

supply and environmental impacts to the region's imported water sources, the Colorado River, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta. This water supply would also mitigate the potential impacts of planned or emergency water supply interruptions.

The Project includes the following components:

A Regional Concentrate Conveyance Facility would serve existing and future desalting and water reclamation facilities. The proposed Conveyance Facility will facilitate continued and expanded operation of the existing Reynolds Desalination Facility and potentially other facilities that may be developed in the region.

An additional groundwater desalination facility in the Otay River Valley.

A Recycled Water Membrane Bioreactor Facility to treat wastewater and produce recycled water that will be constructed as part of Phase II of the project.

The South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project will highly leverage scarce Federal resources. The maximum Federal share would be 25 percent, so each Federal dollar authorized would be matched by a minimum of three nonfederal dollars. In addition, no Federal funding would be used for the operation or maintenance of these facilities.

PETRA REAGAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Petra Reagan for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Petra Reagan is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Petra Reagan 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 to Petra Reagan for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING LINDA ELLIOT

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Linda Elliot, a loyal and committed LGBT rights advocate, who will receive the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Arizona Individual Equality Award on March 19, 2011. She is truly deserving of this unique honor, and we recognize her many contributions in addressing issues affecting Arizona's LGBT community.

Ms. Elliot's commitment to HRC is commendable, and will soon be marked by 20 years of service to this organization. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Elliot has served in a variety of diverse roles, including her most recent position as the National Co-Chair for the HRC Board of Director's Public Policy Committee. In this capacity, Ms. Elliot and her fellow committee members have helped achieve a series of accomplishments for the LGBT movement, including hate crimes legislation, the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, and other gains related to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and gender rights.

Ms. Elliot should also be congratulated for her efforts as a founding member of two HRC chapters in Phoenix and Denver, and for her dedicated membership on a host of community boards and steering committees, including Arizona's Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS, the One-Voice Community Center, the "No On Prop 107" steering committee, and the Colorado AIDS Project.

Ms. Elliot has maintained a constant presence in the community she serves, encouraging and inspiring the involvement and participation of numerous other LGBT activists in Arizona.

Personally, I also want to thank Linda for her continued friendship and support, which she has generously offered to me throughout the years.

In considering all of these achievements, I ask that you join me in recognizing Linda Elliot for her tireless advocacy efforts and offer her sincere congratulations upon acceptance of her laudable award.

A TRIBUTE TO BARBARA BROWN-ALLEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Barbara Brown-Allen.

Barbara has a feisty attitude and no-nonsense approach to life's obstacles; she believes there is nothing that cannot be achieved if one formulates a plan and acts on it. This ambition led to a life of exciting opportunity for this proud, Jamaican-born, businesswoman.

One of Barbara's greatest opportunities came from Crown Heights North in Brooklyn, New York. In 2000, she and her husband, Michael, lived in East Flatbush. They drove through Crown Heights North one day and noticed a neighborhood filled with potential. Barbara immediately invested in property there and spent the next few years developing it. Despite several construction obstacles, she accomplished her goal: a beautifully renovated five story townhouse to call home.

While developing her property in Crown Heights North, Barbara found herself in two new careers: community activism and real estate. She was originally a secretary for a federal bankruptcy judge, but wanted new challenges. Barbara took real estate classes and began bringing buyers and renters to Crown Heights North. To raise the reputation of the neighborhood, Barbara began lobbying local politicians for change. For example, she encouraged Borough President Marty Markowitz to offer homeowners tree guards to protect the

neighborhood trees, a successful program that remains in place today.

As her political strength grew, Barbara remained dedicated to improving the quality of life in Crown Heights North. She joined local organizations that advocated for land-marking, increased city services, and business improvement. To better the quality of life for all of Crown Heights' residents, she also worked with several organizations: Crown Heights North Association, CHARM, Nostrand Park and the Crow Hill Association. With a storefront on Franklin Avenue, Barbara's dedication to the community was exemplified by her actions as a landlord: she would only rent to the "right" tenant, one who would help revitalize the Crow Hill section of Crown Heights.

Barbara excelled in the real estate business and is now an agent for Prudential Douglas Elliman. She was voted Rookie of the Year in 2008, and received two awards in 2009: the Top Two Sales Agent in New York City for Individual Transactions and the 2009 President's Circle Award. In spite of the recent down market, Barbara sees a bright future for her business and her neighborhood. "I think long term," she says. "I just look around, and I know." The vision and continued success of Barbara will be no surprise to anyone who has encountered this determined force of nature.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Barbara Brown-Allen.

INTRODUCING THE TAXPAYER'S FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Taxpayers' Freedom of Conscience Act, which forbids federal funds from being used for population control or "family planning." President Obama's executive order allowing those who perform and/or promote abortion overseas to receive taxpayer money, as well as the health care law's failure to prevent taxpayer money from being used for abortions, bring new urgency to the need to protect pro-life Americans from being forced to subsidize abortion.

It is not enough to say that "family planning" groups may not use federal funds to perform or promote abortion. After all, since money is fungible, federal funding of any activities of these organizations forces taxpayers to underwrite the organizations' abortion activities. Thus, the Taxpayers' Freedom of Conscience Act is the only way to protect taxpayers from having to support what they "disbelieve and abhor."

Thomas Jefferson eloquently made the case for Taxpayer's Freedom of Conscience Act when he said that: "To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

I hope all my colleagues will join me in helping end the "sinful and tyrannical" policy of forcing pro-life Americans to subsidize, either directly or indirectly, abortion by cosponsoring the Taxpayer Freedom of Conscience Act.