

strictest people they know, but they will also tell you she is like a second mother to them. The key to the Isiserettes' success is the family atmosphere fostered by Ms. Pam and her team.

It should not go without notice that Isiserettes Drill and Drum Corps is a volunteer-led organization. Ms. Pam does not receive a single dime for the thousands of hours she puts into the organization every year. She does it out of the goodness of her heart, the benefits to our community, and her commitment to the success of her students. Ms. Pam has built the tradition, pride, and dedication that has sustained the Isiserettes for 40 years.

It is Ms. Pam's dedication to providing a safe place for students to express themselves through music and dance that makes her a pillar of our community. It is an honor to commemorate Ms. Pam and recognize her as the Iowan of the Week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, on Friday, February 7, 2020, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 52: Amendment No. 1 offered by Rep. Shalala. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 53: Motion to Recommit. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I was also unable to vote on Roll Call No. 54: Passage of H.R. 5687, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief and Puerto Rico Disaster Tax Relief Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE CENTRALIA COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Centralia High School Competitive Dance Team for its first-place finish in the 2020 Class 1A Illinois state dance competition.

After the first day of competition, Centralia found itself in third place. By the thrilling conclusion of the event the next day, though, Centralia was hoisting the championship trophy.

Centralia finished with 97.18 points, beating its nearest competitor by nearly a full point. The score would have been high enough to top Class 2A, as well. Teams are evaluated in categories such as choreography, difficulty of the music, technique, synchronization, staging, spacing, and showmanship.

Centralia's victory is a testament to great coaching, hard work, skill, and raw nerve. The squad is coached by Bethany Lorenzini. Team members include Jestin Taylor, Andrew Johnson, Ali Moreno, Gracie Moore, Elijah Jones, Erica Burnett, Clara Peroo, Alyssa Smith, Katelyn Parker, William Collins, Destiny Wallace, Reed Mays, Kailynn Witherspoon, Cash Berry, Zoe White, and Sophia Schossler. Managers are Diamond Battle and Ece Polat.

The state championship is the first in any IHSA competition for Centralia since it claimed the Scholastic Bowl during the 1990–91 school year.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I stand to recognize the Centralia Competitive Dance Team and offer it my sincere congratulations on being state champion. I wish the team all the best in the future.

IN HONOR OF EL AMOR M. BRAWNE ALI

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to recognize a dedicated public servant who continues to make our community proud as a Ward Leader. As public officials, entrusted by their peers to oversee elections and party activity, Philadelphia Ward Leaders represent a corps of unsung heroes that help facilitate the progress that molds our city. I am honored to be joined by one of our most distinguished, esteemed Ward Leaders today, and in commemoration of Black History Month, ensure that their contributions to our city remain enshrined in our historical record for generations to recognize.

Black History Month is more than a mere byline on the month of February, it is an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary contributions that the African American community has made, and continues to make, on our nation's history and culture. And I can think of no honoree more deserving of this recognition, who embodies the selfless commitment to their neighbors and peers, than Ms. El.

El Amor M. Brawne Ali, of Ward 37, has also taken it upon herself to invest in our city's youth. Beyond her work for local candidates and elections, she has undertaken projects that will provide structured activity to keep kids involved after school. This manifests itself in many ways, one of which is through her efforts to revitalize Foterall Square Park. What used to be a vibrant gathering place has since devolved to abandoned fields and neglected playgrounds, but with El Amor's leadership, Foterall is back on track to reach its full potential. The impact of her efforts will transform the neighborhood for these kids, their kids, and generations to follow. I thank Ms. El.

Taking after the long lineage of Philadelphians who have helped sculpt our democracy into an increasingly inclusive system that encourages public participation, Ms. El has left her own mark on our city. I look forward to years of collaboration so we can create a more inclusive, representative democracy throughout our community.

HONORING THE PASADENA HOST LIONS CLUB'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pasadena Host Lions Club upon its centennial anniversary.

Lions Club International began in 1917 with a mission to encourage volunteers to serve their communities, promote peace and international understanding, and improve the world with kindness by meeting humanitarian needs. Currently, Lions Club International has 1.4 million members in forty-seven thousand Lions Clubs. As the fifth Lions Club in the state of California, the Pasadena Host Lions Club was chartered on March 26, 1920.

For 100 years, Pasadena Host Lions Club members have provided innumerable hours of dedicated service toward the improvement of the Pasadena community, with an emphasis on persons with disabilities, seniors, youth and the homeless. Helen Keller referred to Lions Clubs as the "Knights of the Blind," for their support of organizations that serve those impaired in sight. This is seen through Pasadena Host Lions Club supporting White Cane Safety Day—providing Lions the opportunity to raise awareness on safe navigation of the visually impaired, support of other local groups for the visually impaired, assisting the founding of Lions Eye Foundation of Southern California, and creating the Pasadena Lions Memorial Trust for the welfare of persons with disabilities and children.

Other organizations the club supports include the Aspen Camp of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Pasadena Police Foundation, American Red Cross, Pasadena Senior Center, City of Hope, Union Station Homeless Services, Pasadena Jaycees, Young and Healthy, Pasadena YMCA and the Salvation Army.

In addition, the club provides youth scholarships, and currently has six charter LEO Clubs for youth that focus on leadership, experience, opportunity and service.

Pasadena Host Lions Club members have faithfully served the greater Pasadena area for one hundred years. I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Pasadena Host Lions Club on their celebration of hundred years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF EDWIN ALLEN, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Edwin Allen Jr. who is retiring from the City of Fredericksburg's Fire Department. He served as their Fire Chief for the last 16 years and substantially contributed to city's public safety. Edwin had a long, rewarding career serving the community and working for the great people of the First District.

45 years ago, the Fredericksburg Fire Department hired Edwin. As an ecstatic, driven