

board of directors of the American Water Works Association, and he has been appointed to two terms on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

Thanks in large part to Wally Bishop's leadership, the Contra Costa Water District is today in an excellent position to face the challenges of the 21st century. This is no accident: He is one of the true innovators and strategic thinkers in California water matters, and he and his staff have worked tirelessly throughout his tenure.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Wally Bishop on his retirement, and to thank him for his many years of public service. He is leaving big shoes to fill, and I hope that in addition to spending more time with his wife Patty, he will continue to contribute his energy and his ideas to the world of California water.

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JASER ALSHARHAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jaser Alsharhan who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jaser Alsharhan is a 10th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jaser Alsharhan 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 Jaser Alsharhan for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

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CONGRATULATING MOST REV. JOSEPH BAMBERA UPON HIS ORDINATION AS BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Most Rev. Joseph Bambera, the newly ordained Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

On Monday, April 26, 2010, Bishop Bambera became the 10th Bishop of the Scranton Diocese. A native son of the 11-county Catholic diocese, Bishop Bambera spent nearly 20 of his 27 years as a priest ministering in the diocese's parishes.

He brings to his new post enthusiasm, humility and a unique understanding of his Catholic flock.

"With deep humility, I offer thanks to Almighty God, through whose providence and grace I've been called to serve as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton," Bishop Bambera stated during his installation at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton before a large audience of priests, bishops, Cardinal Justin Rigali, head of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Apostolic Nuncio Pietro Sambi, Pope Benedict XVI's top diplomatic and spiritual representative in the United States as well as hundreds of the faithful.

Bishop Bambera has received the endorsement of many of his fellow priests in the Diocese who know him as a consensus builder and a man who appreciates the power of humor. "In God's wisdom and providence, he has given you one of your own as bishop," he said referring to the fact that he is only the second bishop to be a native of the diocese. "For you, perhaps God's wisdom may be confounding," he added to laughter from his church audience.

Then, he offered, "For me, your example, your dedication to prayer and service and your support have been a great source of inspiration and great consolation."

Again, Bishop Bambera called upon his gift of humor to express his deep emotion about his family roots. He recalled that his father died in 2004 and that his mother, when told that her son had been appointed as bishop, she was not "ecstatic." He recalled that she said, "Well, you've got quite a job to do." Then, when told that the public announcement of his appointment would occur on a Tuesday at 10 a.m., she responded, "That works out just fine. I have a hair appointment at noon." Choking back tears, Bishop Bambera thanked his parents for raising him well.

"My mother and father taught us by their example powerful lessons of faith and hope, peppered with healthy doses of common-sense. As parents go, I could not ask for more," he observed.

Bishop Bambera called attention to the chalice he uses during Mass, noting that it was a gift from his Great Aunt Marie, who died in her 80s, after outliving three children. "One day my mother asked her, 'How do you remain so upbeat given all the loss you've experienced in your life?' Here's what she said, 'No one knows the tears that I shed for those I've lost. But I am convinced that there is nothing that we cannot bear in life if we have faith.'"

Bishop Bambera called upon the faithful of the diocese to work together with him to ". . . meet the challenges."

In his remarks, Cardinal Rigali, speaking about Bishop Bambera, noted that, ". . . the faithful bishop is a good shepherd who knows that despite his own human limitations and his many faults and shortcomings which he recognizes and strives with God's help to overcome, he must still challenge the flock."

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Bishop Bambera on this most joyous and inspiring occasion. His faithful service to the spiritual well-being of his parishioners; the respect that he enjoys among his peers and superiors; his leadership and his unyielding devotion to God and the Catholic congregation of northeastern Pennsylvania will serve him well as he moves forward in this new and demanding position. In that regard, we all wish him well.

HONORING ELECTRICIANS MATE
1ST CLASS ROBERT LAWRENCE
MUDD

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Electricians Mate 1st Class Robert Lawrence Mudd, a sailor from Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Petty Officer Mudd tragically lost his life while stationed in Hawaii, assigned to submarine USS *Olympia* at Pearl Harbor.

Robert Mudd was a model citizen and patriot. Shortly after graduating from high school in 1998, he joined the U.S. Navy. Robert served at the Trident Training Facility in Kings Bay, Georgia, and aboard USS *Nebraska* before joining the crew of USS *Olympia* in May 2007.

Today, as we honor the service of this exceptional Kentuckian, my heartfelt prayers are with Robert's loving parents, Lawrence and Barbara, and the rest of his family and friends. We are all indebted to Robert for his bravery and willingness to answer the Nation's call to defend freedom.

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JARED ROSAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jared Rosas who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jared Rosas is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jared Rosas 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 Jared Rosas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WORK
ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 11th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week, which brings national attention to motorists, worker safety and mobility issues in work zones. This year's Awareness Week takes place April 19–23, and is coordinated by the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway