

the helm of one of the most successful Jewish day schools in the country—illustrates how much can be achieved when one is dedicated to a cause and a community.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Naomi Reem for her work and service and in wishing her and her school continued success.

RECOGNIZING PETTY OFFICER  
KWAME KUSI-APPIAH AS THE  
2020 MARGARET FLOWERS  
AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2020*

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Petty Officer Kwame Kusi-Appiah as the 2020 Margaret Flowers Award recipient. This award goes to military members who have served their communities, apart from their active duty capacity. Petty Officer Kusi-Appiah is a member of the United States Navy, as well as an upstanding citizen of Florida's First Congressional District.

In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have some of the bravest individuals in our nation. Our district has been gifted with a population that is deeply rooted in military service. Petty Officer Kusi-Appiah has shown his willingness to serve our nation through his service with the Navy, being the Leading Petty Officer for the Blue Angels' Supply Department, as well as his willing to serve the community around him.

Petty Officer Kusi-Appiah was the Detachment Leading Petty Officer for the 2019 Winter Training Detachment, and supported 32 different sites during the year. Even though he was on the road for much of the year, he devoted 525 hours to the local Big Brothers program, the United Service Organization, and local elementary Schools. He has also been the mentor to a local second grade student. In addition to volunteering, Petty Officer Kusi-Appiah is the command organizing and certifying official for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, coordinating over 3,000 hours of service to the community and producing 7 awards.

For all of his admirable contributions to our community, I am truly proud to have Petty Officer Kusi-Appiah as a constituent of Florida's First Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Petty Officer Kwame Kusi-Appiah for his many accomplishments, and his commitment to altruism and excellence in our district. I thank him for all of his service and wish him all the best for his continued success.

RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN'S  
DENTAL MONTH

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2020*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, February has been dedicated as the National Children's

Dental Health Month. This is such an important cause and I am pleased to help bring awareness to the value of good oral health in children. Tooth decay is the number one chronic infectious disease among children in the U.S. The impact of not treating decay can lead to other harmful outcomes beyond just oral health. As co-chair of the Congressional Oral Health Caucus, I am pleased to support National Children's Dental Health Month and any activities taking place throughout the month of February.

Give Kids A Smile, which is sponsored by the American Dental Association (ADA) is at the center of National Children's Dental Health Month. Give Kids A Smile day is an important event for all children and dentists throughout the country. Because of this program, the ADA is able to provide assistance to more than 6,500 dentists and 25,000 dental team members, and other volunteers who proudly give their time and effort to make a difference in the health of children. Since this program has started, volunteers have graciously provided services to over 6 million kids across the country, and to all 50 states and the District of Columbia as well. They have truly made a huge impact in their communities and improved the oral health of so many children.

Throughout National Children's Dental Health Month, dentists and dental team members across the country will be providing oral health services for children in need, and this will continue throughout the year. These services will include oral health education, screenings, preventive care and restorative services. Some will provide this in their own dental practice, others will go right into schools and the community to reach the kids that need it most. There are also many major events at dental hygiene schools where hundreds of kids may receive oral health services. Continued public awareness on this issue is so critical. On behalf of the Congressional Oral Health Caucus, I would once again like to state our full endorsement for the month, and push for continued care for good oral health of children.

REINTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO HUMANITARIAN AND SPORTING LEGEND MUHAMMAD ALI

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2020*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, I am proud to reintroduce legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Muhammad Ali in recognition of his contributions to our nation. I believe it is long past time to recognize an American civil rights activist and sporting legend with Congress' highest honor. Unfortunately, Congress failed to act before The Champ's death in 2016, at the age 74, so I ask my colleagues to join me now in honoring an American hero. Over the course of his illustrious career, Muhammad Ali produced some of our nation's most lasting sports memories. From winning a Gold Medal at the 1960 summer Olympics, to lighting the Olympic torch at the 1996 Summer Olympics, his influence as

an athlete and a humanitarian spanned over fifty years.

Despite having been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in the 1980s, Ali devoted his life to charitable organizations. Ali, and his wife Lonnie, were founding directors of the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center and Movement Disorders Clinic in Phoenix, AZ and helped raise over \$50 million for Parkinson's research. In addition to helping families cope with illness, Ali led efforts to provide meals for the hungry and helped countless organizations such as the Make-A-Wish-Foundation and the Special Olympics.

Muhammad Ali's humanitarian efforts went beyond his charitable activities in the United States. In 1990 Muhammad Ali travelled to the Middle East to seek the release of American and British hostages that were being held as human shields in the first Gulf War. After his intervention, 15 hostages were freed. Thanks to his devotion to diplomatic causes and racial harmony, Ali was the recipient of many accolades, including being chosen as a "U.N. Messenger of Peace" in 1998 and receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005 from President Bush.

Through his unyielding dedication to his sport and to struggling populations around the world, Muhammad Ali still serves an example of service and self-sacrifice for generations of Americans. The Congressional Gold Medal is a fitting commemoration of his life and work, for which he is deservedly known as "the Greatest."

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing one of our nation's most lasting and influential figures by signing on to this important legislation.

HONORING THE DAVID A. SOLARI  
POST 151 OF THE AMERICAN  
LEGION

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2020*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the David A. Solari Post 151 of the American Legion on its 100th anniversary.

On November 29, 1919, a meeting was held at City Hall in Pittsburg, California to discuss a new American Legion Veterans Post. On December 18, 1919, the Post received its charter and David Irwin became the first Post Commander with 47 members. The post was named for Private David A. Solari, 91st Division, 362 Infantry Regiment, Company G, who gave his life in service to his country in the Argonne Forest of France during World War I.

Throughout its history, Post 151 has provided services to countless veterans, growing to its largest membership of 567 during the Korean War. In service of our veterans, Post 151 conducts monthly meetings about resources, programs, and benefits for veterans. Members of the Post have provided Color Guards during parades in Contra Costa County and honored survivors of the Bataan Death March. Post 151 has provided Military Honors for as many as 40 veterans and their families in a single year. Its members also serve their community by visiting sick and wounded veterans in the hospital and providing transportation for veterans to VA hospitals and County Veterans Service Offices.