

IN RECOGNITION OF BROOKE  
GARCIA: A BRAVE IDAHOAN

**HON. BILL SALI**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 14, 2008*

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Brooke Garcia of Caldwell, ID. On Thursday night, April 10, Brooke displayed courage, bravery and maturity well beyond her young 17 years of age.

While driving down Interstate 84 in Caldwell, Brooke witnessed a car accident. Her quick thinking led her to stop her car and run to the burning wreckage. Brooke then had to break the back window of the smoke-filled car and reach through the broken window to pull out a 3-year-old toddler from his seat. She said she didn't even think about not stopping.

Police on the scene said if Brooke hadn't gotten to the child as quickly as she did, things would have turned out differently. She saved the toddler's life.

I admire Brooke's composure after witnessing such a terrible accident. I am honored to recognize the heroic efforts of this young lady. I applaud and am grateful for her example to our fellow Idahoans and all Americans.

Brooke's valiant action is yet another reminder of why I am proud to be an Idahoan and to represent the First Congressional District of the Gem State.

Brooke attends Caldwell High School and is the daughter of Amy and Gerald Garcia. They are rightly proud of their wonderful daughter.

I trust that all my colleagues will join me in recognizing Brooke for her actions and character. She represents the best of Idaho's next generation.

JOHN KENNEDY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 14, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud John Kennedy who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. John Kennedy is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by John Kennedy is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to John Kennedy for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his high school career to his college career and future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 14, 2008*

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, April 9, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 171. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING PATRICK KELLY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 14, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Patrick Reese Kelly of Blue Springs, Missouri. Ethan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Patrick has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Patrick has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Patrick Reese Kelly for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 14, 2008*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was out of town attending a memorial service last week. I missed rollcall vote Nos. 161 thru 177. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on votes 161 thru 167, 171, and 174 thru 177. I would have voted "nay" on votes 168, 169, 170, 172, and 173.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS' AWARDS RECIPIENTS

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 14, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2007 Minnesota Associated Press Broadcasters awardees as leaders in radio and television broadcasting. In particular, I would like to recognize those winners serving Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, including KNSI-AM, KVSC-FM, WJON-AM, KXSS-AM, KTLK-FM, MPR, KARE-TV, and KSTP-TV.

These winners are the elite in their field, and they should all be proud of their hard work and achievements. Specifically, I would like to recognize the contributions of KTLK-FM and their program director Steve Versnick for their outstanding accomplishments in radio, securing two awards for their work in 2007. Jeff Monosso and Jason Lewis were winners of the Radio Class III, Spot/Hard News category for their spot, "35W Bridge Collapse," and Jeff Monosso won a second award for a Radio Class III Newscast, titled, "2007 Newscast."

In the years ahead, these news outlets will continue to provide Minnesotans with the best coverage of the events affecting our daily lives. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize these radio and television stations as among the best in Minnesota news broadcasting.

GABE BACA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 14, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gabe Baca who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Gabe Baca is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Gabe Baca is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Gabe Baca for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his high school career to his college career and future accomplishments.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CRITTENTON FOUNDATION

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 14, 2008*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the 125th anniversary of The National Crittenton Foundation and one of the leading members of the Crittenton Family of Agencies, Crittenton Services of Greater Washington, which also celebrates 120 years of service.

Since 1887, Crittenton Services has been proud to serve more than 20,000 adolescent women in the Greater Washington region with a singular focus: to strengthen the ability of teen women to identify and achieve their academic, career and life goals.

The Crittenton Mission was awarded a National Charter through a special act of Congress signed by President William McKinley in 1898. An amendment to the Charter was