

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 Ambassador 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.

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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.