

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 Reasearch.

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.