

She will be greatly missed by all whom she encountered.

AIKO PRINDAVONG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

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

Aiko Prindavong is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aiko Prindavong 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 Aiko Prindavong 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.

RECOGNIZING JAKOBS BROTHERS FARMS FOR ORGANIZING FARMERS TO DONATE GRAIN IN EXCHANGE FOR DONATIONS TO AREA FOOD BANKS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jakobs Brothers Farms for its efforts in combating hunger in our district during our state and nation's time of need. This family farm is encouraging other farms to donate grains to local grain bins in exchange for donations to local food pantries.

Organized by Jakobs Brothers Farms, grain donations from area farmers are being converted into supplies for local food pantries to help others during the coronavirus pandemic. At bins and elevators throughout Northern Illinois, Rock River Lumber and Grain, F/S Grain, and Gold Star F/S are taking grain donations, and in return donating the cost to local food pantries. I commend Jakobs Brothers Farms for creating this way to help those most in need, and I am proud of all of the work they are doing. I appreciate all they are doing to help local communities.

It is because of leaders such as Jakobs Brothers Farms that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Jakobs Brothers Farms for their kindness and generosity.

RECOGNIZING MALLORY PREDDY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Mallory Preddy, an employee at the Boston Mountain Rural Health Center in Clinton, AR, for her extraordinary work during this public health crisis.

Mallory usually serves as a dental hygienist at the clinic, but when the public health crisis began, she volunteered to learn how to screen patients at the front door of the clinic.

She later began screening patients for possible need of COVID-19 testing and is now serving as a runner, transporting samples from the testing tent to the lab for packaging.

Her supervisor wrote the following. “[Mallory] has readily volunteered for anything that we needed her to do. Some people just stand out in times of crisis and Mallory has been one of those people.”

Mallory has stepped up to the plate for our nation during this time, taking on duties outside of her job description and putting herself in harm's way to help the people in her community.

I thank Mallory for her dedication to protecting the health of Arkansans during this time. She, and Frontline workers like her, are vital to us overcoming COVID-19 as a nation.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Phillipsburg, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The coronavirus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

I learned recently from the joint press release from our office, that Warren County has been left out of the \$82,202,575 in Federal funding awarded to the State of New Jersey from the stimulus package passed by both the Congress and the Senate to help states fight the Coronavirus Pandemic. We were one of only four NJ counties to have received no funds.

I have received numerous calls from residents over the last few weeks as to why we did not receive any funding, and as the Mayor of Phillipsburg, I have no answers. This federal aid is to help all communities and evidently Warren County was not included. This Pandemic did not pick and choose, and neither should the government on who should receive funding. Everyone should be helped in this time of need.

Phillipsburg is a small rural community in Warren County, New Jersey and just like every other community across our great State we are all facing the same challenges due to

this outbreak. Every city, town or borough is dealing with the crisis in their own way because no two communities are the same however we are all facing the same obstacles that need to be overcome. This crisis will not only affect what is happening in 2020 but also will affect the Town's ability to budget in future years especially in 2021. We believe that next year's budget may be more adversely affected than the 2020 budget. Most if not all revenue collections will be down and must be adjusted and accounted for. The revenues that Town's collected in 2019 cannot be guaranteed to collect the same amount in 2020 thus creating a shortfall and unfortunately those shortfalls will carry over to the 2021 budget.

To compensate for the decreased revenues Towns must for other ways to make up for lost revenue such as using more from surplus if they have the ability or probably more likely and most unfortunately look to reduce services or staff. Laying off an employee who works and lives in the municipality is one of the hardest decisions any City or Town must make. Although we hope the layoffs won't be permeant, in looking to future budgets no one can guarantee that it won't be. Cutting services such as not opening a municipal pool, golf courses or campgrounds, canceling recreational activities such as summer sports or day camps and canceling Town celebrations, concerts, festivals, fairs and carnivals can lead to a sense of depression that is felt all over Town.

For many of our residents this may be the only entertainment or activities they get each summer and in a moment in time where we must look to raise our resident's spirits, we seem only to be offering disappointing and heartbreaking news. Again, the lost revenues from these activities are crushing to a municipal budget who count on these activities. Although we all hope these are temporary cancelations, done with the best interest of our residents in mind to keep them safe, it would be nice if we didn't have to do it at all. The federal government is under a lot of pressure right now to try to help an entire nation, we just ask that the local governments who are also under the same amount of pressure cannot be and must not be left out and forgotten. The stimulus money the federal government can offer will go a long way to ensure the local governments can still meet all the needs of our community.

IN MEMORY OF LUCILLE JANE SOLTYSIK

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Lucille Jane Soltysik. On the morning of Sunday, April 19, 2020, Lucille of Mountain Home, Arkansas passed away at the age of 70 years old. She was born on May 20, 1949 in Joliet, Illinois. She was married to Roger Soltysik. She moved from Illinois to Arkansas in 1998. She served on the Oakland-Promise Land Volunteer Fire Department from 2000-2019, where she served as the Fire Chief. She also served her community by being on the Baxter County