

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