

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JAMI MARQUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jami Marquez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jami Marquez is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5–8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jami Marquez 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 Jami Marquez 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 CLEON KIMBERLING

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Cleon Kimberling. He was recently inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame because of 50 years of leadership in the agricultural industry as a veterinarian and member of the Colorado State University Department of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Kimberling received his Bachelor's Degree and DVM at Colorado State University and then earned a Masters of Public Health from the University of Minnesota. Since then, he has devoted his time to Colorado State University students and those in the agriculture industry in Colorado. His vocation has allowed him to focus on herd health management of dairy livestock, range beef cattle and range sheep. His expertise in range sheep management is unrivaled and has benefitted many, many producers. Dr. Kimberling's work has taken him from the high mountains and plains in Colorado, to the Navajo Nation and to over 15 countries around the world.

Dr. Kimberling's work has resulted in the development of surgical instruments for animals, and tests for several diseases in various animals. His inventions have earned him a U.S. patent and brought efficiencies to the agricultural industry. He has written two books, authored five chapters, fourteen auto-tutorials, fifty-four referenced journal articles, as well as a host of other educational resources.

Because of his teaching and his expertise in Veterinary Medicine, he has received many

awards and recognition over the last fifty years. However, many of his contemporaries note that even though he is a recognized veterinarian, his true impact in this world has been in his role as a passionate teacher. The number of veterinarians he has trained, both at CSU and around the world is countless. His caring, sharing and teaching are only a part of who he is. His contributions to the health and productivity of Colorado's livestock industry, along with his dedication to Colorado State University students and his overall improvement to mankind are examples for all to follow. I am honored to recognize him today.

RECOGNIZING MARCH AS
NATIONAL FROZEN FOOD MONTH

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of one of Georgia's great schools and my alma mater, the University of Georgia, UGA, for its recent groundbreaking research on the nutritional value of frozen fruits and vegetables. March is frozen food month, and this study by UGA conclusively demonstrates the nutritional value of frozen fruits and vegetables and will help families make smart, informed decisions on how to eat in an affordable, healthy way.

The University of Georgia, in partnership with the Frozen Food Foundation, conducted a unique study comparing the nutrient content of commonly purchased frozen and fresh fruits and vegetables. This study mimicked consumer purchasing and storage habits for a variety of fruits and vegetables and the results revealed that frozen fruits and vegetables are nutritionally equal to, and in many cases superior to their fresh counterparts.

Research such as this provides insight into the value of frozen fruits and vegetables. UGA found that at-home storage of fresh fruits and vegetables can lead to significant nutrient loss but with frozen fruits and vegetables, consumers receive the nutritional benefit of produce that is harvested and then frozen at peak ripeness. Freezing is a natural pause button that locks-in nutrition.

As families look for easy-to-prepare, affordable ways to improve their diet, they can reach for frozen fruits and vegetables and, reaffirmed by this UGA research, they can know they are receiving the same nutritional benefits as fresh products.

Mr. Speaker, in celebration of National Frozen Food Month, I wish to applaud UGA and frozen food makers for their role in providing American families with important facts about increasing nutrients to support good health. I am proud to acknowledge research done in Georgia that allows families to make informed decisions about the nutritional benefits of the fruits and vegetables they consume.

JACQUELINE DELGADO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacqueline Delgado for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jacqueline Delgado is an 11th 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 Jacqueline Delgado 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 Jacqueline Delgado 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.

SFC DOUG LESH

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sergeant First Class Douglas Lesh, in honor of his retirement from the United States Army and his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Sergeant First Class Lesh and his wife Amanda will be moving on from his current assignment as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Office of the Chief, Legislative Liaison's Travel section.

Army Congressional Liaisons provide an invaluable service to both the military and Congress. They assist Members and staff in understanding the Army's policies, actions, operations, and requirements. Their first hand knowledge of military needs, culture, and tradition is a tremendous benefit to Congressional offices.

A native of Grass Valley, California, Sergeant First Class Lesh enlisted in the Army on August 5, 1993, and entered infantry basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Sergeant First Class Lesh's assignments have taken him to Tong Du Su Shon, Korea; Fort Stewart, Georgia; Fort Carson, Colorado; Sacramento, California; Fort Benning, Georgia; Ramadi and Baquba, Iraq; The Joint Staff at The Pentagon, and the 1st Battalion 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard).

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues in recognizing and commending Sergeant First Class Lesh for his dedicated service to this country. For all he

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and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Amanda, his son Logan, and daughters Chloe and Hattie, all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING 35TH ANNIVERSARY
OF TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AND
REPRESENTATIVE KING PU-
TSUNG

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I come to the floor of the House of Representatives to recognize the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act which this Congress passed thirty-five years ago. The Taiwan Relations Act passed this Congress and was signed into law on April 10, 1979. For the last three and a half decades this legislation has been a cornerstone of our defense relationship with Taiwan and the result has been peace and prosperity for our important ally.

Peace in the Taiwan straits remains among the highest national interests of our country, indeed the entire Asia-Pacific region. Congress and the U.S. people remain steadfast in their support for Taiwan and maintaining strong defense and economic relations.

Since the Taiwan Relations Act was signed into law, the U.S.-Taiwan relationship has been fostered by a series of thirteen representatives from Taiwan. For the last year and a half that representative has been King Pu-tsung who will soon be returning to Taiwan to serve as Secretary-General of Taiwan's National Security Council. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with Representative King and applaud his efforts to continue the strong relationship our two countries enjoy.

As we look ahead to the 4th decade of the Taiwan Relations Act we should continue our work to advance our relationship, particularly as it relates to trade and bilateral investment.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on these issues of mutual concern for both nations as our relationship with Taiwan continues to develop and evolve.

HAYLEE VANNOY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Haylee Vannoy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Haylee Vannoy 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 Haylee Vannoy 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 Haylee Vannoy 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 WINNER'S CIRCLE
AWARD WINNER, RICHARD PETTY

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend sincere congratulations to Randolph County's very own Richard Petty, as he was one of five people selected statewide to receive the Winner's Circle award. The annual Winner's Circle award is given to individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to North Carolina's tourism industry. Without a doubt, Richard Petty has been instrumental in enticing visitors from near and far to visit our great state.

There is a reason that NASCAR is North Carolina's official state sport, and Richard Petty has played a significant role in contributing to the sport's popularity. As one of the founding families in stock car racing, and one of the most decorated drivers in NASCAR history, Richard Petty has remained committed to establishing both his race shop and race museum in Randolph County, North Carolina. Tourism is a powerful force to our state's economic well-being, and Richard Petty has been influential in bringing racing fans from across America to the Tar Heel state. We are fortunate to have a North Carolinian who remains so steadfast in promoting the uniqueness of our state and the sport at large.

RECOGNIZING DR. JAMES
SYVERTSEN

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize one of my constituents, Dr. James Syvertsen, on his selection as a Fulbright award recipient. Dr. Syvertsen, a professor in biology at the University of Florida, taught in Uruguay as a Fulbright scholar from September through November 2013.

The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, is supported by the United States, participating foreign governments and the private sector. Established by Congress in 1946, the Program's purpose is to "build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world." Fulbright awardees are selected for academic excellence, professional achievements or demonstrated leadership in their fields.

I thank Dr. Syvertsen for his commitment to education and for representing the United States through the Fulbright Program in Uruguay.

HOLLY ANDERSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Holly Anderson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Holly Anderson is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Holly Anderson 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 Holly Anderson 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 HONOR OF U.S. PARK POLICE
OFFICER CARL HIOTT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Park Police Officer Carl Hiott and thank him for his heroic actions during the tragic Navy Yard shooting.

Officer Hiott grew up in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District. He attended Southwestern Randolph High School where he excelled in football and wrestling. After graduating from North Carolina State University with a degree in criminal justice, Officer Hiott followed the call of duty and currently serves as a U.S. Park Police officer in Washington, D.C.

On September 16, 2013, a lone gunman entered the headquarters of the Naval Sea Systems Command with malicious intentions. Within minutes, law enforcement officials responded and took immediate action to quell the gunman. On this morning, Officer Hiott responded to the Navy Yard and, without hesitation, entered into building 197.

While on the third floor, Officer Hiott, Park Police Officer Andrew Wong, and Metropolitan Police Department Officer Dorian DeSantis encountered the gunman and engaged in a gunfight. Officer Hiott provided cover and engaged the shooter in the final gun battle, for which he received a Medal of Honor and a Combat Medal from the U.S. Park Service, and a Medal of Merit from the Metropolitan Police Department. Though all of the details of that morning are yet to be uncovered, one thing is certain: Officer Hiott and his colleagues are true American heroes.

That fateful morning, 170 law enforcement officers responded to the call. The swift actions of these brave men and women and the courageousness they displayed saved many lives. Despite the imminent danger, Officer Hiott remained committed to his duty to protect the national parks, monuments and the White House and keep our citizens safe.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Hiott is an outstanding citizen and a proven leader in our community. We are fortunate to have brave men and women like Officer Hiott who dedicate and risk their lives as police officers for our well-being and security. I applaud Officer Hiott for his bravery, and I thank him for his heroic and selfless actions.

HOMEOWNER FLOOD INSURANCE
AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to stress the time sensitive need for FEMA to quickly act on the provision reauthorizing home buyers to assume the existing premium rate of sellers. Section 3(b) expressly states: "Such rates shall continue with respect to the property until the implementation of subsection (a)." Our explicit intent in including this provision is to allow a home buyer to assume the policy and rate of the current home owner upon enactment of this act. We expect FEMA to issue appropriate direction to the Write-Your-Own companies in short order to allow this process to move ahead smoothly. The purpose of this provision is to shield home buyers from excessive rates by letting them assume current rates during the period while FEMA is finalizing the guidance and rate tables to implement the other provisions of this act.

JADE GOMEZ-CHAVARRIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jade Gomez-Chavarria 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 Jade Gomez-Chavarria 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.

PASTOR JAMES FAVORITE

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an inspirational leader in the

Tampa Bay community, Pastor James Favorite. I am pleased to recognize his remarkable career and years of distinguished public service. Pastor Favorite was born in Vacherie, Louisiana. He obtained a Bachelor's and Master's of Science Degree in Health, Physical Education, and Social Studies from Southern University in Baton Rouge. Pastor Favorite also holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Maryland Theological Seminary College.

Throughout his career, Pastor Favorite has been a prominent spiritual leader in the Tampa Bay community. He became an ordained minister in 1985 at Morning Star Baptist Church in Catonsville, Maryland. He then moved to Tampa where he has been a guiding force in interfaith dialogue. He is President of Pastors on Patrol, a group of ministers in the Tampa Bay area committed to bring revival to the city. He is the Chairman of both the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS Tampa Affiliate and the Board of Directors of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. He is the former President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention's Southern Region and also served as National Chair of the Progressive National Baptist Convention's HIV/AIDS Initiative.

Pastor Favorite has been a dedicated community volunteer across Tampa Bay. He is a member of the Children's Board committee looking into strategies to increase state and local funding support to vital children and family support programs. He serves as a member of the Hillsborough County Chamber of Commerce Urban Enterprise Initiative Committee for East Tampa. He previously chaired the African-American Family Support Initiative program that studies and develops ways to strengthen families in the African American community.

Since 1995, Pastor Favorite has led Beulah Baptist Institutional Church where he is now celebrating 19 years of dedicated service. Under Pastor Favorite's extraordinary leadership Beulah has received substantial growth in membership and revenue. It has become deeply integrated in the life of the Tampa Bay community. Under his leadership, Hillsborough County funded Beulah as one of only two satellite library sites in the county. He spearheaded an Outreach Ministry to Jamaica with a team of doctors and nurses which delivered more than \$100,000 in medical supplies and equipment to more than 5,000 individuals in ten years. He has developed renowned programs ranging from teaching young parents to develop parenting skills to programs on repairing credit and making sound financial investments. He has also ensured that the Beulah summer program for children has received over \$2 million dollars in funding from the Children's Board for the past five years.

Pastor Favorite's tireless, selfless service has helped to create a better and spiritually strengthened Tampa Bay community. Mr. Speaker, I join Beulah in congratulating Pastor Favorite for 19 years of outstanding service as a pastor, mentor, and tremendous community leader.

HONORING DR. NORMAN DALSTED

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Norman Dalsted, who was recently inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Dr. Dalsted was born and raised in North Dakota, and was active in FFA. He attended North Dakota State University. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served in the Panama Canal Zone and Vietnam. Dr. Dalsted's military career has always been a large part of his life, and he has shared his experiences with his students every year. His glimpses into the past have made tremendous impacts on his students. He received his Ph.D. from Colorado State University, and was immediately hired as an extension farm management specialist. He was promoted to Professor in 1992.

Dr. Dalsted is known throughout Colorado for his enterprise budgets for agriculture commodities grown in Colorado. These budgets have been updated regularly and are still in use some thirty years after first being published. During the tumultuous years of the early 1980s, Dr. Dalsted organized a series of training programs for agriculture lenders across the state. The programs provided basic training in financial statements, ratio analysis, enterprise budget and whole farm analysis, and business organizational form. Lenders used this knowledge and educated others by holding private seminars for local agriculture producers.

In the late 1980s, Dr. Dalsted spent a significant portion of his time researching new Chapter 12 Bankruptcy protection options for farming operations. He wrote several scholarly papers on the subject. He used his expertise to help local producers reorganize their struggling operations. He eventually found himself involved in many Chapter 12 cases across the state and continues to be an expert in cases today.

Dr. Dalsted was also part of the Integrated Ranch Management program at Colorado State University. He helped develop several classes that covered basic economic concepts and tolls in the context of ranch management. From this, several software programs were developed that could be used by producers to assist in making management decisions. Dr. Dalsted's research at CSU has resulted in an impressive list of publications in journals, articles, chapters in books, proceedings, software programs and university publications. He has also been recognized by students as an outstanding teacher and educator. Dr. Dalsted has had a long and distinguished career at Colorado State University and in Colorado agriculture and it is my honor to recognize him today.

ERIKA LOPEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Erika Lopez

for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Erika Lopez is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Erika Lopez 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 Erika Lopez 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 ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SUMGAI T POGROMS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise as I do every year in recognition of the anniversary of the pogroms against the people of Armenian descent in Sumgait, Azerbaijan. On February 27, 1988, anti-Armenian forces began killing Armenians and driving them from their homes. Scores of Armenians were killed, hundreds were wounded, and thousands were left as refugees without their homes or livelihoods. The violence went on for three days as Armenian women and girls were viciously raped.

Days before this massacre, the Armenians of Nagorno Karabakh began peacefully protesting against the Soviet Azerbaijani oppression and discrimination. From this peaceful protest and the fires of the pogroms arose the spark that started the democracy movement that ultimately brought down the Soviet Empire.

Sadly, anti-Armenian rhetoric and cross-border attacks continue at the hands of the Azerbaijani government. Azerbaijan has consistently obstructed the peace process, walked away from its own agreements, and continued to threaten war. This is unacceptable, and the violence and harmful words must come to an end.

Today, I ask my colleagues to stand with me in remembrance of the Sumgait pogroms, in support of a true and lasting peace in the region, and in recognition of the contributions of Armenian Americans to the San Joaquin Valley I call home and the entire Nation.

REMEMBERING MAYOR M. JANE
SEEMAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember a dear friend, Mayor M. Jane Seeman, who selflessly served the Vienna, Virginia, community for more than a decade and passed away on February 23, 2014, at the age of 76.

Jane was born on June 1, 1937, in Hays, Kansas. She graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in economics and business. While in college, she met her husband, Rodger, whom she married in 1959, and in 1968 the couple moved to Vienna so that Rodger could pursue a job with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Seemans shared a passion for public service, with Rodger serving on the Vienna Town Council for nearly two decades. When he passed away in 1996, his wife completed his unfinished term, going on to win two terms of her own before successfully running for Mayor in 2000. Jane was well-respected and much-admired by the Vienna community, winning reelection six times.

While greatly involved in the community, Jane understood well the importance of enjoying life to its fullest. She was passionately devoted to her children and grandchildren and, as a travel enthusiast, made a point to include her family on her many ventures. Jane was a longtime sports fan, cheering on the Washington Nationals for many years. Of Jane's many commitments, perhaps her greatest was to her Christian faith, which motivated and sustained her throughout her life. She was a beloved member of the Vienna Presbyterian Church, which she attended for more than forty years.

Jane's son, Bill, perhaps said it best when he declared that 76 years was hardly enough time for his mother. She will be sincerely missed by her family, friends, and the Vienna community, but her legacy will long-endure. While we mourn her loss, we also importantly celebrate the exemplary life of love, faith, and humble service by which we will always remember her.

I submit the following article from the McLean Sun Gazette, which pays tribute to Jane's admirable life.

[Mar. 3, 2014]

VIENNA MAYOR EULOGIZED FOR DEVOTION TO
FAMILY, TOWN

(By Brian Trompeter)

Vienna bade farewell to its longtime Mayor M. Jane Seeman in a Feb. 28 funeral service that drew hundreds of people and featured remembrances from her children and grandchildren.

Seeman, 76, who had served on the Vienna Town Council since late 1996 and as mayor since 2000, died of lung cancer Feb. 23.

Mourners filled the lower sanctuary level and some of the balcony area at Vienna Presbyterian Church, which Seeman had attended since fall 1968.

A broad swath of the Vienna community came to the service, including Seeman's Vienna Town Council colleagues, some Board of Supervisors members and at least one member of Congress.

"I think we shut down Vienna with all of us being here," said Pastor Peter James.

The mayor's daughter, Linda Colbert, said the family had been inundated with messages from friends following her mother's death and that those outpourings of support helped the family cope with their loss.

"My mother was my best friend. She was also my first friend," Colbert said. "We always loved to talk to each other."

The late mayor volunteered more than 3,000 hours of her time at Patrick Henry Library and loved chatting with patrons, asking them about the books they were turning in or checking out.

The mayor was keenly interested in people's lives and dedicated to serving others and the town, Colbert said.

"She served because she wanted to, not for a pat on the back or to be recognized," she said.

Madena Jane Seeman was born June 1, 1937, in Hays, Kan., to parents Madena and Herbert Seeman.

The future mayor wrote for a newspaper in that town of about 10,000 people, then attended Fort Hays State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in economics and business. She met her future husband, Rodger, at the university and married him on June 1, 1959.

Seeman became a rabid fan of the University of Kansas Jayhawks while the couple lived in Lawrence, Kan. The Seemans later lived in Kansas City, then moved to Vienna in 1968 after Rodger Seeman took a job with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Seemans bought a house on Blackstone Terrace, N.W., for \$25,000 and lived there until their deaths. They had two sons and one daughter.

Rodger Seeman served on the Town Council from the early 1980s until his death in November 1996. His wife was appointed to fill his unexpired term and after being elected to full terms in 1997 and 1999, she ran for mayor in 2000, following the death of Mayor Charles Robinson Jr. The mayor won re-election six times, but had decided not to seek re-election this May.

One of her sons, Bill Seeman of Fairfax Station, said his parents were determined to give their kids "fantastic childhoods."

Seeman recalled his days of playing baseball on crude schoolyard fields and then getting to pitch at Yeonas Field, which had dug-outs and other "big-league" amenities. He pitched disastrously there, though, and blamed his performance on the new experience of throwing from a raised mound.

That night, the boy's parents worked in their back yard to build him a raised pitching mound.

The mayor was a big sports fan, loved the Washington Nationals and had a crush on player Bryce Harper, Bill Seeman said.

She also enjoyed traveling and ventured to such places as France, Belgium, Russia and Greece. The mayor took her family on a cruise in Alaska a couple years ago and took Bill Seeman and his sons on jaunts to sports hall of fame facilities in Springfield, Mass., and Cooperstown, N.Y., as well as the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, he said.

"Seventy-six years really was not enough for my mom," Bill Seeman said. "She lived about 10 normal people's lives. She was a rare gift to all of us."

Music played a central role in the memorial service. Pat Talamantes played the organ and those in attendance sang the hymns "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."

One of Seeman's granddaughters, Hannah Colbert, sang "Amazing Grace" while her father, Michael Colbert, accompanied her on guitar.

Colbert choked up on the final stanza and had to be comforted. Pastor James later told her she never needed to apologize for being emotionally moved by that song.

After the service, a funeral procession led by Fairfax County and Vienna police motorcycle officers went from the church down Maple Avenue to Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton, where Seeman was buried near her late husband. Following the burial, mourners attended a reception back at the church.

Vienna Town Hall closed early that afternoon so town employees could attend the 2 p.m. funeral. Flag were flown at half-mast at the Vienna Town Green, the creation of which Seeman considered to be the Town Council's biggest accomplishment during her tenure.

EMMA EAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emma Eaker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emma Eaker is an 11th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emma Eaker 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 Emma Eaker 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. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 114, I was unable to attend. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING LES HARDESTY

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Les Hardesty. Mr. Hardesty, a native of Colorado and leader in the dairy industry, has been a true visionary and unrivaled advocate for the local, Colorado, and national dairy industry.

After Mr. Hardesty graduated from Colorado State University, he and his wife started Painted Prairie Dairy. He and his family were involved in that undertaking for thirty years. It was during that time that he and his family saw the need to educate people about the dairy industry. He built an education facility, the Cozy Cow Dairy in Windsor, Colorado, and used it as a showcase farm. The Cozy Cow dairy featured a visible milking parlor and provided an up-close experience for tens of thousands of visitors. Many families have been able to see the true face of the dairy industry because of Mr. Hardesty's efforts. Even though he was busy running the dairies, Mr. Hardesty still found time to become involved in dairy organizations and became a respected leader in many of them.

His expertise in global dairy marketing and his understanding of the national dairy pricing system earned him a solid reputation among producers. His specialized experiences in dairy farm business, exports, global dairy

issues, dairy production, dairy processing, as well as pricing issues and marketing techniques, made him a tremendous asset to our nation's dairy farms.

Mr. Hardesty has been described as an open-minded man of great integrity with superior family values. He has given himself selflessly for the betterment of the dairy industry and agriculture in general. I am honored to recognize him today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 6, 2014 I was inadvertently detained on rollcall votes 101, 106, 109, and 113. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted "yes" on each. In addition, I was inadvertently detained on rollcall votes 102, 103, 104, 105, 110, 111, and 114. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted "no" on each.

GAVIN DAWSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Gavin Dawson 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 Gavin Dawson 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.

IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN
ANNUAL CELEBRATION**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the hard-working women leaders who, throughout the years, have made instrumental contributions to the district I so humbly represent and to our entire South Florida community, in fact.

On March 13th, the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, and the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department will

be hosting the "In the Company of Women Awards" in celebration of Women's History Month. This annual ceremony honors some of the exceptional women in our community in fields like arts, communications, government, and athletics.

The honorees during this year's event will be: Valerie Riles, Wendy Kallergis, Jacqueline Menendez, Judy Brown, Honorable Migna Sanchez-Llorens, Alyce Robertson, Nilda Peragallo Montano, Marie-Elsie Dowell, and Angela Smith.

In addition, Linda Robinson, the former Vice-Mayor of Palmetto Bay, a village I represent, will receive the Mayor's Pioneer Award.

Constable Thelma Hardison will be bestowed with the Posthumous Award, and Marcia Fernandez-Morin will be presented with the Community Spirit Award.

These 12 honorees will join the ranks of many outstanding women, including my late mother, Amanda Ros who was honored during the third annual "In the Company of Women" celebration.

As a fellow recipient of this award also, I am pleased that the great passion and dedication of these women leaders will be recognized, and it will inspire them to do even better work.

Their many accomplishments are an example of what women everywhere can strive to attain.

Congratulations to each award winner.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, on March 6, 2014, I missed the following votes due to previously-scheduled commitments in my congressional district. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 107—"yea"; rollcall No. 108—"nay"; rollcall No. 109—"yea"; rollcall No. 110—"nay"; rollcall No. 111—"nay"; rollcall No. 112—"nay"; rollcall No. 113—"yea"; rollcall No. 114—"yea."

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
HENRY DAYTON**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor the life of John Henry Dayton who passed away on February 9, 2014 surrounded by family.

John Henry Dayton was born in Turlock, California to Charles and Florence Dayton. He lived the epitome of a rural life, being raised on a 10-acre ranch in the Hughson, California with his siblings, Cheryl, Lon, and Paul.

Mr. Dayton attended grammar and high school in Hughson. At Hughson High School, John enjoyed track, basketball, football, and playing the trombone in band. Mr. Dayton was well known for his kindness, humor and intelligence, earning him the "Wittiest Student Award" during his junior year and the "Biggest Cut-Up Award" his senior year.

John attended Oregon State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree at the School of Pharmacy in 1966. While at Oregon State, he married Beverly Jean (Wyatt) Tack from Portland, Oregon. Together, John and Beverly raised two children, Kristin and Mike.

After college, Mr. Dayton moved back to California and worked as a pharmacist in the Modesto area. In 1971, John and his business partner, Harold Copp opened Oakdale Village Pharmacy in the city's first shopping center. The independently owned and operated drug store thrived and competed with the larger retail chains. Eventually, John and Harold opened additional pharmacies in Escalon and Modesto.

Mr. Dayton was later remarried to Susan Thorpe in 1985. Together they raised two children, Kevin Cooper and Tasha Poslaniec of Modesto.

Throughout more than four decades of business in the Oakdale area, he earned a reputation as a knowledgeable, personable, easy-going, dependable, helpful and trustworthy pharmacist. John enjoyed every aspect of business and working with people.

In November 2012, John was diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer. At the time, he was in the midst of starting a new compounding pharmacy in Sonora and building a home on Horseshoe Road outside of Oakdale. He told his family that the new compounding pharmacy would provide him with the means to eventually re-open a pharmacy in downtown Oakdale, where he would once again enjoy the camaraderie of long-time patrons and employees.

Despite the grim prognosis and a marital separation, John remained optimistic, kind-hearted, and faithful. In sickness, his family rallied around him. His grace, courage and faith left an indelible mark on his loving family.

Mr. John Henry Dayton is survived by his mother, Mrs. Charles Dayton; daughter, Kristin (Debra Bringham) Dayton; son, Mike (Alanna) Dayton; sister, Cheryl (Jim) Harlan; and brothers, Lonn (Pam) Dayton, and Paul Dayton. John was grandfather to six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Dayton; and stepson, Kevin Cooper.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the life of Mr. John Henry Dayton and all of his excellent contributions to his family and community.

HELINA THOMA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Helina Thoma 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 edu-

cation and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Helina Thoma 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 INAUGURAL
CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL
CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inaugural celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week. National Catholic Sisters Week is a worthy addition to National Women's History Month and will be recognized each year during the second week of March.

National Catholic Sisters Week is being launched by the Sisters of Saint Joseph at Saint Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The week is intended to recognize the many contributions made by Catholic sisters around the world, past and present, to support and advance children, education, health care and anti-poverty efforts.

In the 1800s, many Catholic nuns moved to the American West with the frontier, settling into dangerous territories to build hospitals and schools for immigrant communities. They provided aid during the Chicago fire, cared for orphans during the California Gold Rush and brought professional nursing skills to field hospitals during the Civil War.

In the 1900s, American nuns opened thousands more hospitals, built the Nation's largest private school system, and brought the Catholic Church into the Civil Rights movement with courage and vision.

The good works of our Catholic sisters continue to be a saving grace. Today they press the frontlines of social change, gathering in chapels, at kitchen tables and at the steps of cathedrals and capitols. They shelter homeless families, aid immigrants, tutor students, guide pregnant teens, launch nonprofits, care for the environment and fight human trafficking. Their blood, sweat and prayers are a powerful force providing peace, comfort and justice to so many throughout our Nation, and indeed the world.

I am grateful that the Sisters of Saint Joseph were part of my own education and mentorship as I pursued my higher education at Saint Catherine's. Their great generosity of spirit and wise leadership continue to help to guide my own commitment in Congress to excellence in education, protecting the environment and expanding health care access for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the very first of many National Catholic Sisters Weeks. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Catholic sisters who sustain our great Nation day in and day out.

HONORING MR. JOHN ADENT

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Adent who was recently inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. Mr. Adent was awarded the Rising Star in Agriculture award for 2014. He grew up on a fruit orchard and hog farm in southwestern Michigan. There, he developed a love for agriculture. He graduated from DePaul University with a double major in Economics and Chinese.

After graduation, Mr. Adent joined Ralston Purina management training program and was given the opportunity to spend time in Canada, Korea, and Taiwan. That training eventually paid off, as he was named Director of Business Development of several international markets, including China and the Philippines. He was promoted to vice president of operations for Europe in 1998. He eventually became the Managing Director for Agribands Europe Hungary, the number one executive position in the company's fastest growing region.

John then made a change and joined the team at Lextron, Inc., a Colorado-based company. Lextron, now Animal Health International, has grown under his leadership by leaps and bounds. His vision and direction along with his strategic planning has grown the company to over 150 employees in Colorado and over 1400 across the United States and Canada. In 2012, Mr. Adent served as the chairman of the National FFA Foundation Sponsors Board. He is currently working with a team to expand the number of secondary agriculture education programs in Larimer County, Colorado.

His leadership of one of North America's premier companies based in Colorado, his strong support for youth, and his passion for agriculture make Mr. Adent a rising star in Colorado agriculture. I am honored to recognize him today.

HONORING WILLIAM RICHARD
(DICK) COOLEY

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last month, Portland lost an extraordinary citizen with the passing of William Richard (Dick) Cooley. It was my honor to know and work with Dick Cooley for most of our professional lives. My friend was first and foremost a planner. It ran in his blood, he came by it honestly.

His father, Bill Cooley, was a big picture guy, a successful developer who served on the Multnomah County planning commission and was someone who was extraordinarily helpful to me when I was a new county commissioner. He had great depth of understanding about what was then Oregon's second largest city: unincorporated mid-Multnomah County. Bill Cooley played a significant role as a developer in an area where homes spring up rapidly, but he didn't just help build

the community, he located his family in the middle of it, and then helped lead it.

Dick Cooley grew up in the midst of this dramatic change in the region. I had a connection being in an adjacent high school district, Centennial, next door to him. His high school alma mater was David Douglas, which was then the largest high school in the state of Oregon. It was then a symbol of excellence and Dick Cooley fit right in. It's where he developed the characteristics and skills that would serve him so well later in life. He was far more than a planner; he was a successful developer and builder who also had a career in banking and later, was in key business positions in the real estate arm of Pacific Power and Light, Pacific Development. This company took the audacious step of buying a huge tract of urban central city property known as the Lloyd district, well over 100 acres of opportunity that has continued to be a source of developmental activity, to be a key new district now blossoming within the central city. Dick Cooley was an investor who made strategic property purchases not just on the highest rate of return or the fastest rate of return, but working to put the pieces together to create long-term value.

It was this combination of the instincts of planner and an investor that made him a natural choice to follow in his father's footsteps to become a member of the Multnomah county planning commission.

I was pleased to appoint him to the Portland Planning Commission where he was an extraordinarily valuable leader in the important activities of the late 1980s and 1990s. He provided leadership not just as the chair of the planning commission, but understanding how to help people come together to create value. He played a vital role in helping shape and guide my Albina community plan, which was perhaps the high water mark in Portland's planning for people. This led to the revitalization of some of Portland's most troubled neighborhoods. Streets you wouldn't feel comfortable driving down then, you can now stroll with visitors to show Portland at its best. Dick was essential in bringing fellow planning commissioners, citizens and the city council together to make it happen.

Yet his planning, patience and investment strategies were most compelling when it came to people. It started with his circle of family and friends, especially his loving 20 year relationship with his wife Leslie. It was a joy to be around them both. No one worked harder at being a parent than my friend Dick, and his children, Sarah and Alex were never far from his thoughts.

Whether Dick was planning, being a father, husband, friend, he was always giving of himself. He never forgot that he was a kid from mid-Multnomah County, David Douglas High School, and he would return to his community roots time and time again. Most notably and recently, the countless hours he spent trying to assist his former neighbors contend with a community that is now fighting decline. He worked with them helping realize their vision for the gateway area, long after he left the planning commission.

He could not keep himself from providing leadership. He provided leadership until last year for the Portland street car, another Dick Cooley contribution to revitalizing our community and inspiring cities across America. Dick's values blended seamlessly. Friendship, family,

business, community; they were all part of a broader sense for the greater good. It is trite to say, but he was truly a unique human being. I've never seen anyone tie together those pieces the same way in such shy, quiet, unassuming fashion. He was smart as a whip and credentialed, but he didn't care about status and credentials, for himself or anyone else. He was still the kid from David Douglas, who just happened to be student body president, an athlete, an actor, a successful scholar who went off to Harvard. He didn't just wear this well, he disguised it. What he cared about was the human connection. If you knew Dick well, that was what you expected; you almost took it for granted. If you went on an early morning walk, he was the guy with the flashlight for you, maybe an extra bottle of water wondering if you're going to be late for your next appointment. He was always asking how you were. It was a detailed sort of checking in, about how you were really doing, your family, what you were thinking, who you were connected with.

His men's group was a critical part of who Dick was for two decades, but he wanted to share and understand that type of experience. He encouraged others to stake out their own circles to have the same connection. Dick will always be connected to us. Truly an extraordinary human being, who left us too soon, but who lived an amazingly rich and full life. We're all richer for that connection with him today, which continues every evening at 6:30 as his friends pause to remember Dick and what he meant to us all.

JACOB BACK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jacob Back 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 Jacob Back 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 ACHIEVEMENTS OF MOLLY K. MORRISON

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Molly K. Morrison on the occa-

sion of being honored with the Eighth Annual Rebecca Lukens Award by The Greystone Society of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania. As an outstanding candidate for this recognition, Molly was chosen for this honor for the same love of community she has as the award's namesake, Rebecca Lukens.

A Chester County native, Molly Morrison learned to appreciate the importance of land preservation by spending time on her grandparents' farm in northern Chester County, a place where her German immigrant ancestors had been farming since the early 1700s.

After pursuing an English degree at Ursinus College and Masters in Communications at Syracuse University, Molly worked at the Brandywine Valley Association and then for Chester County, where she served in a variety of positions over a 21-year period, most recently as Director of Policy and Planning. In that role, she oversaw the development and implementation of the County's nationally recognized open space program, as well as the policy development of and program implementation for planning, parks, water resources, and community development.

As President of Natural Lands Trust, she has been instrumental in creating conservation strategies for complex land transactions, including the acquisition of the 1,263-acre ChesLen Preserve in Newlin Township. In addition to providing strategic leadership and fundraising for a staff of 60, Molly oversees a network of 42 nature preserves and 361 conservation easements, totaling more than 44,000 acres. Molly has also served on a variety of boards, including the YMCA of Greater West Chester, the Chester County Art Association, and the Chester County United Way, among others.

Mr. Speaker, in light of her years of immeasurable contributions to the community and litany of outstanding accomplishments, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Molly K. Morrison on the occasion of her being honored with The Greystone Society's Rebecca Lukens Award.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE KAREN CASTOR DENTEL

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize State Representative Karen Castor Dentel. Karen is a third-generation Floridian raised in Tampa. She earned a degree in Elementary Education from Vanderbilt University, a Masters from UNC Chapel Hill, and a PhD from the University of Florida.

Karen taught in a number of local elementary schools before her passion for teaching led her to become a voice for education in Tallahassee. When state policies regarding teacher evaluations and an increasing emphasis on testing began affecting her students, children, and colleagues, Karen sought election to the Florida House of Representatives in order to make an impact on education policies. In 2012 she was elected as State Representative for District 30 covering parts of Orange and Seminole counties.

Karen comes from a long line of public servants. Her mother, Betty Castor served in the Florida Senate and as Florida's Commissioner of Education. Her stepfather, Sam Bell also served in Florida's House of Representatives. Her father, Don Castor was a judge and her brother Frank is currently a judge in south Florida. Finally, her sister U.S. Representative KATHY CASTOR currently serves Hillsborough County in the United States Congress.

Karen is married to Eric Dentel and has two children, Wyatt and Caroline. An active member of her community, Karen is involved with the Maitland, Winter Park, and Greater Seminole Chambers of Commerce, and the League of Women Voters. She is a former member of the Junior League of Greater Orlando and a former Board member of the Orange County Regional History Center, where she chaired the Education Committee. Karen and her family are members of the First Congregational Church of Winter Park. In her spare time, Karen enjoys learning about Florida history, birding, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.

Karen is delighted to continue her family's legacy of service and is grateful for the honor of representing the Central Floridians of District 30.

I am happy to honor State Representative Karen Castor Dentel, during Women's History Month, for her leadership and service to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMY RITTER

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Amy Ritter. Amy, a 27-year-old communications and activist powerhouse, has made her mark on Florida politics through her innovative messaging and organizing skills. Her "Pink Slip Rick" campaign was one of the most dynamic branding campaigns in Florida's recent political history.

Born in Chicago, Amy's family moved to Coral Springs, Florida, in 1992. She attended public school and graduated from Broward College in 2006 with High Honors and an Associate's Degree in Political Science. Amy became part of the Gator Nation in 2007 and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a minor in International Development and Humanitarian Assistance.

While at the University of Florida, Amy interned on a local campaign that successfully fought for maintaining LGBT civil rights in Gainesville. The campaign helped Amy realize that universal change can start in one small town, or with just one person.

In 2009, Amy moved to Orlando and continued her work on local and congressional races until she was hired as Director of Research for Florida Watch Action in 2011. Amy helped propel Florida Watch Action to the national spotlight with the cutting-edge "Pink Slip Rick" campaign, a branding campaign on Governor Rick Scott. Through the campaign, Amy helped galvanize middle class Floridians statewide. "Pink Slip Rick," which quickly became a movement, would go on to serve as a model for progressive groups throughout the country. Amy also launched Florida's first legislative tracking program, for which she received the Florida Netroots Nation "Rookie Activist of the Year" award in 2011.

During the 2012 presidential election, Amy served as Field Director for the Orange County democratic campaign and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

Saint Petersburg named Amy one of "30 under 30" rising stars in Florida politics in 2013. She noted that her inspiration came from her father and a lifelong sense of urgency to stand up against injustice. Also in 2013, Amy became Director of Communications for the Orange County Tax Collector, Office of Scott Randolph, where she has transformed the office's communications, online, and social media presence.

Amy has served on the boards of the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee and the Democratic Women's Club of Greater Orlando. In 2014, she founded the Orlando chapter of the New Leader's Council, a progressive fellowship program for young professionals. A firm believer in equality and equal access, Amy remains committed to advocacy and supporting social justice organizations such as Planned Parenthood, Organize Now, and Equality Florida.

I am happy to honor Amy Ritter, during Women's History Month, for her passion and service to the Central Florida Community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DARYL FLYNN

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Daryl Flynn. Ms. Flynn was first elected to the Orange County School Board in 2006. She is a native of Florida and was educated in the Sarasota County public school system. She received an AA from Manatee Jr. College and a BA in political science from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. She holds an MPA from Florida Atlantic University with an emphasis on environmental growth management.

Prior to joining the school board, Flynn was an active member of the PTA at the local, county, and state levels for more than 15 years and served as chair of her son's middle school SAC. She was president of the Orange County Council of PTA from 2001-2002. Flynn also served on both the Orange County Public School (OCPS) Reapportionment Committee and the Superintendent's Accountability Committee in 2001. She was also a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Education. In December 2009, Ms. Flynn became a Certified Board Member through the Florida School Boards Association.

Flynn's community involvement, both past and present, includes the East Orlando Chamber of Commerce, the East Orange County Relay for Life, and the East Orange County Kiwanis Club. She is also a member of the Orange County League of Women Voters and serves on the Board of Directors for Magic Curtain Productions.

Flynn's professional career includes environmental and emergency response planning, as well as meeting planning. She has been a franchised Jazzercise Instructor with active status since 1983 and now teaches at the Waterford Lakes Jazzercise Center.

Ms. Flynn lives with her husband, Jim, in the Waterford Lakes area. They have one son, Jimmy, who is a graduate of University High School and the University of Central Florida.

I am happy to honor Daryl Flynn, during Women's History Month, for her service to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SHERI MORTON

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize the service of Sheri Morton. For over 45 years, Sheri Morton has been an active and dedicated volunteer

for progressive causes. From the peace, civil rights, and women's movements in the 1960s to voting and equal rights in the 2010s, Sheri has volunteered tens of thousands of hours to making our community, and our country, a better place to live. Sheri has been a longtime supporter of quality, affordable health care for all Americans a goal which has been the major impetus and inspiration for her extensive volunteer efforts.

Mrs. Morton began volunteering as a teenager and continued doing so throughout her time at Harvard College. She earned a Masters Degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where she was later employed. Sheri went on to become an attorney after receiving her J.D. Now retired, she continues actively volunteering and advocating for important issues, often donating more than 50 hours of service a week.

Over the years, Sheri has volunteered for over a hundred political candidates. Currently, she serves as Secretary of the Democrats of Celebration, as well as Campaign Committee Chair. She is a Precinct Committeewoman on the Osceola Democratic Executive Committee and a member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida. She is also a member of the Osceola County Library Advisory Board.

Sheri has traveled extensively. She has spent significant time in Mexico, Spain and Israel and visited Morocco, Egypt, Japan, Taiwan, China, Canada, and various European countries. These journeys have contributed to her progressive global perspective on issues.

Her volunteer work has ranged from teaching English to immigrants and tutoring a blind student in high school math to collecting food for Appalachia's needy and warm clothes for the homeless.

When her husband was asked what his biggest success has been, he did not hesitate before responding, "My wife!"

Some of Sheri's numerous current volunteer efforts include encouraging Floridians to enroll in health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and urging the state of Florida to expand Medicaid.

For Sheri, volunteering is serious business. Through good times and bad, triumphs and setbacks, Sheri has continued to volunteer, working to improve the quality of life for people in Florida, our country and the world.

I am happy to honor Sheri Morton, during Women's History Month, for her dedication to volunteering and advocacy.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF BARBARA M. JENKINS, ED.D.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize the service of Dr. Barbara Jenkins, an educator who has been serving the needs of students for more than 25 years. Dr. Jenkins was named Superintendent for Orange County Public Schools in 2012.

As the former Deputy Superintendent for Orange County, she served as the superintendent's designee, overseeing five area superintendents and the division of Teaching and Learning. In her prior tenure as Chief of Staff, she also oversaw Human Resources, Public Relations, Labor Relations, and Strategic Planning and served as the chief negotiator for the district. She also coordinated executive functions for the district and provided support to the school board.

From 1998 through 2005, she was the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school district in North Carolina. As Assistant Superintendent, she was responsible for Employee Relations, Licensure, Benefits, Information Systems, Compensation and Employment. During her time in Charlotte, she was recognized for her innovative strategies which increased equity among schools, including accelerated staffing strategies, teacher incentives, and the use of a balanced scorecard.

Dr. Jenkins received her undergraduate and doctor of education degrees from the University of Central Florida. She previously served as Senior Director for Elementary Education in Orange County, where she supervised principals and schools. She has also been a classroom teacher, staff developer, and principal.

Dr. Jenkins is a fellow of the nationally recognized Broad Urban Superintendents Academy. She was named the 2013 District Data Leader of the Year by the Florida Department of Education. In addition, she was honored with a Professional Achievement Award from the University of Central Florida College of Education and Human Performance in November 2013.

Deeply engaged in the community, Dr. Jenkins serves on the board of the United Arts of Central Florida, the Winter Park Health Foundation, the YMCA of Central Florida, the Central Florida Regional Commission on Homelessness, and the Orange County Youth Mental Health Commission. Recognizing her commitment and influence, an Orlando Sentinel-hosted survey of "informed" Central Floridians voted Dr. Jenkins the ninth most powerful person in Central Florida in December 2013. Orlando Magazine also recognized her as one of the "50 Most Powerful People in Orlando" in July 2013.

I am happy to honor Barbara Jenkins, during Women's History Month, for her dedication and commitment to education.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ROSEMARY DUROCHER

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Rosemary DuRocher. A retired Guidance Counselor, Rosemary graduated from Immaculata College, and has a Master's Degree from Rollins College and a Doctorate from the University of Florida.

During her career, Rosemary worked as a teacher in the Executive Internship Program in the Orange County Public School system and as a Counselor and Director of the Winter Park High School Guidance Department. Prior to retiring, she set up the Guidance Department at the Florida Virtual School.

While working full-time Rosemary was always active in the community. She served as President of the League of Women Voters, was appointed to serve on Governor Bob Graham's Task Force on the Criminal Justice System, and chaired a task force on Women in the County Jail.

Politics has been a lifelong interest of Rosemary. Every election season you will find her active in campaigns.

Rosemary is active in her church. She has served as Chair of the Committee on Ministry, co-chaired the Canvass Committee, and served on the interim search committee. Currently, Rosemary facilitates a discussion group at Orlando Lutheran Towers and serves on the activities committee.

Rosemary was married to Joe DuRocher for almost 51 years. She is the mother of three

children, Beth Little, John DuRocher, and Mike DuRocher, and the grandmother of two.

I am happy to honor Rosemary DuRocher, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF DR. ALEJANDRO ZAFFARONI

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of an extraordinary American, Dr. Alejandro Zaffaroni, who passed away peacefully at his home in Atherton, California, at the age of 91.

Dr. Zaffaroni was born on February 27, 1923, in Montevideo, Uruguay. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Montevideo in 1941, and came to the United States on a Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Rochester, where he earned his Ph.D.

In 1951, after finishing an NIH Fellowship, Dr. Zaffaroni joined a privately held Mexican chemical company, Syntex. He was a major force in its transformation and brought it to the U.S., shaping it into a global pharmaceutical company located near Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. It became most known for pioneering the development of therapeutic corticosteroids and the birth control pill. Dr. Zaffaroni eventually became President of Syntex Laboratories and Director of Research.

Dr. Zaffaroni was widely hailed as not only a pioneer in the field of biotechnology, he was often referred to as the father of biotechnology in the United States and a Silicon Valley legend. His extraordinary accomplishments include the founding of the DNAX Institute, Alza Corporation, Affymax Inc., Affymetrix, Alexa Pharmaceuticals, Symyx Technologies and Maxygen.

He was the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors, including the National Medal of Technology and Innovation in 1995. He was also honored by the creation of a \$10 million financial aid program for Latin American students at Stanford University, the Alejandro and Lida Zaffaroni Scholarship and Fellowship Program, funded by colleagues who were inspired by Dr. Zaffaroni and his work. Dr. and Mrs. Zaffaroni are widely hailed for their extraordinary generosity to many humanitarian causes.

I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Zaffaroni and his family for many years. Always the consummate gentleman, he was a mentor and an inspiration to me. He was a man of great integrity, and his wise counsel and warm friendship will remain with me for a lifetime.

Dr. Zaffaroni leaves his devoted wife Lida who was always his source of inspiration and support over a lifetime, his son, Dr. Alejandro Zaffaroni, his daughter-in-law Leah, his daughter Elisa, and his two beloved grandsons, Peter and Charles.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Dr. Zaffaroni's wife, Lida, and his family. We honor this singularly brilliant man through

whom unparalleled achievements were made to treat disease and prevent suffering. These are his lasting legacies. Dr. Zaffaroni was a national treasure and his contributions to science and medicine are and always will be heralded around the world as extraordinary gifts to the betterment of humankind.

HONORING MR. DONALD SVEDMAN

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Donald L. Svedman, who has recently been inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. Mr. Svedman was born and raised in Windsor, Colorado on his grandfather's homestead. His family had both irrigated and dry-land farm ground in addition to cattle, sheep, hogs and dairy. He was active in 4-H and was named Outstanding Male 4-H member for the state of Colorado.

He entered Colorado State University, and then almost immediately joined the United States Navy for four years. Upon returning, he finished his CSU career with a degree in Animal Science. Mr. Svedman was extremely active in various clubs and organizations while at CSU. After attending CSU, he received a Master's Degree from Kansas State University. He then returned to Colorado and began a career as a County Extension Agent in Boulder, Fremont, and Custer counties for multiple years.

He was elected to Executive Secretary of the Colorado Hereford Association in 1965, and named the Manager of the Colorado State Fair in 1966 by Governor John Love. He was and is an unwavering advocate for the betterment of the Colorado State Fair and worked tirelessly to improve the fair and its facilities. Because of his efforts, he was named Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Colorado in January of 1970. He served 12 years as Deputy Commissioner and became well-known and highly respected as an asset to Colorado Agriculture. Mr. Svedman exemplifies the spirit of continued learning, service to profession, and commitment to community. I am honored to recognize him today.

HONORING THE LA VEGA ISD LADY PIRATES BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the La Vega High School girls' basketball team for winning the Texas 3A state championship title.

On February 29, 2014, the La Vega Lady Pirates played in the 3A state championship game against the Argyle Lady Eagles. The Lady Pirates won with a score of 47-42.

The opposing team had taken the lead going into halftime and carried it through a majority of the second half. The Lady Pirates never gave up hope and continued playing tough. They persevered and came through with success at the end.

There is no better way to cap off such an incredible season, in which the Lady Pirates went undefeated, than with their first ever state championship title.

La Vega's Calveion Landrum, named MVP of the game, scored her team 23 points for her team as they defeated Argyle.

The Lady Pirates' coach, Amy Gillum, was finally able to achieve the goal she started pursuing as a player at La Vega 19 years ago.

The championship was won as a result of both the players' and coach's hard work and dedication to their basketball program.

I congratulate Coach Gillum on the victory that would not have been possible without her guidance and the devotion from her players and fans.

Mr. Speaker, before I close I just want to say congratulations to an outstanding Texas District 17 high school girls' basketball team, coaching staff, fans, and community.

Go Lady Pirates.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF OMEGA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 150th anniversary of Omega Christian Church in Arcadia, Indiana. It is a pleasure to congratulate the church in celebration of this special occasion.

Omega Christian Church was founded during some of our Nation's darkest days, in 1863 during the midst of the Civil War. At the time of the church's founding, the area was known as Bethany, but later became called Omega and is now Arcadia. Exemplifying the best of the hardworking and enterprising Hoosier spirit, the residents built the church themselves using local timber. Joseph Lacy oversaw the construction, and Dr. Silas Blount gave the dedication sermon in November of 1863. It was in this humble wooden structure that Knowles Shaw (1834–1878), an early minister of the church who was a prominent evangelist and composer of religious music, wrote the hymn “Bringing in the Sheaves.”

In the years following the war, the community around Omega Christian Church began to grow and prosper. After construction was finished on the church, a sawmill, general store, resident doctor, blacksmith, and post office were also established. In 1926, sixty-three years after the completion of the original structure, the church was moved and enlarged to make room for the growing congregation. The framework and sanctuary of the church are original and are still in use today, making the Omega Christian Church the oldest building in White River Township.

The church continued to grow and expand throughout the following years, including major structural improvements. While the physical building may have changed and evolved, Omega Christian Church's mission remains the same from its founding in 1863: to serve God, to serve his people, and to be a light in the community where stability, comfort, strength, and family can be found, all in the name of Jesus Christ. Today I am proud to recognize this small country church and thank

them for their contributions to the spiritual well-being of their community. May the next 150 years be equally blessed.

DON'T SINK THE SHIP—A TALE OF TWO WWII BUDDIES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, throughout life, people come and go. Some stay for a lifetime. Some you might wonder how, out of the billions of people in the world, you end up next to them again after 90 years with everything from a war and life's triumphs in between. It's a rare occurrence, but the life story of two World War II veterans right here in Houston, Texas.

Hymie Abramson and Milton “Mittie” Tartakov celebrated birthdays together for years. They were both born on June 6th, 1924, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston. The coincidence of their birth date and place are only the beginning of their life story. Twelve years later, Mittie and Hymie found each other again on the San Jacinto High School baseball field. And that's where their true story began.

Mittie was a talented middle infielder and Hymie a utility outfielder. They stuck together through all the games, practices, and championships. Whatever event it was, they stuck by each other. Little did they know, that was only preparing them for what was to come. Shortly after graduating high school, Mittie and Hymie received their draft cards. Though it wasn't quite a surprise given the demand in WWII, going off to war is never easy to process. Questions and doubts, rightfully so, arose, and they had each other to help answer them. The first question became Army versus Navy, with many to follow. Mittie's older brother served in the Navy and Hymie's older brothers served in the Army. But they decided the U.S. Navy was for them. When Hymie questioned Mittie about how happy he was with his decision to join the Navy over the Army, he grinned and said, “We're still alive, aren't we?” That became their life motto.

During a conversation with Mittie, he smirked and said, “We were two green-faced kids fresh out of high-school, who thought we were going to San Diego for boot camp where there would be beaches, sun and girls. So we gathered what little money we had and, with the shirts on our back, planned for our travels. But the Navy had other plans, in fact, we were sent to Chicago, in the dead of winter, to train on Lake Michigan.” The two battled the brutal winter on Lake Michigan while preparing for War, having never been further from Houston than Lubbock. This was the first of many realities they would face during their service.

After training together, both Hymie and Mittie were commissioned as Aviation Machinist Mates for the same ship the USS *Savo Island*—an escort carrier departing from the Kaiser Shipyard in Astoria, Oregon, heading for the South Pacific. During this time, both men learned a lot. The USS *Savo Island* was nicknamed a “jeep carrier” because of the relatively small size of the aircraft carrier. It held 40 planes, 15 bombers called TBM Avengers, and 25 fighter planes. The Avengers were tor-

pedo bombers targeting enemy surface ships. They had internal fuel tanks in the wings for additional fuel storage that would allow them to travel farther distances. Additionally, they had Yehudi lights which were used to match the brightness of the sky creating counter-illumination camouflage. The camouflage would allow them to get closer to the enemy without being seen until they were within the 3,000 yard range. Quite a different life from the baseball field where they first “officially” met.

The journey was unpredictable for both of the men who, at this point, were basically brothers. Every day was different. One day, about 6-months into deployment, Mittie and Hymie were playing football. Given their love for sports, it was their way of unwinding but maybe not on this day. During a casual game of football, Hymie went for a pass and fell off the flight deck, causing him to break his leg. No break is a good break but the outcome for him wasn't exactly what he had hoped for. There was no other option but for him to be taken to the hospital on Tulagi Island. The two men were separated at this moment for several years.

The days weren't easy. Nights were warm and days registered around 120 degrees with the sun beaming down on the men. On those kinds of nights, Mittie would seek refuge from what felt like an inferno by sleeping on the flight deck instead of down below in the bunks. Most of the nights anyway, men would rarely sleep through the night as they always had to be on-guard: submarine attacks and bombers were a frequent occurrence. There was a critical shortage of tail-gunners during this time. The tail-gunner position was the most dangerous on the bombers. Enemy aircraft targeted this position often, as it was the most vulnerable on the plane. But Mittie volunteered for the position as a tail gunner. Courtesy of the TBM's camouflage, it was the most forward plane of the squadron, closest to the enemy and furthest from the ship. While Mittie was working as a tail-gunner down range, Hymie regained his health and was sent state-side to continue work as an aviation machinist for the remainder of the War.

The USS *Savo Island* made a remarkable journey, fighting in seven invasions. The last combat mission they fought was in Okinawa, where the ship's radar tower was hit by a kamikaze. From there, the ship sailed to Guam, and there it was repaired before traveling to Alaska for refuge. It was off the shores of Alaska when Mittie was finally told the great news: Victory over Japan. The USS *Savo Island* continued its voyage for port at Pearl Harbor. While in Hawaii, the Navy treated the men to a 6-month R and R before heading back home. But as far as Mittie was concerned, Houston, Texas, sounded more like paradise than Hawaii. Before he finally returned home, the USS *Savo Island* earned the Presidential Unit Citation—the highest honor a ship can earn. That marked the day Mittie was permitted to wear the ribbon with “the star” on his uniform.

In 1946, Mittie and Hymie were both discharged at Camp Wallace in Galveston, Texas. Shortly after being discharged, the two veterans joined A-Jayes, a young mens social club. Millie went on to attend college at the University of Houston. Upon graduation, he began working for a lumber yard, of which he eventually took ownership. He renamed it Millton's Lumber and Building Co. It was a success for 53 years.

Hymie owned Metropolitan Furniture with his brothers, where he worked on developing advertisements, design and even helped with the construction of the building. Despite everything Hymie and Mittie had in common throughout life, they chose different career paths. But that didn't come between them in any way. Both businesses were down the street from each other on Jensen Drive, and the best friends managed to eat lunch together almost every day.

The year 1953 would change both Hymie and Mittie's lives. It was the year they both met their wives, Blanch and Sally. These two women not only brought the two men closer but the two couples became best of friends. They did everything together from bowling leagues every week to traveling the country.

Five years ago, Hymie and his wife, Blanch, moved to the Hampton Post Oak. Sure enough, 2 years later, Blanch convinced Mittie to move there as well. Up until yesterday, Mittie and Hymie spent their days playing Texas Hold'em with their friends at The Hampton on Post Oak.

On March 10, 2014, Mittie went to be with the Lord. We are forever indebted to men like Mittie and Hymie for their service to America. They are the rare, special breed that has shaped our country into the great Nation we are today. They are the Greatest Generation. And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF CHARLES D. McCRARY AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF ALABAMA POWER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, with my Alabama delegation colleagues ROBERT ADERHOLT, SPENCER BACHUS, MO BROOKS, BRADLEY BYRNE, MARTHA ROBY, and TERRI SEWELL, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Charles D. McCrary. Mr. McCrary is retiring March 2014 from Alabama Power as the president and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. McCrary has served since October 25, 2001, as the 10th president and CEO of Alabama Power, which provides electricity to 1.4 million customers in Alabama. He joined Alabama Power during the summer of 1970 following his freshman year at Auburn University and has held various positions of increasing responsibility within Southern Company, including vice president for Southern Nuclear Operating Company, and later held the positions of president of Southern Company Generation, chief production officer of Southern Company and president of Southern Power Company.

Mr. McCrary was born in Birmingham in 1951. He graduated from Shades Valley High School and earned his Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Auburn University, followed by a Juris Doctor from Birmingham School of Law and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1979.

Mr. McCrary is married to the former Phyllis Brantley of Birmingham and the father of two sons, Doug and Alex.

Mr. McCrary has been an active leader in the community and state of Alabama while

serving as chairman of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama and on the boards of Regions Financial Corporation, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Inc., Protective Life Corporation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Southern Research Institute and the Auburn University Board of Trustees.

Mr. McCrary has been a coalition builder and a leader in economic development for the region and state through his vision and commitment calling for greater cooperation between cities, counties and business leaders. He was instrumental in bringing several large industries, to Alabama, including automotive, aerospace and steel manufacturers.

He implemented Target Zero, a safety program to ensure employees are properly trained and equipped to do their jobs safely, and the program has become a model for the utility industry. Mr. McCrary led the company and its customers through some of its greatest natural-disaster challenges, including Hurricane Ivan in 2004, which caused the largest number of outages in company history (825,701); Hurricane Katrina in 2005 with 636,891 outages; and the tornado disaster on April 27, 2011 with 412,000 outages. He made the decision to publicly announce restoration commitments after storms, a move that allowed the company to communicate to customers when they could expect to have power restored, making that practice standard today.

Mr. McCrary worked closely with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and managers to strengthen the relationship between the IBEW and management. He helped change the culture so management and labor have a mutual respect, creating a united front on behalf of all employees for various initiatives, including safety, employee morale and customer satisfaction and providing a business model throughout the industry.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and the entire Alabama Delegation in thanking Charles McCrary for his tireless dedication to Alabama Power. His service to our state is an inspiration. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be in Washington on March 4 through March 6, 2014 for votes because of the inclement weather and meetings in the district with the Secretary of Energy and EPA Administration.

If I had been here, I would have voted as follows:

On passage of the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, as amended, I would have voted "yes."

On passage of the resolution supporting the people of Venezuela as they protest peacefully for democratic change and calling to end the violence, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 3826, the Electricity Security and Affordability Act, and H.R. 4118, the SIMPLE Fairness Act, I would have voted "no."

On H. Res. 497, the resolution providing the rule for H.R. 3826 and H.R. 4118, I would have voted "no."

On the U.S.-Israel Strategic Partnership Act, as Amended, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 4118, I would have voted "yes."

On passage of H.R. 4118, I would have voted "no."

On passage of the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 2824, the Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act, and H.R. 2641, the RAPID Act, I would have voted "no."

On H. Res. 501, the resolution providing the rule for H.R. 2824 and H.R. 2641, I would have voted "no."

On the Smith of Texas and Schweikert Amendment, I would have voted "no."

On the Capps/McNerney Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Schakowsky/Lowenthal Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Waxman Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 3826, I would have voted "yes."

On final passage of H.R. 3826, I would have voted "no."

On the Motion to Table H. Res. 504, I would have voted "no."

On the Jackson-Lee Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the McKinley Amendment, I would have voted "no."

On the Nadler Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Johnson of Georgia Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 2641, I would have voted "yes."

On final passage of H.R. 2641, I would have voted "no."

On passage to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, I would have voted "yes."

BROWN'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Brown University's 250th birthday.

Since 1764, the crown jewel of Rhode Island's higher education has been turning out scholars, thinkers, researchers, and leaders. Few of the sixty original signatories to the Brown charter could have conceived of where the university would stand today. Brunonians today lead the world in particle physics, neurology, renewable energy, and many other disciplines that two and a half centuries ago seemed beyond human comprehension.

As a lifelong citizen of Rhode Island, I am especially proud that our values of intellectual freedom and religious tolerance are reflected in Brown University. The mission of the university remains as relevant as ever: "To serve the community, the nation and the world by discovering, communicating and preserving knowledge in a spirit of free inquiry, and by educating and preparing students to discharge the offices of life with usefulness and reputation."

Perhaps inspired by these heady words, many graduates have chosen a life of public service. This includes Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen; Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez; Governors Maggie Hassan, Jack Markell, Bobby Jindal, and Rhode Island's own Lincoln Chafee; as well my colleague, Congressman CICILLINE.

In addition to the many individual contributions Brunonians have made to the civic community, Brown has been, itself, a leader among institutions of higher education. The New Curriculum is a model for academic exploration that encourages students to take intellectual risks and reflect deeply about their scholarly choices. These values can be seen in the exemplary Program in Liberal Medical Education, an innovative synthesis of traditional and professional courses of study, and in the University Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice, which examined the connections between the school's namesake family and the slave trade.

For the past 250 years, Brown has stood as a shining example of the success of free inquiry and the powers of creative discovery. Under President Christina Paxson's leadership, Brown is continuing to build on her past successes and remains a global leader in education. Just as her founders could not have envisioned the breadth of research being done today, I am excited to see what new fields Brown will lead in the future.

I join all of my Rhode Island colleagues in wishing Brown well on her 250th Birthday, as we all look forward to even greater things to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BEURT R. SERVAAS, M.D.

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Beurt R. SerVaas of Indianapolis, Indiana. He passed away on February 2, 2014, at the age of 94. Beurt was an exceptional civil servant, businessman and philanthropist who was devoted to bettering the city he loved. He served both Indianapolis and his country with integrity and honor.

A lifelong Hoosier and resident of Indianapolis, Beurt graduated from Shortridge High School and later from Indiana University. After completing his degree, he bravely served in the United States Navy during the Second World War as a member of the American Intelligence Command's Office of Strategic Services in China. He later continued his service to

our nation as a member of the newly formed Central Intelligence Agency.

Returning to Indianapolis, Beurt began his storied career as a businessman in 1949 when he purchased his first company. Over the following decades, he would buy and sell nearly fifty businesses in Indiana and around the world, including the venerable Saturday Evening Post. An avid learner, he obtained his M.D. in his forties from the university he helped create, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Beurt SerVaas exemplified the best of the Hoosier spirit: hard work, determination and entrepreneurship.

Beurt was not only a business leader, but also a civic leader whose work fundamentally shaped the city of Indianapolis. Along with then-Mayor Richard Lugar, he was instrumental in the creation of Unigov, the government consolidation that expanded the boundaries of Indianapolis to include all of Marion County. After the transition, Beurt served on the City County Council for forty years, including twenty-seven as the president, and served under four different mayors. I was immensely proud to work with Beurt during my time as Deputy Mayor of Indianapolis. He was always kind and generous, and he provided invaluable guidance on how to keep the residents of Indianapolis safe and secure.

Dr. Beurt SerVaas is an irreplaceable pillar of the Indianapolis community whose legacy will continue to inspire Hoosiers for generations to come. Without his tireless devotion and visionary leadership, Indianapolis would not be the world-class city it is today. He brought the world's attention to his beloved hometown and helped Indianapolis compete on the global stage. My condolences and well wishes go out to his wife, Cory Jane SerVaas, his five children, his nineteen grandchildren, and his two great-grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

SUSPENDING THE INDIVIDUAL
MANDATE PENALTY LAW
EQUALS FAIRNESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, the more we learn about the President's healthcare law, the more the facts show it's hurting more than it's helping.

The President said premiums would go down by two thousand dollars, but instead his chief actuary finally admitted that premiums will go up for two-thirds of Americans working for small businesses.

While the administration continues to provide delay after delay, admitting that the law is unworkable, they continue to let the individual mandate take effect. Millions of people will be hit with a mandate and new financial penalties, while losing the coverage they like, not being able to see the doctors they want, and facing higher premiums and out of pocket costs. Why is the administration willing to give big businesses a delay but not do anything to help hardworking Americans? Today, we have an opportunity to also delay the individual mandate in order to protect all Americans.

Minnesotans needed genuine healthcare reform before President Obama signed his healthcare law—and they still do now. It's time to act and spare the American people of Obamacare's costly and burdensome mandates and enact true, bipartisan healthcare reform that improves quality, increases choice, and reduces costs.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCKFORD
RESCUE MISSION ON THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rockford Rescue Mission in Rockford, Illinois, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Rockford Rescue Mission first opened in 1964 with a sign on the door reading "All are welcome here. The alcoholic, the addict, the stranger, the sojourner, the pilgrim, the poor. There is hope for all who enter here." Over the last 50 years, Rockford Rescue Mission has continued to open its doors to those in our community who need help, operating 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. The Mission offers meals, short term housing, and prevention and recovery services for addictions, abuse and destructive relations.

In one year, Rockford Rescue Mission provides almost 60,000 nights of lodging and over 160,000 meals, as well as more than 10,000 counseling sessions to people all across northern Illinois. The Mission relies on private donations and support from over 500 volunteers annually providing almost 45,000 hours of service.

Mr. Speaker, I again congratulate Rockford Rescue Mission for reaching this impressive milestone. I want to thank them for their incredible efforts over the past 50 years and their continued dedication to providing services to those in need in our community.