

Salinas who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dulce Vega Salinas is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dulce Vega Salinas 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 once again to Dulce Vega Salinas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS P. FOTE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas P. Fote and congratulate him upon receiving the New Jersey Governor's and New Jersey Jefferson's Environmental Stewardship award. This award recognizes outstanding volunteers who pioneer and promote energy conservation and environmental action. Mr. Fote's years of selfless work to improve New Jersey's environment make him a highly deserving recipient of this honor.

Mr. Fote serves as Legislative Chair of Jersey Coast Anglers Association where he has built a coalition to stop the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey from ocean dumping. Because of his efforts residents of New Jersey benefit from improved ocean water and a safer, cleaner coastal environment. Mr. Fote also serves on the Policy Board of the Barnegat Bay Estuary Program. Under his leadership, the Barnegat Bay's water quality has improved while the program's administrative costs have remained low. As an unpaid volunteer, Mr. Fote selflessly donates much of his time to these critical environmental efforts. Mr. Fote is also a retired Army captain who bravely served our country in Vietnam. His lifetime of service to New Jersey and our nation is an example to us all.

The Governor's Volunteer Awards are being presented for the first time this year in a new partnership with the New Jersey Jefferson Awards. Mr. Fote's volunteer work is especially deserving of an inaugural award from these two long standing and highly respected volunteer recognition efforts.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that this body will join me in honoring Thomas P. Fote for his exceptional service and congratulate him upon receiving the New Jersey Governor's Environmental Stewardship award.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOEL BOOSE ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Joel Boose of Norwalk, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Joel's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Joel brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending St. Paul High School in Norwalk, Ohio, Joel attained a grade point average that placed him in the top ten percent of his graduating class. Joel was inducted into the National Honor Society, participated in the Teens Leadership Corps, and was active in the Student Council.

Throughout high school, Joel was a member of the football, track, and swimming teams. Joel utilized his leadership skills by being captain of the football team and vice-president of the Key Club. In addition, Joel was awarded an academic letter each year and was recognized as a McScholar Athlete. I am confident that Joel will carry the lessons of his student leadership to West Point.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joel Boose on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Joel will excel during his career at West Point and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009-2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young lead-

ers within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Captain Lawrence Nunn, USA (born March 1979) is currently serving in the United States Army. Captain Nunn is a 2001 graduate of the United States Military Academy. He served two tours in the Second Gulf War in Iraq. He is the recipient of two Bronze Star Medals for his exceptional bravery in each of his tours. He also received the Global War on Terrorism Ribbon and many other medals and accolades. Captain Nunn is married to Olivia Nunn who is also a Captain in the U.S. Army. Captain Nunn was born and raised in Canton, Michigan.

I learned from my interview with Captain Nunn that the highest form of service to our country is exemplified in soldiers like Captain Nunn. This level of service to our country requires exceptional courage, dedication, commitment and above all unrelenting perseverance to and for our country.—Nathan Lee

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HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Drazen Fillip Doslo who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Drazen Fillip Doslo is a 12th grader at Arvada School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Drazen Fillip Doslo 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 once again to Drazen Fillip Doslo for winning the