

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MONTSERRAT ESCALERA PULIDO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Montserrat Escalera Pulido for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Montserrat has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Montserrat, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Montserrat's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Montserrat Escalera Pulido on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OCEAN CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL DRIFTERS, INC.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to join its officers and members in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ocean Chapter of The National Drifters, Inc.

Founded by Marilyn Joyce, the Ocean Chapter of the National Drifters, Inc. was sponsored by the Montclair Chapter and chartered in 1974. As one of 37 chapters of The National Drifters, Inc., Ocean Drifters is committed to fulfilling The National Drifters mission of fostering female fellowship and leadership and supporting local communities. Through outreach efforts such as voter education and registration, donations of culturally diverse books to school libraries, and scholarships for high school seniors, Ocean Drifters continues to contribute to communities across Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Additionally, many of its members have served in leadership positions on the national level, including President, Vice President, Public Relations Chairperson, and Convention Chair. Ocean Drifters members Sylvia Thomas, Helen Scott, Shirley Williams, and Yvonne Russell-Mann have been honored with the Now Black Woman Award, the highest honor bestowed by the organization.

It its 50th year, the Ocean Chapter of the National Drifters, Inc. consists of 17 members: Marjorie Clark, Mary Inge, Channie Hewitt Johnson, Beverly Cotton, Aleathea "Pepper" Riley, Victoria Anderson, Cassandra Keyes,

Evelene Anderson, Tanya Russell-Brown, Maris Henson, Courteney Wilds, Nicole Dookie, Yvonne Hunley Jones, Lisa Barksdale, Simone Edmond, Monique Gamboa, and Felicia Bourke.

Mr. Speaker, for 50 years, the Ocean Chapter of The National Drifters, Inc. has upheld its endeavor to provide opportunities for women to engage in community service and improve the lives of others. It is my privilege to congratulate the club on this milestone and wish them another 50 years of success.

RECOGNIZING SHERANE HELMUTH

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sherane Helmuth for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Sherane has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Sherane, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Sherane's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Sherane Helmuth on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING KELLY MCADOO MORARIU

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Hayward City Manager Kelly McAdoo Morariu as her 13-year tenure serving Hayward comes to an end this Friday, May 3, 2024.

Kelly graduated from The University of Kansas, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in political science, economics, and international studies in 1998, going on to receive her Master's in Public Administration in 2000.

Kelly joined the city of Hayward in 2010 as an Assistant City Manager and transitioned to City Manager in 2016. As chief executive, she worked to tackle issues of homelessness, financial stability, and infrastructure.

Kelly effectively led city efforts to respond to the homelessness crisis by implementing compassionate city policies, declaring a homelessness emergency, and negotiating increased housing in the city. Under her leadership, the Hayward Navigation Center opened in 2018

along with the Depot Community Apartments to help transition unhoused individuals to permanent housing. Kelly also helped negotiate agreements with the California Department of Transportation to repurpose land held for a freeway bypass for market-rate and affordable housing.

As city manager, Kelly also helped maintain a financially stable city budget by paying down unfunded retirement liabilities and securing numerous grants at the state and federal levels for infrastructure, social services, and more. Hayward's Measure C, passed in 2014, provided funding for a new Downtown Public Library, Heritage Plaza, retrofit city fire stations, and build a new Fire Training Center and Fire Station No. 6 in partnership with the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

For 13 years, Kelly has diligently served the Hayward community. Her dedication to community engagement and collaboration has made her an asset at Hayward. I know that her presence will be deeply missed in Hayward. I wish her and her family success as she enters this new chapter as Santa Barbara's City Administrator.

RECOGNIZING KIMBERLY DE LEON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kimberly De Leon for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Kimberly has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Kimberly, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Kimberly's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Kimberly De Leon on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING JOHN STERLING

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legendary career of New York Yankees broadcaster, John Sterling. A resident of Edgewater, New Jersey, John began announcing Yankee games on the radio in 1989. After a distinguished 35-year tenure with the Yankees, John recently announced his retirement.

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From 1989 to 2019, John Sterling did not miss a day of work, announcing a Ripken-esque 5,060 consecutive Yankee games. He announced every game Hall of Famer Derek Jeter ever played in. One-quarter of all games in the Yankees' storied history. Sterling's incredible longevity and consistency are integral parts of his broadcasting brilliance.

John Sterling's voice is one of the most memorable in the Big Leagues. His passion and love of the game of baseball could be heard in each game he announced. After a big Yankee strike out, run batted in, or play in the field, you could always expect to hear the contagious exhilaration in his voice. His announcement "Theeeeeeee Yankees Win!" was a signature to decades of triumphs.

John Sterling will also be remembered for the unique home run call he devised for every Yankee player. From "Bernie goes Boom?" and "It's an A-Bomb for A-Rod!" to "It's a Thrilla from Godzilla!" and "Robbie Cano, Don'tcha Know!" John never lacked creativity. To any Yankee fan among America's millions, it was always exciting to hear John's first home run call for a new free agent acquisition. He never disappointed.

When you think of the Yankees, the first word that comes to mind is greatness. Twenty-seven World Series Championships. Forty American League pennants. The home of Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Lou Gehrig, Yogi Berra, Joe DiMaggio, and Mariano Rivera. From 1996 to 2001, the Yankees had one of the most impressive stretches in Major League Baseball history, winning four world championships over the span of only five years. John Sterling was right there for this stretch, announcing their playoff games and World Series championships. A legendary franchise needed a legendary announcer like John Sterling.

New York sports fans have been fortunate to listen to games announced by some of the greatest broadcasters ever. Mel Allen. Red Barber. Vin Scully. John Sterling joins that list. John Sterling will be remembered as one of the best sports broadcasters in history.

The House sends its congratulations to John Sterling on a historic career and its warmest wishes for his retirement. May God Bless John Sterling. And God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING ANDRE GURULE, JR.

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andre Gurule, Jr. for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Andre has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Andre, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Andre's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Andre Gurule, Jr. on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING REBECCA ROLOFF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the distinguished career of President ReBecca (Becky) Koenig Roloff on the occasion of her retirement from St. Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Since 2016, President Roloff has served as the 11th president of the university, which is affectionately known as St. Kate's by students and alumni, which includes both her and me.

During her eight years of distinguished leadership at St. Kate's, one of the nation's largest private women's universities, President Roloff has made a lasting impact by reaffirming the university's accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. She combined the Minneapolis and Saint Paul campuses into one unified campus in Saint Paul and completed numerous infrastructure improvements across campus. In 2022, it was a privilege to partner with her and the university to provide critical federal funding for technology and equipment upgrades for Mendel Hall to enhance student learning and research opportunities for women undergraduate students in STEM fields. She also successfully recruited a diverse senior leadership team and led the development of a new 10-year strategic plan that has grown enrollment and strengthened its financial position.

Prior to returning to her alma mater as president, Roloff distinguished herself in the business world as a senior vice president at American Express Financial Advisors, held leadership positions at Pillsbury Company, and was a grain merchant for Cargill. She has served on the boards of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc., the Minneapolis Downtown Council Executive Committee, and Allina Health.

The commitment to social justice and community service that was instilled in Becky as a student at St. Kate's led her to serve in leadership of an organization with a social mission, becoming Chief Executive Officer of the Minneapolis YWCA from 2005 to 2016. During this time, the organization became the largest non-profit provider of high-quality, nationally accredited early childhood education in Minnesota. Upon the conclusion of her tenure, the board chair wrote: "YWCA Minneapolis is tremendously grateful to Becky for her leadership over the last 11 years. She leaves a legacy of community impact, and a resilient, strong organization."

In addition to earning her bachelor's degree from St. Kate's, where she graduated cum laude in 1976, Becky went on to earn a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1982. Throughout her academic life and career, Becky has exemplified the St. Kate's values of liberal arts education and its emphasis on intellectual curiosity and social justice, while working to empower women and make a difference in the world. As an alumna and as a Member of Congress, I celebrate her impressive career and wish to express my gratitude to Becky for her immeasurable contributions to St. Kate's.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in this well-deserved tribute to Ms. ReBecca Koenig Roloff, the 11th President of St. Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW KING

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew King for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Matthew has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Matthew, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Matthew's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Matthew King on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRENCH & PARRELLO ASSOCIATES

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate French & Parrello Associates on its 50th anniversary this year. A multi-discipline engineering firm, French & Parrello Associates has provided valuable contributions to the infrastructure of New Jersey since 1974.

Founded by Laurence E. French, Argo T. Parrello, James B. Heller, and Joseph M. Edwards, French & Parrello Associates has transformed from a branch office of Raamot Associates PC into the independent full-service engineering and consulting firm it is today. In its 50th year, French & Parrello Associates (FPA) is headquartered in Wall, New Jersey and has three additional offices in New Jersey as well as offices in Pennsylvania, Atlanta, and New York. It is led by President and CEO Steven Tardy, PE and employs a staff of over 200.

FPA has contributed to both private and public projects, offering a multitude of services encompassing construction, structural, geotechnical, telecommunications, and environmental engineering, bridge and highway design, surveying, and landscape architecture, among others. They have provided services for several projects across the Sixth Congressional District of New Jersey, including the South Amboy Ferry Terminal, the Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos Bridge, and the Beachfront North Condominiums in Long Branch.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of French & Parrello Associates. The company continues to deliver outstanding service to its clients and its innovation and commitment to excellence are truly deserving of this body's recognition.