

Olanrewaju Akerere for his contributions to the community.

Dr. Evaristo Olanrewaju Akerere was born in Nigeria. He comes from a long line of physicians and attorneys. His great Aunt was the first woman physician in West Africa. He is a devoted father of three beautiful daughters whom he loves dearly.

Dr. Akerere received his Bachelor of Science with Honors in Biochemistry from the University Of London, England. He went on to earn his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj Napoca, Romania. He trained as a research fellow in Addiction Psychiatry and later served as the Co-director of the Substance Abuse Research Fellowship program at Columbia. While there he pursued a Master's in Public Health Policy and Management from Columbia University. Dr. Akerere, is an accomplished researcher, educator, administrator and clinician. He has published several papers, received State and Federal Grants from agencies like the National Institute on Drug Abuse. He also served as the Associate Director of Psychiatry and Director of the Residency Training at Harlem Hospital, and Columbia University. Dr. Akerere also served as the Vice President and Medical Director for Phoenix House where he was responsible for the Medical Management for over 3000 patients.

Equally important, Dr. Akerere has served as the Board Examiner for the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology since 2005. Dr. Akerere is very active in multiple professional associations at National and State levels. Finally, he served as the chair of the New York State Substance Abuse committee, also as State representative to the American Psychiatric Association National Assembly. He is a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and past President of the New York County American Psychiatric Association. With all of his achievements, Dr. Akerere is filled with thankfulness, because he understands that he is the beneficiary of the hard work and sacrifices of those that came before him.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Dr. Evaristo Olanrewaju Akerere.

CHERI JAHN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Senator Cheri Jahn for her service to our community.

Colorado State Senator Cheri Jahn is a single mother of three and small business owner in Wheat Ridge. For 30 years, Cheri has proudly owned and operated Colorado House-keeping Services, LLC, which she has grown into a cornerstone of the community.

While raising three children and running her business, Cheri earned her Paralegal degree from the Community College of Denver. Cheri uses her business acumen in her position as a Colorado State Senator.

Her successes in the business world led to her most recent accomplishment as a State Senator. By striving to aid other local busi-

nesses, Cheri passed legislation to save small businesses hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in unemployment insurance premiums.

It is with extreme gratitude that I commend Cheri Jahn for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

IN SUPPORT OF SECTION 1096 OF H.R. 4310, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013, TO DISPLAY TERRITORIAL FLAGS AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for section 1096 of H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. The provision, sponsored by my friend and colleague, Congressman GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN, fixes oversights by the Department of Defense. The provision would ensure that flags of the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia are required to be displayed alongside the flags of the 50 states. Current regulations by the Department of Defense are too permissive and many military installations across the globe do not include flags from the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.

Millions of men and women from the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories have answered the call to duty in every conflict the United States has engaged in over the course of its history. Most recently, thousands of men and women have answered the call to support missions in Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa and Iraq. Moreover, National Guardsmen from DC and the U.S. territories have supported homeland defense missions from protecting the border, to recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy. Men and women in uniform from DC and the U.S. territories have answered the call to duty and it is only right that the symbol of their homes be displayed wherever and whenever the Department of Defense displays the flags of the 50 states.

As Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and as a member of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel, I will advocate for this provision to be carried in any Conference Committee report on the FY13 NDAA. As the Senate begins consideration of their version of the FY13 NDAA, I urge my colleagues in the U.S. Senate to include this provision in their bill as well. This provision just makes sense and it is important to reflect the colors of the flags of the District of Columbia and U.S. territories in any display of the flag by DoD. Servicemembers from these jurisdictions are respected and important members of the Armed Services and deserve to have the colors of their homes displayed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HARBOR BEACH PIRATES, DIVISION 8 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincerest congratulations to Michigan's Harbor Beach Pirates High School Varsity Football Team. The Harbor Beach Pirates ended a remarkable 2012 season last Friday by winning Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division 8 State Championship!

This win marks the first football state championship win in Harbor Beach High School's history, and ending a 13 games won and only one loss season for the Pirates, a season that includes a Greater Thumb East Conference title, a district title, and a regional title.

The Harbor Beach Pirates were able to accomplish this feat at Detroit's Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions. The Pirates won the Championship despite the best efforts of their opponents, the Beal City Aggies.

The Pirates dominated their competition throughout the state playoffs, a journey that culminated in the Pirates winning the Michigan State Championship game by a score of 35-10. This winning score was achieved through a combination of a stingy defense that had multiple red-zone stops and a complete team offensive effort.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the hard work and sportsmanship displayed by all the members of the Pirates. I applaud these young men for always remaining both mentally and physically ready to compete, and for staying energized and focused each time they stepped on to the gridiron. I understand this can be extremely difficult considering the numerous pressures and distractions high school student-athletes can encounter, but these brave men are wonderful examples of hard-work to achieve your goals.

I also wish to acknowledge the administrators, teachers, cheerleaders, parents, students and fans alike for their assistance and support in making this a truly unforgettable season.

The Pirates proved they had the talent and the perseverance to rise to the challenge and accomplish their ultimate goal—a Michigan State Championship!

In closing Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of how hard this team worked together, and I want to offer my personal congratulations and best wishes. All the accolades, awards, and trophies are rightfully deserved. Way to go Pirates!

KATHY HODGSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathy Hodgson for her outstanding service to our community.

As Lakewood City Manager, Kathy Hodgson's efforts have bolstered the city's financial