

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CHRISTOPHER DIAZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Christopher Diaz 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 Christopher Diaz 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 Christopher Diaz 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 SGM KEVIN MILLER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I recognize SGM Kevin Miller, of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication and service to our Nation. SGM Miller is retiring after over 30 outstanding years of service.

SGM Miller answered the call to serve our great Nation in March of 1990 as a Non-communications Interceptor and Analyst. SGM Miller has had an impressive career and has held every leadership position from team leader to Command Sergeant Major. His service took him all over the world, including assignments to Germany, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Baghdad. His service earned him numerous accolades, such as the Military Intelligence Corps' Knowlton Award, the National Military Intelligence Association's Academic Excellence Award, and the Bronze Star Medal.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of SGM Miller. I hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL NENG
VANG

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lieutenant

Colonel Neng Vang, a true American hero and inspiration to many throughout North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Lt.Col. Vang was born on January 5, 1942 in Phuv Luam, Xieng Khouang Province, Laos. After graduating from Nai Leoui Dong Heng Military Academy in 1963, he felt compelled to defend his country from the rising threat of communist forces.

Lt.Col. Vang proved to be instrumental in many American operations throughout the region and assisted the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in rescuing fallen American pilots, securing U.S. radar stations, and preventing Northern Vietnamese assets from reaching South Vietnam. He served alongside the United States at great personal risk until the fall of Laos on May 15, 1975.

Following the war, Lt.Col. Vang led a refugee camp in Thailand where he established post offices, implemented a system of law and justice, and provided valuable vocational training to fellow refugees.

Lt.Col. Vang fled with his family to the United States on December 24, 1982 and later settled in Troy, North Carolina. He became an American citizen on April 2, 1993 and dedicated the remainder of his life to the preservation of Hmong heritage and tradition.

I am honored to join our community today in remembering his remarkable life and service.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Neng Vang.

HONORING ANA POTTRATZ
ACOSTA

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ana Pottratz Acosta, a tireless attorney, advocate, and organizer, as she receives the International Institute of Minnesota's Olga Zoltai Award. I cannot imagine a better person to be recognized with this award.

Ms. Pottratz Acosta wears many hats in the Twin Cities—a clinical instructor at Mitchell-Hamline School of Law, vice chair of the regional American Immigration Lawyers Association chapter, a pro-bono mentor at the Advocates for Human rights, and more. She's also at the forefront of community response to major immigration policy changes, such as the Central American Minors refugee program and the recent Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act. Connecting these threads is a deep passion for immigration justice—a commitment that our openness and acceptance of immigrants and refugees is a non-negotiable principle of our country. Ms. Pottratz Acosta has approached this work not as a savior—but rather a partner in our common fight for liberation.

To me, Ms. Pottratz Acosta represents the best parts of America: someone who is using

all the tools at her disposal to fight for a world that is more filled with love, more connected, and more beautiful. When I see Ms. Pottratz Acosta, I also see in her face the faces of all the immigrants she has helped start a better life in our community. Because of her, I know that our future is brighter.

I thank Ms. Pottratz Acosta for her service to our community. It is an honor to get to work alongside her for justice for all of our neighbors.

BREANN GONZALES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Breann Gonzales is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Breann Gonzales 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 Breann Gonzales 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.

TRIBUTE TO ESTHER BAUM—28TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Esther Baum of West Hollywood, California.

Esther was born and raised in Los Angeles and has called West Hollywood home for the past thirty years. Upon graduating from high school, Ms. Baum attended college and majored in accounting. With an abundance of talent and skill, Esther had a successful career spanning across decades. She worked for public accounting firms, and as an accountant for several businesses including a garment

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

manufacturer, women's sportswear shop, a beauty salon chain and an oral surgery practice. She retired in 2017.

While Ms. Baum had a successful career, she never lost sight of the importance of volunteering and giving back to the community. Esther volunteered at a cancer center in Santa Monica, California where she reconstructed the files and payroll records after the building caught on fire. She also volunteered at Project Angel Food, The Maple Counseling Center in Beverly Hills, and AARP, where she did tax preparation for senior citizens.

At ninety-four years old, Esther continues to be a dynamic force in the community. She is currently serving on the City of West Hollywood Senior Advisory Board and is active in the West Hollywood Seniors in Action program, where she plans programs for senior citizens to come together, make friends and share memories. In addition, Esther is a Neighborhood Watch block captain in her area and enjoys hosting National Night Out gatherings in her neighborhood, which she has done for the past twenty-nine years. She has made it a tradition to take all the remaining food to serve to the homeless. Esther is also a longtime and valued member of Congregation Kol Ami.

Esther and her late husband, Robert, have one daughter who followed in Esther's footsteps and is an accountant.

The entire community has benefitted immensely from the generosity and invaluable contributions of Ms. Baum.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Esther Baum.

CELEBRATING CHARLY SKAGGS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I celebrate the extraordinary work and legacy of Charly Skaggs, who has led a life of continual service to the state of Texas. His leadership, vision, and commitment to hard work has made a difference to countless lives within Williamson County.

Charly's three-plus decades of public service have helped grow the juvenile services department in Williamson County into the program it is today. Knowing the hardships of being a small department with limited resources, Charly devoted his leadership abilities to staying on the cutting edge of programs and brought a state-of-the-art juvenile service department to his beloved community. His efforts speak to the dedication of an innovator unafraid to embrace the challenges of today in order to make a better tomorrow.

Throughout his life, Charly has unselfishly devoted countless hours to help others with teambuilding workshops and to volunteer efforts that serve the youth in his community. As Como Santa, he's beloved by children of all ages as he works to support the military community of Central Texas during the holiday season. His commitment to investing his gifts, talents, and abilities in service of his nation is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity of a true and devoted leader.

Many go through life wondering if they've made a difference; Charly Skaggs doesn't have that problem. He's led Williamson County to new heights and has helped lead many individuals into a brighter future. I salute his work, congratulate him on his achievements, and wish him nothing but the best for his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING GEORGE J. LEDERER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to mark a tremendous milestone for one of my constituents, George J. Lederer, who is celebrating his 100th birthday on March 21, 2020.

George J. Lederer was born on March 21, 1920, in Vienna, Austria, to Felix and Helene Lederer. At the age of 18, he left Vienna and went, via Zurich, Switzerland, to England. He lived in Leicester until May 10, 1940, when, as a refugee, he was interned under General Orders in Edinburgh, Scotland. Transferred to a larger camp near Huyton, George was detained for approximately 8 weeks. He was subsequently transported to Australia on July 10, where he remained in internment camps for nearly two years. After his return to the United Kingdom, in September 1942, George lived in Leicester and London, employed by an Indian railway company, until his U.S. Immigration visa was ready.

In July 1942, he left England and was landed, unexpectedly, in Halifax, Canada, from where he finally entered the United States of America in Van Buren, Maine on July 30, 1943. Rejoining his family in New York City, George eventually enrolled in the College of the City of New York, and graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1951. George later earned the designation of "Professional Engineer".

After various positions in engineering design and construction work, he formed his own firm, George J. Lederer Construction Service Inc. in Scarsdale, NY, which engaged in military and civilian work. He retired in 2002. George plans to celebrate his birthday among his family and friends.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize George J. Lederer on this special occasion. I wish George a happy birthday, and many more happy and healthy years to come.

ASHLEY KUCLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Ashley Kucler is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ashley Kucler is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment 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 Ashley Kucler 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.

TRIBUTE TO CLAIRE BOGAARD— 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Claire Bogaard of Pasadena, California.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Claire Whalen attended the University of San Diego, where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in History. She and her husband, Bill Bogaard married in 1961, lived overseas and in various cities in the United States before moving to Pasadena in 1970.

Claire has made her mark in the community through her stellar leadership in the historic preservation arena. She is a Founding Member of Pasadena Heritage, which was established in 1976 and incorporated in 1977 by citizens who were concerned about the demolition of historic structures in Pasadena. Now one of the largest preservation groups in California, its mission is to identify, preserve and protect the architectural, historic and cultural resources of Pasadena through education and advocacy, and is best known for the preservation and rehabilitation of Old Pasadena, the once-derelict but now commercially successful original downtown, and the 1912 Colorado Street Bridge. Executive Director from 1981 to 1993, Ms. Bogaard assisted with the creation of urban design guidelines and design plans for historic residential neighborhoods and commercial districts, obtaining historic preservation easements and the nomination of buildings to the National Register of Historic Places.

Some of the many organizations and committees Claire has served on include as an Advisor and Trustee for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the California State Historical Resources Commission, Advisory Committee for the Restoration of Pasadena City Hall, St. Andrew Catholic Church Restoration Committee, Pasadena Planning Commission, Neighborhood Associations' Board of Directors, and Chair of the No 710 Action Committee. Ms. Bogaard also chaired the effort to clean up and develop a Master Plan for Central Park and the highly successful restoration of the "New Deal" era mural at McKinley School in Pasadena. In addition, Claire was a PTA President, a member of the Junior League of Pasadena and served on the Board

of the West Pasadena Residents' Association for several years.

Claire and Bill have four children: Michele, Jeannine, Joseph and Matthew and eight grandchildren.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Claire Bogaard.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on March 9, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 91 and YEA on Roll Call No. 92.

RECOGNIZING SHELLEY & SANDS INC.

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the entire Shelly & Sands Inc. team of my hometown, Zanesville, Ohio, on winning the National Asphalt Pavement Associations' Sheldon G. Haynes Award.

To be eligible for the Sheldon G. Haynes award, a paving company must first win the Pavement Associations Quality in Construction award for a project using more than 50,000 tons of asphalt. Paving companies must submit projects from across the United States to be judged by an independent pavement consultant. The projects are then judged on pavement smoothness, safety, and durability, and innovative techniques used during the projects. Of the thousands of large-scale paving projects submitted every year, four companies are considered finalists and only one company wins.

The I-77 roadway in Guernsey County, Ohio presented a unique paving challenge for the Shelly & Sands team. Shelly & Sands began paving in the middle of a bridge construction project. The team used innovative thermal cameras to ensure even asphalt cooling for surface smoothness and durability. This was just one of many masterful techniques used by the Shelly & Sands team to achieve success in this project.

I again extend my warmest congratulations to the Shelly & Sands team on their prestigious award. I look forward to hearing more about their future endeavors and wish them continued success in paving high quality, largescale projects throughout Ohio.

CHLOE LINGEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chloe Lingen

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

Chloe Lingen is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chloe Lingen 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 Chloe Lingen 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.

TRIBUTE TO DETECTIVE SHANNON GEANEY—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Detective Shannon Geaney of Hollywood, California.

Detective Shannon Geaney is an exemplary career public servant. She served as an Officer in the United States Marine Corps and has over two decades of service with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). During her time in the Marine Corps, Shannon faced an inconceivable challenge during the initial years of the Global War on Terrorism, when she served as the Officer in Charge of the forward deployed Casualty Assistance and Hospital Liaison Teams in the hospitals tending to the injured, ill and deceased Marines being evacuated from Afghanistan and Iraq. Major Shannon Geaney's information management database and processes were so effective that the Department of Defense adapted and implemented it as the Defense Casualty Information Processing System.

Since her return to the LAPD in 2004, Detective Geaney has been a leader and worked on numerous issues with the LAPD. She tackled the issue of homelessness by volunteering to begin a unit to strategically and successfully address the issue; the unit is now known as Hollywood's Coordinated Outreach Resource and Enforcement (CORE) Unit. Detective Geaney spearheaded the design of the Archangel Critical Asset Management System that identifies and protects critical infrastructure and key resources in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The system's overarching goal is to defend likely targets against terrorist attacks through inter-agency/departamental cooperation and coordination. In addition, Shannon worked for a decade as a member of the Los Angeles Regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, where by her immersion into the disturbing world of child sexual exploitation, she saved thousands of innocent victims with

a nearly 100 percent conviction rate on the search warrants and arrests effected by the task force. Last year in 2019, Shannon was promoted to Detective III at the Hollywood Division and placed in charge of both the CORE Unit and the Narcotics Enforcement Detail, whose cooperative strategy was due in part to Detective Geaney's innovation and candid assessment of the convergence of mental illness and addiction as a dominant factor in the homeless crisis.

Detective Geaney is a remarkable role model, and proud resident of the community in which she serves. She is a member of The American Legion Hollywood Post 43 and volunteers with the non-profit organization, Arts Bridging the Gap which creates murals through curriculum that offers arts enrichment for youth in under-served areas. These community art pieces are sources of pride to the community and help foster connections between the youth and police officers.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Detective Shannon Geaney.

IN HONOR OF KATHY L. SEAVER

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Kathy L. Seaver, who is being honored today for her retirement after 45 years of service to the Town of Farmington. She has served as tax collector since 1974 and became the joint town clerk and tax collector in 1979. Kathy has served the Town of Farmington with distinction and is revered by her peers for her expertise.

Kathy L. Seaver was born and raised in Farmington, New Hampshire. She attended Farmington High School and what was then known as New Hampshire College. After graduating in 1971, she joined multiple generations of her family who worked for the Town of Farmington, including her great-grandfather, grandmother, and mother. In 1974, Kathy was appointed tax collector. In 1979, she was elected to the joint role of tax collector and town clerk. Since 1990, Kathy has also served as the school district clerk.

Throughout her career, Kathy has been an incredibly important member of her professional community. She was the first vice president of the New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Association Executive Board in 1982. Kathy then served as president in 1983 and became director-at-large in 1984. Since 1985, she has served as the director of public relations.

Since 1992, Kathy has served as the chairperson of the NHTCA/NHCTCA Joint Certification Program. She graduated in 2000 from the State of New Hampshire Certified Public Managers Program and was one of the first two town clerk-tax collectors to do so. Kathy has also been an active member of the New Hampshire City & Town Clerks' Association Executive Board, serving in multiple roles.

As a dedicated public servant, Kathy has been awarded a multitude of honors. Kathy's hard work and dedication has been recognized by several New Hampshire public officials. Kathy has also received awards from

many local organizations, including being named the 2018 Farmington Women's Club Woman of the Year.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Kathy for her decades of service to our community. I congratulate her again on her incredible career and this well-deserved honor, and I thank her for all that she has done to make our state such a wonderful place to learn, live, and grow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, on March 9, 2020, I missed Roll Call votes 91 and 92. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on both measures.

TRIBUTE TO MARY O'KEEFE—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Mary O'Keefe of La Crescenta, California.

Mary O'Keefe is an esteemed community volunteer and reporter for the Crescenta Valley Weekly, and her contributions, both personal and professional, have positively impacted the lives of many people in the greater La Crescenta community.

A consummate volunteer, Ms. O'Keefe's contributions to her community date back to being a Girl Scouts troop leader when her daughters were young. As an enthusiastic Parent Teacher Association (PTA) member and room mom, she quickly became known as a sought-after volunteer for whatever events and activities the PTA was planning. When her son was attending high school, Mary became a vital member of Prom Plus, a non-profit organization which holds a supervised after-prom event for Crescenta Valley High School seniors as well as their guests. When her daughter voiced interest in establishing a youth arm, Prom Plus Club, she became the club's mentor and oversaw hundreds of students as they implemented volunteer tasks in the community and helped create the scholarship program for members of the Prom Plus Club. Ms. O'Keefe remains active in both Prom Plus and Prom Plus Club to this day.

Mary founded the Fire House Youth Center in La Crescenta, which welcomes youth to congregate and spend time with each other in a safe place. Under Ms. O'Keefe's mentorship,

youth are encouraged to establish their own programs such as Girl Empowerment Day, career night and college information night. In 2016, youth skateboarders from the Fire House worked with Los Angeles County and designed their own skate park at Crescenta Valley Park.

In addition, Mary also serves on the Crescenta Valley Prayer Breakfast Committee and Crescenta Valley Fire Safe Council Board, and helped create the local community newspaper, the Crescenta Valley Weekly, where she oversees a staff of reporters who write for the newspaper, while being a main contributing writer herself on in-depth stories.

A devoted wife and mother, Mary and her husband Mark have three children: Charly, Molly and Jessy.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Mary O'Keefe.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, last Thursday, I missed the vote series in order to travel back to WA with the state delegation and VP PENCE to visit the WA State Emergency Operations Center for the coronavirus response.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 87; YEA on Roll Call No. 88; YEA on Roll Call No. 89; and NAY on Roll Call No. 90.

CHRISTOPHER LUCIANO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Christopher Luciano is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christopher Luciano 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 Christopher Luciano for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on March 9, I was unable to be present and missed the following votes due to my attendance at the Transportation Trades Department Executive Committee Meeting on official duties. If present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 91, and YEA on Roll Call No. 92.

RECOGNIZING THE INAUGURAL HEALTH LAW WEEK

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inaugural "Health Law Week," a week-long series of events celebrating the health law profession by highlighting programs that create new opportunities for entry into the profession, showcasing organizations and firms dedicated to employing these professionals and elevating this community's contributions to the health care industry.

Sponsored by the American Health Law Association, Health Law Week will take place this year from April 27 through May 1, with receptions hosted in Los Angeles, California, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, St. Louis, Missouri, and, of course, Washington, D.C., where the American Health Law Association has resided for over 50 years. Additional community events will also take place across the nation in celebration of the health law professional.

With the landscape continuing to shift around delivery of care in the United States healthcare system, health law professionals are at the center, providing analysis, assessing risk, ensuring compliance and making recommendations to organizations and clients to protect them from liability. They are a stabilizing force within the industry, and we should celebrate and champion these professionals.

Health Law Week not only serves to celebrate the health law profession, but it also recognizes the rich history of health care delivery in our nation. In 1965, Medicare was enacted as Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, providing federally funded and administered health insurance coverage for the elderly through Part A and Part B of the Act. Medicaid was enacted at the same time as Title XIX of the Social Security Act, creating a voluntary federal-state program of medical assistance to the indigent and so began the need for health law professionals.

Today, the American Health Law Association helps educate and connect over 60,000 health law professionals across the country, with over 6,000 of them residing here in the District of Columbia metropolitan area.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representative to join me in recognizing Health Law Week and acknowledge the impact and contributions of the health law profession on the nation's healthcare system.

TRIBUTE TO SUSANA REYES—28TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Susana Reyes of Glendale, California.

Susana graduated magna cum laude from Saint Paul College with a degree in Communications. She earned a Civic Engagement Leadership and Management certification from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Anderson School of Management and a Government Purchasing and Contract Administration credential from George Washington University.

Susana Reyes has dedicated her life to working on issues that impact the environment, both in her personal life and professional career. As a Sierra Club leader and activist, she is an advocate for the greater Los Angeles community in environmental justice issues. Ms. Reyes supported the successful battle against a large residential development in the Verdugo Mountains of Glendale and helped pause the Glendale gas plant expansion in favor of exploring clean energy alternatives. She was the Political Chair of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, a member of their National Political Team, and served on the Sierra Club's Political Action Committee. Susana was an elected member of the Sierra Club National Board of Directors where she served as Vice President, was elected to the Board's Executive Committee and currently is the national volunteer co-lead for the Clean Transportation for All campaign. In addition to her service with the Sierra Club, in 2019, she was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) making her the first Filipino-American LADWP Commissioner.

Ms. Reyes is the founder and CEO of AgilEngines LLC, a consulting and advocacy firm with a focus on civic engagement strategies and community outreach. Prior to this, she was a Senior Sustainability Analyst at the Los Angeles Mayor's office, where she played an essential role in launching the first Sustainable City Plan and was responsible for securing a \$1.7 million grant from the California Air Resources Board for the first-ever electric car share program specifically designated for low-income communities. Previous positions also include serving as Manager of the City of Los Angeles Facilities Recycling Program and Human Resources Director at the LADWP.

For her outstanding accomplishments, Susana has received the City of Los Angeles Career Service Award, the Sierra Club Political Service Award, the Sierra Club Phil Bernays Award, the Rotary Club Bay Area Women Leaders Award, and the Women in Business Environmental Leader Award.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of Califor-

nia's 28th Congressional District, Susana Reyes.

YOUTH, PEACE, AND SECURITY ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Youth, Peace, and Security Act, the first comprehensive legislation that would prioritize the inclusion of youth in conflict resolution.

There are more than 1.8 billion youth in the world. Whether here in the U.S. or abroad, youth populations have long been at the forefront of building peace in their communities by creating youth-led movements, organizations, and networks to mitigate negative effects of conflict and to prevent recurring cycles of violence. Inclusive peace processes are proven to more holistically address the root causes of violence and lead to more sustainable peace.

Not only is it important to include youth in conflict resolution for the sake of inclusivity, it has also been proven to lead to more sustainable peace. For example, Somali Youth Learners Initiative ("SYLI") was created to improve Somali youths' access to education and to promote civic engagement. After learning leadership and nonviolent conflict resolution skills through the program, the students were able to implement their own youth-led community projects and communicate effectively with politicians about policies that impact youth. Youth who gained access to improved secondary school and civic engagement opportunities through SYLI and the community projects were 65 percent less likely to demonstrate moral or material support for political violence.

My bill will codify the roles of a Youth Coordinator at USAID and Youth Points of Contact in relevant bureaus; integrate youth consultation into program design; and provide financial and technical assistance to youth-led initiatives in pursuit of conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

The Youth, Peace, and Security Act is a once-in-a-generation shift in U.S. foreign policy that would bring youth voices to the table in conflicts around the world. In countries facing conflict, it will be the young people who will bear the burden of sustaining peace over generations, leading their society from reconciliation to prosperity.

I am thrilled to be joined in leading this bill by my colleagues, Representatives SUSAN BROOKS, DEAN PHILLIPS, and JOHN CURTIS, and am grateful to our other colleagues who have supported this introduction. My bill is also endorsed by over 35 non-governmental organizations. I urge the House of Representatives to join me in passing this important legislation.

CHRISTIAN MAERZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christian

Maerz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Christian Maerz is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christian Maerz 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 Christian Maerz 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 HOWARD BLACKBURN

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the late Howard Blackburn of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina for his recent induction into the Wilkes County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Howard Blackburn epitomized a life of excellence and service. He served in the military during World War Two and the Korean war. Howard Blackburn influenced thousands of lives through his leadership in education and agriculture. Through his work at Wilkes Community College, where he served as director of the life sciences program, Mr. Blackburn helped thousands of students develop farming skills.

Howard Blackburn is perhaps best known throughout Wilkes County for his contributions to beekeeping. He helped found the Beekeepers of Wilkes, and personally served as an instructor and mentor for decades. He helped many, many other people understand the importance of bees to our lives. He always maintained the highest standards of meticulous conduct and expected others to strive to the same level of excellence. Howard Blackburn is a shining example of service that we should all seek to emulate.

SALUTING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF MIKE STANFORD

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I salute the extraordinary career of Mike Stanford as he retires from a lifetime of civic involvement. Mike devoted nearly four decades of incredible service to communities throughout the State of Texas through his career in the television industry. With his "what can I do to help?" spirit and high-minded vision, he's made Central Texas a model for child-focused community outreach.

A pillar of the Texas community, Mike has devoted years of selfless service to help those

in need. Through his tireless work and altruistic leadership, he created Camo Santa that focused on providing toys for soldier families in financial need. Mike's contributions to his community doesn't stop there. He has organized several programs to help serve others, such as numerous Dallas Cowboys Charity events, Wednesday's Child, Criswell's Kids, and Adopt a Pet. Mike's dedication to service and hard work has helped make a difference in many lives from providing children with basic supplies to helping those impacted by natural disasters. His generous activism speaks to the very best of Texas values.

Mike's commitment to the highest standards of excellence has not gone unnoticed. Recognized by his colleagues for his devotion and hard work, he has achieved a long list of accolades, including four Emmy Awards, twelve Addy Awards, the Dallas Press Club's Katy Award, as well as high recognition from the Texas Association of Broadcasters as recipient of the Bonner McClain Service Award. Mike's resume speaks to an innovator unafraid to do what it takes to excel in a demanding profession.

Mike Stanford's generous commitment to helping others serves as an inspiration for all to follow. There's no doubt that Central Texas is a better place because of him. I heartily salute his work and wish him the best of luck in his richly deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JANET WORKMAN—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Janet Workman of the Elysian Valley neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Janet Workman is a devoted wife and community leader in Elysian Valley. Ms. Workman was born and raised in Hermosa Beach and briefly lived in Sao Paulo, Brazil as an exchange student during her teenage years. While attending the University of Southern California, she majored in French, after which she spent several years teaching French and English at the high school level. She then moved to the City of Pasadena in 1981, where she started her career in corporate and emergency planning. An expert in her field, she ran her own company for twenty years before working for Southern California Edison. Additionally, she volunteered for eight years as a docent at the historic Gamble House and seven years on the board of a domestic violence shelter. Despite her full and active life in Pasadena, she and her husband, Robert, decided to relocate to Elysian Valley to start a new chapter in their lives.

Ms. Workman built a new sense of home in Elysian Valley for herself and her husband. Never one to sit idly by, she started the Frogtown Art Walk with a group of neighbors,

of which she was an essential planner for several years. To ensure the Art Walk's success, she and Robert converted a small home into a meeting place for the event which eventually became the social hub for the entire neighborhood. A lover of art, she studied botanical drawing and watercolor, and produced her own stained-glass art that was exhibited at the Frogtown Art Walk.

Ms. Workman was also instrumental in restoring the Elysian Valley Community Garden, where she took a hands-on approach to rebuild the garden back into a resource for local residents. She took charge of the restoration by building and painting a tool shed, helping to construct planting beds, and enlisted the City of Los Angeles to donate trees for the garden's orchard.

Janet is currently a board member of Friends of Silver Lake Library, a volunteer group dedicated in supporting special programs and cultural events at this branch of the Los Angeles Public Library. As a very active board member, Ms. Workman has increased the library's programs for children and helped to organize the library's 10-year anniversary celebration.

The Elysian Valley community and beyond has benefitted greatly from the generosity of Ms. Workman. With a focus on giving back, she has played a vital role in energizing her fellow community members to start their own neighborhood projects and organizations.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Janet Workman.

CHARLIE MARTIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Charlie Martin is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Charlie Martin 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 Charlie Martin 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.

COMMEMORATING 40 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY FOOD BASKET IN
IDAHO FALLS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 40 years of the Community

Food Basket in Idaho Falls. This is an exceptional organization that is committed to fighting food insecurity in southeast Idaho.

In 1980, various members of the Idaho Falls community took it upon themselves to launch an effort aimed at securing emergency necessities for their church membership. Today, four decades later, the efforts of these selfless men and women continue to expand in the Idaho Falls area. Helping more than 4,000 individuals monthly, the Community Food Basket of Idaho Falls serves the public with a noble vision of meeting the needs of those who face food insecurity.

In 2019 alone, the Community Food Basket served over 100,000 people and gave away \$2.6 million dollars of food in order to provide struggling neighbors with life-saving essentials. Hundreds of volunteers have sacrificed their time and resources and hundreds of businesses have participated in food drives to support those around us in need.

Not only has the Food Basket provided countless members of our community with what they need to survive, but they have also highlighted the altruistic, selfless spirit so common in Idaho.

Madam Speaker, the Community Food Basket of Idaho Falls is a staple in my community. It is my privilege to applaud this great organization and its selfless volunteers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows: H.Res. 410—Encouraging Reunions of Divided Korean American Families Act—YEA and H.R. 1771—Divided Families Reunification Act—YEA.

ARIAH MCCLELLAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Aariah McClelland is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aariah McClelland 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 Aariah McClelland 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.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY ARNOLD TAFT

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute in memoriam to Kathy Arnold Taft in honor of the opening of the Kathy Taft Center for Excellence and Leadership in Education in Greenville, North Carolina. Kathy was raised in eastern North Carolina and was a passionate educator, taken from us too soon on March 9, 2010. Kathy graduated cum laude in 1981 from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

She spent many years as a public health instructor in both Raleigh and Greenville. She served as vice chair of the Pitt County Board of Education in Greenville and was a founding member of the Pitt County Communities in Schools program. Kathy served on the Board of Governors for the Governor's School of North Carolina from 1986 to 1992 and in 1995, was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to the state Board of Education. She also devoted her time as a guardian ad litem volunteer, was a member of the East Carolina University Women's Roundtable, an Educator's Hall of Fame Inductee, and was honored by the Order of the Cupola.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the legacy of this incredible woman; she was a wonderful educator and dedicated public servant who served as an example to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on March 9, 2020, I was not able to cast my votes during the vote series due to personal engagements in the district. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted: YES on H. Res. 410—Encouraging reunions of divided Korean-American Families, as amended (Rep. BASS—Foreign Affairs); and YES on H.R. 1771—Divided Families Reunification Act, as amended (Rep. MENG—Foreign Affairs).

CHRISTINA REGMI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Christina Regmi 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 Christina Regmi 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 Christina Regmi 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
KATHERINE JOHNSON**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Katherine Johnson, one of the first African American women ever to work at NASA, whose brilliant mind and countless contributions helped to make both flight in space and our space center in Huntsville, Alabama, possible.

Mrs. Johnson spent thirty-five years at NASA, during which time she used her remarkable mind to master even the most complex manual calculations and helped to pioneer the early use of computers. Her work was instrumental to launching Alan Shepard, the first American in space and John Glenn, the first American in orbit. Mrs. Johnson worked at NASA during a time when African American women were largely banned from taking advantage of such career opportunities, however, her grit, determination and indubitable brilliance helped her to persist, tearing down barriers for African Americans and for women.

At eighteen, Mrs. Johnson enrolled at the historically black West Virginia State College, where she found a mentor in math professor W. W. Schieffelin Claytor, the third African American to earn a PhD in mathematics. She graduated with highest honors in 1937 and took a job teaching at an African American public school in Virginia.

In 1939, West Virginia State's president, Dr. John W. Davis, selected Mrs. Johnson and two other African American men to be the first black students to attend West Virginia University, which was historically white. Mrs. Johnson resigned from her teaching job and enrolled in the graduate math program to become a full-time student. She did not complete her degree, deciding instead to leave school to start a family with her first husband, James Goble. She returned to teaching when her children got older.

In 1952, a relative told Mrs. Johnson about a job opportunity at the all-black West Area Computing section at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics' (NACA's) Langley laboratory. Mrs. Johnson and her husband decided to move the family to Newport News, Virginia, to pursue the opportunity, and Katherine began work at Langley in the summer of 1953. Just two weeks into her tenure in the office, she was assigned to a project in the Ma-neuver Loads Branch of the Flight Research Division. She spent the next four years analyzing data from flight tests and worked on the investigation of a plane crash caused by wake turbulence. Just as she was completing this work, her husband died of cancer in December 1956.

In 1957, Russia launched Sputnik, the first successful satellite to be launched into space, and the United States immediately began efforts to beat Russia and become the first country to put a man into space. Mrs. Johnson was selected to provide math for "Notes on Space Technology," a collection formed by NACA engineers who became part of NASA when that agency was formed in 1958.

Mrs. Johnson went on to do the trajectory analysis for America's first human space flight by astronaut Alan Shepard in 1961. She worked closely with Ted Skopinski, a male engineer, to co-author "Determination of Azimuth Angle at Burnout for Place a Satellite Over a Selected Earth Position," a report on the equations for an orbital spaceflight with a landing site target. It was the first time a woman in NASA's Flight Research Division received credit for authoring a research report.

In 1962, John Glenn was preparing for his orbital flight and was hesitant to trust the new computers' calculation of his orbital trajectory. He relied on Mrs. Johnson to cite her calculations on syncing the Apollo Lunar Model with the orbiting Command and Service Module. This was known as Mrs. Johnson's greatest contribution. After this successful event, she authored and co-authored 26 research reports before retiring in 1986. Mrs. Johnson was then awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama, and played by Taraji P. Henson in the movie "Hidden Figures" about NASA's black women pioneers.

Mrs. Johnson fought through discrimination and adversity, proving to America and to the entire world not only that African Americans were just as capable as white Americans, but that women were just as capable as men. In many ways, she displayed even more patriotism, as she overcame adversity in order to serve her country. Katherine Johnson's legacy is one that should make the state of Alabama truly proud. She is a part of Alabama's remarkable legacy of advocating for civil rights, proving that the determination of African American women can charge the course of history, not only for our country but for the entire world.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the exemplary service of Katherine Johnson. May we celebrate her resilience and sacrifice every day.

DOROTHY (DOTTIE) WHAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dorothy (Dottie) Wham, a great Coloradan, wife, mother and grandmother.

Dorothy Stonecipher was born January 5, 1925 in Centralia, Ill. She died peacefully on October 20, 2019, surrounded by loving family and friends. She was married to her husband Bob, her high school sweetheart, for 65 years and had three children, Nancy Mitchell and husband Rohn, daughter Jeanne Ryan and husband Brent; son Robert S. II and his wife, Jamie Shaffer; five grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She is also survived by brother Ernest Joseph Stonecipher, Jr.

In 1946, Dottie graduated from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. where she earned a bachelor's degree and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Illinois in 1949. After coming to Colorado in 1950, and then moving to Denver in 1953, Dottie's interest in politics was sparked. In 1952, she worked for Dwight Eisenhower's presidential campaign collecting contributions, which irritated both her family and Bob's family as they were backers of the more conservative Robert Taft of Ohio. She then took an interest in immunization issues, which brought her to Montrose, Delta and Mesa counties where she helped to organize immunization drives. Dottie continued to pursue her interest in public health and worked for a federal agency for 10 years. She also led the Colorado Civil Rights Commission

from 1972 to 1980 and served on the boards of several metro area mental health organizations.

In 1984, Dottie was first elected to the Colorado State House. She was appointed to the Colorado State Senate when Sen. Cliff Dodge stepped down in November 1987. She won election to that seat the following year, and handily won re-election twice more. During Dottie's tenure at the legislature she chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1989 to 2000. Her legislative focus remained centered on her passion for health policy, including mental health issues. Dottie was term-limited in 2000.

She was one of the first state lawmakers to carry legislation requiring reporting of HIV and AIDS in Colorado. Dottie's bill, Senate Bill 157

in 1990, laid down a marker for how individuals with HIV or AIDS should be treated, stating that any such infection should not serve as the basis for discrimination or prevention of access to services.

I was privileged to know Dottie for many years and to call her my friend. It was an honor to work with her in the Colorado State Senate. I admired her focus and effectiveness. She never shied away from a tough challenge. She was one of the smartest, toughest, shrewdest and kindest people I have ever met, and I appreciated her tireless work ethic and service to the people of Colorado. I extend my deepest appreciation to Dottie Wham for her dedication to her community and to the people of the State of Colorado.