

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Dear Colleague letter I sent Members on April 6, 2020, in response to the current public health crisis:

APRIL 6, 2020.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: During this time of crisis, House leadership and institutional staff continue to examine all possible steps to protect the health and safety of Members and our staffs, so that we are best able to serve our constituents.

In that spirit, in consultation with the Rules Committee, Committee on House Administration, Office of the Clerk and Office of the Parliamentarian and in accordance with current social distancing guidelines, the House will soon take additional action to reduce the physical presence of Members and staff in the Capitol, by formalizing a new system for submission of documents related to Floor action.

Beginning Tuesday, staff must electronically submit all Floor documents—including bills, resolutions, co-sponsors and extensions of remarks—to a dedicated and secure email system, rather than deliver these materials by hand to staff in the Speaker's Lobby or Cloakrooms. At this time, Members may still drop off materials in person. Electronic submissions will be accepted when the House is in pro forma session, as well as 15 minutes immediately before and after. This upcoming week's pro forma sessions will be held Tuesday at 11:30 AM E.T. and Friday at 9:00 AM E.T. Pro forma sessions for the remainder of the month are expected to follow a similar schedule. Later today, the Clerk's Office will send out detailed guidance on where and how to submit materials.

Please be advised that this policy will be effective through April 19 and may be extended if continued disruption of House operations remains necessary due to the pandemic. Normal practice for Floor submissions will resume once the House returns full-time to the Capitol for regular business.

During this Holy Season for people of many faiths, let us pray for those families who have lost a loved one, those who are sick and those who are ministering to their needs.

Take care, be well and stay strong.

Sincerely,

NANCY.

JADEN HUYNH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

Jaden Huynh is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because

her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jaden Huynh 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 Jaden Huynh 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, had there been a recorded vote on H.R. 748 the CARES Act, I would have voted "NO".

JORDAN ARCHULETA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jordan Archuleta 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 Jordan Archuleta 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.

REMEMBERING GEORGIA SENATOR JACK HILL

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of a Georgia legend, State Senator Jack Hill.

Jack represented his home of Reidsville in the State Senate since 1991. For decades he ensured Georgia's budget was balanced, fair, and served the people well. The State of Georgia is a better place thanks to his leadership.

His love for his hometown was evident in everything he did, from running his grocery store business as owner and operator of Hill Shopping Center, to serving in the Georgia Air National Guard for over three decades, including as a unit commander and State Inspector General.

While some will say he was a pillar of the community, I believe he wasn't just a pillar; he was the foundation upon which the pillars were built.

Jack Hill was a true statesman and he will be sorely missed by many, but especially by his wife Ruth Ann, their children, and grandchildren. However, I am confident his impact on our great state will be felt for generations to come.

JACOB GAVALDON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

Jacob Gavaldon is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jacob Gavaldon 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 Jacob Gavaldon 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 MAYOR RONNIE DIXON

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Georgia's best, Vidalia Mayor Ronnie Dixon.

Following in his father's footsteps, Ronnie took office in January 1994 and has dedicated his life to serving the city. Prior to his tenure as Mayor, he served as a member of the City

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Council for 16 years. His commitment to serving the community should inspire us all.

Vidalia is a special place, known for growing the sweetest onions in the world—a distinction which Ronnie was immensely proud. His support of our farmers will be remembered for generations, as agriculture is Georgia's top industry.

Ronnie's passion for service has left a lasting impact on the Vidalia community, and it has been felt throughout the entire state of Georgia. It is my privilege to honor his life and legacy before the United States House of Representatives.

IVAN ROMERO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

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

The dedication demonstrated by Ivan Romero 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 Ivan Romero 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 MICHAEL WITKOWSKY

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Michael Witkowski—a beloved father, grandfather, husband, and friend—who passed away on March 30, 2020, at the age of 80.

Mike was born in Los Angeles on January 14, 1940, to Rebecca and Irving Witkowsky. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1957 and married Hope Witkowsky in 1959. Last year, I was honored to attend their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mike was an accomplished and well-respected health insurance agent who was committed to providing exemplary service and care to American families. He became an insurance agent with Farmers Insurance Group in 1961 and planned to retire on March 31, 2020. During his extensive and impressive tenure, he received numerous awards from Farmers Insurance, including the Presidents Council, the company's most elite honor for the top one-percent of agents and district managers.

Mike later became a United Healthcare agent in 2008 and continued to receive

awards every year. He was helping people right to the very end, even from his hospital bed. Mike passed away with the largest book of business in Los Angeles County.

In addition to his professional work, Mike was an active member of his local community and a dedicated family member. Hope served as a Torrance City Councilmember and Mike was his wife's biggest supporter. He also volunteered at many local events in Torrance, including running a booth at the Fourth of July celebration and announcing and riding in the annual Armed Forces Parade. From 1968 to 1977, he coached several Little League teams and later volunteered to become an umpire.

Mike never missed an activity that his children or grandchildren participated in. Over one summer in 1999, he took his granddaughters to visit every park in Torrance—one park every day. A die-hard Dodger fan, Michael carried a warm smile wherever he went.

Mike is survived by his wife Hope, his son Daniel, his daughter Debra, his grandchildren Nicole, Stacy, Denise, Max, Elizabeth, and great grandchildren Chloe and Devin. I hope they take comfort in the way Mike lived his life as a patriotic and caring citizen. My wife Betty and I dearly miss our friend Mike. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

JOHN BRAHOSKY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

John Brahosky 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 John Brahosky 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 John Brahosky 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.

REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAMUEL LEWIS LIEBERMAN

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember and celebrate the life of a dear friend, Sam Lieberman.

First, let me say how honored I am today to speak in memory of a fine man, Sam Lieberman, and in celebration of his remarkable life. I want to thank Clifton Whitehurst, who I know was like a brother to Sam and such an amaz-

ing caregiver, Rabbi Mintz who inspires us all with her grace and wisdom, and Sam's mother Sara from whom he inherited so many admirable qualities.

I first met Sam at UNLV in the mid-eighties when he took a political science class from me. He soon became more than just a student passing through. He loved to tell how I threw an eraser at him one time when he fell asleep in class and how I told him he'd have made an A if he hadn't napped through half my lectures—but that is just urban myth. Sam was really a good student, though in no hurry to graduate, a political junkie, and, I soon learned, a die-hard Democrat.

Along with several other students, Sam is pictured in a political brochure from my first election to the State Senate. And he spent many a Saturday in my garage handing out walking packets and directing volunteers.

Sam's diligence and hard work for lots of candidates were rewarded when the Democratic Party elected him Chair from 2008 to 2011. From that position he led the party through some rough patches and some incredible victories. And what fun we had in Tonopah at central committee meetings and especially at the Democratic Convention. Sam was always there: tending to business, helping others, and moving us all in the right direction. He did it with humor, with steadfastness, and with compassion.

He brought those same traits to his position as Regent—and I think he got a chuckle out of now being my boss. He believed so strongly in the value of education and fought to extend its reach to disadvantaged communities. He never let his own disability get in the way—he was everywhere—ball games, regent meetings, public addresses. Everybody knew and loved Sam.

I also saw Sam in Washington when he came to the Hill to advocate for organizations, like NVPEP (People Encouraging People) and Easterseals, that serve those living with disabilities and their families. He was a powerful voice because he spoke from experience; he never bemoaned the fact that he wasn't more mobile; and he proved how someone with conviction could accomplish anything.

Sam was such a good friend—he even once gave me his famous lemon bar recipe but made me promise not to tell anyone the secret ingredients. His passing came as a shock and it is hard to imagine that I won't be seeing him—everywhere I turn—asking his advice, introducing him at some award ceremony (he received many), or sharing a funny story that happened out on the trail. Tom and my mother Betty and I will miss him so very much. His passing is a great loss to Nevada, to the Democratic Party, and to his many friends.

I include in the RECORD the words of Dr. Marta Meana, President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in her memorial of Sam Lieberman, along with his official obituary.

Dear University Community,

UNLV lost one of its greatest champions on Friday with the untimely passing of alumnus and Regent Sam Lieberman.

Sam was quite simply a force for good. In so many ways.

His involvement as a UNLV student in the early 1980s set him on a path to pursue, and be a champion for, higher education. After graduating from UNLV with a degree in social work in 1996, Sam served as a member of the UNLV Alumni Association Board and helped start the alumni chapter for the College of Liberal Arts. He would later be

named the college's alumnus of the year, and in 2014 he was elected as a member of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.

Sam had an acute ability to discern the link between systems and the people they impact, with an endless drive to make them better. His ever-present wit and humor brought levity, even during tough conversations. Perhaps, even more, I'll miss his empathy and insight into the needs of our students, and his vast knowledge of UNLV and of higher education in Nevada. He used his voice to advocate for the vulnerable, he celebrated our wins, and he was there to support us whenever we needed him.

To say Sam was active on campus would be an understatement. He was a constant presence at UNLV, from major events to small department-level functions. Sam was always there for us, as he was for so many organizations throughout Nevada.

It feels impossible to quantify Sam's monumental impact. There are so many people he helped and those people, in turn, have helped others. The human connections he made and the lives he lifted up through higher education are a small part of the legacy he left behind.

There are few in UNLV's history who have displayed as much passion and commitment for our students, and for the success of everyone at our university, as Sam Lieberman. He will be deeply missed.

As we reflect on Sam's life and legacy, let's try to live how Sam lived—to lend a voice to those who need it, to be kind and truly listen to one another, and to lift each other up at a time when it is so desperately needed. Please take care of yourselves, and each other.

Godspeed, Sam.

OBITUARY OF SAMUEL LEWIS LIEBERMAN

Samuel Lewis Lieberman, age 58, passed away Friday April 3, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada. At his core, Sam was a social being who thrived on connection to other people. Sam devoted all of his life and energy to helping others—most notably in Las Vegas where he lived for almost 40 years, and also through his lifelong relationship with the Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI, a Reform Jewish summer camp) in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Sam was the oldest child of David and Sara Lieberman, and was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was born with cerebral palsy, which was a significant physical disability, but he never let that get in the way of anything he wanted to do, and he never complained . . . EVER. Sam grew up on Lake Harriet, along with his siblings Jonathan, Barbara and Michael. As a teenager, he was very active in Jewish youth activities at Temple Israel Youth Group, Camp TEKOT and NFTY, and he attended Southwest Junior High. During high school summers, Sam worked at OSRUI, where he ran the summer camp office. Sam graduated from Marshall University High School in 1980 and then left Minneapolis to attend college at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV). At UNLV, Sam immersed himself in all aspects of student life—so much so that it took him 16 years to complete his studies in order to graduate! Through this experience, he developed a passion for ensuring that people of all backgrounds and abilities had access to education.

As an adult, Sam worked with boundless energy as an advocate for several important causes—including as a trusted aide to Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, Chairman of the Nevada Democratic Party, a Board Member of Nevada PEP (an organization devoted to parents of children with disabilities), President of Congregation P'nai Tikvah and mem-

ber of the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education. He was also a kind, warm, funny and loyal friend to so many people of all ages and backgrounds. (He has 4,455 friends on Facebook, and the flood of messages on his Facebook pages is an uplifting thing to read.)

Sam loved to eat too. In Minneapolis, it was prime rib at the King's Inn, egg rolls at the Nankin and corned beef sandwiches at the Lincoln Del. In Las Vegas, it was shrimp cocktail and a Coke at The Tillerman, and a ribeye steak, twice-baked potato and Caesar salad at the Golden Steer. He also adored chicken soup with kreplach made by his Baba Adele Lieberman—though she only made kreplach on special occasions. He didn't really drink alcohol, except he would order Bailey's Irish Cream and coffee—and sip it through a straw.

Sam also had a deep love and fierce devotion to his family—which included not only his parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, but also his devoted friend and caregiver Clifton Whitehurst and Clifton's daughter Alyssa Whitehurst. Sam is preceded in death by his father David Lieberman, and is survived by his mother Sara, siblings Jonathan, Barbara and Michael, sisters-in-law Lisa Kayne Lieberman and Jessie Washburne-Harris, brother-in-law Sam Askenazi, nieces and nephews Rebecca, Charlotte, Benjamin and Gabriella, uncle Stephen Lieberman, aunts Sheila Lieberman and Sandra Okinow and a large and loving group of cousins.

The world is a better place for his having been here, and he will be greatly missed!

ISABELLA CIOTTI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

Isabella Ciotti is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isabella Ciotti 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 Isabella Ciotti for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING DOLORES HUERTA

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, today April 10, 2020 marks the 90th birthday of civil rights activist and labor leader Dolores Huerta. A Central Valley hero and a national labor icon, she has dedicated her entire life to

advocating for social, economic, and political justice for farmworkers and disadvantaged communities throughout the United States. Her leadership in the fight against discrimination and staunch advocacy for civil rights make her an example for all that seek economic and social justice.

Co-founding the National Farmworkers Association with Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta fiercely negotiated with agricultural enterprises and spearheaded the movement towards better rights and protections for farmworkers. Often the only woman at the table, her strength and resiliency stood strong through decades of protests, advocacy, and positive change.

In 1965, the United Farm Workers (UFW) union organized and implemented the historic Delano grape strike. With Dolores serving as the lead negotiator, the UFW secured workplace rights for thousands of farmworkers. She was instrumental in the enactment of the Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975 which was the first law of its kind in U.S. history, granting farmworkers in California the right to collectively organize and bargain for better wages and working conditions.

In 2002, Huerta established the Dolores Huerta Foundation, ensuring a legacy of community activism and civic engagement for generations to come. The work of this organization directly benefits the communities of the Central Valley, providing organizing training and resources to rural, low-income communities and mobilizing volunteers to make a difference.

In recognition of her tireless work and advocacy, in 2012 President Obama awarded Dolores Huerta with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor.

Madam Speaker, we wish Dolores Huerta a happy 90th Birthday and thank her for her tireless work and countless contributions to the United States. "Sí Se Puede" will always echo in my ears as we work together in Congress and in our communities to protect and promote the rights of farmworkers and workers everywhere.

JASON OROZCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jason Orozco for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jason Orozco is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jason Orozco 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 Jason Orozco for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

REMEMBERING OFFICER ALICIA
HUBERT AND OFFICER MARISSA
DOWHAN

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two brave police officers, Officer Alicia Hubert and Officer Marissa Dowhan, both with the Phoenix Police Department.

On Sunday, March 29, 2020 these two officers along with Commander Greg Carnicle responded to a domestic disturbance call where a tragic shooting took place. It was devastating to hear that Commander Carnicle was fatally shot and Officers Hubert and Dowhan were both seriously injured.

It is situations like this, that remind us what our men and women in blue sacrifice daily for the protection of others and I can't thank them enough.

On this day, we honor both Officer Hubert and Officer Dowhan for their bravery, sacrifice and commitment to our community and wish them a full recovery.

IAN HARRIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

Ian Harris 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 Ian Harris 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 Ian Harris 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.

MIDDLE CLASS HEALTH BENEFITS TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2020

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my support for the CARES Act. It is the legislation that we need today to fight the extraordinary challenges we are facing.

At few points in our nation's history have we been faced with a situation as dire as the one

before us today. This threat is unusual and unfamiliar—a virus and the illness it causes—but it is as real as every other great crisis we've faced.

This pandemic is upending the lives of each and every American. Some have died or lost loved ones. More have become ill and hospitalized. Many have lost their jobs or shuttered their businesses. All of us are agonizing over the uncertainty of a threat we do not fully understand and cannot yet defeat.

The public health crisis has put Americans on edge and strained our medical facilities to the breaking point. It has also led to unexpected economic crises for tens of millions of Americans, as businesses are forced to close, paychecks are disappearing, and economic activity is reduced.

The size and scope of this aid package is staggering, but it reflects the devastating costs in lives, jobs, businesses, and economic paralysis that this crisis has brought. It is essential that we continue to act quickly and forcefully, at all levels of government, to prevent the harm and disruption of this crisis from overwhelming our capacity to help one another. The CARES Act provides the foundation for that action. The CARES Act will help Americans meet these intertwined emergencies by providing funds to hospitals and frontline medical providers, expanding and accelerating assistance for Americans that have lost their jobs, and providing a lifeline to businesses trying to stay afloat and pay their employees while their customers are asked to remain at home.

While we see the clear and overwhelming costs that this health crisis is imposing in places like Seattle, New York, and New Orleans, it is imposing heavy costs other parts of America, as well. Particularly in rural communities, where the challenges to providing health care are magnified by a lack of resources, technology, and specialists, and compounded by extended distances and an older population.

Similarly, the economic crisis created by this pandemic is hitting farm country particularly hard, which was already suffering long before this virus emerged. Agricultural producers are particularly sensitive to disruptions in trade, supply chains, transportation, and reliable sources labor, each of which this pandemic is placing under increasing strain.

This legislation includes essential resources which will provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the tools he needs to help our nation's farmers and ranchers survive, and to support our rural communities, hospitals, and businesses who are struggling just like their urban counterparts. I am grateful that we were able to include them, and that we did not ignore the unique challenges of rural America.

As we all know, no legislation is perfect. Each member in this body has opinions on what tools and funding are needed to respond to this crisis which were not included in this package. On some priorities, members have fundamental, deep-seated differences of opinion; on others, we simply ran out of time to find agreement. For my part, I had hoped for more funds to help our agricultural producers and rural communities as they grapple with the crisis as it inevitably moves into less populated communities.

On that issue—how we support rural communities during this crisis—the differences be-

tween Republicans and progressive Democrats are profound. Last week, the Senate's proposal included \$50 billion for the Department of Agriculture. These funds were to be available to the Department to address not only the coronavirus crisis, but also to continue the critical farm safety net programs in the farm bill. These programs help farmers weather the day-to-day uncertainties of farming and endure the hostile trade actions of foreign nations, challenges which the current crisis has moved out of the spotlight, but not off the stage.

On Sunday, the Speaker and her allies introduced their proposal, which included a pricey wish list of progressive initiatives, but not one dollar for the Department of Agriculture to respond to this pandemic. One might have called it an oversight, but all this week she has fought for her position and today, we see the results of that effort: just \$23.5 billion in funding set aside for agricultural producers, significantly less than what is needed.

The Speaker and her allies claim they fought to put workers first, but their demands did not include those who work in agriculture. In the final analysis, their handiwork short-changed middle America and has made it more difficult to provide our farmers and ranchers the help that they so desperately need.

But we cannot delay this package any further over our differences. We must move forward with our many areas of agreement, including the support that was agreed to for our agricultural producers. As we develop any additional legislation, I will continue to fight to ensure that sufficient resources are available to the Department to meet all the challenges faced by rural America.

Despite the circumstances we presently find ourselves in as a nation, I have unbounded hope for our future. In my own lifetime, I have seen our nation rise to meet challenges that seemed insurmountable at the time. Looking back further in history, we see burdens that our ancestors bore that seem unfathomable to us today. Overcoming adversity is in our DNA.

Our capacity as Americans to care for one another is immeasurable. All across our country, families, neighbors, churches, businesses, civic clubs, and groups of Americans of all stripes are quietly coming together to figure out what they can do to help. Our farmers and ranchers, and everyone involved in producing, transporting, and selling food, fiber, and fuel, are no exception. These men and women are working overtime because they understand the way they can best serve their fellow Americans is to prevent disruptions to the food and goods that we all need to survive.

But no group of Americans can tackle this crisis alone. While we should all do our part, this legislation will do the things that individuals are unable to do for one another. It will fund research and buy medical equipment, it will safeguard paychecks and families, and it will shelter small businesses and essential industries. Most importantly, it will provide a path out of this crisis.

We are a country of survivors, and I have great confidence in our ability to re-emerge from this crisis stronger than ever before. I believe that the CARES Act will help us do that and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

DENISE SERNA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

Denise Serna is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Denise Serna 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 Denise Serna 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.

REMEMBERING COMMANDER
GREGORY CARNICLE

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great sadness over the passing of Commander Gregory Carnicle from Peoria, Arizona.

He was beloved by many. He was a loving husband to Ann, father to Rachel, Cecilia, John and Veronica and grandfather to four with two more on the way.

He began his career as a patrol officer in June 1989 and was a 31-year veteran with the Phoenix Police Department. He is the first Phoenix Police Commander to lose his life in the line of duty. He was a well-respected leader and hero to many. We are eternally grateful for his service to our community and state.

On this day, we as a community honor him and ask those who knew him to pray for his family during this time of mourning.

HUNTER KOZNEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

Hunter Kozney is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hunter Kozney 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 Hunter Kozney 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.