

the Bangladeshi American community, as they celebrate the centennial of the birth of Sheikh Mujib.

RECOGNIZING DAN OHL OF MALTA

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dan Ohl of Malta for going above and beyond to answer the call of duty and personally fly blood platelets to his local hospital in a time of need.

Dan loves to fly. He says there's nothing like seeing Montana's stunning landscape from a different perspective.

As a Montana Highway Patrolman, Dan spends a lot of time on the ground, lending a hand to fellow Montanans. It wasn't until this past December that his love of flying and helping others came together.

In December 2019, Phillips County Hospital contacted Montana Highway Patrol for assistance delivering blood from Great Falls to their clinic in Malta. The troopers came up with a plan to use a series of relays to transport the blood to Malta but ran into a problem when there wasn't enough staff to execute it. That's when Dan stepped up.

Dan jumped into action and using his own Beach Craft Bonanza 6-seater, started the over 200-mile flight to Great Falls to meet the Red Cross at the local airport. He says it was the most precious cargo, aside from his family, he has had on his plane. When he touched down in Malta, he met with hospital staff who transferred the blood to the hospital. His quick delivery of blood saved a life.

For Dan, this is why he went into serving in the Montana Highway Patrol: he wanted to help Montanans. Whether he's on or off duty, as a patrolman, he's called to step up in times of need and that's exactly what he did.

Madam Speaker, for selflessly helping his fellow Montanans, from the air and on the ground, I recognize Dan Ohl for his Spirit of Montana.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine for celebrating their 50th anniversary.

SIU School of Medicine was established in 1970 after the Illinois General Assembly passed a bill calling for a second state medical school to be established in downstate Illinois and achieved full accreditation in 1972. Today, SIU School of Medicine admits 72 of the best medical students from around the world each year.

The medical education curriculum offered at SIU School of Medicine has brought the school national attention. The school's con-

tinuing medical education program provides an extensive schedule of accredited conferences and symposia for physicians and other healthcare professionals in central and southern Illinois.

I applaud the efforts of SIU School of Medicine, its faculty, and students. They continue to provide quality medical education committed to improving local healthcare. I extend my sincere congratulations to SIU School of Medicine for a successful 50 years, and I wish them continued success going forward providing quality healthcare services to the residents of Central Illinois.

CERTOL INTERNATIONAL LLC

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Certol International LLC for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2020 Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. Founded in 1979, and located in Commerce City since 2003, Certol International was an early pioneer in the manufacturing of infection prevention products for the medical and dental markets. Creating innovative products in these markets remains a core competency today. The company works with distribution partners to ship to customers in national and international destinations.

Certol International operates out of a 46,000 square-foot building in Commerce City with a staff of 38. In 2019, they hired two more employees and contributed over a million dollars in capital investment.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Certol International LLC for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

IN RECOGNITION OF ART OWENS, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS' SWINGLE AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Art Owens, who will receive the Francis Swingle Award from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. He will be honored at the group's 106th annual gathering on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Art was born January 12, 1959 to Sheldon and Eleanor Owens in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He attended grade school in Wilkes-Barre and graduated from E.L. Meyers High School in 1979. He earned an associate degree in social science from Luzerne County Community College and a bachelor's degree in liberal studies in social services, along with a certificate in gerontology from College Misericordia.

Art's career serving others began in 1975 in the dietary department at Mercy Hospital in

Wilkes-Barre. As the volunteer director, Art was integral to the management of the volunteer department, developing therapies and projects like the Angel/Golden Tree Project. During his 20-year career at the hospital, he successfully built professional relationships with area social service organizations, and served on the Policy and Procedure Committee. Art was also vice president of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. For his efforts, he received the Mercy Leadership Award and the Mercy Community/Professional Involvement Award.

In 1996, Art accepted a position with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeastern Pennsylvania as a wish granting director/volunteer supervisor. He continued to make wishes come true for critically ill children, advancing to the position of program services director and then vice president of program services. He worked to secure over \$100,000 in donations by building relationships with local businesses and organizations across Northeastern Pennsylvania. He recruited, hired, trained, and coordinated volunteers in wish granting and development during his time with the foundation.

In 2006, Art transitioned to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit No. 18, assisting children in the Behavioral Health and Rehabilitative Services Department. He currently provides services to children who attend the Greater Nanticoke Area School District.

In addition to the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick, Art is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 353, and currently serves on the Scholarship Committee to help raise funds for local students to assist with college expenses.

It is an honor to join the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick as they recognize Art Owens as the recipient of the Francis Swingle Award. He has had a successful career in service to his community, and I wish him all the best on this St. Patrick's Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD how I would have voted for the following votes had I not been necessarily absent. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 87; YEA on Roll Call No. 88; NAY on Roll Call No. 89; and YEA on Roll Call No. 90.

HONORING ZACHARY DAVID GRADINGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary David Gradinger. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.