ADDISON FAURBO

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 Addison Faurbo for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Addison Faurbo is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Addison Faurbo 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 Addison Faurbo 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.

RECOGNIZING NANCY MARTIN ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nancy Martin who plans to retire next month after nearly 43 years of service to the federal government.

After growing up in the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights in Illinois, Nancy earned an Associate of Arts degree from Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the American University in Washington, DC. Nancy's career as a civil servant began at the Veteran's Administration in 1977. Less than a year later, she accepted a job at what was then called the Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. She helped with the transition team during the creation of the Department of Education as a separate Cabinet agency in 1980. She has shaken hands with every U.S. Secretary of Education.

In 1987, Nancy joined the Department of Education's Budget Service. Over the past 33 years, Nancy has been involved in the formulation and presentation of the President's Budget and related documents and tables and is the lead in the development of the annual Congressional Budget Justifications. I thank Nancy for her dedication to the Department and its mission to foster educational excellence and ensure equal access.

Nancy has been an indispensable resource to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, which I chair. In addition to her expertise in the budget process, she has always approached our technical assistance needs with the utmost professionalism and attention, providing the support necessary for us to craft Department of Education appropriations bills. For that I am deeply grateful. Nancy's dedication to public extends outside of the Department of Education. She served as a volunteer and docent with the Friends of the National Zoo for over 20 years and currently serves on the board of an organization that connects our Nation's military veterans with shelter animals.

We will feel the void left by her retirement going forward. I thank Nancy for her service and congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

RECOGNIZING GOVERNOR BRAD LITTLE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an Eastern Idaho Agriculture Hall of Fame inductee, Governor Brad Little.

Governor Brad Little has been a champion for agriculture his entire life. His advocacy started while being raised on his family's Emmett, Idaho sheep and cattle ranching operation. Later in life, Little became a public servant and continued to protect and advance the agriculture industry in the Idaho State Senate then as Idaho's Lieutenant Governor and currently as Idaho's Governor.

In 1977, Little graduated with an Agribusiness Degree from the University of Idaho. He went on to work on his families ranching operation. With over three decades of managing the farming and ranching, our Governor is a leader who understands what it takes to be successful in agriculture.

In 2001, Little began his public service career when he was appointed to fill an Idaho State Senate seat. In the senate, he focused on the agricultural affairs, resources and environment, and economic outlook. As a member of these committees, Little played a substantial role ensuring the security and increasing productivity of farms and ranches across Idaho. He went on to become both Idaho's Lieutenant Governor and Governor where he has continued to promote and defend agriculture in Idaho.

Whether he is meeting with the President in the White House or a neighbor on his family farm in Emmet, he can be found wearing cowboy boots, and demonstrating a commitment to hard work and integrity. Governor Little is a proud voice for Idaho and our agriculture community, and I am honored to call him a friend.

Madam Speaker, I would like to join the Eastern Idaho agriculture community in congratulate Governor Brad Little on being inducted into the 2020 Eastern Idaho Agriculture Hall of Fame.

ABORTION RIGHTS AND JUNE MEDICAL SERVICES LLC V. RUSSO

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, March 9, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Congresswoman LAW-RENCE of Michigan for anchoring this very important Special Order to affirm our unequivocal opposition to any effort to turn the clock back or to limit or undermine women's right to make their own choices regarding their reproductive healthcare.

The United States Supreme Court ruled over 40 years ago, in Roe v. Wade (410 U.S. 113 (1973)), that a woman's constitutional right to privacy includes her right to abortion.

Since this landmark decision, abortion rates and risks have substantially declined, as have the number of teen and unwanted pregnancies.

Restricting all access to reproductive and women's health services only exacerbates a woman's risk of an unintended pregnancy and fails to accomplish any meaningful overthrow of Roe v. Wade.

In recent years, state policymakers have passed hundreds of restrictions on abortion care under the guise of protecting women's health and safety. Fights here in Congress have been no different.

In my state of Texas, a law that would have cut off access to 75 percent of reproductive healthcare clinics in the state was challenged before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2014 and 2015.

On October 2, 2014, the Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional a Texas law that required that all reproductive healthcare clinics that provided the full range of services would be required to have a hospital-style surgery center building and staffing requirements.

This requirement meant that only 7 clinics would be allowed to continue to provide a full spectrum of reproductive healthcare to women.

Texas has 268,580 square miles only second in size to the state of California.

The impact of the law in implementation would have ended access to reproductive services for millions of women in my state.

In 2015, the State of Texas once again threatened women's access to reproductive health care when it attempted to shutter all but 10 healthcare providers in the state of Texas.

The Supreme Court once again intervened on behalf of Texas women to block the move to close clinics in my state.

It seems every month we are faced with a new attack on women's access to reproductive health care, often couched in those same terms.

If opponents were so concerned about women's health and safety, they would be promoting any one of the number of evidencebased proactive policies that improve women's health and well-being.

Instead, they are continuing their assault on women's constitutional rights and their campaign to outlaw abortion.

That is their number one priority; it is certainly not about protecting women's health, it is about politics.

The consequences of these efforts are often felt most acutely by people who already face barriers to care, including communities of color, young people, LGBTQ people, and people with low incomes.

For the first time since Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch were seated on the Supreme Court, and this morning the Court heard oral arguments in June Medical Services LLC v. Russo, a case that could render the protections of Roe v. Wade virtually meaningless, paving the way for states to effectively ban abortion for over 25 million people of reproductive age.