

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANTHONY ALEXANDER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Anthony Alexander for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Anthony Alexander is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Anthony Alexander is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Anthony Alexander for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING STAPLES HIGH SCHOOL'S "WE THE PEOPLE" TEAM

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the first-place finish of Staples High School students in Connecticut's We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition.

In the Constitution State, we take our obligation to the values and principles laid out in our founding document seriously. The We The People program helps students develop an in-depth understanding of the Constitution by building their civic and research skills and testing their knowledge about how our government works.

Ensuring a better future for Southwest Connecticut will require that our students be able to articulate a vision for our country that reflects the basic principles underlying the Constitution. Staples High School's We The People team's success is proof that these guiding values will be carried on by future generations.

Staples High School joins the ranks of several state champions stemming from the Fourth Congressional District. In April, Staples will compete in the National Finals in Washington, D.C., against teams from across the country.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating the following students: Surya Balaji, Taha Banatwala, Lucy Belknap, Brian Campbell, Violet Cooper, Lars Djuve, Michael Farnen, Dylan Goodman, Grace Katz, Kashvi

Kumar, Brett Levy, Gary Lu, Natalia Maidique, William Matar, Tadeo Messenger, Neha Navrange, Maximus Pace, Samuel Powell, Claire Redmer, Andrew Spangler, Nicholas Suarez, Rachel Suggs and Samantha Webster.

I join the Westport community and Fourth Congressional District in recognizing these students, along with their teacher Suzanne Kammerman, on this accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING MEGAN LYNCH ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Megan Lynch on her retirement from the Eden Township Healthcare District (District) Board of Directors on February 20, 2020.

Megan has long held a passion for public health and welfare, from as early as her role as a kitchen aide at the Eden Medical Center during her college years. She earned a bachelor's degree in integrative biology at the University of California, Berkeley, and in 2015 earned a master's degree in health care administration from the California State University, East Bay.

Much of Megan's fantastic work has been with healthcare provider Kaiser Permanente. As part of its Delivery System Strategy team, she has risen through the ranks over the past five years, serving as an associate planning manager since 2018. Megan also was selected to complete Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Region's Emerging Leaders Development Program that year, a testament to her strong leadership and dedication to the well-being of the community.

Megan's work to promote the health of her neighbors has not been restricted to her roles with Kaiser Permanente. Since 2016, Megan has served on the board of directors for the Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD), and as its vice chair in 2019. On that board, she was instrumental in helping steer ETHD away from possible dissolution by the Local Agency Formation Commission in Alameda County, and as chair of ETHD's Community Health Advisory Committee.

Meanwhile, Megan has served as the third vice president at the Eden Medical Center Auxiliary, and in 2019 as a member of the Davis Street Family Resource Center's board of directors, helping its vision to provide integrated services to improve the quality of life in the Eden Area. In her spare time, Megan also volunteers at CityTeam Oakland to help those experiencing homelessness and poverty or suffering hunger and addiction.

Stepping down from her position with ETHD, Megan is preparing to fulfill her dream to become an emergency medicine physician by entering medical school this summer. I wish

her all the best as she prepares for her studies, and I know that she will continue to be a strong advocate for local healthcare.

ABIGAIL BENALLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Abigail Benallo for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Abigail Benallo is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Abigail Benallo is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Abigail Benallo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call Number 1, On Cisneros Amendment requiring the DHS Secretary to prioritize the hiring of veterans, including disabled veterans, and other preference eligible individuals, including widows or widowers of veterans, for positions within the Transportation Security Administration I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call Number 2, On Mucarsel-Powell/Schrier Amendment requiring the TSA Administrator, in coordination with the Director of Centers for Disease Control and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to ensure that TSA employees are provided proper guidance regarding prevention and protections against coronavirus.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call Number 4, On final passage of H.R. 1140, Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020, which would enhance TSA's security operations by applying the personnel system of Title 5 of the U.S. Code to Transportation Security Officers.

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