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Lechner, Betsey Lechner, Jerry LeClair, Dwayne LeClair, Ashleigh Lecy, Susan Leddy, Megan Leddy, Theresa Lederer, Patricia Lee, Pamela Lee, Julie Lee, Ann Lee, Janet Lee, Brenda Lee, Lisa Lee, and Kristine Lee.

Over the past year they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

TEACHING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, throughout this pandemic, Asian Americans have been facing a second virus—that of hate and discrimination. In fact, since the beginning of the pandemic, hate incidents against Asian Americans have skyrocketed 150 percent. Our community is being scapegoated for the COVID-19 pandemic, and as a result, have been victim to the most hateful, cowardly, and despicable attacks. Our children and elderly especially are being ruthlessly under attack. There are nearly 4,000 reported incidents of Asian Americans being spat on, stabbed, verbally abused, beaten, slashed, and most recently murdered in a tragic and senseless mass shooting. Our parents are scared to leave their homes and walk down the street. Parents are scared to let their children go outside and play or to even go to school.

Asian Americans, however, know this violence and racism directed at our community is not new. From the “yellow peril” scare of the 1800s, which paved the way for the Page Act of 1875 and the Chinese Exclusion Act, to the unjust incarceration of the Japanese Americans during World War II, our history includes shameful accounts of institutionalized discrimination and racism towards Asian Americans.

Madam Speaker, since the 1700s, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) have made immeasurable contributions to our nation throughout its history. AAPIs have shaped the fabric of our country with contributions to our infrastructure, economy, and our military. Unfortunately, for generations, Asian Pacific American history has been poorly represented in our K-12 education system and social studies textbooks. This misrepresentation renders AAPIs invisible and leads to the perception that we are “forever foreigners.”

In fact, growing up, I was never taught of the expansive contributions of Asian Americans throughout our history. I barely learned about Chinese immigrants who built the transcontinental railroad connecting the East and West Coasts. My history textbooks never taught that slaves built the U.S. Capitol, the very heart of our democracy.

Madam Speaker, the gaps in our collective history prevent our nation from moving forward

in solidarity and allyship. We cannot create a shared future where all can achieve the American Dream unless we learn from our shared history. In this time of great misinformation and discrimination against Asian Americans, we need greater cultural awareness and understanding of our community's history within the foundations of our U.S. history.

That is why I rise today to announce the re-introduction of my Teaching Asian Pacific American Act to promote the teaching and learning of Asian Pacific American history in K-12 schools. Specifically, my bill would require Presidential and Congressional Academies' grant applicants and recipients to include Asian Pacific American history as part of their history and civics programs offered to students and teachers. Furthermore, it would encourage the inclusion of Asian Pacific American history within national and state tests administered through the National Assessment of Educational Progress and promote collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution's Asian Pacific American Center to develop innovating programming.

Madam Speaker, in order to create a shared future for all Americans, we have to learn from the mistakes of our past. I thank my colleagues who have joined me in this critical legislation, and I urge its swift passage so that our nation can move forward in healing.

DANIEL ROSALES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

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

Daniel Rosales is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daniel Rosales 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 Daniel Rosales 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 AND SERVICE OF DR. SHANTI PANDEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable individual, retired Dr. Shanti Pandey.

Dr. Shanti Pandey is being recognized for both her service and for her successful tenure

as a doctor in Jefferson County, Mississippi for over 50 years. Dr. Pandey recently retired in 2020, came to the Jefferson County area in 1969, accompanying her late husband, Dr. Tiwari, Ph.D., who accepted a job offer in the Department of Agriculture at Alcorn State University. Taking the advice of Dr. Tiwari's associates, Dr. Pandey considered Jefferson County, particularly Fayette and set up practice in June 1970.

Dr. Pandey who is now around 85 years old, began her practice in Fayette on Harrison Street. A number of years later, she built the Arbind Clinic on South Main Street, directly across from Jefferson County Hospital. This site remained the home of her practice until her recent retirement.

Dr. Pandey, a native of India, graduated from Panta Medical College in 1958 and completed her internship in 1960. She began practicing medicine in her native country but soon came to America with her husband who worked on a terminal degree at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Pandey began her practice in America at the Central State Hospital at the Milledgeville, Georgia, beginning in December 1967. She left Central State Hospital in Milledgeville and moved to Alcorn State on September 1, 1969.

Dr. Pandey falls into a unique and illustrious group of doctors who have placed dedication and service at the top of their agendas. Dr. Pandey's walls are filled with certificates that attest to her endowments. One special certificate that many doctors do not receive reads that Dr. Pandey was inducted into the 50-Year Club by the American Medical Association in 2008. Another certificate attests to her attainment as Board Certified in Family Medicine.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Shanti Pandey.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. DENNIS DEPERRO

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Dennis DePerro, who passed away on March 1, 2021. Dr. DePerro was a champion of higher education, dedicating his life to helping students realize their full potential at universities and colleges across New York State.

Since 2017, Dr. DePerro had served as President of St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, New York. In just four short years, Dr. DePerro established himself as a forward thinking and compassionate leader who cared deeply about the students, faculty, and staff he served. As President of St. Bonaventure, he expanded school enrollment, embraced new academic programs, and improved access to online learning.

To those who were familiar with Dr. DePerro's work, his success at St. Bonaventure was no surprise. For eighteen years, he accomplished similar feats in my district in Central New York as Vice President for Enrollment at Le Moyne College and played a key role in bettering the college and advancing its core mission. Central New York

is immensely grateful to Dr. DePerro for his many contributions to our community.

Beyond his astounding work in higher education, Dr. DePerro enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his wife, Sherry, and two sons, Andrew and Matt. His memory lives on through his family and friends. We join all who knew and admired Dr. DePerro in mourning his life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Dr. Dennis DePerro. Throughout his career, Dr. DePerro touched many lives and was a blessing to the students, universities and colleges, and communities he served. The passion and commitment he espoused is an inspiration to us all, and he leaves behind a lasting legacy of work that will continue to positively impact students in Upstate New York.

REMEMBERING ALFREDO SANDOVAL

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of my constituent, Alfredo Sandoval.

Alfredo—or the “Chief” as his kids lovingly nicknamed him—was a decorated combat veteran, a loving father, and a mentor to many.

When Alfredo enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1954, he began a career that took him across the country and around the world. With his wife, Elena, by his side, Alfredo traveled from Brawley, California to Savannah, Georgia to Tokyo to Naples and countless other cities in service to our country.

After returning home to the United States in 1968, he was called on to serve in Vietnam. There, he earned a Bronze Star for his valor in the field. As a member of the First Mobile Communications Group, he received a Presidential Unit Citation, 23 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, and a Navy Meritorious Unit Citation.

Alfredo broke down barriers in the Air Force. When he retired in 1984, he had achieved the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Alfredo truly paved the way for future generations of Hispanic men and women who followed in his footsteps to become Air Force Officers. Our nation owes him a tremendous debt.

Even in retirement, Alfredo continued to uplift and inspire. His family saw him as a man who led by example and helped them find their way in this world. In the words of his granddaughter, “Every time I spoke to him, he would call me his number one. Even when I felt lost . . . he told me to have confidence in who I was and where I was going.” As Alfredo joins his beloved Elena in Heaven, his spirit will continue to guide his children and grandchildren through life.

Alfredo is survived by his children, Alfredo A. Sandoval and Ruben E. Sandoval. His story of service and love of country is recorded in the United States Air Force and Air Force Association's archives, and now, his life story is recorded in our nation's history. Today, we close his chapter in our history just as his son, Alfredo, would say, “Fly safe, Chief.”

MARY IDA OLIVER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Ida Oliver (Buccola) of Westminster, Colorado who will turn 95 on April 22, 2021.

Mary Ida was born on April 22, 1926 in Sopris, Colorado. Her childhood was spent as a true “coal miner's daughter.” In her teen years she sold WWII war bonds and spent time as Rosie the UN-riveter.

Mary Ida married the love of her life, A.T. “Bud” Oliver, a WWII pilot. They have been together for over 73 years and have five children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mary Ida is a devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is also a true Coloradan, living in this great state for her entire life. She is also an avid fan of both the Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies.

Celebrating ninety-five years is a tremendous milestone and should be celebrated. It is my privilege to wish Mary Ida a very happy birthday and wish her all the best in the future.

HONORING MRS. MAOTHA ANDERSON McDANIEL ROBINSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Mrs. Maota Anderson McDaniel Robinson.

Mrs. Maota Anderson McDaniel Robinson was born January 29, 1920, in Avon, Mississippi. On Friday, January 29, 2021, a precious gift of life and love, celebrated her 101st birthday with her family and friends.

From her humble beginnings in rural Bolivar and Sunflower Counties, Mrs. Robinson, along with her brother and sister, were raised on a system of integrity premised on the tenets of love, kindness and compassion imparted by their parents. Her parents focus was to instill a central moral compass that echoed the heart of the Good Samaritan and core ethical values encompassed in the importance of work, family, community and the love of God. Known for her kindness and willingness to assist others, Mrs. Robinson has devoted most of her life as the matriarch, not only of her family, but of her community as well as the oldest living female resident of the City of Shaw, Mississippi.

Mrs. Robinson is a God-fearing Christian, a devoted wife and nurturing mother of eight children. She is the living embodiment of a woman of Proverbs 31:10. She is a woman after God's own heart, committed to her faith, her family and her friends. Her faithful membership of Poplar Grove Baptist Church and as a dedicated member of the Heroines of Jericho, has shown her as an upstanding pillar in the community.

Mrs. Robinson remains the archetype icon and central foundation of a family that retains an unbreakable bond of love, honor, devotion,