

IN HONOR OF HOOSIER HERO,
OFFICER BREANN LEATH

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise with a profound sense of sadness to remember Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Officer Breann Leath, a fallen Hoosier who dedicated her 24 years of life to serving others. I join the City of Indianapolis, the IMPD, as well as the entire law enforcement community over the loss of a true public servant.

On April 9, 2020, Officer Leath responded to a domestic violence call on the east side of Indianapolis and was tragically killed. Officer Leath was responding to a call for help, like she had done bravely so many times over her career. She acted bravely and dutifully, and without hesitation and in doing so, sacrificed her own life.

Prior to her three years of service with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Officer Leath served in the National Guard with the 387th Military Police Company at Camp Atterbury where she was honorably discharged as a specialist. Those who knew her in high school recall she always wanted to be a police officer. IMPD Chief Randall Taylor stated of Leath, "She is the example of the type of officer we want on this department." It is clear Officer Leath had a passion to her community and country. She was twenty-four years old and is survived by a young son as well as her parents who both served with the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our thoughts and prayers to Officer Leath's family. Our communities need more dedicated public servants like Leath. We pay tribute to her life by maintaining our steadfast support for law enforcement providers who honorably and selflessly serve our communities.

PATCH ARNOLD

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 Patch Arnold for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Patch Arnold 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 Patch Arnold 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 Patch Arnold 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.

ONGOING TRANSATLANTIC EN-
GAGEMENT THROUGH THE OSCE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to today to update my Congressional colleagues on continued discussions between members of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly. I would also like to share the desire of our international friends and allies to remain engaged with the United States during these challenging times.

My colleagues who serve with me on the U.S. Helsinki Commission and remain active include Representative ALCEE HASTINGS of Florida, Representative JOE WILSON of South Carolina, Representative STEVE COHEN of Tennessee, Representative ROBERT ADERHOLT of Alabama, Representative GWEN MOORE of Wisconsin, Representative CHRIS SMITH of New Jersey, as well as Senator WICKER of Mississippi and Senator CARDIN of Maryland. As the United States Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, we recognize the importance of building partnerships with our counterparts from other countries especially during such unprecedented times.

As the Chairman of the Committee on Security, I recognize multilateral diplomacy works to U.S. interests when we take the initiative. Parliamentarians have a special role to play as elected officials in this process, showing the depth of each of our country's commitment to security and cooperation not only in Europe, but around the globe.

During our most recent video conference, Italian Minister for European Affairs, Vincenzo Amendola, joined to update us on Italy's response to COVID-19. He stressed the need for continued cooperation in response not only to the health threat but also to the economic havoc the pandemic has caused.

Shortly after our video conference concluded, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the United States will provide an additional \$225 million in health, humanitarian and economic assistance to boost response efforts worldwide. This is in addition to the \$274 million already deployed to fight COVID-19. In the past two decades, the Secretary noted, the United States has provided \$140 billion in health assistance globally, helping to make us an undisputed leader in health and humanitarian aid. Some of this aid has been to countries in Europe, including Italy. I would add that this is not only a reflection of our country's unmatched generosity over the decades, but our national interest as well. Many of the health threats we have faced come from beyond our borders, including COVID-19, and we have an interest in trying to respond effectively to those threats where they first develop, before they reach our shores.

A final outcome of the recent video conference was endorsement of United Nation Secretary General Antonio Guterres' recent call for a ceasefire regarding conflicts around the globe at this time when countries need to face a common pandemic threat.

The Helsinki Commission provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to work with our friends and allies around the globe to pro-

mote our shared democratic values and work in a bipartisan fashion on core foreign policy issues. While our calls have been focused on fighting COVID-19 we are still tracking other international conflicts. For example, during the video conference I, along with other parliamentarians, raised the issue of the unwarranted Russian aggression in Ukraine and Georgia. I am encouraged by the level of engagement from my OSCE Parliamentary Assembly colleagues and will continue to work with them through this global pandemic.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the importance of these discussions with our European allies and friends.

HONORING THE BOLSA CHICA
LAND TRUST AND THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bolsa Chica Land Trust. This organization has worked tirelessly for over 20 years to preserve the mesa, lowlands, and wetlands of Bolsa Chica and educate the community on its cultural significance.

Ahead of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, it is important to recognize the organizations that protect our Earth every day. Since 1996, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust and over 22,000 volunteers have worked with the scientific community, the Native American community, and state agencies to acquire threatened land, restore damage to the environment, and preserve the natural habitats in Bolsa Chica. In addition to its conservation efforts, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust serves the community by conducting educational programs to raise awareness about the Bolsa Chica wetlands and tell its rich cultural history.

Due to their passionate and inspirational leadership, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust is recognized for its continuous commitment to protecting our Earth, both within the environmental community and to all of us who value the restoration and preservation of our precious natural resources.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the extraordinary leadership and activism of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust.

NEVAEH ANGELO

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 Nevaeh Angelo for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nevaeh Angelo 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 Nevaeh Angelo 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.