming homeless by helping them through difficult periods and ultimately to achieve self-sufficiency for life. BeyondHome housed its first family in December 1988. As of December 2019, it has housed 543 families with children. Of those, 446 families have graduated from BeyondHome achieving full self-sufficiency, including purchasing their own homes, graduating from tech schools, colleges or universities, and increasing their income.

Today BeyondHome's specific services include affordable housing, career development, counseling, direct financial assistance and resources, and group classes focused on job readiness, nutrition and cooking, parenting or recovering from domestic violence. In 2016, BeyondHome expanded their services to include private trauma-informed therapy for parents and children. Every adult served by BeyondHome is required to complete courses in life skills, parenting, healthy relationships, financial literacy and much more.

BeyondHome continues to play a critical role in the lives of working families. Congratulations on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber, and I extend my deepest appreciation for their contribution to our community.

HONORING CRYSTAL GROVE DIAMOND MINE & CAMPGROUND FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BARBARA V. SPRAKER TOURISM PARTNER AWARD

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Crystal Grove Diamond Mine & Campground for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Barbara V. Spraker Tourism Partner Award.

Crystal Grove Diamond Mine & Campground offers visitors a unique and memorable North Country camping experience. In the mines, visitors can personally sift and dig for Herkimer Diamonds, which are only found throughout Herkimer County and the Mohawk Valley. These diamonds are precious to collectors worldwide and recognized for their unique properties and beauty. The grounds also attract campers, who are drawn to the spacious and quiet upstate setting, which is dotted with hardwood trees and traversed by the bubbling Timmerman Creek. Billie Jo and Joel Davis are on-site managers for both the Crystal Grove campsite and mines. The couple was asked to manage the property by their dear friend, owner Marion "Bessie" Bartlett, who passed away in January of 2018. The site is now owned by Bartlett's children, Christopher Evans and Madigan Evans Rollins.

Crystal Grove Diamond Mine & Campground showcases the natural beauty and treasures of the North Country for all to see. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Billie Jo Davis, Joel Davis, Christopher Evans, Madigan Evans Rollins and their entire team for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER  
TORRANCE MAYOR KEN MILLER

### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Ken Miller—a beloved husband, father, and grandfather—who passed away on January 19, 2020 at the age of 97. Ken was a beloved community member who formerly served as the Mayor of the City of Torrance in my congressional district.

Born on August 20, 1922 in Torrance, California, Ken remains the only Mayor of Torrance to have been born in Torrance. After graduating high school in 1941, Ken joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and served in China,

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Burma, and India during World War II. Upon the conclusion of the war, Ken returned to his education, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from Occidental College. He later received his teaching credential from the University of Southern California. Shortly after receiving his credential, Ken discovered a love for real estate and founded Ken Miller Realty. Ken met his wife, Judy, in 1952, and they married that same year.

Ken's career in local government began with his service on the Torrance Planning Commission from 1960 to 1962. Ken went on to serve as a City Councilmember from 1962 to 1970. Following his service on the City Council, Ken was elected Mayor in 1970. Ken served two terms as the Mayor of Torrance, leaving office in 1978.

During his tenure as Mayor, Ken successfully spearheaded efforts to impose a two-term limit on the mayoral office through changes to the City Charter. The City of Torrance also owes much of its park space to Ken and his efforts to acquire land for public use. While in office, Ken helped to establish the Torrance Sister City Association, a program that aims to foster relationships between two different countries. Through his efforts, the City of Torrance developed a relationship with the City of Kashiwa, Japan that still exists today.

After ending his political career, Ken cofounded South Bay Bank in 1982, serving as a chairman until 2007. Ken's civic service commitments extend to his presidency of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, his board membership at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, and his presidency of the Switzer Center Board of Directors. In 1990, the City of Torrance honored Ken with the Jared Sidney Torrance Award.

Ken is survived by his wife, Judy, their three children, Randy, Jim, and Cathy, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson, whom I hope take comfort in the way Ken lived his life serving the city that he loved. Torrance loved him back. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

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 DWAYNE CAMERON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dwayne Cameron for receiving the 2019 Ambassador of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Dwayne has shown incredible commitment to the Arvada Chamber and the Arvada community through his role as an Arvada Chamber ambassador. As an ambassador, he consistently attends events and meetings and offers support and a friendly face to other business owners. It is clear Dwayne has a deep understanding of the local business community and is invested in the success of businesses in Arvada.

In addition, Dwayne contributes to the Arvada community through his ownership of the Minuteman Press, a full-service marketing and print and design company based in Arvada. With years of experience and unparalleled expertise in the print industry, Dwayne and his staff offer a variety of offerings—from business

cards and brochures, to labels and calendars—but always reliable service and affordable prices.

Congratulations to Dwayne for this recognition from the Arvada Chamber, and I extend my deepest appreciation for his contribution to our community.

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**HONORING DR. DEXTER CRISS FOR HIS WORK WITH THE PLATTSBURGH STATE GOSPEL CHOIR AND THE LIFE OF HIS SON, DALTON CRISS**

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Dexter Criss for his work with the Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir and the life of his son, Dalton Criss.

Dr. Dexter Criss is an Associate Professor of Chemistry and Music Director at SUNY Plattsburgh. He has been involved with the Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir since 2001. The choir actively performs on campus, in the community, and throughout the region. They average 25 appearances each year in settings including colleges, campus events, K-12 schools, churches, memorial services, weddings, and other community events. For many years, Dr. Criss has led the choir during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events. Sadly, Dr. Criss is not leading the choir in remembrance of Dr. King this year.

Dr. Criss' wife Barbara and his son Dalton were involved in a serious car accident. On August 20th, Dalton tragically passed away from his injuries at just 18 years old, while Barbara remained in critical condition in Burlington. Dalton had just graduated from Peru High School and was planning on beginning his first semester at SUNY Plattsburgh the very next week. Dalton was an accomplished football player and wrestler for Peru High School, winning the Section VII title in the 285-pound class his junior and senior years. He also took after his father in his musical ability, playing drums and bass for the Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of Glens Falls.

Dr. Criss' absence is a further reminder of this tragedy that has rocked the Plattsburgh community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Dr. Criss for his amazing work and honor the life of his son, Dalton. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

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**CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF SANDRA FERNIZA**

**HON. RUBEN GALLEG0**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Sandra Ferniza's service to the community of Phoenix. After 5 years of working in my District Office as the Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Director of Constituent Services, Sandra is retiring. I am grateful for her many years of dedication to our state.

Constituent casework provides Congressional offices with a unique and vital opportunity to engage with individuals in the moments that they need us most. From passport applications to grant proposals, Sandra has connected with constituents and guided them through problem-solving processes, many of which involve federal agencies. She has used her own wealth of experience and connections in all sectors of the Phoenix community to help our office and go above and beyond in helping our constituents, organizations and local government entities.

In addition to her work in our office, Sandra has an illustrious legacy of breaking barriers for the Latino community. She has helped Latinos win groundbreaking elections at many levels of government, provided visibility as a Latina leader within the banking and investment world, and served as the CEO of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Throughout her long and varied career, two consistencies that stand out are service and leadership. Her professional commitment has been matched only by her dedication to her family and friends. She has selflessly cared for multiple ailing family members and serves as a model of a value-driven life for her extensive network of younger family and friends.

I am grateful to have worked alongside Sandra for the entirety of my time in Congress. While I wish her only the best in her retirement, she will also be missed. She has been an asset and an advocate that I have been grateful to have on my team. Her selflessness, attention to detail, and determination are remarkable traits that have allowed her to advance good in Arizona over the entirety of her career.

On behalf of myself, the countless constituents of Arizona's seventh district that she has helped, and the entire State of Arizona, I want to express my gratitude for the service of Sandra Ferniza. I have no doubt that she will continue to be a leader within the Phoenix community. We will thank her by continuing to dedicate ourselves to constituent services and the improvement of as many lives as possible.

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**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ**

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of a resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Today, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. On this day in 1945, Allied troops entered the Auschwitz concentration camp and liberated the more than 7,000 still-living prisoners.

During World War II, the Nazi regime systematically killed approximately 6 million Jews, as well as millions of other minority populations. At least 1.3 million of these people were deported to Auschwitz, 1.1 million of whom were murdered.

Today, we not only remember the Jewish lives cut short by the heinous crimes perpetrated by the Nazi regime, but we honor the

nearly 80,000 Holocaust survivors still living in the United States and telling their stories to ensure that the adage “never again” is realized.

Anti-Semites in America and around the world continue to invoke Nazi ideology and use symbols like the swastika to vandalize synagogues and Jewish institutions. This resolution emphasizes the importance of Holocaust education in schools, urges Federal agencies and the American people to commit to addressing unchecked intolerance and prejudice, and encourages Federal and local social services agencies to support Holocaust survivors so they may live their remaining years in dignity and comfort.

I thank my colleagues, Congressmen TED DEUTCH and LEE ZELDIN, for leading this bipartisan resolution with me, to the 98 original co-sponsors of the resolution, and to over a dozen American Jewish organizations who have endorsed it.

I urge my colleagues to join with me and pass this important resolution.

THE CAREER LINKS TEAM AT JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Career Links Team at Jefferson County Public Schools for receiving the 2019 Behind the Scenes Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Jeffco Career Links is a one-stop resource providing tools and building connections between classrooms and careers for industries and schools. Career Links supports the work-based learning opportunities for Jeffco students to ensure their experience is connected to learning targets and real-world experience. The Career Links team is committed to providing support for Jefferson County schools in order to support quality programming and successful career paths for every student.

The Career Links team has been integral in positively shaping conversations with local partners around the skills and knowledge needs to improve Arvada and Jefferson County’s local talent pipeline leading to economic mobility and skill alignment for the future workforce in our community. By connecting and collaborating with industry partners, Career Links helps Jeffco Public Schools train and prepare the future workforce. Their works makes a long-lasting impact on the success of Jeffco students, builds meaningful connections with the local business community, and helps grow the local economy.

Congratulations to the Career Links Team at Jefferson County Public Schools for this recognition from the Arvada Chamber, and I extend my deepest appreciation for their contribution to our community.

HONORING DOLLAR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION CENTER FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FMS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Dollar General Distribution Center in Amsterdam for receiving the FMS Workforce Development Business of the Year Award for Montgomery County.

The Dollar General Distribution Center has a new state-of-the-art and highly efficient facility that was built to support their growing network in New York and throughout the northeast. Dollar General has garnered a great reputation for their commitment to the community and producing quality products that promote a cleaner environment. Strong partnerships are key to developing a great workforce, and Dollar General has worked closely with the Amsterdam Career Center to recruit and interview prospective employees. Additionally, they have held successful hiring events that have attracted hundreds of job seekers from the surrounding community. Dollar General has made significant contributions to community organizations in the North Country, including \$5,000 to the Workforce Career Center and a donation to the United Way in Amsterdam to help support their mission.

The commitment Dollar General has made to the community and workforce is significant and on behalf of New York’s 21st District, I would like to thank and congratulate Elijah Braemer and the entire staff for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

RECOGNIZING SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA’S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS FOR 2019

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, the following individuals have attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of boy scouts achieve this rank after a lengthy review process.

Name	Troop No.
Adam Jason Chast	5
Aj Olczak	121
Alex Vincent Hudzinski	607
Alexander John Peppiatt	71
Alexander Spear	71
Andrew Friedman	82
Andrew John Lapiere	24
Andrew Joseph Coleman	91
Andrew Michael DiDomenico	147
Andrew Prock	24
Andrew R. Iannacone	10
Andrew Schmitz	19
Andrew Seth Van Siclen	52

Name	Troop No.
Austin Cervasio	36
Avi A. Gajjar	10
Avishan Q. Bewtra	10
Benjamin Armagost	48
Benjamin Vouk	210
Brady Christopher Stergion	230
Brandon Michael Dorsey	29
Brandon Switzer	71
Brendan Skowronek	24
Brogan Donovan	87
Caleb Kisler	30
Caleb Y. K. Cho	542
Carl J. Stine	14
Carl Sebastian Di Giorgio	52
Christopher Gasiewski	29
Christopher Rowan Haskell	147
Colby Ryan Detwiler	91
Cole Michael Stanely	6
Cole Schenkman	29
Colin McGuire	5
Connor Crawford	137
Connor James Eirich	210
Daniel Featherstone	22
Daniel Schmid	24
Daniel Strobel	71
David McGee	547
Dean Taipale	137
Eric Nawrocki	229
Ethan Engelman	41
Ethan Marschean	99
Ethan Patrick McKale	153
Evan Magee	137
Evan Veiga Wadley	30
Ezra Greenberg	30
G. Fearghas Evanick	178
Gabriel John Hagen	178
Gabriel Lloyd	3
Gary Gibson	30
George Vicente	36
Gerritt Alt	29
Gunner Lee Mullin	36
Henry Price	14
Isaac Danuloff	27
Jack Armagost	48
Jack Collins	29
Jack Kraynak	303
Jack Monaghan	87
Jack Stuckey	27
Jack Walsh	102
Jake Allen Anderson	29
Jake Armbruster	10
Jake Robert Pepe	547
James Cullen Jr.	385
James Eric Lande	52
Jared John Loeper	147
Jayden Riexinger	27
John Andrew Horgan	29
John Burkett Yates	30
John Gerard Barry	230
John J. Roache	99
John Williams Joyce	547
Jordan Steel	172
Joseph Kroszner	187
Joseph P. LaMorte	10
Joseph Roger Peller	5
Josh Jablonski	36
Joshua Michael Ware	607
Joshua N. Maier	178
Justin Harnishfeger	19
JV Fluehr	36
Kyle Horn	210
Kyle Macik	27
Louis F. Schmid III	24
Luke Alexander Ramalho	145
Luke Eric Andre	5
Matthew Corso	48
Matthew Davies	29
Matthew Hannum	24
Matthew Jacob Humbert	30
Matthew Nurse	24
Matthew Thomas Finn	380
Matthew Walters	169
Myles Collier	36
Nestor Beltran	14
Nicholas Cebula	542

Name	Troop No.
Nicholas Corraera .....	6
Nick Tony Erisman .....	36
Nicolas James Kollas .....	52
Niklaas Owen Jimmink .....	169
Owen Neal .....	24
Owen Wasitewski .....	185
Patrick Getty .....	3
Paul Nicholas .....	52
Paul W. Hand .....	13
Pierce McKelvey .....	24
Raymond Slifer .....	87
Robert Buchman .....	147
Russell Abernethy .....	153
Ryan Edward Doyle .....	210
Sam Hezel .....	153
Sean Grant .....	36
Sean Ryan .....	48
Shree Kumar .....	99
Spenser Haslam .....	137
Stefan Paul Cutrone .....	380
Stephen Grant Brown .....	145
Stephen P. Daniels .....	380
Szymon Bartnik .....	147
Thomas Alesi Jr. ....	547
Thomas Barrett .....	82
Thomas Giampa .....	36
Thomas James Plunkett .....	230
Thomas John Black .....	123
Tucker Andrew Smith .....	99
Tyler Gary Hunsperger .....	30
Tyler Simmons .....	123
Will Russell .....	52
William Bednarz .....	380
William G. Handwerk .....	178
William LaBelle .....	1
William Robert Jack .....	36
William Samuel Ketner .....	610
Zachary Chan .....	16
Zachary Jared Chast .....	5
Zachary Gutherman .....	82
Zachary Michael Taub .....	147

#### LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of Limb Loss Awareness Month. Over 2.1 million Americans live with limb loss or difference, and over 500 Americans lose a limb every day. The number of Americans living with limb loss or difference is projected to rise to over 3.6 million by 2050.

April is an appropriate month to designate as Limb Loss Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration. I encourage everyone to learn about the issues affecting people with limb loss and express gratitude to families and caregivers who are a source of support and motivation.

Finally, I salute our veterans who have lost their limbs in service to this country or in retirement.

KEVIN GARCIA

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kevin Garcia, Communications Supervisor at Jeffcom 911, for his excep-

tional performance and contributions to our community and for his recognition of an Industry Professional by the NG911 Institute.

Kevin is one of 20 Communication Supervisors at Jeffcom 911, overseeing the day-to-day operations of a large Communications Center and the management of 118 Emergency Communications Specialists. As a dispatcher of 23 years, Kevin played a critical role in Jeffcom 911's first 18 months of operations since launching as the new consolidated regional communications center. Kevin was one of the select few line-level personnel involved in the integration of eight public-safety answering point (PSAP) and 24 agencies that serve 600,000 residents and produced a call volume of 971,254 emergency and non-emergency calls.

Kevin was instrumental in using his experience for developing organizational policy and user guides for a multitude of systems, including individual training for major upgrades on the 'Safe-to-Tell' software—which was particularly time sensitive for informing local School Resource Officers of potential threats to staff and students within Jefferson County. Kevin worked hand-in-hand with the IT department with the development and functionality of the CAD system at Jeffcom 911 from the start when the operations floor was an empty shell all the way through construction and set-up to the state-of-the-art facility it is today, resulting in an enormous resource of information and guidance for the 150 Jeffcom 911 staff. In addition to his technical acumen, Kevin is equally valuable to the Jeffcom 911 staff for his leadership in personnel matters and does a tremendous job managing a difficult watch schedule, assessment of trainees on the floor and providing in-the-moment guidance to employees on organizational policy, Kevin is truly a force-multiplier for management as a leader on the operations floor and has solidified himself as the "go-to" Supervisor for guidance on any issue.

Over the past year, Kevin has also served as an instructor in the Jeffcom 911 Academy, a six-week course for training new Emergency Communication Specialists, where he has provided over 40 hours of instruction and brings both experience and great passion to the training. Congratulations to Kevin for earning recognition as an Industry Professional from NG911, and I extend my deepest appreciation to Kevin Garcia for his leadership and contributions to Jeffcom 911 and the Jefferson County community.

HONORING CG ROXANE LLC FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FMS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR FULTON COUNTY

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CG Roxane LLC for receiving the FMS Workforce Development Business of the Year award for Fulton County.

Since 2013, CG Roxane LLC has been bottling and shipping Crystal Geyser Alpine

Spring Water in a state-of-the-art facility located in Johnstown, NY. In addition to the Johnstown plant, CG Roxane owns and operates eight other water bottling plants in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, and California. Last year CG Roxane became the first U.S. beverage company to open a plant dedicated to manufacturing bottles from recycled materials, specifically recycled polyethylene terephthalate. CG Roxane's new bottles will soon be made entirely of this recycled material; closing the sustainability loop. CG Roxane is also dedicated to hiring local. Their Northeast Regional Human Resources Manager, Amy McCray, has been working with the Workforce Career Center staff in placing job seekers. Amy posts her facility's job openings with the centers and has actively attended both recruitments and job fairs.

CG Roxane demonstrates the commitment to sustainability and community mindedness that the North Country prides itself in. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate the entire CG Roxane LLC team for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

BIG BEAR LAKE CITY MANAGER  
JEFF MATHIEU RETIRES

### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and service of Big Bear Lake City Manager Jeff Mathieu, who will retire from his position on January 27, 2020.

Before coming to Big Bear Lake, Jeff Mathieu served the cities of Santa Monica and Long Beach for a combined 31 years. He came to Big Bear Lake in 2006, where he immediately hit the ground running. He has been responsible for numerous capital improvement projects, including major street improvements, the construction of new trails, the upgrade of city parks, and the creation of the iconic Boulder Bay Park. Additionally, Mathieu spearheaded the Village Renaissance Project which transformed the Village "L" into one of the most popular attractions in Big Bear Lake.

Jeff Mathieu has been an outstanding city manager, and I am grateful to have had the pleasure of working with him during my entire career in Congress and the California State Assembly. He truly embodies the term public servant, and his leadership, experience, and dedication to improving Big Bear Lake will be sorely missed.

IN MEMORY OF FIRE CHIEF TIM  
TITTLE

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Tim Tittle, the Fire Chief for the City of Lewisville, Texas. He served with the Lewisville Fire Department for over four decades and was named Fire Chief in 2011. His lifelong commitment and dedication

to the fire service will continue to be an ideal of servanthood and integrity for his colleagues.

Under his leadership, Chief Tittle was responsible for oversight of the 155 fire fighters who compose the Lewisville Fire Department. As Fire Chief, he oversaw the department's response to over 11,000 incidences annually in the City of Lewisville from eight fire stations.

Chief Tittle was born and raised in Lewisville, and he graduated from Lewisville High School in 1974. He played basketball and was captain of the varsity baseball team. Years later, he was named to the Lewisville High School Hall of Fame in recognition of his accomplishments both as a student and for his public service as an adult.

Chief Tittle was a "Fireman's Fireman;" he joined the Lewisville Fire Department in 1977 and worked his way up the ranks, serving in nearly every position within the department. He had the distinction of being one of the city's first paramedics and fulfilled a lifelong dream and reached the pinnacle of his career when he was named Lewisville Fire Chief in 2011.

Tim Tittle was married to Lisa for more than twenty years and raised two sons. According to their proud and loving father, these young men were the greatest accomplishments of his life. Chief Tittle passed away on January 20, 2020 after a courageous battle against leukemia.

Since being diagnosed in 2013, he aggressively battled the cancer into remission several times.

His leadership, professionalism and dedication will not be forgotten in the City of Lewisville and Denton County. Chief Tim Tittle's devotion to his profession and his fellow firefighters was absolute and his service to the community made it a safer place to live and work. His service and leadership will be deeply missed.

## JACK'S & STEAMERS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack's & Steamers for receiving the 2019 Business of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Jack's & Steamers owners—Jack and Athan Miller and Scott Parker—not only run a successfully and lively restaurant and coffee shop in Arvada, they also give individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to have meaningful employment. Adults with developmental disabilities can gain hands-on experience and training in their prep kitchen and elsewhere in the restaurant.

From their humble beginnings of two employees to their current payroll of over 120 employees, they continue to grow their mission by offering meaningful employment and expanding their business portfolio. One of their new business offerings includes A Different Kind of Jam, their own line of gourmet specialty jams, jellies and pie fillings using only the freshest natural ingredients.

Jack's & Steamers continues to prove it's possible to run an enterprising and sustainable

business while also focusing on employing adults with development disabilities. Congratulations on the recognition from the Arvada Chamber, and I extend my deepest appreciation for their contribution to our community.

## HONORING CENTURY LINEN & UNIFORM FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CENTENNIAL BUSINESS AWARD

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Century Linen & Uniform for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Centennial Business Award.

Century Linen & Uniform is a legacy company headquartered in Fulton County since 1915. The company was founded in Gloversville as Robison & Smith, and the name was changed in 2015 to mark a new era for the "next 100 years" of the company. Today, the company has over 400 employees operating out of three locations, including a brand-new facility in Fulton County. They serve a range of customers, including acute healthcare facilities, surgery centers, nursing homes, assisted living centers, doctors' offices and other businesses throughout New York State and western Massachusetts. Their weekly laundry output, now at 500,000 pounds, is expected to rise to over one million pounds in the future. CEO Richard Smith attributes the success of Century Linen "to hard work, consistency with our business philosophy, focusing on our core values and having a properly trained and educated workforce."

Century Linen and Uniform has been providing jobs and investment to our communities for 105 years. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Richard Smith and the entire Century Linen & Uniform for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

## MARKING NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK 2020

### HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark National School Choice Week and recognize all the students in Indiana's 2nd District.

I believe every child in America should have access to a high-quality education in a safe and welcoming environment. Nothing should stand in the way of a child receiving a world-class education, and parents should have the ability to make decisions about their children's education.

School choice gives students the opportunity to find the path to success that works best for them, especially in the face of obsta-

cles in their own school district. Look no further than the examples set in my community in northern Indiana, where students cross district lines to attend public schools that offer programs not available in their own school district. These programs equip students in Indiana with the tools to succeed and set them apart from their peers. Hoosier families have the freedom to put their children first so they can achieve their goals.

Education is power, and all Americans have the right to tap into that power and put their best foot forward. It is important that our state and local governments are equipped to ensure teachers, students, and school administrators have the resources and tools they need to learn, teach, and grow.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I affirm that National School Choice Week is critical in the fight to ensure our children have limitless potential and bright futures.

## HONORING THE JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and its Western New York Chapter upon its fiftieth anniversary. For years, this organization has been the leading global organization to fund Type One Diabetes research, and I am honored to recognize their work today.

Type One Diabetes is an autoimmune disease that causes the pancreas to stop producing insulin suddenly, and has no link to diet or lifestyle and impacts both adults and children.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation was founded in 1970 upon the desire to cure Type One Diabetes. The organization was founded by parents hoping to find a cure for their children who had the disease. Since that time, the organization has worked to cure this disease that affects so many by raising funds and advocating for research. Currently, there are dozens of locations across the nation and six international affiliates. The organization has raised more than two billion dollars for research.

This organization has done great work throughout the country, including the Western New York Chapter that I have often been involved with over the years. This year, we are glad to also be celebrating the Gala's twentieth anniversary, Journey To A Cure Gala, one of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Western New York's largest fundraisers. This extraordinary event draws about six hundred community members together, united for the cause of raising funds for Type One Diabetes research.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and its Western New York Chapter upon its fiftieth anniversary.

RON SLINGER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Slinger for receiving the 2019 Chairman's Choice Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

The Chairman's Choice is selected annually by the Chairman of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to recognize a member of the community who has shown leadership and outstanding support to the Arvada Chamber.

For more than 10 years, Ron has been a staple of the Arvada and Jefferson County community. During that time, Ron served as Red Rocks Community College's Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Solutions as well as Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Red Rocks Community College Foundation.

Ron's extensive involvement, leadership and contributions in Arvada have resulted in a significant and long-lasting impact in the community. His sense of humor and kindness bring positive energy and perspective to any opportunity he undertakes. In addition, Ron positively impacted the community through active and abundant volunteerism, leadership and advocacy. He is a true advocate for the Arvada Chamber and has fully dedicated himself to the betterment of the community.

Recently Ron took a new position as President of Miles Community College but has left a legacy in our community that will be difficult for anyone to fill. Congratulations to Ron on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber, and I extend my deepest appreciation for his contribution to our community.

HONORING TOWNSEND LEATHER FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDWARD L. WILKINSON INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Townsend Leather for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Edward L. Wilkinson Industry of the Year Award.

Townsend Leather Co., Inc. in Johnstown has been offering high-quality leather products to its customers for the past 50 years. This third-generation-business, founded in 1969 by Albert "Red" Kucel, along with his wife Dorothy and their children, now employs more than 160 partners. They maintain 128,000 square feet of manufacturing space in three buildings on Townsend Avenue, complemented by the recent opening of a 62,000 square foot building on Grove Street. Known by many as "The Stitch," this new space is located in a refurbished 1900s knitting mill. Townsend Leather Co. offers a wide range of residential, hospitality/hotel and corporate applications including

jet interiors, as well as for luxury motor coaches, show cars and yachts in more than 1,000 colors, textures, and qualities.

Townsend Leather Co. is an industry leader and reflects the best qualities of the business community in the North Country. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate the entire Townsend Leather team for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

HONORING DR. JAMES DENNIS

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Dennis, President of McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois, for dedicating a quarter century to strengthening the school's mission and expanding its national profile.

Born in Los Angeles, Dr. Dennis had teaching in his DNA. With both his parents working as teachers, he spent his childhood living on a college campus, where he gained his passion for reading and learning. After receiving a Ph.D. in education and a law degree, Dr. Dennis began his career at the University of Southern California before beginning his tenure at McKendree in 1994. Dr. Dennis has helped transform the local college into a large university with a high percentage of out-of-state and international students. One of Dr. Dennis's most important goals is to create a relationship with every student that he can; he wants them to understand how much he values their success. When he's not focused on administration of university, Dr. Dennis enjoys traveling and spending time with his five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. James Dennis for his commitment to making McKendree University a top destination for young people charting their path for a lifetime of success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROMOTING HEALTHIER LIFELONG IMPROVEMENTS IN FOOD AND EXERCISE ACT OF 2020

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Promoting Healthier Lifelong Improvements in Food and Exercise Act (LIFE Act), which authorizes a national initiative to attack a major health problem in the United States that cannot be remedied through the health care system alone. Increasing rates of overweight and obesity are now found among Americans of every age, race and major demographic group, and threaten the health of Americans like no disease or condition. In fact, the key to eliminating many of the most serious health conditions is not only to reduce overweight and obesity, but also to encourage exercise of all kinds.

The LIFE Act would provide \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion (CDC) for a coordinated national effort to reverse increasingly sedentary lifestyles and diets that are high in fat and sugar. Specifically, my bill would require the CDC to establish the first national strategy to combat the overweight and obesity epidemic. The CDC, either directly or through grants to states or local organizations, would train health professionals to recognize the signs of overweight and obesity early in order to educate Americans about proper nutrition and regular exercise; conduct public education campaigns about how to recognize and address overweight and obesity; and develop intervention strategies for use in everyday life, such as in the workplace and community settings.

In 2017, estimates from the CDC National Center for Health Statistics showed that since 1971 to 1974, the percentage of children and adolescents who are obese has increased from 5 percent to 18.5 percent. The CDC also reports that Type 2 Diabetes, once considered an adult disease, is now widespread among children. The rising cost of the health care system, including insurance premiums, reflects this epidemic. Today, chronic diseases, many of which are caused or exacerbated by overweight and obesity, account for 70 percent of all deaths in the U.S., and 75 percent of U.S. medical care costs. A focused national health initiative would provide guidance to the states to engage in similar programs, as mayors of some cities have done.

A national focus could lead to changes, such as greater participation in high school physical education classes, which dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 25 percent in 1995 and has remained constant through 2015. Changes in nutrition are equally critical because more than half of all young people consume too much fat, a factor in the increase of overweight youth. Data also show an increase in unhealthy eating habits for adults and no change in physical activity.

To cite an example of the need for action, the District of Columbia is one of the fittest cities in the United States, according to a 2019 study by the American College of Sports Medicine, yet even here, obesity continues to be a severe problem. Approximately one-fifth of District residents are considered obese. Most of the obesity epidemic is exercise-and-food-related.

I urge support of this important bill to mobilize the country now before entirely preventable health conditions, which often begin in childhood, overwhelm the nation's health care system.

THRIVE WORKPLACE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thrive Workplace for receiving the 2019 Chairman's Choice Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Since opening in Arvada just one year ago, Thrive Workplace—or Thrive West Arvada—has proved their commitment to the Arvada community. By offering a place for individuals and businesses to come together, they have shown their investment in the success of local entrepreneurs and businesses and their focus

on resiliency, leadership and building community.

The workspace features ample desk space laid out to foster a welcoming, vibrant space where people feel inspired to work, the lively energy that permeates our dedicated and mobile/drop-in desk space is captivating. Our workspaces aim to establish a sense of community and a familiar atmosphere that strives to promote collaboration and innovation. With more than 50 private offices and a number of private phone booths, Thrive's third location also offers a serene escape from the bustling energy of our open spaces. It also offers a 1,400-square-foot training room designed to accommodate a variety of events and is equipped with whiteboard walls and a projector as well as three conference rooms of varying sizes and a private rooftop deck.

Thrive West Arvada has become the "go-to" spot, from lunch-and-learns to corporate training sessions for the whole team, happy hours for networking and so much more, our new venue is equipped with the versatility to meet the needs of teams large and small.

It is also conveniently located near RTD's G Line and I-70, connecting the thriving Arvada community to downtown Denver.

Congratulations to Thrive Workplace for the recognition from the Arvada Chamber, and I extend my deepest appreciation for their contribution to our community.

**HONORING RUGGIERO REALTY LLC  
FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON  
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS  
AWARD**

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruggiero Realty LLC for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and I am proud of the strong small business community in the North Country. Lana Ruggiero, owner of Ruggiero Realty LLC, is a Fulton County native and lifelong resident of Gloversville. Lana holds numerous real estate designations, is a notary public, and has been honored numerous times; including as a top producing agent and REALTOR of the year in Fulton County. She is very active in the community and in various business organizations, currently serving as a member of the Fulton-Montgomery County Regional Chamber of Commerce, President of the Gloversville Women's Alumni Club, and on the board of the Parkhurst Field Foundation. She previously served as treasurer of the Fulton County Board of REALTORS. Heading into her sixteenth year as a REALTOR, Lana attributes her success to her desire to serve her clients as if they were part of her own family.

Lana's deep knowledge and passion for the community has led to her continued success. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Lana and the Ruggiero Realty LLC for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

**HONORING CINDY DACH**

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Cindy Dach, a leader and visionary entrepreneur in Arizona. Throughout her career and in every endeavor she takes on, Cindy has always been tireless in her pursuit to make our community a better place for everyone. Cindy's work was recently acknowledged with the 2019 ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year award, an honor from the Greater Phoenix Chamber awarded to women who demonstrate excellence in leadership, community service, and mentorship.

That Cindy should be awarded an honor in the name of the Greek goddess Athena is fitting. Like Athena, Cindy is a force a nature, who lives her life with fearlessness, bravery, and authenticity. It was these qualities that led her to co-found the Roosevelt Row Community Development Corporation. The organization revitalized a downtown neighborhood into the Roosevelt Row Arts District, now a walkable arts district in Phoenix's urban core, nationally known for its arts and cultural events, rotating exhibits and wonderful local restaurants.

Most emblematic of her spirit of service is Cindy's role as co-founder and CEO of Changing Hands bookstore, a gathering place for people all over the Valley to exchange ideas. The bookstore has served as a touchstone in our community for more than 45 years, and has hosted presidents and leaders including Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Jimmy Carter, and Madeline Albright.

Cindy has also helped inspire a generation of young women to build and create in their own art studios, craft breweries, and boutiques on Roosevelt Row. While Cindy has been a pillar of Roosevelt Row for decades, she is saving space and a saving grace for women in business. Not only does she lend square footage of her own properties, but she also mentors and actively supports female entrepreneurs in the arts district.

I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating Cindy Dach as a leader and entrepreneur behind the helm of a rising Phoenix. I'm grateful for the opportunity to witness her work and to call her a friend.

**HONORING THE POSITIVE  
COMMUNITY MAGAZINE**

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to The Positive Community Magazine for 20 years of promoting African-American culture, values and traditions.

In the late 1990s, Adrian Council, Sr. and Jean Nash Wells wanted to change the way African Americans were perceived in their communities and in the country. They did not like the fact that most of the publicity they

read about African Americans was negative. They started a newsletter, called the Good Newsletter, and filled it with positive stories from black culture. Then they distributed it to churches and other popular gathering places throughout the northern New Jersey and New York area. Eventually, the Good Newsletter became the Positive Community Newsletter.

In 2000, the founders decided to turn their newsletter into a magazine, called The Positive Community, and still contains stories about the people, organizations, and companies that are doing good things in black communities. For example, one of their issues is dedicated to college graduation with photos and descriptions of the graduates.

Today, The Positive Community has evolved into a faith-based lifestyle magazine written for African-American consumers in the New York and New Jersey market. It continues to be focused on the good news reported from churches and communities. The co-founders initial dream to create a balanced medium that accurately reflects the efforts of churches, small businesses, corporations, and concerned individuals to improve their neighborhoods, towns and cities has become a reality. In addition to the monthly publication, The Positive Community co-sponsors church and community events that focus on health and financial literacy-related issues.

On New Year's Day of 2020, the magazine hosted the inaugural Great American Emancipation Day Awards Banquet at the historic Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey to celebrate their 20th anniversary. They presented seven guests with awards to honor their commitment to African-American communities, such as the Torchbearer Award, Servant Leadership Award, and the Community Spirit Award. The event continued the same devotion to respect for the audience as the magazine has shown to its readers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and recognize The Positive Community Magazine for its 20-year commitment to positive publicity for African Americans across the country.

**HONORING LONNIE GILBERT  
NEFOUSE**

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and fellow veteran, Lonnie Gilbert Nefouse, who recently passed away at the age of 73 in Carmel, Indiana.

Early in his life, Lonnie chose a path of service to our country. Lonnie defended our stars and stripes with the courage and selflessness that will continue to make our nation great for generations to come. This is evident in the many honors he was awarded including a Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart.

Not only was Lonnie a patriot, but a pillar of our Hoosier community and a true family man. He valued spending time with his family and served as a role model for future generations through his civic leadership and commitment to country.

The Pence family is lucky to have considered Lonnie a close friend. He was a generous person who will be remembered fondly and greatly missed.

May God rest his soul and bring comfort to his family and friends as we mourn his loss and celebrate Lonnie's life here on earth.

HONORING CREEK'S EDGE ELK FARM & CRUM CREEK CSA FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK, Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Creek's Edge Elk Farm & Crum Creek CSA for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Business of the Year Award.

Creek's Edge Elk Farm & Crum Creek CSA is a collaboration between two local family farms that seek to offer the broader community a wide selection of locally-raised, high-quality, healthy meats. The farms, owned by husband and wife team Israel and Stacy Handy of Handy Hills Farm; and Susan Keith of Creek's Edge, work together to market their products to customers throughout Montgomery and Fulton counties, as well as the Little Falls, Cooperstown and Cherry Valley areas. They have made significant investments in their farms and work tirelessly to ensure that their customers have high confidence in their products. Creek's Edge Elk Farm & Crum Creek CSA takes pride being able to provide the community with meats from healthy, well-cared for animals because as they say, "not everyone is able to raise a steer or pig in their backyard."

Agriculture is an essential component of the economy in Northern New York and Creek's Edge Elk Farm & Crum Creek CSA exemplify the best of North Country agriculture. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Susan Keith, Israel Handy, and Stacy Handy for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

RECOGNIZING MARTIN FERRELL NEVINS

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Martin Ferrell Nevins of Elizabeth City, North Carolina on the occasion of his 100th birthday. A native of Iowa, Mr. Nevins, or "Matty" as he was known to friends, enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1941. During WWII he was a boatswain's mate aboard ships in San Francisco and Alaska. By the end of WWII Marty had advanced to Aircraft Structural Mechanic. He retired from active duty in 1962 as a Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic. From 1962 to 1980 he worked as a civilian at the Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City, and retired as Superintendent of the Aircraft Repair Division. He was then awarded the Distinguished Career Service Award for his 38 years of service to the Coast Guard.

After his retirement, Marty enjoyed spending more time with his wife Helen. He also volun-

teered with Meals on Wheels, served as an officer in his Kiwanis Club, and tutored others in reading, writing and basic math. Matty was quoted as saying: "If you take something from the community, you ought to give something back, and Elizabeth City has given us so much."

Unfortunately, Mr. Nevins is predeceased by his wife Helen who passed away in 2007 at the age of 92; and also by their daughter Christine, who lost her courageous battle with cancer in 2013.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring this incredible veteran and public servant, Mr. Martin Ferrell Nevins.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR THORNTON

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. POSEY, Madam Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I rise today in recognition of Major Milo Thornton, an exemplary constituent of mine and African American Pioneer who has served our community for 23 years in law enforcement.

Major Thornton began his career in 1997, as a correctional deputy with Saint Lucie County's Sheriff Office, under the leadership of the now retired Sheriff Robert "Bobby" Knowles. After a year and a half tenure, he became a patrolman with the Vero Beach Police Department.

Major Thornton quickly rose through the ranks, being hired by Sheriff Roy Raymond at Indian River County Sheriff's Office four years later, becoming sergeant in 2012, receiving assignment to uniform patrol, and in 2016 being promoted to lieutenant, where he was reassigned to criminal investigations. In this role, he was afforded the opportunity to attend advanced training courses that would prepare him for the rest of his career. He worked closely with general assignment detectives, the narcotics division and criminal analysts to get to the bottom of various criminal investigations.

In 2017, Sheriff Deryl Loar promoted Major Thornton to the rank of captain, reassigning him to the Uniforms Operations Division in which he oversaw the operations of all men and women who patrol the county, special operations, including the K9 Unit, Traffic Unit, Agriculture and Marine Unit, among many others. Additionally, he worked with dispatchers in the Communications Unit and the Victims Assistance Unit.

In 2019 he was again promoted, this time to rank of major, where he was to serve in the Bureau of Administration. In this position, he managed aspects of human resources, information technology, homeland security, Judicial Services, and the School Resource Unit, just to name a few.

Major Thornton also serves our community in many capacities outside of his day job, one of which, as an adjunct instructor at Indian River State College, his alma mater where he earned his Associates and Bachelor's degrees. He has worked within their College of Public Safety Training for 14 years now, teaching subjects such as Introduction to Law Enforcement, Criminal Investigations, and Interviewing and Report Writing.

Major Thornton is a member of the International Associations of Chiefs of Police, a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Command Officers Development Course (class No. 80) at the University of Louisville, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Leadership Academy (class No. 28). In his free time, Major Thornton serves as volunteer board member of several charities and non-profit organizations.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in celebration of Black History Month, the Indian River County Board of Commissioners will honor Major Thornton's longstanding service to the community. The Board is dedicated to celebrating African American Pioneers in the community such as Major Thornton, who have paved the way for future generations.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Major Thornton for his dedication to protecting residents and his service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF GAIL STOLL PATTON

**HON. CAROL D. MILLER**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mrs. MILLER, Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gail Stoll Patton, who is retiring from her position as Executive Director of Unlimited Future Inc. Mrs. Patton has been involved in the start-up of many small businesses in the Greater Huntington region. She is a visionary, a dreamer and has left quite a legacy behind for others to enact. She is a friend.

Mrs. Patton is truly a dedicated community member whose work has sought to significantly benefit the life in Southern West Virginia and the Tri-State Region surrounding Huntington. She is happily married to her husband Paul, and they own their own business, Top Hat Ballroom, a social ballroom dance studio. She also has two daughters, Phoebe and Lydia and two grandsons.

Mrs. Patton has devoted much of her life to ensuring the success of small businesses, especially those operated by women and people of color. In 2018, she was instrumental in securing a \$1 million grant from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative to increase economic opportunities in the Tri-State area. This grant went toward improving the economy of 100 local communities.

Mrs. Patton has proven time and time again that she is a true asset to Huntington and the Mountain State. She helped lead the creation of The Wild Ramp, a year-round, non-profit farmers market-based in Huntington, West Virginia. It has already helped support countless local farmers and producers and revitalized the economy in the Central City District. It is because of people like Mrs. Patton who make me proud to represent West Virginia's Third Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Mrs. Patton for this momentous achievement. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in sending her gratitude and best wishes upon her retirement.

HONORING THE CAMP HILL LIONS  
GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON THEIR  
UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Camp Hill Lions Girls Soccer Team for their victory at the PIAA Class A State Soccer Championship, and for their excellence throughout their undefeated, untied, 2019 season.

Led by Coach Jared Latchford—just named the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association “Girls Class A Coach of the Year”—the Lions dominated the season, achieving a stunning overall record of 25–0–0.

This is the Lions’ second appearance in the State Championship in the last three years. They were able to take an early lead in their contest against Shady Side Academy, and hold it throughout the game. Aggressive and selfless offense, vigilant defense, and stellar goalkeeping earned the Lions a 2–0 victory, and their first State Championship trophy.

These amazing athletes are the epitome of remarkable dedication and discipline, outstanding skill, exceptional sportsmanship, and an unyielding team spirit. Their dedication to excellence—to say the least—earned them this Championship.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Camp Hill Lions for their incredible performance. We’re proud of them.

IOWAN OF THE WEEK—DAVID  
WOLNERMAN IN RECOGNITION  
OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE DAY

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David Wolnerman, a survivor of Auschwitz, Birkenau, and Dachau—and Iowa’s last known Holocaust survivor—in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Those extraordinary men and women, like David, who survived the Holocaust have blessed us by sharing their stories and memorializing their experiences for future generations so that we never forget. Today, I am entering just part of David’s story into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so it may be preserved for our children and their children. David was born in Poland. When the Nazis invaded, David was just 13 years old. He was told he needed to report to a work camp in order to save his family, including his mother, Hannah, his brother, Abraham, and his sister, Gertrude. The promise was a false one, as David’s family would not survive.

When David first arrived in Auschwitz, he waited in line like so many others did—awaiting an uncertain fate. Some were selected to go left, some selected to go right. David says that God gave him the right words to say that he was 18 years old, and he was sent to the right. Had he told the truth, that he was 13 instead of 18, he would have been sent left with

the younger children and those who were ill to be sent to the gas chamber. David’s survival was a miracle. He contacted illnesses like typhus. He was so starved that he weighed 80 pounds when he was liberated on April 29, 1945.

After liberation, he lived in a displaced persons camp in Germany where he met his wife, Jennie. Together, they began to physically recover from the malnourishment, but the mental scars of concentration camps have never left David.

David and Jennie came to America in 1950. They didn’t speak English but began working at a printing plant. When they had their two sons, Michael and Allen, all David and Jennie wanted for them was a good education. Both Allen and Michael went to Drake University in Des Moines for pharmacy school, and their parents followed them to Iowa. In 2016, Jennie passed away at age 91. She often shared her memories with Iowa schoolchildren, working to ensure that her story—and the stories of her friends and family who perished—would live on. Jennie is remembered for her loving and generous spirit, her matzo ball soup, and as a loving grandmother and mother. Now David remains the last Holocaust survivor in Iowa.

Jennie and David have shared their stories and wisdom with Iowans for years. We must honor them in return by sharing their stories and taking this day to remember the atrocities of the Holocaust. We must remember those who survived, and those who did not. We must remember the sacrifices made by children, just like David.

HONORING KELLY MONTANYE FOR  
RECEIVING THE FULTON MONT-  
GOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE YOUNG PROFES-  
SIONALS OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kelly Montanye for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Young Professional of the Year Award.

Kelly Montanye, a Mayfield resident, is Manager of Community Outreach & Volunteer Services at Mountain Valley Hospice in Gloversville. Over the course of a year, Ms. Montanye successfully rebuilt the volunteer program, achieving a five-fold increase in membership. As Manager, Kelly orchestrates the details of each public event, managing the communications and marketing for the organization. She is also an active volunteer in the community, where she has served as a mentor to students at HFM PTECH, developed an annual fundraising campaign for the NYS Children’s Foundation, acted as a Relay for Life captain, and served as a Fulton County Habitat for Humanity Board Member.

Kelly Montanye demonstrates the hard working, community minded nature that the North Country is known for. On behalf of New York’s 21st District, I would like to congratulate Kelly for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to her future success.

HONORING HABEEB QUADRI

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and dedication of Mr. Habeeb Quadri, an educator and Superintendent of the Muslim Community Center Academy (MCCA) in Morton Grove and Skokie, Illinois. Mr. Quadri was one of five private educators in the country to receive the National Distinguished Principal award from the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Habeeb Quadri is recognized for his important work in growing the size and status of the MCCA and helping the community be welcoming and inclusive through education. He is also recognized for his work to make MCCA one of the first Islamic parochial schools to receive national accreditation.

Mr. Quadri is always engaged in the classroom and with students. He leads a light-hearted weekly all-school assembly to recognize students for their good deeds and encourage acts of compassion. Mr. Quadri sits with students in the lunchroom, participates in classroom activities, and adds a unique character to the MCCA.

In addition to his role as Superintendent of the MCCA, Mr. Quadri has had a career committed to education and inclusivity. He has served as an educator for both the Chicago Public Schools and Detroit Public Schools systems. Mr. Quadri has also been a committed advocate for the Muslim community, dedicating himself to challenging work in order to provide opportunities for Muslim students to learn about their identity and engage with their community.

I am proud to have the Muslim Community Center Academy in my district and to honor its important role in educating both its students and the community.

Habeeb Quadri is a caring, talented, creative educator and leader, and I deeply admire his dedicated effort to provide a home and a safe place for Muslim students. His commitment to education, inclusivity, and encouraging compassion is honorable. On behalf of the constituents of the 9th Congressional District, I thank Habeeb for his service and congratulate him on his award.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. VAN TAYLOR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2020*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of National Human Trafficking Awareness Month and the dedicated volunteers who work to end modern-day slavery.

As a parent, there is nothing scarier than the thought of children being removed from their families and trafficked. Oftentimes, when we think about human trafficking, we envision terrible situations across the globe. According to the Texas Attorney General, there are currently more than 300,000 victims of human trafficking just in Texas.

As we bring attention to this far too common tragedy, I would like to thank some of the incredible organizations in Collin County who work tirelessly to help survivors.

Traffick 911, CASA of Collin County, Rescue Her, Treasured Vessels, New Friends New Life, and the Collin County Sheriff's office are all helping lead the fight against human trafficking.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking these organizations and recognizing the importance of spreading awareness about Human Trafficking today and every day.

We must continue the battle to keep all children safe.

HONORING MARIA  
PAPANASTASSIOU

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and dedication of Ms. Maria Papanastassiou, a librarian and Kids' World assistant manager at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. Ms. Papanastassiou was one of 10 librarians in the country to receive the national "I Love My Librarian Award" for 2019–2020 from the American Library Association.

Maria Papanastassiou was nominated by her colleagues who felt that through her work, families with diverse needs have found a home and a welcoming, inclusive place at the library. Ms. Papanastassiou works hard to help families connect with one another and receive crucial support.

Ms. Papanastassiou leads play groups for children with Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, sensory processing disorders and language delays. She organizes creative learning opportunities such as story boards with felt characters to help with language development, crafts for fine motor development, instant snow powder for sensory exploration, a circus tent for children who require low-sensory environments, stepping stones for gross motor skills, and activities to facilitate imaginative play. And she instituted "Early Open for Families" so that children of diverse needs can experience library exhibits in a quiet setting before the library opens the door to the public.

In addition to her service to children with special needs, Ms. Papanastassiou created meetups for parents, caregivers, and developmental therapists to get together in an informal setting. She also leads the Arlington Heights Memorial Library's partnership with C.I.T.Y. of Support, a nonprofit that aids families with children in therapy.

My office has worked closely with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library to ensure that our shared constituents receive effective and efficient assistance. My district staff holds regular neighborhood office hours in the library.

Maria Papanastassiou is a dedicated, compassionate and creative librarian and I deeply

admire her conscientious work to provide a safe place and learning environment for families with diverse needs. On behalf of the constituents of the 9th Congressional District, I thank Maria for her service and congratulate her on this award.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2336, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2864, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on information sharing between the Department of Veterans Affairs and designated relatives and friends of veterans regarding the assistance and benefits available to the veterans, S. 524, to establish the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, S. 2594, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify certain requirements with respect to service and retirement for the purposes of veterans' preference for Federal hiring, S. 850, to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans, S. 3110, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 123, to require the Secretary of Vet-

erans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, S. 450, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to expedite the onboarding process for new medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to reduce the duration of the hiring process for such medical providers, S. 3182, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and the nomination of Grant C. Jaquith, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

SR-418

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from the Social Security Impersonation Scam.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine stakeholder perspectives on the importance of the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

SD-406

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine human rights and democracy, focusing on obstacles and opportunities in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region.

LHOB-1334

JANUARY 30

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Africa Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

FEBRUARY 5

9:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the power and purpose of parliamentary diplomacy, focusing on inter-parliamentary initiatives and the United States contribution.

CHOB-210