

value the preservation of Vietnamese American heritage.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the extraordinary leadership and activism of Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong.

NOLAN SOVOLD

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

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

Nolan Sovold 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 Nolan Sovold 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 Nolan Sovold 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.

CELEBRATING GREENSBURG ROTARY CLUB'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Greensburg Rotary Club for celebrating 100 years of service.

For a century now, the Greensburg Rotary Club has been a beacon of service in the Greensburg and Decatur County community.

The Rotary Club continues to raise funds for the Decatur County Special Olympics and supports local service projects around the community.

I want to thank the members of the Rotary Club for their service and dedication to the people of Greensburg and congratulate them on their 100th anniversary.

HONORING DR. MARGIE BROWN PULLEY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Margie Brown Pulley.

Dr. Margie Brown Pulley is a lifelong resident of Greenwood and Leflore County. She is a 1971 honor graduate of Amanda Elzy High School. At Amanda Elzy, Dr. Pulley excelled both academically and athletically. She was

captain of the 1970 Amanda Elzy girl's state championship basketball team. In September 1971, she entered Jackson State University, and three years later in May 1974, she graduated with honors with a B.S. degree in Social Science. She later received her Master's, Specialist, and Doctorate degrees in School Administration from Delta State University.

Dr. Pulley spent thirty-eight (38) years working with the Greenwood Public School District. Her professional career began in 1974 as a teacher of Social Studies at Greenwood High School. During the next fifteen (15) years, Dr. Pulley taught Mississippi History, World History, U.S. History, and Government and Economics. She also later served as Assistant Principal at Greenwood High School. From 1990 until 1999, she served as the Principal of Threadgill School. According to Dr. Pulley, that experience as principal was both challenging and rewarding. At Threadgill, Dr. Pulley set high expectations for herself, her faculty and her students. Under Dr. Pulley's administration as principal of Threadgill, the culture, climate and academic achievement improved significantly. She is proud to say that her tenure as Principal at Threadgill was a major highlight in her career. In 1999, Dr. Pulley became Assistant Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District. In this capacity Dr. Pulley worked passionately with principals to ensure that faculty, staff, and students' needs were met. She specifically directed Federal Programs, Personnel, Curriculum and Technology. In July 2008, Dr. Pulley was appointed Interim Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District. In January 2009, she was named Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District. Under Dr. Pulley's leadership, the school district received district-wide SACS accreditation, implemented a dress code, modified the grading system to a 10 point scale, brought dual enrollment from Mississippi Valley State University to Greenwood High School, restructured the athletic program and significantly improved student achievement by placing academics first. Ultimately, according to the State Department of Education, the Greenwood Public School District was rated as a 'Successful School District for Three Years in a Row': 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012'. The school district was also presented The TORCH Award by the Mississippi School Boards Association. Further, under her leadership, the Mississippi Teacher of the Year was selected from Greenwood High School, and Bankston Elementary School was named as a National Blue-Ribbon School.

Dr. Pulley retired in 2012 and was later named as Conservator of the Oktibbeha County School District. Dr. Pulley successfully cleared all accreditation violations and successfully led the consolidation efforts of the Oktibbeha County School District with the Starkville School District. Oktibbeha County Schools was rated a "C" school district.

In July 2015, Dr. Pulley was named as Conservator in the Tunica County School District. Under her leadership, academic achievement has improved, and the Tunica County School District has been recognized by the Mississippi Department of Education for having the highest achievement in the state for math growth among the lowest 25 percent of high school students. Additionally, Dundee Elementary has been recognized as having the highest achievement in the state for math growth

among the lowest 25 percent of elementary students. Recently, the principals at Dundee Elementary and Rosa Fort High School received recognition as finalists for the MS principal of the year. Presently, Rosa Fort ranks No. 8 in the state for its graduation rate (93.1 percent).

Dr. Pulley has received numerous awards and recognitions which includes but are not limited to: National Association of Federal Programs Administrators Service Award; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Service Award; Certificate of Achievement from the Yale Child Study Center; Administrator of the Year for the Greenwood Public School District; Friendship Baptist Church: Badge of Courage Ward (2010); Greenwood Voters' League: Lady of the Year (2010); Superintendent of the Year: Delta Area Association for the Improvement of Schools (2010); Delta's Best in Education Award: 2011; and Shiloh 7th Day Adventist: Educator of the Year: 2011.

Dr. Pulley is a lifelong member of Springhill Baptist Church in the Browning Community where she serves as a trustee and church secretary. In Dr. Pulley's spare time she loves to attend and watch basketball and football games, read, and cook for her entire family every Sunday and all holidays. She also takes care of her eighty-eight (88) year old mother who lives with her. Dr. Pulley, a widow, was married to the former Superintendent of the Leflore County School District, Mr. Cedell Pulley. She has three adult sons: Bill, a recreation center director; Kelvin, an attorney; and Kenneth, deputy superintendent of schools. She also has three beautiful grandchildren: William, Rhaegan, and Morgan, and a daughter-in-law, Jessica.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Margie Brown Pulley for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

MONICA TELLES RODRIGUEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

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

Monica Telles Rodriguez 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 Monica Telles 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 Monica Telles Rodriguez 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.