

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