

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

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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

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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 LAWRENCE 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 evidence-based 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.

During 2019 state legislative sessions alone, more than 300 anti-abortion bills were introduced, and 58 restrictions were enacted—nearly half of which were abortion bans.

Right now, six states are pushing for anti-abortion constitutional amendments.

There are five states in the nation that already have only one abortion provider.

This President has packed the courts in unprecedented and extraordinary ways.

Nearly 200 Trump-appointed judges now occupy lifetime positions on the federal bench, many with extreme records hostile to reproductive health and rights, and are poised to make decisions about our reproductive rights and health for a generation.

And these fights go beyond abortion.

The administration's domestic gag rule forced Planned Parenthood and other health care providers out of Title X, the nation's only program dedicated to affordable birth control and other reproductive health care.

The move jeopardized health care for Title X's four million patients, 40 percent of whom received care at Planned Parenthood health centers prior to the rule.

Last month, the administration approved Texas' request to implement a Medicaid family planning program that bars patients from accessing care at Planned Parenthood.

When Texas first barred Planned Parenthood from serving patients, nearly 40 percent fewer women got the health care they needed.

This sets a dangerous precedent for other states, which could now pursue similar state-level measures with grim consequences for health care access nationwide.

Madam Speaker, this is not what the American people want.

Support for abortion access is at an all-time high; nearly 80 percent of Americans do not want to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned.

There is no state in the nation where making abortion illegal is popular.

The American people want more access to health care, not less, and it is more critical than ever to see through this inflammatory misinformation campaign.

Madam Speaker, the right to make decisions about reproductive health care, including abortion, is central to individual equality.

The right enables a person to decide if, when, and how to start and grow their family.

It enables people to pursue and advance in their education and employment, and to be full and equal participants in society.

Laws that restrict reproductive freedom, including restrictions on abortion and birth control, perpetuate harmful stereotypes about gender roles and undermine gender equality.

Courts, federal law, and the public have long connected reproductive freedom with equality.

Reproductive freedom is central to women's equality, for as the Supreme Court said in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, "The ability of women to participate equally in the economic and social life of the Nation has been facilitated by their ability to control their reproductive lives."

Americans understand this connection and it is reflected in a January 2019 national poll showing 71 percent of voters agree—48 percent agree strongly—that equal rights for women includes access to reproductive health care.

ALEXA CLAUSSEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

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

Alexa Claussen is a student at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alexa Claussen 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 Alexa Claussen 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.

PROTECTING AMERICAN LUNGS
AND REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO
EPIDEMIC ACT (H.R. 2339)

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2339, the Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act.

After years of declining smoking rates in the United States, the introduction of e-cigarettes has caused an alarming uptick in the rate of smoking, particularly amongst younger Americans. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, more than 5.3 million middle school and high school students used e-cigarettes in 2019, an alarming increase of more than 3 million in two years.

H.R. 2339 offers a comprehensive approach for how we can reverse the youth vaping epidemic by banning promotion and advertising targeted at kids, taxing e-cigarettes the same way we tax other forms of tobacco, and banning online sales of most tobacco products. More specifically, this bill fulfills the promise that the Trump Administration failed to follow through with by banning all flavors for e-cigarettes and e-liquids for devices that use open-tank systems.

While I support the overall bill, I maintain some concerns with certain provisions within the legislation. Specifically, I am concerned with the effects this flavor ban may have for older Americans that use pipe tobacco and/or hookah. Some of my constituents who have been using the same flavored tobacco for pipes or hookah for decades should not be forced to give up their flavor of preference, especially when statistics indicate that younger Americans are not prone to use these products.

Although I have these various concerns, I am still eager to take on "Big Nicotine" and support the passage of H.R. 2339 to curb

youth tobacco usage. I look forward to fixing any issues my colleagues and I may have when this bill goes to conference with the Senate.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL"
FLOYD ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize a visionary social justice advocate and leader in my state who is retiring after several decades of working to improve the lives of his fellow citizens.

William ("Bill") Floyd trained as a social worker, held leadership roles in state government, and worked for over three decades to develop housing and provide services for individuals with disabilities, people with very low income, and those experiencing homelessness. His advocacy on behalf of marginalized Mainers is legendary, and in 2015, Bill received the Joseph Brannigan Community Excellence Award in recognition of his work to address the housing and support needs of individuals with mental illness.

His commitment to volunteerism is exemplified by leading and serving on myriad boards, including Mobius, Inc., the Maine Association of Nonprofits, the Northern New England Housing Investment Fund, and the Community Development Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the Genesis Fund in 2007, he also served six years on their Board of Directors.

The Genesis Fund, a Certified Community Development Financial Institution, provides innovative financing to create affordable housing and community facilities for underserved people and communities. Under Bill Floyd's leadership, both their assets and loan portfolio have grown by over 600 percent, and they have extended their reach by providing technical assistance to nonprofit organizations across Maine seeking state, federal, and private funding opportunities.

Bill Floyd's leadership at the Genesis Fund has resulted in resources for some of Maine's most vulnerable citizens, including single parents and their children, low-income working families, the elderly, homeless individuals and families, and people with disabilities. Bill knows that the impact of affordable housing on individuals and families is profound and leads to better health, improved student performance, better job opportunities, and increased financial stability and personal security. Further, it transforms entire communities.

Bill Floyd has spent his professional life ensuring that no one in our society be written off. His public service to struggling individuals, families, and communities across Maine has left a legacy, and for that I thank him wholeheartedly and wish him all the best in his retirement.