

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ALEXANDRA NUNEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alexandra Nunez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Alexandra Nunez is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alexandra Nunez 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 Alexandra Nunez 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 of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO COURTNEY STRUTT
TODD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Courtney Strutt Todd for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Courtney Strutt Todd is a shareholder attorney at Davis Brown Law Firm where she utilizes her talents to assist private colleges, hospitals and other nonprofit organizations obtain public financing for building projects. In the last three years alone, Courtney worked as bond, underwriter's and issuer's counsel on nearly \$1.4 billion in general government bonds. Mrs. Strutt Todd also volunteers her legal talents pro bono and was recognized in 2008 by the Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project for providing more than 200 hours of volunteered legal services. Outside of work, Courtney is heavily involved

with the American Cancer Society, assists Urbandale High School as a volleyball coach, is a member of the Iowa Advisory Council for the Epilepsy Foundation of North/Central Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, and is currently serving as treasurer of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute board. Courtney has been married to her husband Matthew for six years, and they have two children, Bryson and Brinley. In every facet of her life, Courtney is an example of service and Iowa work ethic that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Courtney in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Strutt Todd for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Courtney on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

RECOGNIZING MARY-DIANA POULI

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mary-Diana Pouli as she is honored by the Amherst Museum's Women's Interclub Council. Few have been so generous with their time and talents as Mary-Diana. Her extraordinary legacy of service began during her adolescence, and has continued to this day.

A resident of Amherst since the 5th grade, Mary-Diana began volunteering with Amherst Youth Engaged in Service (YES), an organization founded to encourage community involvement and civic participation among children in Amherst from age twelve to twenty. It was through Amherst YES that Mary-Diana first became involved with the Amherst Youth Board, now the Amherst Recreation and Youth Department. She is one of the few people to surpass 1,000 hours of time spent volunteering with the organization, working with the department for over thirty years. Presently, she serves as the Recreation and Youth Director for the Town of Amherst.

Mary-Diana's dedication to the young people of Amherst extends to her long involvement with the Amherst Youth Foundation. She currently serves as assistant treasurer and as a member of the board of directors, yet is known to cheerfully help wash dishes, move office equipment, and assist office staff. No task is too large or too small for Mary-Diana.

Mary-Diana's good works have touched nearly every volunteer organization in the Town of Amherst. She is the former vice president and current treasurer of the Zonta Club of Amherst, a group dedicated to advancing the status of women and young people. Each December, the Zonta Club helps clothe 300

children through the Town of Amherst's Warm Clothing Project, of which Mary-Diana is a key part.

Mary-Diana's strong faith inspires her many good works. A lifelong Presbyterian, Mary-Diana is ordained as both a deacon and an elder in the Amherst Presbyterian Church, and has chaired their Mission Committee. Using her special connection to young people, Mary-Diana volunteers with their Youth Group to foster new faith. She has had the great honor of representing her denomination on a national level as a small group leader at various conferences, including serving as conference dean at the Presbyterian Youth Triennial, an event held every three years at Purdue University.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great appreciation that I rise to congratulate Mary-Diana Pouli as she is honored by the Amherst Museum's Women's Interclub Council. I am deeply grateful for her exceptional service, generous heart, and efforts that have bettered the lives of so many in Western New York.

A TRIBUTE TO BOLTON HALL'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special recognition to Bolton Hall in Tujunga, California as it celebrates its one-hundredth anniversary.

Shortly after the turn of the century, the Glorietta Heights area of Rancho Tujunga came to the attention of Marshall Hartranft, a land developer who engaged William E. Smythe to publicize the upper slopes of the area. Mr. Smythe was the founder of the "Little Lands" movement, a utopian movement that believed that families settling on an acre or two of land could support themselves and prosper. Settlement of the lots by Smythe's "Little Landers" began in 1913 and in April of that year, Marshall Hartranft donated land and financed construction of Bolton Hall for the new colony. The edifice was designed by "Nature Builder" George Harris, who used rocks gathered from local hillsides and the Tujunga Wash to create a building that harmonized beautifully with its setting between the Verdugo Hills and the San Gabriel mountains. The structure was first called The Clubhouse, but was later named in honor of Smythe's friend, author Bolton Hall. Dedicated in August 1913, the hall quickly became the center of all community activities, including church services, dances, town meetings, socials, and the San Fernando Valley's second library.

Though the "Little Lands" movement declined by 1920, Bolton Hall continued to serve the community, becoming Tujunga's City Hall and town jail after the town was incorporated in 1925. Following the annexation of the city to Los Angeles in 1932, Bolton Hall housed Los

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