

lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

For the past 5 years, Mr. Cianelli has made sure patients at the Glen Burnie VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic are picked up for their appointment on time and safely returned to their home. To date, he has logged 1,300 driving hours and more than 20,000 miles. Mr. Cianelli's experience as a computer scientist has significantly improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the transportation network, providing a program to maintain driver statistics, automating vehicle expense reports and developing a route sheet to expedite driver pick-up times. Robert's colleagues say that it would be hard to find an individual that contributes more than he does to guarantee the success of the Disabled American Veterans Transportation program.

In addition to his service at the Glen Burnie VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Mr. Cianelli volunteers with Operation Welcome Home at BWI Airport, welcoming thousands of troops home and providing them with care packages to hold them over while they wait for connecting flights. Mr. Cianelli raised funds to get the program off the ground and continues to do so.

As a member of the Baltimore Marine Corps League, Mr. Cianelli helped raise \$27,000 for the "Wounded Marine Program" at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and the Walter Reed Army Hospital. The program fed hundreds of meals to family members at the hospital during the height of the fighting in the Iraqi city of Fallujah when there were significant casualties arriving. It paid for Christmas baskets, lodging and taxi coupons for families, as well as televisions and video games for wounded soldiers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor Mr. Robert T. Cianelli. His compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are an inspiration to us all, and are deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Robert T. Cianelli on his exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer for American servicemen and women everywhere.

MARINA MODECKER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marina Modecker who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Marina Modecker is an 11th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Marina Modecker 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 Marina Modecker for winning the Ar-

vada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF HOMES  
AND SERVICES FOR THE AGING  
2010 PHILANTHROPIST OF THE  
YEAR

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to honor my constituent, Mr. Glenn Biggs, a great American and Texan, who has been selected by the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging as the 2010 Philanthropist of the Year.

Mr. Biggs, born in a small West Texas town in the depths of the Great Depression, has used his knowledge and experience as a banker and business leader to guide Morningside Ministries in San Antonio in establishing an innovative, progressive program, mmLearn.org. It delivers high quality training through online videos to caregivers not only in San Antonio, but also to communities as large as New York City and as small as Homer, Alaska.

Through online training, geriatric physicians can be in the homes and offices of health professionals, family caregivers, pastoral care providers and older adults who have internet connectivity. In a recent webcast, Dr. Thomas Weiss, a geriatric psychiatrist with a specialty in addiction, had a presentation about alcoholism and the elderly.

Most would never have an opportunity to benefit from Dr. Weiss' expertise, but 382 viewers joined the webcast and interacted by providing online comments and questions. The webcast is now available on demand and will continue to be a training resource. Mr. Biggs' vision, commitment and dedication have made this level of service possible.

Mr. Biggs' philanthropy and leadership are not only recognized in the field of aging, but benefit many other worthy causes. The San Antonio Business Journal has written of Mr. Biggs: ". . . (This) gentle giant with a booming voice spends countless hours trying to get wealthy South Texans to give to causes which he believes are important. Time after time, he is called upon to advise college presidents and board chairmen who are seeking access to the network of former politicians and business millionaires who are willing to part with their fortunes for the right cause."

Numerous organizations and countless individuals have benefitted from the philanthropic leadership of Glenn Biggs. He is preparing and inspiring generations to step forward and become the philanthropists for decades to come. Glenn Biggs sets an example for all of us to follow. And I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this great man.

MARQUIS SKINNER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marquis Skinner who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Marquis Skinner 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 Marquis Skinner 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 Marquis Skinner 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE 85TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE COMMEMORA-  
TION OF MENLO PARK

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th Anniversary of the 1925 Commemoration of Menlo Park. On May 16, 1925, Thomas Alva Edison and 600 guests came to Menlo Park to celebrate the inventor's historic accomplishments by commemorating Menlo Park. Eighty-five years later the Township of Edison, New Jersey and the non-profit Edison Memorial Tower Corporation will host a special celebration at the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park to honor both the inventor and the community named in his honor.

The event will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday May 16, 2010. This is a great opportunity to learn about Thomas Edison's life, his work, and his legacy of invention. A great-grandson of the inventor will share stories about his famous relative, and community leaders will exhibit plans to restore Menlo Tower, build a new museum, and redevelop the parkland in Edison State Park. The Edison Community and the Edison Memorial Tower Corporation encourage contributions and attendance at the event in order to help honor the memory of Thomas Edison and support the spirit of innovation that defines Menlo Park.

The Edison Memorial Tower Corporation is a nonprofit organization that works to preserve, promote, and manage the Edison Memorial Tower and Museum in the Menlo Park section of Edison Township. The Corporation strives to honor Edison's memory and educate the public about Edison, his significant accomplishments at this site, and his impact on modern research and development.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the Edison community's continued efforts to improve Menlo Park and honor the enduring legacy of