

HONORING GUENET GITTENS-ROBERTS AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Guenet Gittens-Roberts is CEO of GGR Marketing & Public Relations, a company which currently markets and/or produces some of the largest Caribbean Festivals in Orlando including the Caribbean Fusion Festival in Kissimmee, the Orlando Carnival Downtown, and the Caribbean American Heritage Month Festival. She is responsible for developing and directing their communication strategy while also managing the agency's outreach to the advertising, charitable, and business communities. GGR Marketing & Public Relations was formed to develop and execute programs aimed at reaching multicultural communities and niche markets utilizing an effective mixture of relationship marketing, event marketing, and branding through social media and traditional media sources. They offer a broad range of services that include marketing, public relations, branding, special event planning and management, sponsorship and fundraising, business development, and media relations.

Gittens-Roberts is also the publisher of Caribbean American Passport News Magazine, the largest and only Caribbean owned State-wide Newspaper in Florida. Caribbean American Passport is heading into its 10th year in September and covers the people of the English, French and Spanish communities in Florida. Through their publishing arm, they were responsible for the publication of Misión Boricua, a Spanish publication designed to raise awareness for the Puerto Rican community to vote in the 2016 election.

As an active member of the community, Gittens-Roberts serves as President of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce. She also served as the vice president of the Central Florida Association of Black Journalists and vice president of the Guyanese American Cultural Association of Central Florida in addition to being actively involved in Greater Orlando Cares and United Foundation of Central Florida, two organizations focused on youth mentoring programs.

RECOGNIZING CINDY O'BOYLE

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

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Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cindy O'Boyle of Kalispell for encouraging, empowering, and uplifting women throughout Montana through the Montana Woman Foundation (MWF). Sixteen years ago, Cindy founded MWF and serves as its executive director. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization's mission is to help all Montana women reach their full potential through mentorship, workshops, and scholarships the group provides.

Cindy says she knows how important it is for women to support women. The group's

board believes women are stronger together and that programs that help women overcome challenges will ultimately benefit them and their communities.

Each year, MWF generally awards scholarships to women "who are generally non-traditional students or women who are underserved, underprivileged or have dealt with a variety of struggles including but not limited to homelessness or poverty, health issues, learning disabilities, domestic-violence, foster care, single- or teen motherhood."

Any Montana woman, regardless of age or social, economic, or cultural differences, may apply for the scholarship or participate in educational workshops or mentorship program. The goal is always the same: empower women to overcome obstacles, improve themselves, and better their community.

One specific example of success, which is near and dear to Cindy's heart, is a woman MWF helped during its first five years. The woman in her early 60s was married, and her husband worked and provided for them. Unfortunately, he had a stroke that forced him to end his career. The couple were not situated for retirement, and she faced the challenge of finding a good-paying job. To earn what the couple needed, she needed to go back to school. MWF paid for her to get the education she needed, she became an office assistant, and she began providing for the family. Cindy says it's scary to be put in that situation, but the woman's grit and determination brought her success.

This week, the foundation, which received over 250 applications for its 2020 scholarships, will announce the recipients. While MWF usually awards four annual scholarships, it will provide seven scholarships this year to Montana women across our state.

Madam Speaker, for nurturing and encouraging Montana women, helping change their lives, and supporting them in their success, I recognize Cindy O'Boyle of Kalispell for her Spirit of Montana.

CHUCK NEWSOM

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the Brigantine, New Jersey resident Chuck Newsom, Timber Creek High School Educator of the Year 2020.

This year we honor Chuck Newsom, a dedicated educator at Timber Creek Regional High School, on his receipt of the 2020 Timber Creek Regional High School Educator of the Year award. In addition to his role as a special education teacher, he serves as football coach, basketball coach, head coach of the girls' volleyball team and is a role model for all his students.

Prior to his career of being a special education teacher at Timber Creek Regional High School, Newsom pursued a degree in law and justice at Glassboro State College. He graduated in 1980 with career aspirations of going into law enforcement but changed course when he received a job offer as a Union Ironworker. After 10 years in the profession, Chuck decided to go back to school and earn a teaching certificate from Rowan University.

He began his career as a special education teacher at Camden and Pennsauken High Schools, where he also served as Assistant Coach for a myriad of different sports teams. After teaching for 13 years for Camden and Pennsauken High Schools, he later moved to Timber Creek Regional High School where he continued to teach students for an additional 13 years.

After more than a decade of inspiring, coaching, and shaping the lives of the students who attend Timber Creek Regional High School, Chuck is recognized as the Educator of the Year. He is beloved amongst his advisors, his pupils, and his teams. The connections he makes, along with his ability to inspire and engage, with all students allows him to excel in his position as a special education teacher.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Chuck Newsom, of Brigantine, New Jersey, a dedicated public-school educator who continues to inspire hundreds of students throughout all of South Jersey.

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Lloyd Phillips was born in Guyana and relocated to the United States with his parents and siblings in 1969. He completed his high school education in Brooklyn, New York where his quest for higher learning led him to enroll at Brooklyn College. He attained a bachelor's degree in Economics and then went to Long Island University where he graduated with an MBA in Finance.

Lloyd worked at Barclays Bank before being hired at the number one investment banking firm, Goldman Sachs & Company, where he worked in the Special Accounts Department. Lloyd subsequently worked his way up to Supervising Manager of the Special Accounts Trading Desk.

Lloyd's career at Goldman Sachs ended during an economic downturn and decided to embark on a career change, joining the ranks of the Uniformed Services in New York City. He rose to the rank of Captain before taking an early retirement.

With a young but growing family, Lloyd and his wife Delilah decided to relocate to Florida, so that their children can live in an environment better suited to their needs. The family settled in Kissimmee, where Lloyd is currently President of the Caribbean and Floridian Association. He was also the President of the Commonwealth Alliance Association, Vice-President of the Guyanese-American Cultural Association, President of the Guyanese-American Diaspora United, and Vice-President of the Strafford Park Home-Owners Association. He was also appointed as an Educational Resource Ambassador by the University of Guyana, awarded a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, presented by Congressman HAKEEM JEFFRIES for his work with the Guyanese Cultural Association of New York, and recognized by the City Council of