

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GEORGE  
ERWIN HOLLADAY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. George "Doc" Holladay. He was a dear friend of mine who will greatly be missed. He passed away earlier this month at the age of 78. Doc practiced medicine as an ophthalmologist for 26 years in Denton before retiring in 1993.

After attending the Columbia Military Academy in Tennessee, Doc continued his education at the University of Tennessee and University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He then served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam conflict as flight surgeon before opening his own practice.

In 1964, Doc married his wife Shirley Lynn Brink. The two generously founded scholarships at four different universities, including The University of North Texas music program and the Southwestern Medical School Department of Ophthalmology. As a Sigma Chi, Doc also helped start the fraternity at UNT.

Along with Doc's charitable contributions, he served on the Board of Directors for the Cumberland Children's Home, was a member of the Texas Medical Association, and became the president of the Denton School Board. He was a great contributor to the Republican Party of Denton County, and I am forever grateful for his unwavering support.

Doc's continual commitment to Denton County and the state of Texas have successfully strengthened many communities, and I know he surely will be missed. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Doc's family and friends.

JOSE PARRA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jose Parra 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 Jose Parra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have

no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO SYLVIA SUTTON

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my congressional district.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Sylvia Sutton of Burbank, California, who for many years, has been educating our community about the Holocaust and other human rights violations.

Sylvia received her B.A. in Psychology from UCLA and her MBA in Marketing and Program Management from West Coast University. Sylvia's early community efforts included volunteering on the David Starr Jordan Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and the William McKinley Elementary School PTA, where she received an Honorary Life Membership Award, and as a Girl Scout Leader.

Ms. Sutton's volunteer activities have included the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Burbank Branch, where she served as President, the UCLA Alumni Scholarship Committee, and the League of Women Voters, Glendale/Burbank. Currently, she is the liaison between the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and the City of Burbank, the Coordinator and Presenter of the annual Burbank Days of Remembrance Commemoration of the Holocaust, and has been the presenter of Holocaust speakers in the eighth and tenth grade classrooms of every Burbank middle and high school since 1991. Sylvia is also a volunteer at the Skirball Cultural Center, as well as the Parliamentarian on the Burbank Coordinating Council. In addition, she works as the secretary for Temple Beth Emet of Burbank.

Sylvia has received a number of accolades for her extensive community service, including the Burbank City 1999 Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award, the 1998 Zonta Woman of the Year for Cultural Awareness Award, and the 1991 Burbank Human Relations Council Distinguished Service Award.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Sylvia Sutton.

THE PASSING OF CARMEN  
WEINSTEIN

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, Carmen Weinstein, the leader of Cairo's small remaining Jewish community died at her home. I had the privilege of meeting Ms. Weinstein during a visit to Egypt earlier this year.

She had a passion for preserving Jewish history and antiquities in Egypt and protecting the remaining synagogues. She told me of her dismay that the Jewish cemetery at Bassatine, where she herself will be buried, had been overrun by squatters and vandals.

Hers was a remarkable life, set against the backdrop of a great Jewish emigration out of Egypt more than 60 years ago.

Since her mother's passing, Ms. Weinstein had led a small community of mostly elderly Jewish women in Cairo. In fact, she was one of fewer than 100 Jews still living in Egypt.

In the words of her Washington Post obituary, "Ms. Weinstein worked to remind people that Jews in Egypt were once part of the country's vibrant economy, cultural and political life." I feel fortunate to have met her.

[From the Washington Post, Apr. 13, 2013]

CARMEN WEINSTEIN, JEWISH LEADER IN CAIRO,  
DIES AT 82

(By Aya Batrawy)

Carmen Weinstein, the leader of Egypt's dwindling Jewish community, known for her tireless work preserving synagogues and a once-sprawling Jewish cemetery, died April 13 at the age of 82.

A statement from the Jewish Community in Cairo confirmed her death in Cairo. She had been suffering from knee problems and poor blood circulation.

Ms. Weinstein helped urge Egyptian authorities to renovate at least four Cairo synagogues among the 15 that still exist in the city. Just a day before her death, she traveled to the Maadi suburb to inspect the renovation of a synagogue there.

Since 1978, she also worked to preserve the Bassatine cemetery, the only Jewish cemetery left in Cairo.

The transformation of Bassatine mirrors the dramatic changes Egypt has undergone as its population skyrocketed and poverty grew. Named in Arabic after its gardens, the cemetery is now a slum of tightly packed redbrick apartment buildings that house thousands of poor Egyptians. Parts of the Bassatine were turned into a garbage dump.

Ms. Weinstein was able to preserve a small area as a Jewish cemetery.

Egypt's once thriving Jewish community largely left more than 60 years ago at a time of hostilities between the country and Israel. Since the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, an estimated 65,000 Jews left Egypt for Europe, the West and Israel.

According to a friend of Ms. Weinstein's, Magda Haroun, only around 40 Egyptian Jews remain in the country, split between Cairo and the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, which once was a thriving multicultural and cosmopolitan hub.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Haroun said Ms. Weinstein's father had owned a large print shop in downtown Cairo, where Ms. Weinstein had worked for some 50 years after her father's death. The family's name remains on the shop, which now sells stationery.

Haroun said one of Ms. Weinstein's other achievements was in persuading Egypt's remaining Jews to come together and use Cairo's main downtown synagogue for prayer, after it had been closed for years.

"We were scattered all over Cairo, and she managed to regroup us and keep us together," Haroun said.

In her last community newsletter, Ms. Weinstein wrote that this year's Passover ceremony in late March was celebrated by about 50 people in Cairo's main synagogue, many of them diplomats.

Ms. Weinstein worked to remind people that Jews in Egypt were once part of the country's vibrant economy, cultural and political life.

She was a graduate of both Cairo University and the American University in Cairo, where she studied literature, according to a biography posted on the Jewish Community in Cairo's Web site. She spoke fluent French, English and Arabic.

Haroun said Ms. Weinstein often reminisced of the Egypt she knew growing up, when neighbors did not ask about one another's religion.

---

MOURNING THE PASSING OF  
QUINN BOYER

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, to mourn the passing of Quinn Boyer. He still had much to do, but he led a full and extraordinary life that was devoted to others. Quinn's promising young life was cut short on April 4, 2013 at the age of 34.

Quinn grew up in Oakland and graduated from Sonoma State University, the Santa Rosa Fire Academy, and Foothill College's paramedic program.

In 2008, Quinn began his career as a paramedic in Santa Clara County. During his short time on the job, he saved countless lives. Quinn's colleagues described him as someone loved by everyone, an amazing paramedic and caregiver. He was a Big Brother and volunteer at the Order of Malta Clinic in Oakland. He was recently married and accepted into Stanford's physician's assistant program.

It is with sadness that we pay tribute to Quinn Boyer's life. His family, and indeed our country, will forever remember and cherish his kindness, service, and hope in a better future. We join with our communities in mourning his passing. While we know Quinn's family, friends, and colleagues feel his loss, we can draw comfort from his contributions.

---

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE  
AND LEGACY OF JENNIFER  
ADAMS-BROOKS

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to mourn the pass-

ing of one of San Diego's great public servants, and my first Chief-of-Staff, Jennifer Adams-Brooks.

Like many other friends and colleagues, I was not aware of Jennifer's diagnosis. But that was no accident. It shows you exactly the type of person she was: someone who always thought about other people first.

Jennifer never stopped working to improve the San Diego community. I know she thrived in her executive leadership position on the San Diego Housing Commission, and was passionate about all her numerous volunteer efforts.

Among her many accomplishments, including starting her own consulting firm, Jennifer held the distinction of being the first African-American to serve as chair of the San Diego Foundation's Board of Governors in its 36-year history.

Throughout her entire life, Jennifer always remained highly active in local civic and community affairs. And that's how we happened to cross paths.

Jennifer got my office running when I first served in the California Assembly. And I can tell you she was just as impressive in person as on paper.

During that time, we shared many laughs and memories—even when we were up to our ears in work.

Looking back, I'm sure Jennifer would want us to always think of her with that indefatigable spirit—and to remember her as the consummate leader and community activist she most certainly was.

I will always treasure her loyalty and work ethic. And my thoughts go out to Leon, her husband, and the rest of her family and friends. I can only hope that many others will follow her lead and dedicate their lives to the service of others.

---

A TRIBUTE TO RAHLA HALL  
LINDSEY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize Rahla Hall Lindsey of La Cañada Flintridge, an extraordinary leader, educator and volunteer in her community.

Rahla earned her B.A. in Speech Communication, M.A. in Cross-Cultural Communication, Secondary Teaching Credential in Speech and English from California State University, Los Angeles and her Ph.D. in Organizational Communication from the University of Southern California (USC). Her diverse professional career has included being Vice-President, U.S. Region, for the AFS International Intercultural Programs, the administrator of Broadview nursing facility, a volunteer instructor at the Center for Nonprofit Management, the Executive Director of the YWCA of Glendale, a teacher at Elderhostel, and a professor at USC's School of Public Administration and School of Policy, Planning and Development.

Currently she is the president and a consultant for RHall and Associates.

In her volunteer career, Ms. Lindsey broke barriers as the first female President of the Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and first female member of Rotary International's Glendale Chapter. She has served on numerous committees and boards, including California Literacy, Inc., the City of La Cañada Flintridge Foothill Boulevard Design Options Committee, Assistance League of Flintridge, Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Organizing Committee, La Cañada Flintridge Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and the U.S. Air Force Academy Parent Support Group. Currently, she is active in the Rotary Club of Crescenta-Cañada, Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Los Angeles County Bar Association as a volunteer lay arbitrator, First Church of Christ, Scientist, and a reader to second grade students at Richardson D. White Elementary School, where she is known to the children as "Gramma Rahla."

Rahla has received many well-deserved honors, including the 2001 James E. West Fellow and 2006 Silver Beaver Service Award from the Boy Scouts of America and the 2009 Continuing Service Award from Richardson D. White Elementary School.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Rahla Hall Lindsey.

---

JUSTICE MITCHELL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Justice Mitchell 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 Justice Mitchell 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.

---

IN MEMORY OF JESUS CARDENAS,  
SR.

**HON. RAUL RUIZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Jesus Cardenas, Sr., a great man whose life embodied the American Dream. After a battle with cancer, he passed away on March 5 at the age of 73.

Born on March 20, 1939, in the state of Jalisco, Mexico, Jesus came to this country at

the age of eighteen to work as a manual laborer under the Bracero Program. He spent long hours picking fruits and vegetables in fields from southern California to Washington for little pay and under harsh working conditions. Ever the entrepreneur, one day Jesus traded some tools for a pregnant pig, which he brought home to his wife Luz. From that beginning investment, Luz grew a small pig farm while Jesus continued to work in the fields. The couple began a small business by selling pork and poultry, as well as Luz's signature home-cooked food. Their steady efforts led them to open the first Cardenas Markets grocery store in Ontario, California in 1981.

Today, there are 29 Cardenas stores in cities throughout southern California, and in Las Vegas. In my district alone, there are 4 stores, which employ more than 500 people. Jesus extended the warmth and hospitality that made his grocery stores so popular to the communities they served. His business has established close to \$250,000 in scholarships, including a program in my district that helps students who live close to Cardenas stores to attend the local community college, College of the Desert. Jesus himself did not have the luxury of much education, but that did not stop him from providing it to others.

Jesus Cardenas is a model American, who started from humble beginnings and created his own success with hard work and a strong sense of both personal and social responsibility. His life's work will live on through the many people his stores and philanthropy have touched, and as an inspiration to people everywhere who seek to achieve the American Dream.

A TRIBUTE TO PAULA DEVINE

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

Today, I stand to laud the tireless efforts of Paula Devine of Glendale, California. Upon her retirement from a 33-year teaching career, Paula remains a vibrant member of the Glendale community, where she volunteers as a women's advocate.

Paula's accomplishments in the community are many. She has served on the City of Glendale Commission on the Status of Women for seven years, where she has been both Vice Chair and Chairperson. Through her unparalleled leadership, the Commission has not only gained great status in the community, but has also raised significant funds through fundraisers and grants to support their programs. With the support of her colleagues, Paula developed a program called "Commission Status Rescue," which provides annual funds to the Glendale Police Department for offering temporary emergency shelter to individuals who have been victims of domestic violence. Paula is a member of the Board of Directors of Glendale Healthy Kids and the Glendale Police Foundation, and a member of

the Advisory Board of both the Glendale Adventist Medical Center and the Desi Geestman Foundation, which raises funds to help families deal with financial burdens while their children are receiving cancer treatment at the City of Hope in Duarte.

In addition to her leadership roles, Paula is a dedicated member and volunteer for organizations such as the Glendale Historical Society, Soroptimist of Glendale, Women's Civic League, and the Glendale Latino Association. Paula has been an influential member of the Bully Me Not Coalition and the Safe Family Task Force, and has worked on creating a Teen Dating Violence Curriculum in the Glendale secondary schools.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Paula Devine, for her exceptional service to the community.

COMMENDING JEANETTE GOBIN  
ON CELEBRATING HER 100TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Jeanette Gobin, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. On this day, she will be honored with a birthday celebration at Savannah Court in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Born in Ontario, Canada on April 30, 1913 to Arthur and Clara DesRoches, Ms. Gobin is the eldest of two children. After completing her education, Ms. Gobin got married and relocated to Detroit, Michigan with her husband. Ms. Gobin developed a love for traveling. She went out on the road with her husband who was a sales representative for a major tool and die company. After Ms. Gobin and her husband retired, they relocated to Rivera Beach, Florida in the late 1970's. When not traveling, Ms. Gobin volunteered her time at local hospitals helping others.

She is a devoted catholic and said: "My life is an open book. I have lived for 100 years, and have seen almost everything." When asked for her secret to living a long life, she said that it is to live life to the fullest, enjoying each day, learn how to laugh and most importantly help others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an outstanding citizen and woman of faith, Ms. Jeanette Gobin, as she and her loved ones celebrate her 100th birthday.

HONORING LOU P. VINCENT

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Lou P. Vincent.

Lou dedicated her career to caring for patients and aiding them as best she could. A dedicated nurse, Lou worked for Dr. John

Grise for 9 years and for Dr. Mark Yurchisin for 22 years.

Specifically, Lou helped deliver my three children: Caroline, Robby and Elizabeth. Lou's smile comforted me as my wife was prepped for each delivery and her comforting persona helped both of us through the process.

My family and I will forever be grateful for her service and thank her once again for helping us welcome our three amazing children into the world. It has been a pleasure knowing Lou and seeing her in the Bowling Green community. She will certainly be missed.

Lou was present on three of the best days of my life, and my wife and I will always consider her a part of our family.

KAREN BORQUEZ-DIAZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Karen Borquez-Diaz 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 Karen Borquez-Diaz 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.

HONORING THE WASHINGTON  
BALALAIKA SOCIETY

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Washington Balalaika Society. The Washington Balalaika Society is a Russian folk orchestra founded in 1988. They are a group of musicians dedicated to studying and performing the rich musical heritage of Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe on traditional instruments and in national costume. Today, it is one of the largest and most active of the Russian folk orchestras outside of Russia and performs often in the Northern Virginia—Greater Washington area.

The orchestra is celebrating both its 25th year, and also the 10th anniversary of its conductor, Svetlana Nikonova and her family, emigrating from St. Petersburg, Russia to the United States. In 2006, Ms. Nikonova was granted permanent residency in the United States as an "artist of extraordinary ability." Her family performs with the orchestra, her husband on the bayan (Russian accordion), her daughter on the flute and percussion and

her son, studying music composition at James Madison University, composes music for the orchestra.

The Society's initial membership of eight has grown to more than 55 musicians and it is now the largest of its kind in America, with musicians from in their teens to those in their 90s. It includes several orchestra musician ensembles that present educational and cultural outreach programs in schools, parks, retirement communities and for charitable events in the United States and Russia.

The Russian folk orchestra was founded in St. Petersburg, Russia in the late 1800's by Vasily Andreyev when he realized that the balalaika's unique and inimitable sound needed to receive greater recognition, moving this initial peasant class instrument to the concert stage. The orchestra is organized in instrumental sections similar to a symphony orchestra and under the direction of a conductor. Its principal instruments are the triangular-shaped balalaikas and oval-shaped domras and the "shimmering" sound is produced by the rapid plucking of the strings of the balalaikas, the domras, a *gusli* (table-harp) and supplemented with accordions, woodwinds and percussion.

It is mystical and enchanting musical sound is patterned after the traditional Russian folk orchestras. Moscow Channel 1 Television, the largest television station in Russia, filmed the orchestra's rehearsal at Rock Spring Church and concert at Kenmore Auditorium, both in my district, and a video-clip was shown on Russian television. It showed Moscow viewers a large and well-developed Russian folk orchestra in America.

"Alive at Twenty-Five, a Silver Anniversary Celebration," concerts will be presented on May 18 and 19, featuring Alexander Tsygankov, Russia's premier *domra* soloist, and Andrei Saveliev, America's balalaika virtuoso. We're proud the Virginia concert will be held in my district at Yorktown High School, in Arlington.

The Washington Balalaika Society's goal is to expand awareness and appreciation of this musical art form by performing in a broad range of audiences in a variety of venues. It has performed at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall with the Paul Hill Chorale and The Chorale Arts Society, Carnegie Hall in New York, the Embassy of the Russian Federation, and the Smithsonian Institution. It has been the guest of the Andreyev Musical Foundation at concerts in New Jersey. Russian Soprano Olga Orlovskaya, great grand-daughter of the famous Russian basso, Feodor Chaliapan, is often a featured soloist.

Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to recognize the Balalaika Society, both for their cultural mission spreading news of this art form and the wonderful music they perform in Virginia and around the world.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS HONOREES

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations and the honorees of its 63rd Annual Awards Banquet.

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations from across Fairfax County. Each year, the Federation honors a select few individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community.

Five individuals are being recognized for their dedication and years of service to the residents of Fairfax County. As a former two-term President of the Federation, as well as the former president of my own civic association in Mantua, I understand that those who volunteer their time, energies, and talents to civic activities play a role in why Fairfax County is ranked as one of the best communities in the nation to live, work and raise a family. I am honored to recognize the following individuals for their service to the community:

2012 Lifetime Achievement Award: Katherine Hanley for nearly 40 years of tireless efforts at every level of public service ranging from her local homeowners association board, to Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, to Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ms. Hanley's leadership has been pivotal in transforming Northern Virginia into a community that is envied and used as a model throughout the country. She has devoted herself to causes such as human services, homeless prevention, education, health care services, arts, education, and reduction of gang activity. She has also been a leader in the areas of transportation and the transformation of Tysons. Under her leadership as Chairman, Fairfax County was named "Best Managed County". Ms. Hanley was also named a "Washingtonian of the Year" in 2000 by *Washingtonian* Magazine; and in 2002, she received the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington.

2012 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year: Peter Murphy for his 30 years of service on the Fairfax County Planning Commission, 25 of which he has served as Chairman. During this time Mr. Murphy has been responsible for overseeing enormous growth and development and implementation of management policies and procedures. In recognition of his contributions, Mr. Murphy has received numerous awards including the Department of the Army Commander's Award (Medal) for Public Service (2009); the 2007 Lawrence V. Fowler Award, the 2006 Katherine K. Hanley Public Service Award from Leadership Fairfax, Inc.; and the Times Courier Citizen of the Year Award.

2012 Citation of Merit: Rose Chu for her decades of service in the areas of health care, senior citizen assistance, and issues of importance to the Asian community. Since 1987, Ms. Chu has served on the Fairfax County Health Care Advisory Board. Ms. Chu is also Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Community Advisory Committee for the Community Health Care Network which provides primary health care serves for 20,000 Northern Virginia residents. In addition, Ms. Chu is one of the founders of the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia, CAPAVA, and currently serves as its Secretary.

2012 Citation of Merit: Phyllis Payne for her fervent work as an advocate for our children. Ms. Payne is a co-founder of Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal, SLEEP, which she represents on the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition and the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax. She is a founding member

in the Fairfax Education Coalition and has served with PTA and PTSA/PTSO organizations. Ms. Payne was an at-large representative for the Fairfax County Public Schools, FCPS, School Health Advisory Committee, and a member of the FCPS Transportation Task Force. All children who have attended public school in Fairfax County have benefited from her efforts on their behalf.

2012 Special Gratitude Award: Kyle Talente for his dedication and contributions to Fairfax County's community revitalization efforts. Mr. Talente served on the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, SFDC, Board of Directors for eight years, the final three as President. After stepping down in 2012, he continued to serve the SFDC on the Advisory Committee. Mr. Talente has also served on the Fairfax County Community Revitalization and Reinvestment Advisory Group and on the Hopkins House Academy Budget and Personnel Policy Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. Civic engagement is the root of a community, and due to these individuals, Fairfax County residents can enjoy an excellent quality of life. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

A TRIBUTE TO MEL CULPEPPER

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Mel Culpepper of Los Angeles, who for many years has worked with non-profit organizations and has made a profound impact on the families in our community.

Ms. Culpepper has served as the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Hollywood, BGCH, since 2007, where she manages the Club's annual budget, spearheads fundraising efforts, and serves as the liaison to government and community agencies. During her time as Executive Director, Mel has introduced development strategies and cost-saving concepts that have greatly contributed to the success of the organization.

Prior to Ms. Culpepper's work for the BGCH, she worked as Director of Residential Treatment Services for Stanford Home for Children in Sacramento, where she managed the budget and developed new programs for children with mental illnesses. Prior to that, she served as the Executive Director of the Central YMCA of San Francisco.

Mel has contributed to our community by creating partnerships and relationships with other Hollywood businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals, which benefit the Club and its members and the community. For example, she created a partnership with the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation,

HCHC, and collaborated on a successful plan to shuttle HCHC children from their housing units to the BGCH for after-school programming. Today, the BGCH provides free annual BGCH membership, free year-round shuttling to and from HCHC facilities, and free hot lunches and snacks. In addition, these at-risk children receive tutoring, computer training, and homework assistance. Another partnership Mel created involved Ross Dress for Less, which provided clothes, shoes, and supplies to members of the Club for the 2010–2011 school year. Additionally, Mel partnered with Toyota of Hollywood for an annual holiday Toy Drive, and as a result of this partnership, Toyota donated a portion of their December sales to the BGCH.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Mel Culpepper, for her exceptional service to the community.

KENDRA DIMUCCI

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kendra DiMucci for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kendra DiMucci is a 12th 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 Kendra DiMucci 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 Kendra DiMucci 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT PITTENGER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 103–105, I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On rollcall No. 103. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On rollcall No. 104. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On rollcall No. 105. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

ELLIOTT STEELE, VINCENT HOUSE, HONORED WITH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Elliott Steele, the Executive Director of Vincent House, a remarkable organization in Pinellas Park, Florida, was recently honored by The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare with an Award of Excellence at its National Council Conference.

Specifically, Mr. Steele received the Reintegration Award for Achievement for his tireless work, and that of his wife Dianne, to found Vincent House, a clean and safe haven for people recovering from mental illness.

Vincent House helps adults living with severe and persistent mental illness achieve recovery through work partnerships within the community. The more than 600 individuals who have sought help there have been treated with the utmost dignity and respect by the staff and volunteers. As a result, they have built up in themselves a sense of new-found confidence, self-esteem, and real life social and work skills that have improved their quality of life, led to their independence, and helped them regain their pride in being able to find real-life work experiences in our community.

Vincent House was the outgrowth of the love, compassion and dedication the Steele's had for their daughter, who was diagnosed in 1993 with severe mental illness issues during her freshman year of college. The Steele's decided to devote themselves to finding a way to help those like their daughter who had lost hope and for which traditional treatments were not producing results. They each quit highly successful careers in 1999 to devote their full-time focus to the cause.

By 2003, they opened the doors on Vincent House in a small storefront in a Pinellas Park strip mall. The concept was based on programs established in several other communities where a community center or club house would create a place where those with mental illness could be surrounded in a loving and supportive environment by people who listened to their dreams and helped them re-integrate into the community through volunteer and work opportunities. Those who pass through the doors of Vincent House are not considered patients, they are considered members. And once they become a member, they are a member for life.

The Steeles were joined in their quest to help those with mental illness by Bob Dillinger, the Public Defender for Pinellas and Pasco Counties, who shares a passion for helping this underserved population. Together they found funding within the community to open Vincent House and to move into a larger, stand-alone facility two years later. It is a facility that has already almost doubled in size to meet the increasing demand for these services.

Mr. Speaker, having had the privilege to tour Vincent House and attend their annual Breakfast of Hope, I have seen and heard first-hand the success stories of those who have passed through its doors and are now proudly working in our community. Every one of those club members who walks through the

door and one day walks out that door with a positive experience and a job is better than any award Elliott and Dianne Steele can receive. It is a sense of achievement that is shared by all of Vincent House's staff, volunteers and members of the board.

Vincent House is an excellent program that I believe can be replicated in communities throughout our nation. It is my hope that my colleagues in the House will take a look at Vincent House and share information about its success with their constituents back home. It is also my hope that my colleagues will say thank you to Elliott and Diane Steele for a job well done.

HONORING THE VALLEY CRIME STOPPERS

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Valley Crime Stoppers for the tremendous efforts they have made to help crime victims in our Central Valley. During Crime Victims' Rights Week, we are reminded of the bravery of crime victims and we honor those who advocate on their behalf.

Valley Crime Stoppers has built strong relationships with the city of Fresno, local media, and law enforcement. After a robbery, drive-by shooting, or other crime is reported by the news, citizens are encouraged to call the police or Valley Crime Stoppers if they have any information concerning the incident. Victims and bystanders have a safe place to turn in Valley Crime Stoppers because it is an anonymous tip line. It is an unfortunate truth that victims are often fearful to share information with law enforcement because they have been threatened by their offender. Valley Crime Stoppers provides victims with an alternative, so they can tell their story without fear of retribution.

Educating and bringing awareness to residents are important missions of Valley Crime Stoppers. They have put together several campaigns that aim to lower crime in the Central Valley, including a television promotion that brings awareness to the very negative consequences of children being exposed to domestic violence. Another example of a Valley Crime Stoppers campaign is a poster that aims to keep neighborhoods safe by getting guns out of the hands of criminals. These campaigns, combined with other efforts made by Valley Crime Stoppers, have led to 9,598 arrests made and 461 guns recovered from the streets. Residents have been given the tools to act as change agents to keep the city of Fresno and the entire San Joaquin Valley safe. In addition to keeping citizens engaged, Valley Crime Stoppers pays individuals for tips that lead to a criminal arrest.

As Co-Chairman of the Victims' Rights Caucus, it is my honor to recognize the good work of Valley Crime Stoppers and to thank the board members at Valley Crime Stoppers for their support and activism. These individuals sincerely care about victims' rights and keeping our neighborhoods safe.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Valley Crime Stoppers for their contribution to our Valley. Their advocacy for

crime victims has not gone unnoticed. Valley Crime Stoppers has truly made a difference in our Valley, and it will continue to do so for many decades to come.

RECOGNIZING W.T. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate W.T. Woodson High School on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Since the school opened its doors in September of 1962, W.T. Woodson High School has been known for being one of the top public high schools, not only in Virginia but also in the nation. The school was named for Mr. Wilbert Tucker Woodson, who served as superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools from 1929 to 1961.

Woodson excels in every area including academics, athletics, music, and student clubs and activities. Year after year, Woodson is featured in the top 100 list of U. S. public schools in Newsweek and U. S. News & World Report, and it continually ranks near the top in Fairfax County in the numbers of National Merit Scholars. Academic awards have included grand prizes at the county Science Fair, and numerous scholarships. In 2011, teacher Sam Gee led his team to the first ever win on "It's Academic." A recent study by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development found that Woodson's students outperform students in every country and region in the world except Shanghai-China in reading.

In the 1980s, Woodson received The Washington Post Athletic All-Around (all sports) Award. Athletics continues to be a part of the "Woodson Way"—the school has won 177 District Titles, 65 Regional Titles, and 30 State Titles in all areas of athletic competition.

Music has also had a strong tradition at Woodson. The choral music department presents a mammoth production each February known as "Dessert on Broadway." The Cavalier Band has won top honors in national competitions. The orchestra is renowned for its talented musicians. The choral group traveled to Vienna, Austria, and Paris, where students performed at Notre Dame. In 2011, The Chamber Ensemble had the honor of being chosen to perform at the White House. The Cavalier (yearbook), The Cavalcade (newspaper) and the P.A.G.E. Literary Magazine annually take top awards in state and national publications competitions.

Finally, Woodson's vision includes academic excellence for all members of the community. Woodson is now home to a center for students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and a center for students with emotional and learning disabilities. The building is one of the most used in Fairfax County, as it houses both Adult Education and Night School.

On a personal note, as the father of a Woodson graduate, I can speak firsthand to the high-quality educational experience and supportive atmosphere cultivated by the Woodson staff and community. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in con-

gratulating W. T. Woodson High School on its 50th Anniversary and in thanking the dedicated educators, administrators, and families for their shared commitment to our youth.

KATRINA CORDOVA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katrina Cordova for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Katrina Cordova is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katrina Cordova 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 Katrina Cordova 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.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY GANT

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Mary Gant, of La Crescenta, California, a true leader in the La Crescenta-Montrose and La Cañada Flintridge communities.

Mary was active in the Mountain Avenue Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, PTA, in La Crescenta, receiving their Honorary Service Award, and the Rosemont Middle School PTA in La Crescenta, serving as President, where she was honored with the PTA Continuing Service Award.

Well-known throughout the area for her energetic, friendly and positive attitude, Mary has organized many key events for various charitable organizations. She coordinated the silent auction for the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce's annual meetings, was a Chamber Ambassador and serves on the city's Fiesta Days parade committee every year. A driving force in many Kiwanis Club of La Cañada projects, Mary co-founded the "Wine and Gourmet Food Tasting" event in coordination with the La Cañada Flintridge Educational Endowment Fund, and helped with the Kiwanis Club's Soap Box Derby event registration process for many years. Ms. Gant was also President of the La Cañada

Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association, served on the fund-raising committee for the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA and assists with the YMCA's Annual Prayer Breakfast.

Mary is devoted to her church, the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. She served as a Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, was active in the Youth Program, is on the Personnel Committee and is an ordained Deacon and Elder.

Some of the awards Ms. Gant has received include the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada's Distinguished Service Award, the Gil Smith Award, and the La Cañadan of the Year Award. In addition she received the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award and the Les Tupper Community Service Award from the La Cañada Flintridge Coordinating Council.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Mary Gant.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I was due to board a flight about the time of the Boston Marathon Bombing. The flight I was on was canceled and I took another flight later returning to Washington, DC. I unexpectedly missed rollcall votes 103, 104, and 105.

On rollcall vote 103, passage of H.R. 1162, GAO Improvement Act, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote 104, passage of H.R. 882, The Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote 105, passage of H.R. 249, Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF ISRAEL'S 65TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor and privilege to recognize and commemorate the 65th anniversary of the State of Israel's independence. Sixty-five years ago, America became the first nation to recognize Israel, an event that symbolizes the closeness of the relationship between our two countries and our two peoples.

Since its founding in 1948, the Jewish state has faced many challenges, and America has been proud to be at Israel's side to meet these challenges. Our nation's ongoing commitment to Israel is unparalleled and I have been proud to spend my career in Congress working to promote the many economic, political, and cultural and security ties that bind our nations together.

On this day, Israel has much to celebrate and be proud of. Their nation and people have been leaders in the development of groundbreaking and transformative technology affecting millions of people around the globe.

Israelis have led the world in scientific research and advancements in medicine and have produced ten Nobel laureates in their short history. They have also built a world-class economy based in large part on their remarkable ability to educate their citizens and encourage freethinking and an entrepreneurial spirit

While the Middle East continues to face challenges, our nation is comforted that Israel stands as a stable model for democracy in the region. The United States also stands ready and willing to help our strongest ally continue to meet the many challenges it faces in the region while working to promote peace and freedom in Israel and the Middle East. I look forward to the day when Israel and her neighbors can enjoy a prosperous and secure peace and will continue to do all that I can to make that a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing all Israelis a happy independence day and affirming America's resolute commitment to the future success and stability of the State of Israel.

JOSEPH URENDA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

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

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

RECOGNIZING THE 22ND ANNUAL BEST OF RESTON AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 22nd Annual Best of Reston Awards for Community Service and the Robert E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award. The Best of Reston Awards are the result of collaboration between Reston Interfaith and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and are presented to individuals, organizations and businesses that have put forth extraordinary effort in service to our community and improving the lives of others.

Founded in 1970, Reston Interfaith is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing so-

cial services to vulnerable individuals in Reston, Herndon, and the surrounding area. Its mission is to "promote self-sufficiency through direct support and advocacy for our neighbors in need of food, immediate shelter, affordable housing, quality child care, and other human services." Reston Interfaith has reached out to 250,000 neighbors-in-need, helping them overcome tough economic times in an already high cost-of-living region.

I am pleased to submit the names of the following recipients of the 2013 Best of Reston: Individual Community Leader: Doug Bushée, founder of the CORE Foundation, which assists individuals and groups in raising money for nonprofits such as Reston Interfaith and the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation. Doug has also served on the boards of the Reston Association and Leadership Fairfax, Inc. and has coached youth sports in the area.

Individual Community Leader: Ed Robichaud, for his years of volunteering with many diverse organizations including the Reston Museum, the Reston Bicycle Club, RA Bike Rodeo for children, Reston Community Orchestra, Travelers' Aid at Dulles Airport, and Wolf Trap.

Civic/Community Organization Leader: Friends of the Reston Regional Library, for 40 years of support of the public library in its efforts to improve its collections, service, and programs offered to patrons and for sponsoring book sales which generate nearly \$100,000 annually for the library.

Civic/Community Organization Leader: YMCA Fairfax County—Reston, for its efforts in fostering the spiritual, mental, and physical development of youngsters, adults, families, and communities, including afterschool programs and summer camps for at-risk youth.

Small Business Leader: Mayflowers, a flower shop in Reston Town Center whose owner has donated floral designs to many charity events in support of worthy causes such as the National Institute of Health Children's Gala, IPAR, Camp Sunshine, Best of Reston, and Feed the Hungry.

Corporate Business Leader: John Marshall Bank, a community bank being honored for its encouragement of volunteerism and philanthropy. In 2012, the bank raised \$30,000 for charity through its annual golf tournament, and bank employees donated hundreds of hours volunteering in the community. Recently the bank expanded its philanthropic efforts to include support for wounded warriors and holiday gifts to children of the incarcerated.

Vade Bolton-Ann Rodriguez Young Leaders—Entrusting our Community's Future Award: Amanda Anderé, who is the executive director the nonprofit FACETS, which helps low-income Fairfax County residents in need. Amanda also serves as a deacon at Reston's Martin Luther King Jr. Christian Church, a board member of Reston Association, an adjunct professor at George Mason University, and as Chair of the Steering Committee of Nonprofit NoVa.

Robert E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award: William G. Bouie, for 25 years of serving the community in ways too numerous to list. Notable examples include serving as Chair of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, Chair of the Reston Community Center Board, President of the Friends of Reston, Vice Chair of the Board of the Initiative for Public Art—Reston, Reston YMCA Board, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Wolf Trap

Center for the Performing Arts Associates Board, President of Reston Youth Baseball, assistant district administrator for Little League Baseball of Northern Virginia, and the United States Olympic Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Reston Interfaith and its 2013 honorees for their continued commitment to our community. I express my sincere gratitude to these individuals for contributing their time and energy to the betterment of our community.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOM MACADAMS

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Mr. Tom MacAdams. Throughout his life, Mr. MacAdams has been active in his community, founding a number of organizations in Brooklawn, New Jersey. Mr. MacAdams and his wife Marie have been married for 34 years and they have three children together, Shane, Colin, and Erin. Sadly, Mr. MacAdams has Frontotemporal Dementia, a neurodegenerative speech disorder, and was recently diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Mr. MacAdams is a paragon of community service and a true leader in his community. To combat drug use, he created the Brooklawn Drug Alliance Committee. Mr. MacAdams also served on the Brooklawn council for 18 years, 16 of them as Municipal Chair. Along with his wife, Mr. MacAdams organized the Brooklawn Christmas Spirit, a group dedicated to providing food toys, and gift cards for families in need.

An avid sports fan, Mr. MacAdams created a number of leagues in his hometown. He founded the Lady Bugs Basketball League, a girl's league which played in his family's backyard for 7 years. Mr. MacAdams also established and coached the Brooklawn Bees basketball team, and founded and organized the Brooklawn Wiffleball Tournament.

Tom MacAdams is a role model for Brooklawn and all of South Jersey. I rise to honor Mr. MacAdams for his outstanding commitment to his community, and all the work he has done to improve Brooklawn, New Jersey. I wish him and his family the best.

A TRIBUTE TO GRACE YOO

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Grace Yoo of Los Angeles, California, whose tireless efforts have benefited her community and beyond. Grace received a B.A. in

political science from the University of California, Riverside, and is a graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law.

Ms. Yoo is the Executive Director of the Korean American Coalition in Los Angeles, KAC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which represents the interests of the Korean American community in the Los Angeles area. She is very involved in working with a diverse set of communities throughout Los Angeles, where she helps mediate differences and fosters awareness of the needs of the Korean American community. Grace is a certified mediator, who works with leaders of every cultural background to resolve tension and conflict and bring about a more harmonious Los Angeles. Grace is also involved in international efforts to help refugees and through "Topple Hunger in North Korea", T.H.I.N.K., a KAC run program, she became deeply involved in the North Korea Child Welfare Act. This Act was signed into law on January 13, 2013, by President Obama. Prior to her career with KAC, Grace served as the Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Along with being a successful career woman, Grace has been a selfless volunteer for several organizations since her high school days. Her volunteer work includes being active in several professional organizations to increase racial and ethnic diversity in the law and being a driver for SAFE RIDES. In 2008, Ms. Yoo was nominated by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to serve as a Los Angeles City Commissioner for the Department of Transportation. Currently, she serves as the President of the BOB Fund for Children.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Grace Yoo, for her exceptional service to the community.

KAMELIA VICK

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kamelia Vick for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kamelia Vick is a 9th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kamelia Vick 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 Kamelia Vick 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2013 DULLES REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "STARS OVER DULLES" AWARDS

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the DRCC, for its ongoing dedication to local businesses and our community and to congratulate the 2013 "Stars Over Dulles" Award recipients.

This year, at the 18th Annual Stars Over Dulles Award Gala, the DRCC will honor those extraordinary businesses, non-profit organizations, and citizens in our region who enhance our economy and quality of life through their excellent vision and initiatives. The gala will also raise money for the USO Metropolitan Washington as well as two organizations which serve the homeless: Final Salute, Inc. whose mission is to provide homeless female veterans with safe and suitable housing, and the Fairfax County Public Schools Homeless Liaison Office which assists homeless students in the county. Finally, many wounded warriors will attend as special guests.

As the former Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and now as a Member of Congress representing much of this community, I have been proud to partner with the DRCC on promoting the region's pro-business climate and celebrating the service so many individuals and businesses provide to our community.

I am pleased to join the DRCC in congratulating the following recipients of the 2013 Stars Over Dulles Awards:

Large Business of the Year: Cardinal Bank, Reston.

Mid-Sized Business of the Year: Exhibit Edge Inc., Chantilly.

Small Business of the Year: Xango, Oak Hill.

Small Non-Profit of the Year: Final Salute Inc., Haymarket.

Large Non-Profit of the Year: FACETS, Fairfax.

Business Citizens of the Year: Justin Exner, Vice President, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp., Gainesville and Robert Kessler, President, Systems Furniture Gallery, Chantilly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2013 Stars Over Dulles Award recipients and in thanking these businesses, non-profits and individuals for their many contributions to our regions' economic success and quality of life. I also commend the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, its member businesses, and the sponsors of this event for their support of at-risk veterans and children in our community.

### TRIBUTE TO ARMY SPECIALIST GEORGE ALAN INGALLS

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose

dedication and contributions to our country are exceptional. Today, the City of Norco will recognize and honor Army Specialist George Alan Ingalls for his ultimate sacrifice and proclaim today George Alan Ingalls Day.

George was a Norco resident who died in Vietnam on April 16, 1967. On that day, he threw himself onto a grenade to save the lives of the members of his squad. For his gallantry and self-devotion to his unit, George posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In his youth, George was active in local sports, and attended Norco Junior High and later Corona High School. He also served as President of the youth group at the Community Church of Norco.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like George, who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. The goodness George brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made will always be remembered.

### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,801,307,487,216.56. We've added \$6,174,430,438,303.48 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

### RECOGNIZING ANNE ALTMAN FOR A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SALES EXCELLENCE

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Fairfax County resident Anne Altman, who is being honored with the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development, IES&BD. The IES&BD was created to demonstrate excellence in business sales and development and to help organizations maximize their efforts. The IES&BD Excellence in Sales & Business Development Awards recognize Greater Washington teams and organizations who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development.

Anne Altman is General Manager, IBM Global Public Sector based in Herndon, Virginia. Her portfolio spans global government, including U.S. federal government, state and local agencies, as well as education, health care, life sciences and pharmaceutical clients. Ms. Altman's career at IBM has spanned three

decades, and she previously served as General Manager for IBM's Public Sector with responsibilities for global government, state and local agencies, as well as education and health care.

Ms. Altman is a recipient of the prestigious Eagle Award, one of the highest honors issued to technology partners serving the Federal market. In addition, her many other accolades in the IT sector include: Federal Computer Week's Top Federal 100, Washingtonian Magazine Top Tech Titans, Washington's 100 Most Powerful Women, the AFFIRM Leadership Award for Industry, the CIO Council's Azimuth Award for the Industry Executive of the Year, and a Lifetime Achievement Heroines award from the March of Dimes and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

She is a recognized authority on federal IT matters and has testified on behalf of IBM before congressional committees on a range of topics including national security, technology in the military and intelligence communities, "smarter" government, intelligent transportation, cloud computing, business analytics software, and the role of innovation to drive economic growth and government R&D. Her work has been featured in leading industry and national news publications, including The Washington Post, Associated Press, Federal Computer Week, Business Week, The New York Times, Washington Technology, Government Computer News, InformationWeek, among others. Ms. Altman also has contributed to key government-related review boards for organizations such as the National Academy of Public Administration, the National Science Academy and the Private Sector Council.

Ms. Altman also has established a strong record of community engagement, serving on the executive committees of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, National Symphony Orchestra, and National Kidney Foundation. She also serves on the executive council for the Dean of George Mason University's School of Management.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Anne Altman as the IES&BD's 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and for her many contributions to the federal IT procurement field and our community.

KATIA MERAZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katia Meraz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Katia Meraz is a 9th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katia Meraz 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 Katia Meraz 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.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF DEADLY TORNADOS IN NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the lives of those we lost in the largest tornado outbreak in the history of North Carolina. April 16th marks two years since those devastating natural disasters took 24 precious lives in my state and injured 133 others. Today is also for applauding the rebuilding efforts of the communities that were affected and the courageous storm survivors.

According to the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, 28 tornadoes swept across central and eastern North Carolina due to tornadoes that were part of the same thunderstorm system. Then-Governor Beverly Perdue declared a state of emergency due to the more than \$20 million in damages sustained across 30 counties. This destructive force of nature ravaged thousands of homes and businesses and truly tested the strength of North Carolinians.

The worse-hit county in the state, Bertie, located in the First Congressional District and home to 21,000 people accounted for 10 deaths and 50 people who were seriously injured.

I applaud the heroism of those who risked their lives to help others find safety during the height of the storm. During tough times Americans have always banded together to assist one another. It is this patriotic spirit that we must always remember during times of peace as well. Whether natural disasters or acts of terrorism we must remember that what makes us strong as a nation is that above all else we are Americans, no matter our race, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the lives of the victims and the communities impacted in my district by this powerful storm. Let us never forget the communities that experienced the loss of loved ones and may we continue to support the rebuilding efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ICE HOCKEY TEAM

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishment of the Western Washington University Vikings Ice Hockey team, which defended their national title at the National Association of Intercollegiate Hockey Championship on March 17.

Under the leadership of Head Coach John Dougan, the Vikings had a regular season

record of 23 wins, four ties, four losses and a four-and-one record in the tournament. Western showed great heart and perseverance. After losing the first game of the tournament, they fought their way to the national championship.

Led by the strong play of Western goalie and the tournament's most valuable player Tyler Zetting, the Vikings concluded the tournament and defense of their national title with a two-to-one overtime win against top-ranked Le Moyne College.

We are proud of this team in Bellingham and across Northwest Washington and we look forward to their future successes on and off the rink.

KLARISSA VICK

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Klarissa Vick 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 Klarissa Vick 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.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF OAKTON-VIENNA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the volunteers of the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna and to thank them for their many contributions to the Northern Virginia community. Organized in 1997, the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is a non-profit that provides services to help older adults continue living independently, and it offers programs that supply opportunities for enrichment, learning, and socialization.

The center works to support older residents who want to age in place in their homes and to engage them in social activities. Every year, approximately 200 volunteers for the Shepherd's Center serve as medical drivers, companion drivers, friendly callers and visitors, health and wellness counselors, fundraisers, and grant writers. These volunteers run programs such as Lunch n' Life, Adventures in Learning, trips and outings, special events, and caregivers' support groups. Services are

available free of charge to anyone age 50 or older who resides in the local community.

The Shepherd's Center has also been recognized as "One of the Best" 2012–13 by the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington and the 2012 Nonprofit of the Year award from the Vienna-Tyson's Regional Chamber of Commerce. The services and programs offered by this extraordinary organization help to ensure that our seniors stay connected to the community through promotion of active lifestyles, ongoing social integration, and availability of resources for older residents to use their experience, training, and skills in significant roles in society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna for the services which enable older adults in our community to age in place and enjoy their golden years with dignity and independence. I thank the many volunteers who generously dedicate their time and efforts to the welfare of our neighbors. The value of their contributions cannot be overstated and are deserving of our highest praise.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. ARMINE G.  
HACOPIAN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

Today, I rise to commend Dr. Armine G. Hacopian of Glendale, California, whose tire-

less efforts have benefited her community and beyond. Dr. Hacopian moved to the United States at the age of sixteen. It was evident that she was committed to receiving a higher education, and keeping the promise she made to her ailing father, an Armenian Genocide survivor, who did not have the opportunity to receive a formal education. Her father continuously reminded his children, including Armine, about the importance of learning, and Armine attended Alhambra High School, went on to receive a B.A. in Art Education, two M.A.s in Art Education and Supervision and Administrative Services from Cal State University, Los Angeles, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership.

Armine's unparalleled commitment to education has benefited many. In 2001, Armine was elected to the Glendale Community College Board of Trustees, where she is currently serving as the Board President. Through her hard work, dedication, and support of her co-trustees, the Glendale Community College–Garfield Campus construction plan received an additional two million dollars in funding. In addition, she was instrumental in helping pass a \$98 million dollar bond measure for capital improvements at Glendale Community College.

For the past two decades, Armine has assisted many girls and women who have been victims of rape and domestic abuse with finding safe homes. Many of these women eventually landed on the path of a successful career, and to this very day, keep in touch with Armine to inform her of their new accomplishments.

Armine has also served as department chair, counselor, teacher and as coordinator of the Even Start Family Literacy program, through which she was able to work closely with Head Start and provide parenting classes. She was also an ESL, English as a Second

Language, specialist, where she helped teachers improve their skills as they worked with students whose primary language was not English. Armine is also a consultant in the areas of sexual harassment prevention, career transitions and communication and conflict management.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Armine G. Hacopian, for her exceptional service to the community.

JOHNNY WIGHTMAN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

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

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