

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.