

path in professional sports, the broadcasting industry and the investment and philanthropic world.

As a kicker for the Los Angeles Rams, Danny was one of the first Latino players in the National Football League. His successful and record-breaking career there, and later with the Dallas Cowboys, helped open the door to a sportscaster job with the KMEX television station in Los Angeles, which at the time was a fledgling Spanish-language broadcaster. Today, KMEX serves as the West Coast flagship for the Univision network.

But Danny didn't just stand in front of the KMEX camera, he stood behind it as a journalist, a news director, a general manager and its President. He eventually became an owner of KMEX and the network which we know as Univision. In all those roles, he committed himself to serving the community of Los Angeles. Whether it was broadcasting that was happening in the city through a Latino lens or raising funds to help new immigrant families, or victims of natural disaster, Danny was their voice and their advocate. And, putting his money where his mouth is, he became one of LA's true philanthropists.

Even after he retired from broadcasting, his passion for philanthropic work continued through his founding of an investment firm focused on helping small and family businesses and the establishment of a scholarship fund at his alma mater New Mexico State University. He and Myrna remained actively involved in many charitable causes throughout his life.

Danny was a leader, an innovator, a loving husband and father and an incredible example to many of us of a man determined to do good as he did well. Without Danny, the Spanish-language news and broadcasting industry in the U.S. would not be what it is today. Without Danny, there would be no Univision, no Telemundo or many of the other broadcasting giants that exist today.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here today and share some of Danny Villanueva's successes because they are not just his, they belong to us all. For anyone who aspires to the American Dream, Danny's life and legacy show us that with hard work, compassion and a sense of humor, anything is possible. Danny will remain in our hearts not only as a friend, but as a champion to his family, his community and to all the little guys who believe in hard work and relentless effort.

To Myrna, Danny Jr. and Jim, we extend our warmest affection and gratitude for sharing with us this champion of America. Through our collective success we will do justice to the memory of Daniel Dario Villanueva.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week the House voted on H.R. 1190, the Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act. Although I was not present for the vote, I wanted to make my position on this bill clear. While I strongly support repeal of the Independent Payment Advisory Board, or IPAB, and have long supported bipartisan legislation to do so, I would have voted against this bill due to the

attachment of a partisan and misguided amendment that undermines another important piece of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

I share the concern of many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle that the IPAB relinquishes control of Medicare provider reimbursements to an unelected group, which is problematic to me for a number of reasons. Congress has helped shape a Medicare system that reflects the unique care needs of varying demographics, and differences between regions and states. Further, this system has been developed with transparency and accountability in congressional debates. And, reforms like better coordination of care and enhanced waste, fraud, and abuse abatement measures have already helped slow Medicare spending to historic lows.

Since the enactment of the ACA, the Congressional Budget Office has consistently found that other measures in the law have helped keep health care spending at record lows. While I remain committed to strengthening Medicare's finances for current and future generations, I do not believe that IPAB is the best strategy to achieve this goal. While annual spending bills passed by Congress over the last several years have denied funding to support IPAB thus rendering it inoperable, I agree that the best course of action would be to remove it entirely from the law. That is why I have consistently cosponsored bipartisan legislation to do just that.

I am disappointed, therefore, that the Republican-led House chose to take a highly bipartisan bill and turn it, once again, into a highly partisan vehicle to further undermine a key component of the ACA. The amendment that was added to the bill as it headed to the floor would tie repeal to gutting the Prevention and Public Health Fund section of the law. Funds from this section of the ACA go towards Alzheimer's Disease Prevention Education and Outreach, towards the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, to the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program, and to the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention fund, among other programs in 2015 alone.

I strongly support the ACA and its implementation, but agree with many of my colleagues that it is by no means perfect. It is time for this chamber to work on a truly bipartisan basis to strengthen and improve the law. I stand ready to work across the aisle to repeal IPAB and to make other commonsense changes to the law—but hope that we can do so in a thoughtful and balanced way, which unfortunately this bill did not.

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#### HONORING ALBERTA LENTE

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alberta Lente, a respected elder and patriarch of a proud family from the Pueblo of Isleta.

Alberta had amazing role models in her parents, Esquipula and Juanita Jojola, who raised nine children while maintaining several jobs. Coming from a big family meant that Alberta had to make sacrifices. She started attending business school aspiring to one day work as

a professional secretary, but her father urged her to come home and help with the household finances.

The news was devastating for Alberta, but she forged forward, knowing that her family needed her support. She put her dreams on hold, came home, and took on the role of primary caregiver for the family. From 1945 to 1984, Alberta worked as a seamstress for the famous "Tiwa Weavers" and later went on to work for the Pueblo of Isleta Elder Center as a delivery driver and site manager all while caring for her children and younger siblings.

She never failed to carry out her commitment to her family. Every morning, Alberta would wake up and catch the 6:30 a.m. bus from Isleta Pueblo to work. On a typical day she would not return home until 7:00 p.m. and always made sure she had enough groceries to feed the family. Often her children would find her up in the middle of night fixing dolls or clothing, trying to earn extra money for the family.

At age 93, Alberta has no plans to slow down any time soon. Incredibly, she has won more than 80 medals in soccerkicks, shuffleboard and many more events in the New Mexico Senior Olympics. Today, Alberta prepares for her 5th National Senior Olympics and hopes to add a second Gold medal to her collection.

It is clear that Alberta's zest for life is endless and her dedication to her family is one of a kind. She reminds us to cherish our family, fight for those we love, and continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. Alberta is truly a remarkable woman, and I join all her family and friends in celebrating her accomplishments.

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#### FIRST LIEUTENANT CLAYTON NATTIER

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor First Lieutenant Clayton Nattier, Army Air Corps, and United States Air Force for his service to our country.

First Lieutenant Nattier served in the United States Army Air Corps from January 1942 to December 1945. During his time as a pilot, he served in the United Kingdom with the 1st Bomb Division, 8th Air Force, 306th Bomb Group, and 369th Bomb Squadron.

During his 16th combat mission, in September 1944, his B-17 aircraft was badly damaged by enemy anti-aircraft fire, and the crew was unable to control a fire in the cockpit. At that time, he and five other crew members parachuted out of the aircraft mid-flight. Lieutenant Nattier was captured by enemy forces and sent to the German Prisoner of War camp, Stalag Luft I in Barth, Western Pomerania (Prussia) after spending three weeks in a German hospital. The Prisoner of War camp was liberated by the Russian Army on April 30, 1945, and in December 1945 he separated from active duty. Lieutenant Nattier continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves until 1952.

His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart Medal, the Air Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Prisoner of War