

This latest presidential election is further proof of the Taiwanese people's enduring commitment to the ideas of freedom, self-determination and self-government. These principles are the foundation on which both our nations were built, providing the basis for long-term peace and prosperity.

Taiwan is also an important friend and strategic economic and security partner of the United States. We should celebrate the reaffirmation of the ties that bind our two countries.

I look forward to working together with Taiwan's new government to further strengthen the U.S.-Taiwan relationship.

DAYSIAH MCPHERSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Daysiah McPherson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Daysiah McPherson is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daysiah McPherson 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 Daysiah McPherson 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.

KARI'S LAW ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2016

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4167, Kari's Law Act of 2015.

H.R. 4167 addresses a very serious problem. The bill requires Multi-Line Telephone Systems to provide direct dialing to 9-1-1. The bill is named after Kari Hunt who was tragically murdered by her estranged husband in a hotel room while her daughter tried and failed to dial 9-1-1 because the Multi-Line Telephone System required a prefix to be dialed first.

When you dial 9-1-1 from a hotel or office—when seconds matters—you shouldn't have to dial "9" or some other prefix to get help. I strongly support the overall goals of this bill.

However, location accuracy for Multi-Line Telephone Systems is just as important. First responders have to know exactly where an individual is calling from, especially if the caller is unable to communicate to the dispatcher, or the caller simply doesn't know where they are. If first responders have to spend time searching buildings, going door to door, that can be the difference between life and death.

During the subcommittee and full committee markups of H.R. 4167, I offered an amendment to require a location accuracy proceeding at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) within 180 days of enactment of the bill. Unfortunately, my Republican colleagues did not agree to accept my amendment, and instead proposed language requiring the FCC to conduct a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) to solicit public comment on requiring location accuracy for Multi-Line Telephone Systems. I did not accept this proposal because I do not think an NOI moves the ball forward. That view is shared by the FCC and the public safety community. Ultimately, I withdrew my amendment following a commitment from the Chairman of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee, Representative GREG WALDEN that he would work with me on location accuracy technology.

The FCC has studied location accuracy technology for Multi-Line Telephone Systems since 1994, and as recently as 2012 Congress directed the FCC to issue a Public Notice Seeking Comment on the feasibility of Multi-Line Telephone Systems to provide the precise location of a 911 caller. This was included in Section 6504(b) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 and was modeled on legislation I introduced with my colleague and fellow co-chair of the NextGen 9-1-1 Caucus, Representative SHIMKUS, known as the Next Generation 911 Advancement Act of 2012.

Despite the extensive history surrounding location accuracy, the FCC has failed to take action to require this essential technology in Multi-Line Telephone Systems. To wait any longer for action is simply an excuse and a costly one because lives are at stake.

I recently introduced H.R. 5236, the Requesting Emergency Services and Providing Origination Notification Systems Everywhere (RESPONSE) Act, which would require the Federal Communications Commission to complete a proceeding requiring all Multi-Line Telephone Systems to provide first responders with the precise location of a 9-1-1 caller. I'm hopeful my colleagues will work with me to pass this important bill.

Although H.R. 4167 does not address the critical issue of location accuracy, it is nonetheless a step in the right direction that will save lives and make real progress. For these reasons I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4167.

RECOGNIZING COLORADO'S
FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MILITARY APPOINTMENTS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this year's Military Appointees from Colorado's Fourth Congressional district. America's brave men and women in uniform have always been our nation's greatest asset. These individuals make an incredible sacrifice for our country and they deserve our utmost support for their service. It is with great pleasure that I endorse the following individuals to attend some of our nation's most prestigious institutions.

To the United States Air Force Academy, I nominate Jack Beebe, Kelly Grier, Rebecca Kholos, and Andrew Voydat.

To the United States Merchant Marine Academy, I nominate Micah Grissom and Kyleigh Kappas.

To the United States Military Academy, I nominate Angus Pfister-Paradice and Levi Walters.

To the United States Naval Academy, I nominate Andriann Oakley.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. They, and their families, should be commended. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to these individuals.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize these appointees for their commitment to protect and serve our nation.

CONGRATULATING LISA NIEVES

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lisa Nieves on earning the 2016 Illinois Mother of the Year award.

Over eighty years ago, a group of powerful moms, including Eleanor Roosevelt and Mamie Eisenhower, started American Mothers to champion the importance of motherhood and recognize mothers for their leadership at home, at work, and in the world.

Each year, American Mothers honors one outstanding mother in each state. This year, Lisa was chosen as the Illinois Mother of the Year. I am proud to represent Lisa and the many hard-working moms in my district.

As a mother of five, Lisa spends the majority of her time shuttling her children to and from dance lessons, music lessons, and tumbling classes. While she has very little time to spare, she selflessly uses her free time to help empower young women by putting on local pageants to teach girls the importance of self-confidence.

I am thankful for the many important contributions and sacrifices mothers like Lisa make every day. She is more than deserving of the Mother of the Year award and I wish her and her family many happy years to come.

H.R. 5003, "IMPROVING CHILD NUTRITION AND EDUCATION ACT OF 2016"

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, Chairman KLINE and Ranking Member SCOTT, I regret that I could not be present for the Education and Workforce Committee's full committee markup of H.R. 5003 on May 18th, 2016 due to the death of my nephew, a beloved minister who worked tirelessly to provide services to many struggling families across the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas.

As a senior member of the Education and Workforce Committee and a longtime champion of federal child nutrition programs, I believe that Congress must reauthorize federal