

Eye Care, P.C. 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. North Range Eye Care, P.C. is a comprehensive eye care center founded by Dr. David Hite. The center offers adult and children's eye exams, treatment of eye emergencies and eye diseases, and co-management of eye surgeries like LASIK.

North Range Eye Care, P.C. first opened its doors in 2013. As new patient demand increased, Dr. Hite saw the need to expand. The company built a new 6,000 square-foot building in 2019 with 2,970 square-feet for the practice and the other half for leased business tenants.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the North Range Eye Care team for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

HONORING ADAM JOHN LATHAM

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 Adam John Latham. Adam 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 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Adam has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Adam constructed three American flag retirement boxes and placed them in business across Liberty, Missouri, on behalf of American Legion Post 95.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adam John Latham for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

WELCOME BAKER ADDISON MORRIS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Alexander Fancourt Morris and Rebekah Livingston Morris, of Gaston, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby boy, Baker Addison Morris. Baker was born at 4:48 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, South Carolina. He weighed eight pounds and fifteen ounces and measures twenty-one inches long.

Congratulations to his grandparents Debra Morris of Columbia, and Major General (Ret)

Robert Livingston and Barbara Livingston of Gaston. He will join his older brother, Alexander Fancourt Morris, Jr.

RECOGNIZING ESTHER STERLING AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Women's History Month, it is my honor to recognize Esther Sterling as my March Constituent of the Month. Ms. Sterling, a Holocaust survivor from my district, spent her childhood hiding from Nazis in Ukraine. Forged from her experience during this dark time in history, Ms. Sterling shares her story across my district with schools and community groups to help ensure that history will never repeat itself.

Esther's story is one of courage, fortitude, and determination. After World War II broke out, Esther, her mother, father, and sister were sent to the Ghetto of Sambor. When the Ghetto was terminated and residents were sent to an extermination camp, Esther's family managed to escape with the help of their devoted nanny. Just outside their nanny's apartment, Esther's father dug a hole beneath a coal and wood shack. Most of the time they hid within shack, but if there were passersby, the family crouched within the hole, breathing from air provided by a tube.

As the war progressed, the German gestapo began to round people up for executions. Searching for a new place to hide his family, Esther's father was shot. Her mother was stricken with grief after her father's death, and as an eight-year-old child, Esther took on the responsibility of convincing her mother and younger sister to keep fighting for survival.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region and our country a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. Ms. Sterling's perseverance and triumph during a time of great danger and divide is not only inspiring, but encouraging. I am honored to recognize her as my Constituent of the Month and I thank her for everything she's done to make our community a better place.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT ROGERS, RECIPIENT OF THE FREELAND SONS OF ERIN 2020 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Rogers, who will be named the 2020 Citizen of the Year by the Freeland, Pennsylvania Sons of Erin. He will be honored on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at their 85th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Robert's community service in Freeland spans three decades, and includes significant involvement in local baseball. For the past ten years, he has been the manager of the Freeland Babe Ruth League. Steadfastly dedicated

to this role, Robert dedicates many hours to improving the grounds and maintaining the playing field so that it remains in top condition. In addition, he recruits players for the league, organizes fundraisers, runs the concession stand, and coordinates schedules for the Babe Ruth League, MMI Preparatory School, Penn State Hazleton, as well as the men's league. With his love and knowledge of baseball, Robert also steps into the role of coach when the need arises. Robert has previously served on the Board of the Freeland Little League. In addition to his commitment to the Board, he helped install the lights at the field and has even cooked concession fare during games.

Robert's love for, and commitment to, the Freeland community extends beyond baseball. He is currently also instrumental to the upkeep and maintenance at the Freeland YMCA. Robert assisted with the recent renovations of the foyer and the basement at the YMCA, a project where he contributed custom shelving and personally completed the refinishing of the front desk. A handyman at heart, he is known for always going above and beyond his assignment.

Freeland is rife with evidence of Robert's handiwork and dedication to his beloved community. He has additionally refinished display cases at MMI Preparatory School, the pipe organ at St. John's church, and the American Legion's flagpoles on Centre Street.

It is an honor to join the Freeland Sons of Erin in recognizing Robert Rogers as the 2020 Citizen of the Year. He is a true community servant, and all of Freeland has benefited from his unending generosity. I wish him all the best this St. Patrick's Day.

ORIBI MANUFACTURING

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 Oribi Manufacturing for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2020 Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award recognizes a company or entrepreneur that demonstrates a pioneering spirit and has seen success with a new start-up, new product development, or a company/product with growth into new markets. Oribi Manufacturing produces cost-effective, high-velocity high-performance composite components appealing to industries looking for products that are thinner, stronger, lighter, and products created with continuous fiber. The company manufactures products like ballistic helmets, canoe paddles, backpack frames, and props and bodies for drones for the U.S. Military as well as the law enforcement, recreation, sporting, and aerospace industries. They also pride themselves on creating products made in the USA using American materials.

Oribi Manufacturing owns a 100,000 square-foot building at 5850 E 56th Ave. and built a new research and design facility with a new conference room this past year. Oribi Manufacturing doubled its revenue over the last three years, and in 2019, hired 20 full-time employees with plans to hire an additional ten employees in 2020.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Oribi Manufacturing for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC ENGAGEMENT (LITE) ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement (LITE) Act—a bill that will create an institute to assist in strengthening ties with our allies, protect democratic institutions, and support visionary leadership on both sides of the Atlantic.

In the 116th Congress, under my leadership as chair, the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the U.S. Helsinki Commission, has held events on the importance of international election observation, good governance, and focused on democratic backsliding in particular countries as part of our continued commitment to the underlying principles of the Helsinki Final Act adopted by the 57 North American, European, and Eurasian countries that make up the region of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

We identified numerous challenges in western leadership that are putting our democracies and the transatlantic partnership at risk, including as continuing disparities in wealth, health, employment, education, justice, and other sectors that lead citizens to question whether democracy can deliver. Common to among these issues is the role leaders can play in ensuring laws are equitable, transparent, and enforced; elections are free and fair; and laying the groundwork to ensure the same protections, rights, and laws, are extended to all in their constituencies.

The LITE Act will establish an institute to assist western democracies in living up to these ideals and restoring faith in democracy, by equipping transatlantic policymakers with legislative, communications, conflict resolution and other leadership tools to strengthen democratic institutions in their societies and the transatlantic relationship. Given demographic change on both sides of the Atlantic, the activities of LITE, as established by this legislation, will also include a focus on inclusive and intergenerational solutions to current challenges with the goal of empowering individuals across generations and from diverse backgrounds with the knowledge, tools, opportunity, and access to fully participate in their democracies. In addition, LITE will seek to reunify communities by assisting leaders with strategies that build resilience against the exploitation of community grievances that can lead to dangerous divisions in our societies.

In February, we hosted young parliamentarians from the OSCE region here in the U.S. Congress to discuss how we can strengthen their political inclusion to advance peace and security efforts. Last year, we held hearings featuring European lawmakers, and on global leadership, democracy and public diplomacy. These hearings were the capstone in a decade of events that began in 2009 whereby the

Commission has convened U.S. and European policymakers under the banner of the Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conference and Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network to support increased political representation in western democracies. As we celebrate the tenth anniversary of these efforts that have been pivotal in strengthening international relations over the past decade, I hope you will join me in supporting LITE to further codify leadership exchanges and knowledge building between diverse and young transatlantic policy makers as a means to sustain our democratic futures.

HONORING MICHAEL PAUL STEPHENSON, JR.

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 Michael Paul Stephenson, Jr. Michael 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 1028, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Michael has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Michael has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Michael constructed two garden boxes for the early childhood education programs at the Platte County Community Center in Platte City, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael Paul Stephenson, Jr. for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO ALEXIS SANCHEZ—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 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, Alexis Sanchez of the Los Feliz neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

As a native Angeleno, Alexis Sanchez is a transgender woman and a fearless supporter of transgender rights in her community and across the country. Ms. Sanchez displays powerful personal initiative and leadership as an advocate for transgender rights empow-

ering those who may not realize they have a voice. Dedicated to public service, she devotes her time to community organizing, media advocacy, and volunteering to support the LGBTQ+ community.

Alexis serves on the board of directors of Still Bisexual, a non-profit that seeks to raise bi+ visibility and advocate for mental health resources for bi+ individuals. Ms. Sanchez is involved in planning the City of West Hollywood's Transgender Day of Remembrance and advocating for the creation of the first Transgender Day of Visibility in Los Angeles.

Ms. Sanchez is also a member of the City of West Hollywood Transgender Advisory Board, which is responsible for addressing issues concerning transgender rights, as well as making recommendations regarding the adoption of policies that would benefit the community. She has led the City of West Hollywood Transgender Advisory Board delegation that travels to Washington, D.C. to meet with Members of Congress and the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus to discuss the importance of the transgender rights movement in federal policy.

Alexis works within the field of public policy to implement change that benefits her community. She is an Assistant Program Manager at the Institute for Public Strategies, where she oversees a program centered on substance use disorders within the LGBTQ+ community. Alexis is currently collaborating with a coalition of state representatives to create a tool for law enforcement, researchers, community groups, and local municipalities to track methamphetamine data and research in the LGBTQ+ community.

Ms. Sanchez spends her free time as a volunteer and mentor with Brave Trails, a leadership camp for LGBTQ+ teenagers and is an enthusiastic hiker and mountaineer.

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

HENDRIX JETT RODRIQUEZ

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 Hendrix Jett Rodriguez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Hendrix Jett Rodriguez is a student at Everitt Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hendrix Jett Rodriguez 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 Hendrix Jett Rodriguez 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.