

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

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

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

The dedication demonstrated by Fayleen Denny 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 Fayleen Denny 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.

SAVE YOUR TOOTH MONTH

**HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the month of May 2020 as Save Your Tooth Month, and beginning on May 3, 2020, the 13th annual observance of Root Canal Awareness week, as we recognize our nation's highly skilled endodontists and their work to preserve their patients' natural teeth.

There was a time when state-of-the-art dental care meant having a painful tooth pulled by a barber, blacksmith or wig maker. Modern dentistry ushered in the use of anesthesia, radiography, sterile technique, and increasingly sophisticated methods to address pain caused by an infected or broken tooth. But despite incredible advances in restorative dentistry, peer-reviewed studies continue to demonstrate that the best solution to preserve a patient's quality of life still lies in saving the natural tooth whenever possible.

Modern endodontic treatment is devoted to preserving our natural teeth when decay, trauma, a failed crown or repeated procedures to treat dental caries lead to inflammation or an infection of a tooth's root pulp. Using the latest techniques and skills acquired after completing years of advanced training, skilled endodontists can often save a painful tooth and spare their patients the discomfort and expense of additional treatment required to fill the gap caused by an extraction.

Like their colleagues who specialize in general dentistry, through organizations including

the American Association of Endodontists and the American Board of Endodontics, our nation's endodontists devote thousands of hours to professional development, funding research on advancing the standard of care, fundraising to support clinics that provide free dental care to the underserved, and educating the general population about the importance of practicing good oral hygiene and preserving one's natural teeth.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the thousands of patients who have had their teeth and their smiles preserved by our nation's skilled endodontic practitioners, I salute the skills, years of training, and dedication of our nation's endodontists, and the more than 350 endodontists practicing in my home state of Illinois.

TRIBUTE TO BRENDA BURROUGHS—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 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, Brenda Burroughs of Burbank, California.

Brenda Burroughs is a devoted wife, mother, and community leader in Burbank, California. Ms. Burroughs is an active community volunteer and her generous contributions have impacted the lives of many people in Burbank. With a dedication to public service, she has devoted her time to volunteer with numerous organizations that help benefit schools and charities within her community.

Ms. Burroughs began her volunteer work 26 years ago at the Burbank Parent Education Council where she served as their Safety Chair and co-editor of the monthly newspaper. Brenda has volunteered on the School Site Council and has been a member of the National Charity League. She has held numerous leadership positions in the Burbank Council Parent Teacher Association including recording secretary, financial secretary, auditor, and historian, as well as being the Honorary Service Award chairman. A supporter of the arts, Ms. Burroughs has been an engaged volunteer with the Burbank Arts for All Foundation and was the recipient of their prestigious Champion of the Arts Community Volunteer Award in 2017. Her extensive volunteer service list also includes the Burbank Educational Foundation, the Renal Support Network, the Girl Scouts of America and Relay for Life.

Ms. Burroughs champions the Family Service Agency of Burbank by volunteering for the non-profit's yearly Carewalk and Party with a

Purpose to raise funds that underwrite community counseling and mental health care for the children, families, and veterans in Burbank. She has recently been recognized by Business Life Magazine as a Woman Achiever for the scope and depth of her service to her community. The City of Burbank is made a better place by the invaluable contributions of Ms. Burroughs.

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

RECOGNIZING RICHARD "DICKIE" LAMAR CREW

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Richard "Dickie" Lamar Crew, who passed away on Friday, March 6th, at the age of 81.

Dickie was born on May 5th, 1938, in Crews, Alabama. He was a beloved member of his community in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and was known for his kindness.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 64 years, Shelia Simmons Crew; his children, Tabby Vaughn, Kerry Crew, and Richie Crew; his grandchildren, Codi Crew, Bryer Vaughn, Max Crew, Kenny Hout, and Cassidy Hout, as well as many friends and extended family members.

Dickie's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING THE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF LEROY AND OVIA MARIE MCGINNIS

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friends, Leroy and Ovia Marie McGinnis, on their 70th wedding anniversary. Married on March 10, 1950, the couple has experienced a lifetime of ups and downs, successes and failures, and many wonderful memories. Together, they raised six children, Pat (spouse Bob) Bell, Jack (spouse Edna) McGinnis, the late Kim (spouse Diana) McGinnis, Don (spouse Tina) McGinnis, Renee (spouse Ed) Bowen, and Michele McGinnis. They have also been blessed with 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. I can only imagine the excitement and exuberance at their family get-togethers.

The couple both grew up in Gainesville, Missouri, and were reunited after Leroy's discharge from the Navy. He was on his way to

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San Diego when he decided to stop and visit his sister, who was Ovia Marie's best friend at the time. It only took three short months for the couple to realize they had "together forever" in mind, and eloped. They recall the memory fondly and laugh at their lack of grandeur; Ovia wore jeans down the aisle and didn't tell her parents about the wedding until she missed her curfew that night.

Over the years, Leroy and Ovia became well-respected community and business leaders in their town of Cuba, Missouri. Mr. McGinnis founded and still serves as CEO of McGinnis Wood Products, which he started in 1968. They make hand-crafted wine and bourbon barrels that are sold to some of the country's top-selling distilleries, as well as companies in Japan, Spain, and Scotland. After five generations of family involvement, I think it's safe to say this is a remarkable family-owned company that will serve as a legacy for the McGinnis family for generations to come.

I am so honored for the opportunity to wish the McGinnis's a happy anniversary and many joyous returns of the occasion.

GARRETT FINDLEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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

Garrett Findley is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Garrett Findley 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 Garrett Findley 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF R. ALEXANDRA 'SANDY' LARSON OF NORTH BRUNSWICK

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of R. Alexandra Larson, better known as Sandy, who spent her life advocating for social justice, fighting for those who might otherwise be voiceless and placed justice higher than any other objective.

Sandy dedicated her career to the taxing but incredible work of fighting for civil rights and supporting children and families. Unlike many, she walked the walk, living her values daily. As an attorney with the Middlesex Coun-

ty Office of the Public Defender, she developed projects to document and address disproportionate rates of arrest and incarceration for people of color—working to correct a disparity that plagues our society even now. As Director for the Governor's Committee on Children's Services Planning, Sandy was responsible for reports that to this day are the basis for broad advocacy efforts for children across my state, and she is credited with helping to develop the New Jersey Youth Services Commission—established to fix the way courts handle at-risk youth.

Sandy's efforts to affect positive change were not limited to her professional endeavors. In her free time, she shared her three degrees—a BA in Journalism from Douglass College, an M.S.W. from Rutgers School for Social Work and a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law—Newark—and her years of expertise with community organizations that included the Metuchen-Edison NAACP and the Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey. She served on the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Training School for Boys, the Children's Trust Fund of New Jersey, the Coalition for Hispanic Rights in Criminal Justice, the Middlesex County Local Advisory Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and the ASAP program.

What her friends and family, including her daughter Francesca Dulce Larson, her mother Francesca Nadalini, granddaughter Serafina Giovanna, and her siblings Michela, Marthe, Robb, Gus, Giovanna, George, Jayne Amelia, and Jonathan, will no doubt miss the most is her spirit. Sandy was fearless and fierce. She was about building a brighter future for everyone and connecting the dots that would improve the world just a little with every action she took. She was a light in every room, the link that connected so many friends, and a source of love in a world that could use more of it. I am so grateful for everything she accomplished and devoted herself to with her time here, and I send my heartfelt prayers to all those who join me in mourning her loss.

MOVING OUR DEMOCRACY AND CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS TOWARDS MODERNIZATION RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following exchange of letters on H. Res. 756:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, March 3, 2020.

Hon. ZOE LOFGREN,  
Chairperson, Committee on House Administration,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRPERSON LOFGREN: I write concerning H. Res. 756, the Moving Our Democracy and Congressional Operations Towards Modernization Resolution. There are certain provisions in this legislation that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

In order to expedite floor consideration of H. Res. 756, the Committee on Transpor-

tation and Infrastructure agrees to forgo action on the bill. However, this is conditional on our mutual understanding that forgoing consideration of the bill would not prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation that fall within the Committee's Rule X jurisdiction. I also request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this Committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest into the committee report on H. Res. 756 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor.

Sincerely,

PETER A. DEFazio,  
Chair.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington, DC, March 4, 2020.

Hon. PETER A. DEFazio,  
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN DEFazio: Thank you for your letter regarding H. Res. 756, the Moving Our Democracy and Congressional Operations Towards Modernization Resolution. This House resolution was referred primarily to the Committee on House Administration with additional referrals to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on the Judiciary.

I recognize that this resolution contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. I appreciate your Committee's willingness to be discharged from further consideration of H. Res. 756 and that this discharge is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure over this subject matter and will not prejudice your Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees if this were to be necessary.

I would be pleased to include your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H. Res. 756.

Sincerely,

ZOE LOFGREN,  
Chairperson.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
Washington, DC, March 5, 2020.

Hon. ZOE LOFGREN,  
Chair, Committee on House Administration,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIR LOFGREN: This is to advise you that the Committee on the Judiciary has now had an opportunity to review the provisions in H. Res. 756, the "Moving Our Democracy and Congressional Operations Towards Modernization Resolution," that fall within our Rule X jurisdiction. I appreciate your consulting with us on those provisions. The Judiciary Committee has no objection to your including them in the resolution for consideration on the House floor, and to expedite that consideration is willing to forgo action on H. Res. 756, with the understanding that we do not thereby waive any future jurisdictional claim over those provisions or their subject matters.

In the event a House-Senate conference on this or similar legislation is convened, the Judiciary Committee reserves the right to request an appropriate number of conferees to address any concerns with these or similar provisions that may arise in conference.

Please place this letter into the Congressional Record during consideration of the

measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our committees.

Sincerely,

JERROLD NADLER,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington, DC, March 5, 2020.

Hon. JERROLD NADLER,  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN NADLER: Thank you for your letter regarding H. Res. 756, the Moving Our Democracy and Congressional Operations Towards Modernization Resolution. This House resolution was referred primarily to the Committee on House Administration with additional referrals to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on the Judiciary.

I recognize that this resolution contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary. I appreciate your Committee's willingness to be discharged from further consideration of H. Res. 756 and that this discharge is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on the Judiciary over this subject matter and will not prejudice your Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees if this were to be necessary.

I would be pleased to include your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H. Res. 756.

Sincerely,

ZOE LOFGREN,  
Chairperson.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. ANI HALABI— 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 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, Dr. Ani Halabi of Tujunga, California.

Ani Halabi is a devoted wife and mother and has been a successful optometrist for fifteen years. Born in Tehran, Iran, Ani was first introduced to optometry while working in her family's business marketing and designing an eyeglass frame line. She attended Glendale Community College and California State University, Northridge where she received a bachelor's degree in biology, all while working in a private optometry practice. Dr. Halabi continued her education at the Southern California College of Optometry, where she received her Doctorate of Optometry. She specializes in primary eye care, which includes diagnosis and treatment of ocular diseases, prescribing contact lenses and glasses, and working with local eye surgeons.

Dr. Halabi is an active volunteer and member of several local non-profit organizations. She is a 10-year member of the Armenian American Medical Society, where she has helped coordinate the vision clinic at the Glen-

dale Health Festival, which serves more than 1,500 disadvantaged patients annually. She is also a 10-year member of the Glendale Northwest Lions Club, where she is a co-chair of the sight conservation committee, and under her leadership, the club has provided free eyeglasses to people in need and has offered eye screenings that have restored and improved vision to more than 3,000 individuals. In addition, as a Glendale Healthy Kids organization volunteer, Ani has provided free eye care services for underprivileged families and children. She has also volunteered at vision screenings at several schools, including St. Mary's Richard Tufenkian Preschool & Kindergarten, Glendale High School and Herbert Hoover High School, educating parents about routine eyecare and providing early detection of vision problems.

Dr. Halabi has made it her mission to help aspiring optometrists by mentoring students and offering internships at her practice. She regularly sits on the panel of Glendale Community College's Professional Alumni and has volunteered at college events to guide students who have an interest in the field of optometry. Ani's successes have been recognized by "Women in Optometry" magazine, who featured her on their cover.

Dr. Halabi and her husband, Steve Khroyan live in Tujunga and have two children, Nara and Sareen.

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE CARGO FLIGHT DECK SECURITY ACT

#### HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the bipartisan Cargo Flight Deck Security Act along with my colleague, Brian Fitzpatrick.

The safety and security of our pilots, our skies, and the flying public are at stake.

Today, many cargo planes have no cockpit barrier and without the safety of hardened flight deck doors, the aircraft's interior is open, and the flight deck is completely exposed. This leaves pilots without a means to adequately separate the flight crew from personnel riding in the bulkhead or potential cargo-hold stowaways.

Ultimately this is about parity and safety. Cargo pilots have been fighting for hardened cockpit doors for 18 years, and this bill will solve that long overdue security concern.

After 9/11, regulatory changes put in motion requirements to require hardened cockpit doors for all aircraft to separate the flight deck from the cargo/passenger bay. Unfortunately, after 2003, the TSA made changes to its requirements and erected a wholesale carve-out for cargo airplanes, effectively creating disparate requirements for passenger and cargo airline safety.

The Cargo Flight Deck Security Act ensures all pilots are protected by hardened cockpit doors and takes steps to keep our skies and flying public safe.

I urge this body to pass advance this legislation.

ECKO GONZALEZ

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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

Ecko Gonzalez is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ecko Gonzalez 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 Ecko Gonzalez 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.

HONORING MARTY LYNCH, PH.D.

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marty Lynch, Ph.D., as he retires as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to CEO Emeritus of LifeLong Medical Care. Dr. Lynch's service in the healthcare industry spans over 60 years, including service as a non-profit administrator for more than 30 years. Dr. Lynch is involved in national, state, and local public policy and research activities related to health access for the uninsured, long-term care models, chronic care, and financing care for disabled populations. In addition, Dr. Lynch is a lecturer at the University of California Berkeley in the School of Social Welfare.

Dr. Lynch received his Ph.D. in Social and Behavioral Sciences from the University of California, San Francisco, and an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Dr. Lynch began his journey with LifeLong Medical Care in 1982 when the organization was known as The Over Sixty Clinic. After becoming the CEO in 1984, Dr. Lynch expanded The Over Sixty Clinic into what is now LifeLong Medical Care.

Dr. Lynch co-founded the Elderly Sub-Committee of the National Association, recently served on California's State task force to examine policy changes necessary for the integration of primary care and mental health services and helped to develop a California plan for Alzheimer's disease. One thing Dr. Lynch's work does, is that it underscores the humanity in caregiving, as we all are connected to someone directly or indirectly who is aging.

Through Dr. Lynch's vision and leadership, LifeLong Medical has had a profound impact on the lives of seniors in our communities and now extends that care to people of all age demographics. LifeLong is a 25-site Federally Qualified Health Center that also provides

care on the street, in patients' homes, and in nursing homes and supportive housing.

Dr. Lynch operates on the belief that healthcare is a right not a privilege. This is reflected in the LifeLong's commitment to providing integrated services to the disabled elderly and homeless communities. He has ensured this by providing access to medical assistance, mental health support, and substance abuse therapy to our elderly and vulnerable populations.

On a personal note, I am thankful for Dr. Lynch's wise counsel and friendship. I have known Dr. Lynch since 1974.

Today, I join the LifeLong Medical Care Health Services in celebrating the retirement of Dr. Marty Lynch. On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I am honored to commend Dr. Marty Lynch for his lifelong work in healthcare. I thank him for his continued service to the community as CEO Emeritus of LifeLong Medical Care Services for All.

#### RECOGNIZING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the 33rd Anniversary of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. This important commemoration serves to raise awareness and promote respect for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities while also recognizing the importance of inclusion.

It is estimated there are over 4.6 million individuals in the United States and over 250,000 individuals in North Texas alone with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Texas' Third Congressional District is the home to incredible organizations including Cornerstone Ranch, My Possibilities, and LifePath Systems. These dedicated organizations, staffs, and volunteers serve as steadfast advocates, fostering opportunities for these individuals to realize their full potential.

My Possibilities has become a national model in vocational education and job placement for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout North Texas, dramatically changing the landscape for these individuals.

LifePath Systems is a community-based organization designed to assist individuals and families dealing with intellectual disabilities and developmental delays through its collaborative efforts with other community partners to ensure the best possible care for all Texans.

And Cornerstone Ranch provides a family-centered environment where residents thrive, confidence is nurtured, and special needs adults are empowered to lead productive lives as members of the community.

While these are just a few entities in North Texas who work tirelessly to expand the conversation of inclusion, accessibility, and lifelong independent living skills, I am honored to recognize their efforts on behalf of all Collin County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking these organizations and recognizing the importance of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY WORKING DOGS ACT

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" in commemoration of National K9 Veterans Day later this week. The United States K9 Corps was established on March 13, 1942. As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I want to thank my vice-chairman Congressman ANDY KIM (D-NJ) for his support as the bill's original cosponsor.

Military working dogs serve on the front lines with our troops to defend our nation and provide recuperating services for our veterans and their former handlers. Caring for these dogs in the field and once they return home is our responsibility.

The "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" would ensure that our nation's military working dogs receive the best possible care and direct the U.S. Department of Defense to work with veterans' service organizations and other nonprofits to support their long-term care, once adopted by their former handler's into loving homes.

In 2019, the U.S. special forces raid that led to the death of ISIS terrorist leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi included an American special operations military working dog Belgian Malinois named Conan. During the raid, Conan chased al-Baghdadi into a tunnel underneath a compound in northern Syria, where he then detonated his suicide vest. During the chase, Conan was injured by live electrical wires in the tunnel. Under current federal law, the Department of Defense cannot cover the veterinary expenses of military working dogs like Conan, when they retire from duty or recuperate from injury while adopted.

The "Support Our Military Working Dogs Act" would remove these restrictions to authorize the Department of Defense to provide support for retired or injured military working dogs after their adoption. The bill would also ensure that the U.S. government covers all transportation costs associated with transferring retired military animals, including horses, to their new adopted homes, building upon the success of the Military Working Dog Retirement Act of 2015.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Readiness, which has jurisdiction over military working dogs, I urge all our Members of the House to join me and Congressman KIM in cosponsoring this important legislation.

#### HAILEY HAYNES

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

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

Hailey Haynes is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because her deter-

mination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hailey Haynes 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 Hailey Haynes 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.

#### COMMEMORATING 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY, TURNAROUND TUESDAY, AND THE FINAL MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, fifty-five years ago, in Selma, Alabama, hundreds of heroic souls risked their lives for freedom and to secure the right to vote for all Americans by their participation in marches for voting rights on "Bloody Sunday," "Turnaround Tuesday," or the final, completed march from Selma to Montgomery.

Those "foot soldiers" of Selma, brave and determined men and women, boys and girls, persons of all races and creeds, loved their country so much that they were willing to risk their lives to make it better, to bring it even closer to its founding ideals.

More than a half century has passed since that day of horror and carnage on the bridge, a day so terrible that it was immediately named and will be forever known as "Bloody Sunday."

But we will always remember.

Madam Speaker, people come from all over the world to stand on the bridge, ground sanctified and consecrated by the blood and courage and sacrifice of nameless, innocent, ordinary persons whose commitment to justice changed America for the better.

People come to Selma and remember Bloody Sunday with reverence and awe for the same reasons they visit the beaches of Normandy and the cornfields of Gettysburg.

We remember them because we know in our hearts that President Lyndon Johnson was right when he addressed the Congress and the nation the evening of March 15, 1965, stating:

"At times history and fate meet at a single time in a single place to shape a turning point in man's unending search for freedom.

"So it was at Lexington and Concord.

"So it was a century ago at Appomattox.

"So it was last week in Selma, Alabama."

On Bloody Sunday, John Lewis and Reverend Hosea Williams led 600 courageous, unarmed men, women, and children in a peaceful march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge from Selma to Montgomery to dramatize to the nation the aspiration of African Americans to become full citizens and to participate in the political process.

As they crossed the highest part of the bridge, the marchers were viciously attacked

by Alabama state troopers, who ridiculed, tear-gassed, clubbed, spat on, whipped and trampled them with their horses.

In the end, John Lewis's skull was fractured by a state trooper's nightstick, and 17 other marchers were hospitalized.

In direct response to Bloody Sunday, Congress passed, and President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the greatest victory of the Civil Rights Movement, and the most significant advance in the field of civil rights and democratic governance since the Civil War Amendments of the 1860s.

Selma marked a turning point in history because it was the place where moral courage met and overcame entrenched power.

The Edmund Pettus Bridge is more than a bridge; it was the portal through which America left the dark days of its past and marched into a better and brighter future.

And the trail of that journey is marked by the blood of the foot soldiers who led the way.

Despite, or perhaps because of its proven effectiveness in breaking down voting barriers, on June 25, 2013, the Supreme Court, issued the shameful decision in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, which struck down Section 4(b) of the VRA, which immobilized the heart of the Act, the preclearance provisions of Section 5.

The Supreme Court did this even though a bipartisan Congress in 2006 voted nearly unanimously to reauthorize Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

After hearing from more than 90 witnesses with a diverse range of views, holding 20 hearings, and evaluating a 15,000-page record, 98 Senators and 390 House members voted to re-authorize Sections 4(b) and 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

Within hours of the Supreme Court's *Shelby County* decision, the State of Texas, where in 2012 alone Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act blocked the state's discriminatory photo ID law and intentionally discriminatory redistricting plans, announced its intention to implement those measures immediately.

This is only one of many examples of formerly covered states taking advantage of the gap in Section 5 protection by reverting back to laws that the Voting Rights Act previously blocked.

The struggle to ensure that all Americans can participate equally in the political process continues.

And that is why I was proud to cosponsor and support H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which corrects the damage done to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and commits the national government to protecting the right of all Americans to vote free from discrimination and without injustices that previously prevented them from exercising this most fundamental right of citizenship.

IN RECOGNITION OF PROFESSOR  
RONALD WOODS DISTINGUISHED  
CAREER AT EASTERN MICHIGAN  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Professor Ronald Woods

on his retirement and recognize his forty-three years of distinguished service at Eastern Michigan University (EMU). His contributions to our community have been many and deserve significant recognition.

In his decades of service as a teacher and mentor, Professor Ronald Woods has become a pillar of the EMU community. A former poverty law attorney, Ronald Woods started at EMU in 1976 as a lecturer in the Afro-American Studies Program, and later went on to become a professor and the first head of the African American Studies Program. In these capacities, Professor Woods provided valuable expertise on the intersection of race, public policy, and law. He shed light on the impact of social policy on our nation's schools and communities and published on a variety of different topics like African policy in the horn of Africa. In addition to his work as a professor and scholar, Professor Woods was highly regarded in serving as Director of the Institute for the Study of Children, Families, and Communities.

Today, we celebrate Professor Woods for his leadership and unrelenting dedication to his students, community, and academia. Throughout his tenure, Professor Woods mentored hundreds of students and was recognized for his professionalism, kind demeanor, and passion for educating our nation's future leaders. Beyond academics, Professor Woods's contributions included serving as interim president of the Michigan Council of Black Studies, a member of the Board of Directors of the African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County, and member of the Board of Directors of Wittenberg University, and even a member of the Board of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, just to name a few of his many outstanding accomplishments. In addition, Professor Wood was paramount to the success of key community programs. As an early leader and the first coordinator of Washtenaw County My Brother's Keeper, Professor Woods empowered multiple generations to build community, change narratives, and improve outcomes for young men and boys of color in Washtenaw County. Professor Wood's years of service have impacted the lives of many, and his continued dedication provides a lasting example of what we should all endeavor to accomplish—to effect change, be compassionate leaders, and do all we can to make a difference in the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ronald Woods as he retires from Eastern Michigan University. We thank him for his decades of distinguished of service and leadership and wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MEYMUNA HUSSEIN-CATTAN—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 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 out-

standing women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Meymuna Hussein-Cattan of the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Meymuna Hussein-Cattan is an executive, social entrepreneur and world traveler dedicated to shifting the narrative around refugees in the United States. Born in an Ethiopian refugee camp in Somalia, Ms. Hussein-Cattan's childhood gave her a first-hand view of the struggles of refugee children. In 1983, Meymuna's father moved to San Diego when he was resettled by the International Rescue Committee. Young Meymuna and her mother, Owliya Dima followed the next year.

Growing up with a passion for human rights and advocacy, Meymuna went on to receive her bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from the University of California, Irvine and a master's degree in Organizational Management from Antioch University. Hussein-Cattan wrote her Master's thesis about Tiyya, which proposed creating a nonprofit organization that supports refugees starting a new life in Southern California. Tiyya means "my love" in Oromo, which is one of the languages spoken in Ethiopia. Over the years, Tiyya has improved the lives of refugees in the greater Los Angeles area through the arts, education and recreational activities.

With generosity and public service as core principles and the help of her mother, Meymuna made it her mission to assist refugees to find stability and navigate the similar complex challenges that her family went through. As co-founder and CEO, Ms. Hussein-Cattan has played a vital role in Tiyya's successes over the past decade, which include impacting the lives of hundreds of people each year with a variety of programs. As funding sources dwindled, Meymuna expanded the organization's mission by launching Flavors from Afar, a program that helps refugees develop culinary careers in their new country and build connections within the neighborhood.

Apart from her work at Tiyya, Meymuna is committed to broadening her scope and reaching other advocates with her expertise. A speaker at many organizations and universities, she enjoys sharing her insights and experience to motivate and inspire the future wave of human rights activists. The Los Angeles refugee community has greatly benefited from the generosity and dedication of Meymuna Hussein-Cattan.

Meymuna and her husband, Shukry live with their daughter, Suraya in Echo Park.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALMA S. ADAMS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I was absent on March 3, 2020 due to my primary election. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 81—YEA, and Roll Call No. 82—YEA.



FULTON JACKSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

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

Fulton Jackson is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Fulton Jackson 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 Fulton Jackson 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES  
"JIM" McGRATH

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering the life of James "Jim" McGrath, a longtime District of Columbia resident and our city's leading activist for tenants' rights, on the occasion of his death on March 3, 2020.

Jim McGrath, born in Boston, Massachusetts on September 1, 1937, came to the District after serving in the U.S. Army. He studied literature at American University and received a master's degree in literature at Georgetown University. Jim worked full time as he pursued his education. He worked and volunteered for the American Cancer Society, he was a research assistant for a D.C. law firm and a paralegal for a telecommunications firm in D.C.

These experiences led him to the House of Representatives, where he worked for former Speaker of the House John W. McCormack of Massachusetts. Jim worked as a clerk for the House Committee on the Judiciary and later became a leading expert on federal pay issues as an employee of the Library of Congress.

As a D.C. resident who lived in Dupont Circle for 45 years, Jim became well acquainted with the challenges and abuse D.C. tenants face. He established the D.C. Tenants Advocacy Coalition (TENAC) in 1992 and became the lead advocate for tenants for rent control in the District. His advocacy for tenants' rights brought him before the D.C. Council, and his expertise led to legislation such as the creation of the Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA), the confirmation of the Chief Tenant Advocate and the Tenants' Right To Organize Act. Jim's leadership will be especially missed today, when the high cost of housing is perhaps the most important issue facing our city.

With the passing of Jim McGrath this month, the District has lost a friend—and so have I. Jim McGrath devoted his life to the tenants of this city and became the face and soul of tenants' rights. Jim was the acknowledged leader of citizen efforts to protect tenants in this highest city.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring James "Jim" McGrath, my friend and a leader in our city, for his life of service. I extend my deepest condolences to Jim's family.

LT. COL. JAMES "JAY" VALLARIO

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel James "Jay" Vallario following nearly 25 years of dedicated service as a United States Marine. Jay was born in San Francisco, California in 1976. He is a graduate of Commodore Sloat Elementary School, Aptos Middle School, and Saint Ignatius College Preparatory. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from the University of San Diego. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in September of 1995, and served as a Rifleman and a M1A1 tank crewman. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in April 1999, and then began active service.

A career AV-8B Harrier attack pilot, Jay completed two operational tours with Marine Attack Squadron 311 and one with Marine Attack Squadron 211. He served in all departments within a Marine Attack Squadron including assignments as the Aviation Safety Officer, Airframes Officer, Weapons and Tactics Instructor, Operations Officer, and Executive Officer. He completed two deployments with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, one deployment with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and one deployment with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. While serving as the Air Combat Element Executive Officer and AV-8B Detachment Officer in Charge of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Jay conducted combat sorties from the USS Makin Island in support of Operations Inherent Resolve and Enduring Freedom.

Jay's other duties included assignment to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, with whom he served as a Forward Air Controller in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom: Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron Yuma Officer in Charge; and, assignment to the 55th Fighter Squadron, with whom he served as a Marine Exchange F-16CJ Pilot. During his United States Air Force exchange tour Jay deployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy, and conducted combat sorties into Libya in support of Operation Unified Protector. From April 2015 to February 2016, Jay served on the staff of the Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Aviation. Jay commanded the AV-8B Fleet Replacement Squadron, VMAT-203, from June 2016 to January 2018. While in command, he was responsible for initial and refresher training of Marine Corps Harrier attack pilots.

Upon relinquishing command, Jay assumed the billet of Marine Aircraft Group 14 Executive Officer, where he served until July 2018. From July 2018, until his retirement on 1 April

2020, Jay was assigned to the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs where he served as a liaison to Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, and managed the Navy's Expeditionary Warfare, Air Warfare, Military Sealift, and F-35 acquisition portfolios.

Upon his retirement from active service in the United States Marine Corps, Jay will begin work as a Professional Staff Member on the House Armed Services Committee, where he will manage the readiness portfolios of the United States Air Force and United States Space Force.

Jay is married to Adrianna, from Denton, Texas. They have two children—Maia (6), and Evan (4)—and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Vallario and his family for his service to our Nation.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Thursday, March 5th, due to full-time military duties with the South Carolina Air National Guard. 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
CREATIVE IMAGE BEAUTY SALON

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Creative Image Beauty Salon in Dearborn. Its years of dedicated service to our community are worthy of commendation.

Creative Image Beauty Salon has served Dearborn residents since 1997. The salon offers a variety of services designed to meet the individual needs of each customer, and they provide exceptional service thanks to the staffs many years of experience. The owner of Creative Image Beauty Salon, Haitham Mehanna, is a dedicated business owner with a commitment to satisfying his customers and enriching the Dearborn community. Mehanna is recognized among his family, peers, and clients as an honest and generous man who is eager to always lend a helping hand to local causes, working tirelessly to improve the community. Thanks to his leadership and the highclass work of his staff, Creative Image Beauty Salon has become an integral part of Dearborn, as it has united the city and consistently provides quality services to all its clients.

Today, we celebrate Creative Image Beauty Salon for its continued commitment to the Dearborn community. The salon's dedication to caring for every person who walks through the door is truly remarkable and serves a model that other businesses should endeavor to match. Each staff member goes above and beyond, striving to provide the best services possible. Without a doubt, the Creative Image

Beauty Salon will remain an economic and social asset to the city of Dearborn for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Creative Image Beauty Salon. We are grateful for the salon's positive impact on our community and wish it continued success in the years ahead.

DINAH JAHNS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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

Dinah Jahns is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dinah Jahns 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 Dinah Jahns 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 GRETA JOHANSSON,  
SBA DISTRICT DIRECTOR, NEW  
HAMPSHIRE

### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greta Johansson for her service as the Director of the New Hampshire office of the United States Small Business Administration (SBA).

Greta retires after 38 years of dedicated service to our nation's small businesses. Throughout her career, she has distinguished herself as a true leader in small business development and finance in the Granite State. Greta started her career with the SBA's Disaster Assistance office providing critical support to businesses that experienced natural disasters. She subsequently went on to serve in a key role in the Connecticut District Office as Deputy District Director for more than 14 years. Since 2011, Greta has led the New Hampshire District Office of the SBA. In her current role she has led the office's delivery of SBA programs and services throughout New Hampshire, working with lenders, resources partners, and economic development entities to foster entrepreneurship and business growth. Greta has distinguished herself as true leader in the Granite State business community and the positive impact she made will be seen for many years to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I com-

mend Greta Johansson for her service in supporting the Granite State's small business and entrepreneurs. I look forward to our continued work together to support the small business community.

TRIBUTE TO TAMI KAGAN-  
ABRAMS—28TH CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 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, Tami Kagan-Abrams of the Hollywood Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles, California. Ms. Kagan-Abrams is a loving wife and mother, with a passion for volunteering and philanthropy, and has devoted her time to organizations and programs that benefit children and women.

Tami spent 10 years working in program management at Yahoo. She served on the board of directors for the Yahoo Employee Foundation, an employee-led and funded organization that grants funds to non-profit initiatives championed by the employee donors. Through the foundation, Tami successfully advocated for grants for JFS { Hope, one of only a few domestic violence shelters to house entire families and teenage boys, and The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, a non-profit organization that donates musical instruments to under-funded music programs and offers support services to school districts across the nation. Ms. Kagan-Abrams also spent 6 years with The Walt Disney Company, where she participated with the Disney VolunteERS program, mentoring Army veterans transitioning back into civilian life and bringing her team to volunteer for JFS { Sova, a Community Food and Resource Program which provides supportive services and free groceries to over 9,000 people.

A decade ago, Tami began volunteering with the Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles (JFS) Young Leader Group, and after leading the Young Leaders for an annual term, she joined the JFS board of directors. As a board member, she assists with fundraising, provides direction and support through different committees, and is currently serving as the Public Policy committee chair. In addition to her efforts with the JFS, Ms. Kagan-Abrams chairs the Discretionary Funds Task Force for Los Angeles City Council District 4 and serves on the volunteer steering committee as the Projects Director for Abundant Housing Los Angeles.

Ms. Kagan-Abrams received her bachelor's degree in Communication from the University of California, Los Angeles, followed by her Master's in Communication Management from the University of Southern California. Tami lives in the Hollywood Hills with her husband and daughter.

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

RECOGNIZING GHANAIAN  
AMERICANS

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Ghanaian Americans and their contributions.

The United States of America is home to hundreds of thousands of people of Ghanaian heritage—including those who were born on this soil, those whose family emigrated for economic opportunity, and those who recently traced their roots to ancestors taken from Ghana as part of the Transatlantic slave trade.

The U.S. and Ghana share a long history with Kwame Nkrumah studying in American universities and working alongside Civil Rights leaders before becoming President of the first sub-Saharan African country to gain independence from colonization on March 6, 1957.

Today, the relationship between the two countries has deepened with the Year of Return and Ghana being among the top five African countries with a fast-growing immigrant population in the U.S. Last year Speaker PELOSI led a Congressional delegation to Ghana, where she called the trip "transformative," recognizing the great strides the country has made since gaining independence.

However, today more than ever, Ghanaians living in the United States worry about immigration policies as well as accessing health and economic opportunities once promised by the American dream. In 2020, when everyone should be counted by the U.S. Census, many Ghanaians will surely be undercounted and underrepresented due to viral misinformation.

Ghanaian Americans are an essential fabric in the tapestry of America from the cab driver to the medical doctor. You will find them in all parts of the country from Chicago to New York to suburban Ohio and Massachusetts. The culture is hard to ignore with sumptuous food, the iconic Kente cloth, storytelling, inventions, architecture, and music.

This is important to remember as the United States continues to encourage democracy and bolster partnerships with Ghana in recognizing the 63rd anniversary of Ghana's independence, its thriving heritage, and the long-standing positive relationship between our two countries.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY  
MONTH

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today, we rise to celebrate Women's History Month and reflect on the generations of American women and their many contributions that have brought us to this place in our history.

Every March, we honor the countless contributions that women have made to this nation. Fearless leaders like the late Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, Coretta Scott King, Dorothy Heights, Dolores Huerta, Patsy Mink and Wilma Mankiller paved the way for us. We

would not be where we are today without them.

March is also our time to reflect on the work that remains to achieve true equality. Last year, we saw women challenging the status quo everywhere from sports and politics to emerging STEM fields and corporate boards. In fact, I am proud to serve in this Congress that has 127 women—the most in U.S. history.

But too many women are still fighting to break down barriers.

The injustices that remain are many. Whether it is unequal pay or attacks on reproductive health, the persistent shadow of sexism and prejudice still undermines women in our society.

But I know that women are resilient.

And throughout it all, we are standing strong.

Today, I am reminded of the words of my mentor, Shirley Chisholm. She said, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."

I hope women and girls everywhere will bring their folding chairs and stay at the table. Because this month is more than a celebration of our past—it's a call for a better future tomorrow.

Happy Women's History Month.

CJ KRAMER

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

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

CJ Kramer is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by CJ Kramer 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 CJ Kramer 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.

### TRIBUTE TO FLORDELINA "LENNI" LARA—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 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, Flordelina

"Lenni" Lara of the Atwater Village neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Flordelina "Lenni" Lara is a devoted wife to her husband, Yiu Lunglem, and mother of their two wonderful sons, Kyle and Lucas. Emphasizing education as a priority, Lenni has been a dedicated member of the Glenfelig Boulevard Elementary School community since her family arrived in the neighborhood six years ago. She has taken on a prominent leadership role at the school where she dedicates her time to ensure the school runs smoothly and is a warm and nurturing environment for students and parents alike. Lenni brings a positive attitude and strong work ethic to all that she does and serves as a role model for the students at the school.

A selfless advocate for children and education, Ms. Lara is responsible for supporting the development of several new programs at Glenfelig Boulevard Elementary School. She played a critical role in creating a technology program with a 5-year vision, and volunteers in classrooms with technology instruction. She has been a member of the school's governance committee and has served as a Parent Teacher Association officer for three years. Lenni volunteers with the school's cooking classes by assisting the professional chefs who teach parents and students healthy ways to cook and eat. She also dedicates her time to helping the school organize activities, fundraisers, and projects that benefit the entire student body.

In addition to her work with the school, Lenni is a highly respected and an admired member of her community. She assists other parents to find their voices within the school community and encourages them to get involved in school-related activities.

Glenfelig Boulevard Elementary School depends upon Ms. Lara to support the school in every way needed. Her contributions are consistent and impactful—each and every student benefits from her generous work.

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

### HONORING RUBY ANN WHITTLE SMITH

### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Ruby Ann Whittle Smith and celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Smith was born on March 15, 1920, to George and Dora Whittle in South Hill, Virginia. In 1923, the Whittle Family moved from Virginia to Baltimore, Maryland. After a short stay there, they moved to New Jersey where, in 1925, they settled into their home in Orange. Mrs. Smith attended the Orange Public Schools until her graduation from Orange High School in 1940.

After high school, Mrs. Smith furthered her education at the New York Institute of Dietetics. Once she graduated, she worked as an intern at Provident Hospital in Baltimore, MD. When she finished her internship, Mrs. Smith

returned to New Jersey and became a dietitian at the Community Hospital in Newark, NJ. Eventually, she left the hospital and began a career at the Western Electric Company, a subsidiary of AT&T, in Kearney, NJ, where she made telephones for distribution. She worked in the Western Electric office for 30 years before she retired in 1985.

She was supported throughout her life by her husband, Willie E. Smith, Sr. They were married for 37 years. In addition, she was an active member of New Hope Baptist Church in East Orange and served as a volunteer to Hospice, Inc. Many church members continue to visit Mrs. Smith to this day through the New Hope Visiting Ministry. She was a very active member of the East Orange Senior Citizens Exercise and Wellness Program. She enjoyed the program's social events, participated in the exercise programs, transported those who needed a ride around town, and rode in Memorial Day parades.

Today, she spends her time with friends at the Orange Retirement Club in East Orange, where she enjoys the exercises, BINGO, lunch, outings and plenty of fun.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and recognize Ruby Ann Whittle Smith for bringing joy and love to the people of my district for 100 years.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE ADVANCING THE QUALITY AND UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN AQUACULTURE (AQUAA) ACT

### HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter from Stronger America Through Seafood (SATS) reflecting their support for my recently introduced Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture (AQUAA) Act, H.R. 6191, which will enable the growth of sustainable U.S. marine aquaculture.

MARCH 11, 2020.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: We are contacting you regarding the Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture (AQUAA) Act, legislation sponsored by Reps. Collin Peterson (D-MN) and Steven Palazzo (R-MS) that will enable the growth of sustainable U.S. marine aquaculture.

Demand for healthful, affordable, and sustainable protein is increasing dramatically. Globally, aquaculture is one of the fastest growing forms of food production. According to the World Bank, by 2030, aquaculture's share in global seafood production will expand to supply over 60% of fish for human consumption, whereas wild-capture seafood production will remain steady. Marine aquaculture requires no land, minimal fresh water and a relatively small amount of space to provide abundant, healthful seafood making it the most efficient means of animal protein production. Further, farmed seafood provides a source for local, traceable, affordable meal options that benefit public health.

The United States' long coastline, expansive Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), skilled labor force, superior technology, ample feed sources, and growing seafood market put it at the top of the list of countries with aquaculture potential. In fact, a doubling of U.S.



aquaculture production to about 1 million tons could create an additional 50,000 direct and indirect jobs, assuming 20 direct jobs per 1,000 tons of seafood produced, or five jobs per 1,000 tons in equipment, feeds, processing, marketing, and food service. These jobs could provide stable, year-round employment opportunities in coastal and fishing communities where opportunities are often limited and seasonally dependent.

Unfortunately, the U.S. ranks only 16th globally in aquaculture production. The problem? U.S. marine aquaculture is constrained by regulatory hurdles, including overlapping jurisdiction of federal, state, and local governments, and the absence of a clearly-defined permitting process. As a result, American investment, jobs, and technology are forced overseas while our dependence on imported seafood continues to rise—The U.S. now imports 91% of our seafood. Until Congress acts, the economic, environmental and societal benefits of aquaculture will remain inaccessible in the U.S.

To remedy these challenges, the AQUAA Act establishes a clear permitting process for U.S. marine aquaculture and prioritizes environmental and societal health by establishing National Standards for Sustainable Offshore Aquaculture. AQUAA leverages modern siting and monitoring technologies to mitigate impacts on other ocean-based industries and ecosystems. It also provides for strict federal enforcement and includes a process for robust public input which ensures that coastal communities and states are considered prior to permitting new operations. In short, AQUAA provides much-needed regulatory certainty for U.S. marine farmers while also preserving the environment, local economies and public health. AQUAA will lead to increased U.S. seafood production that benefits ALL Americans.

With quick action by the U.S. Congress, Americans may soon see marine aquaculture become a reality for the betterment of our businesses and of our citizens. Please contact us for more details on how AQUAA might benefit your constituents.

Sincerely,

STRONGER AMERICA THROUGH SEAFOOD.

Bill Taylor and Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish, Shelton, WA; Jesse Mitchell, Wenger, Sabetha, KS; Todd Madsen, Blue Ocen Mariculture, Kona, HI; Max Holtzman, Pontos Aqua Advisory, Washington, D.C.; Michael Cigliano, Santa Monica Seafood, Santa Monica, CA; Bill DiMento, High Liner Foods, Portsmouth, NH; Horace G. Dawson, Red Lobster Seafood Co., Orlando, FL; Mark Frisch, Sea Best, Inc., Jacksonville, FL; David Kelly, InnovaSea, Boston, MA; Chris Stock, Zeigler Bros., Inc., Gardners, PA; Kathryn Unger, Cargill, Wayzata, MN; Tony Dal Ponte, Pacific Seafood, Clackamas, OR; Sean O'Scannlain, Fortune International, Bensenville, IL; Brad Christie, Sysco, Houston, TX; Allen LeBalnc, Calysta, Menlo Park, CA; Omar Alfi, Pacifico Aquaculture, San Diego, CA.

GRETCHEN KUKA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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

Gretchen Kuka is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Gretchen Kuka 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 Gretchen Kuka 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.

FEED OUR VETS

HON. ANTHONY BRINDISI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. BRINDISI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the "Feed Our Vets" nonprofit organization located in New York Mills, NY and to recognize the volunteer staff for providing food assistance to our veterans who are experiencing financial challenges.

Veterans have played an essential role in defending our nation, and we must show our gratitude for their service and sacrifice by ensuring that they are not left behind on the battlefield of hunger once they return home.

I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring "Feed Our Vets" and their volunteers for providing this invaluable service to our veterans in Central New York.

TRIBUTE TO VICTORIA MALONE—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 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, Victoria Malone of Montrose, California.

Victoria Malone is a devoted wife and mother with a lifelong passion for giving back to her community. She has been a part of the Montrose community since her teenage years, when she attended Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) before going on to study at San Diego State University.

As the Executive Director of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce (MVCC), Ms. Malone has positively impacted many small businesses, and having owned and operated her own business in the area, she has made it her mission to provide vital support to the local businesses. Victoria has helped the chamber become financially sustainable, thus allowing the MVCC to provide numerous charitable donations back to the Montrose community, and she leads the chamber in organizing the annual Montrose Oktoberfest, a community event that has been produced for over four decades.

In addition to her work with the MVCC, Victoria devotes her time to volunteering for several local events and organizations. She has volunteered for the Montrose Shopping Park Association Small Business Saturday and the association's Arts and Crafts Festival as Street and Traffic Patrol, and for several years, for the Montrose Christmas Parade Association. Victoria and her husband, Michael Marshall volunteered at the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association event, where they worked from set-up to clean-up, and also at the 2018 Prom Plus event for CVHS students. Ms. Malone and her family helped pay off the lunch meal debt for CVHS students and families who were struggling to cover that expense. In addition, for the last two decades, they have opened up their home to several rescue dogs who were in search of their forever homes.

One of the greatest examples of Victoria's generosity is the four weeks that she spent volunteering in Kathmandu, Nepal, where she assisted an orphanage that helped children and elder women. Victoria donated school supplies, clothing, and backpacks, provided art instruction to the children, and helped manage the kitchen and supplies. Using her background as a life coach, she donated her services to local Nepalese women at a Woman's Empowerment Workshop.

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESILIENT  
ELECTIONS DURING QUARANTINES AND NATURAL DISASTERS ACT OF 2020

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") has already infected more than 100,000 people worldwide and killed more than 4,000 people. Meanwhile, millions of Americans are anxious about their health, safety, and job security. Earlier today, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a global pandemic and the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases acknowledged that COVID-19 is "going to get worse."

Without broad congressional action, COVID-19 has the potential to disrupt every aspect of American society, including the 2020 primary and general elections. The virus will likely impact voters who cannot leave their homes as well as those who are under mandatory or self-imposed quarantines at the recommendation of health experts. To make matters worse, the Election Assistance Commission has found that 58 percent of all poll workers in 2018 were over 60—the prime at-risk population for COVID-19.

The Resilient Elections During Quarantines and Natural Disasters Act of 2020 requires that states and localities create and publish a plan to operate their elections if large numbers of voters or poll workers have been subjected to a mandatory quarantine or a self-quarantine at the advice of government officials or health experts. In the event that a quarter of states declaring an emergency related to COVID-19,

another infectious disease, or a natural disaster, this legislation also requires states to offer all voters the ability to vote by absentee ballot. Finally, this legislation requires that states offer prepaid self-sealing postage to voters who vote absentee in order to reduce the risk associated with infection at post offices.

It is critical that we take a broad view of the response to COVID-19 and ensure that our elections are safe, secure, and accessible to all.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANAN AMERI  
AS SHE IS NAMED THE 2020  
ARAB AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Anan Ameri as she is named the 2020 Arab American of the Year by ACCESS. Dr. Ameri's lifetime of community service and activism is worthy of commendation, and we are proud to recognize her achievements today.

Anan Ameri is a pillar of Washtenaw County. For over forty years, she has dedicated her career to advocating for social justice and equity, upholding immigrant rights, and preserving Arab American stories. Dr. Ameri, an author, educator, and activist, is especially known in our community as the founding director for the Arab American National Museum. Thanks to her steadfast leadership and revolutionary vision, she secured the museum's Smithsonian affiliation, making it the only Arab American organization in the prestigious network. In addition, Dr. Ameri is the national president of the Palestine Aid Society of America and was inducted to Michigan's Hall of Fame for her extraordinary efforts in 2016.

Today, we celebrate Anan Ameri for her lifetime of service to her community. Born in Damascus, Syria and raised in Amman, Jordan, Dr. Ameri understands the daily trials and tribulations immigrants experience. As such, she has advocated for their voices and continues to fight to ensure their rights are upheld. Beyond her career in activism, she also has served as a mentor to young women. She has nurtured women to pursue their dreams, strive for excellence, and embrace their heritage. Dr. Ameri truly embodies the hopes and dreams of immigrants coming to America and has made a difference in our Michigan community. Her years of service have impacted the lives of many, and her continued dedication provides a lasting example for what we should all endeavor to accomplish—to effect change, be compassionate community members, and do all we can to make a difference in the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Anan Ameri. Her decades of selfless service make her a deserving recipient of the Arab American of the Year Award. I am grateful for her lasting impact and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

ETHAN PERINN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

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

Ethan Perinn is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ethan Perinn 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 Ethan Perinn 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. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on February 11, February 12, and February 13 because I attended funeral services for my district staffer, Barb Baker. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 57; NAY on Roll Call No. 58; YEA on Roll Call No. 59; NAY on Roll Call No. 60; YEA on Roll Call No. 61; YEA on Roll Call No. 62; YEA on Roll Call No. 63; YEA on Roll Call No. 64; YEA on Roll Call No. 65; YEA on Roll Call No. 66; YEA on Roll Call No. 67; YEA on Roll Call No. 68; NAY on Roll Call No. 69; and NAY on Roll Call No. 70.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA WEBER—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 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, Barbara Weber of La Cañada Flintridge, California.

Born on a military base in Southern California, Barbara Gillis grew up in several states, including Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan and Texas. Graduating as the Valedictorian from Ladycliff College in Highland Falls, New York, Barbara majored in math and minored in chemistry, and earned a job at Bell Labs in New Jersey where she met her hus-

band, Bill. Barbara and Bill moved to Pasadena, California in 1967 where Bill was employed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). After teaching kindergarten at a local school, Ms. Weber soon joined the staff at JPL.

Barbara was one of the few women working at JPL in 1969, and she single-handedly changed their maternity policy regarding pregnant employees by working until her due date. She stayed at JPL until 1974, when she and Bill bought their house in La Cañada Flintridge. Ms. Weber then took classes in computing and accounting at Pasadena City College and began consulting for local businesses.

Barbara's volunteer work in the community is extensive. She has served on the boards of several La Cañada Flintridge Parent-Teacher Associations, assisted with various La Cañada Unified School District bond measures and was a classroom volunteer at Paradise Canyon Elementary School. Other organizations that have benefited from her volunteer service include Huntington Hospital, La Cañada Newcomers Club, the Assistance League of Flintridge and Caltech Women's Club, and she is a founding member of the Caltech Women's Investment Club. In addition, Ms. Weber is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Bede the Venerable Church, where she was a leader in the Peace and Justice Ministry, and since 1984, has been an active member of St. Bede's Skidettes which prepare and deliver daily lunches to the homeless at various shelters in the Los Angeles area.

Barbara and her husband, Bill enjoy spending time with their three children, Billy, Christa and David and seven grandchildren.

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

HONORING ANNIE VIRGINIA  
JOHNSON RICE

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Annie Virginia Johnson Rice and celebrate her 100th birthday.

Annie Virginia Johnson Rice was born in Brightwood, Virginia on March 12, 1920. She was the sixth of 11 children born to the late Ernest and Louise Johnson and educated in the Madison County School System. She received her early Christian education at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, where she was baptized in the Robinson River.

Annie moved to Washington, D.C. as a young woman and soon developed a keen appreciation for many of Washington's cultural attractions.

Her life's work was caring for her children and late husband. She was the adoring wife of the late James A. Rice and a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great, great grandmother.

She is similarly committed to her church and community. Annie is a long-time member of Simms United Methodist Church and has served as a communion steward, church

greeter, and assisted with the acolytes for many years.

In addition, Annie was an active volunteer with the Meals on Wheels Program for more than 20 years. The program allowed her to do what she enjoys most—travel around her adopted hometown to improve the lives of others.

But Annie's favorite passion is hats. At church, she can be found in her pew regally adorned in one of her many decorated hats with matching gloves and handbag. Her favorite color is purple, but her accessories can be a rainbow of colors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and recognize Annie Virginia Johnson Rice for bringing joy and love to so many people and celebrate her 100th birthday.

**DJILL SUMAKUL**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

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

Djill Sumakul is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Djill Sumakul 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 Djill Sumakul 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.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### MARCH 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine winning the economic competition between the United States and China.

SD-538

##### MARCH 25

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To hold hearings to examine the findings of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission.

SD-G50

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for Indian programs.

SD-628

##### MARCH 31

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the final recommendations and report of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service.

SD-G50