

LAKWOOD BRICK AND TILE
COMPANY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lakewood Brick and Tile Company for being honored with the Pioneer Award by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

The Pioneer Award is given to a Jefferson County company that provides standards for other businesses to follow and must demonstrate significant and sustained growth contributing to Jefferson County's economy.

Lakewood Brick and Tile Company has manufactured clay bricks in Jefferson County since 1932. You can find their products in everything from downtown residential lofts, school, libraries and the tallest skyscrapers in the world.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lakewood Brick and Tile Company for receiving this prestigious award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your many years of service to the Jefferson County community.

TRIBUTE TO SUNY PLATTSBURGH
DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Women's Ice Hockey Team of the State University of New York at Plattsburgh for winning this year's NCAA Division III National Championship.

Winning their third national title was the capstone on a remarkable season. The team finished the season with a record of 28–1–1, setting a new school record for wins and tying the NCAA Division III record. The team also set records for fewest goals allowed in a season (19), fewest goals allowed per game (0.63) and lowest goals-against average (0.63).

The team included three American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) All Americans: Sydney Aveson, Allison Era and Shannon Stewart. Ms. Aveson was also recognized with the AHCA Laura Hurd Award for the Division III Women's Hockey National Player of the Year.

In his 11th season with the team, Head Coach Kevin Houle was named the AHCA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year, his second in a row and fifth during his coaching career.

Let me also add that I attended the championship game with my wife and two friends. It was exciting to be part of such an enthusiastic crowd cheering on these tremendous student athletes.

With their record-setting season, the SUNY Plattsburgh Women's Ice Hockey Team has earned the enduring support of thousands of loyal fans in their region and a special place in NCAA history. The great character these players have shown makes them worthy ex-

amples for young athletes across northern New York and throughout the nation.

HONORING THE JACKSON ALUMNAE
CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA
THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a public service sorority who is rich in its heritage and rich in its depth of leadership and services. The chapter is a member of the largest of sororities organized by African American women. Initially, the chapter was listed under the nomenclature of Alpha Chi Sigma Chapter.

The idea of organizing the chapter in Mississippi grew out of a group of close friends who had been active members of undergraduate chapters in other states: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Ohio and Texas. They needed eight Deltas to charter the chapter and after a long delay, on May 3, 1941; Clara Marjorie Allen, Willie Dobbs Blackburn, Elsie Whitiker Blackman, Emily Johnson Hall, Thelma Weathers Johnson, Lorraine G. Crawford, Nellie Burbridge Williams, and Aurelia Norris Young made history. The chartering ceremony was held in the home of Aurelia Norris Young with the Southern Regional Director, Helen "Dolly" Work, conducting the ceremony. Aurelia Norris Young was elected the first Chapter President. Since the chapter's chartering, these ladies of vision have attracted many well-known women and outstanding students to become members of the sisterhood.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for their dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING BOSMA ENTERPRISES
AND THE ABILITYONE
PROGRAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of a great Indiana organization, Bosma Enterprises. Bosma, working through the AbilityOne Program, has helped thousands of Hoosiers who are blind or visually impaired and is Indiana's largest employer of people with vision loss.

AbilityOne is an initiative to help people who are blind or have other significant disabilities. For over 75 years this critical program has helped thousands of Americans find employment by working within a network of nonprofit agencies that sell products and services to the U.S. government. More than 700 Hoosiers in 2013 alone were served through Community and Center-Based Services at Bosma. These services helped them achieve a greater level of independence and self-esteem and allowed

many people to gain employment in good paying jobs in central Indiana.

I have had the opportunity to visit Bosma Enterprises and see first-hand the impact that the AbilityOne program is having in the lives of so many Hoosiers. Nearly 60 percent of all employees at Bosma Enterprises are blind or visually impaired. One such employee is Preston Richardson. Preston lost his sight in 1988 and after several years of struggling with his disability was officially diagnosed in 1997. It was then that he found Bosma Enterprises, where he went to work in production. Preston's handwork and dedication enabled him to excel at Bosma, becoming the first visually-impaired employee in the customer service department. Preston was then promoted to account manager with the sales team where he now manages over 300 state and national accounts.

The largest AbilityOne contracts Bosma holds are with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Bosma supplies all of the VA hospitals and clinics with examination and surgical gloves. These contracts provide job opportunities to people who are blind or visually impaired while also providing the VA with the resources they need to take care of America's veterans.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in recognizing the life changing work done every day by the men and women of Bosma Enterprises and the importance of the AbilityOne program. They have helped improve the lives of Hoosiers throughout the 6th District and central Indiana by enabling them to learn skills, find employment, and lead a more independent and fulfilling life. The dedication and commitment of AbilityOne employees is an example we can all aspire to. They have helped strengthen our communities and make the state of Indiana a better place to live.

MARTIN/MARTIN CONSULTING
ENGINEERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Martin/Martin Consulting Engineers for being honored with the Genesis Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

The Genesis Award is given to a Jefferson County company which contributes to the economic vitality in Jefferson County through leadership, innovation, facilitation and collaboration within and outside Jefferson County.

Martin/Martin Consulting Engineers, operating in Colorado since 1940, is a full service civil and structural engineering and surveying firm. The company experienced steady growth over the years and recently added 23 high paying jobs in Jefferson County, Colorado.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Martin/Martin Consulting Engineers for receiving this prestigious award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your many years of service to the Jefferson County community.

REMEMBERING JEANNETTE M.
FORTUNATO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Jeannette M. Fortunato, who passed away on January 24, 2014, at the tender age of eighty. Jeannette was born on May 12, 1933, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Steve and Edith Glazzy. Jeannette enjoyed cooking and bird watching, but most of all, she loved the time she spent with her family.

Jeannette led an exemplary life of service and dedication. She was a member of New Life Lutheran Church in Liberty, where she taught as a Sunday School Teacher and later joined Zion Lutheran Church. Not only did Jeannette touch the lives of those in the church community, she was incredibly loved by her family and friends.

Jeannette has joined her loving parents, Steve and Edith. She will be missed by a countless number of people in the community, and most of all by her husband of 58 years, Louis Fortunato, Jr., her children, Louis Fortunato III, David Fortunato and Lee Ann Fortunato-Heltzel, her grandchildren, Lynn, Rich, Nick, Chris, and Danielle, her great-grandson, Landon, her sister, Betty Schumacher, and her brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Dorothy Glazzy.

Jeannette was an extraordinary woman, and will live on in the hearts and minds of those she has touched. The state of Ohio lost an outstanding citizen and her community will miss her dearly.

IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION
494, REAFFIRMING THE TAI-
WAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of House Resolution 494, a bill to reaffirm the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979.

I am proud to say I have long supported the Taiwan-American relationship, perhaps longer

than most Members of Congress serving today. In fact, I cosponsored H. Res. 494 on March 13 of this year, exactly 35 years to the day after I voted in this chamber to support the original Taiwan Relations Act in 1979.

At that time, during the height of the Cold War, the United States was an essential ally and friend of Taiwan. Even as our nation sought to normalize relations with Mainland China, we were not about to abandon friends and allies, going back to the darkest days of World War II.

It was our hope then, and it remains our hope today, that Taiwan and Mainland China will peacefully resolve their differences. Thanks in part to the Taiwan Relations Act, Taiwan has enjoyed decades of peace and freedom as a successful representative Democracy.

Today, Taiwan's rightfully boasts of clean air and water, the rule of law in commerce and government, and enjoys a prosperous industry.

More than a political ally, Taiwan is also a vitally important American trade partner. In 2012, exports to Taiwan from my own State of Minnesota were valued at \$489 million a year. This makes Taiwan the 5th largest Asian export market and the 10th largest export market for Minnesota worldwide.

As Taiwan and Mainland China have gradually strengthened their economic ties, Taiwan has become a vital front door to the massive Mainland Chinese market of 1.3 billion people and to additional markets throughout East Asia.

Minnesota and the United States benefit from this relationship. Business, Industry, and Labor welcome Taiwanese investment and trade in Minnesota, as well as the opportunity to expand our export markets worldwide.

By passing House Resolution 494, it is my hope that we can build upon these past successes, and reaffirm our continued political and economic support in this Congress for Taiwan.

LEGISLATION REGARDING
UKRAINE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today express my strong support for today's pending legislation on Ukraine.

These two important pieces of legislation are similar in many respects to the Ukraine Support Act, which was adopted by the House with overwhelming bipartisan support last week. These measures will provide much-needed assistance to the government and people of Ukraine in the wake of Russia's illegal invasion and occupation of Crimea. They complement IMF efforts to restore the health of Ukraine's economy. They will support free and fair presidential elections in May, and they will expand funding for efforts to fight corruption and strengthen democratic institutions, the rule of law, and civil society in Ukraine. Just as importantly, the legislation condemns Russia's illegal invasion and occupation of Crimea and provides for additional sanctions if President Putin does not reverse course. With Russian forces now consolidating their control of Crimea and with tens of thousands of additional Russian troops threateningly massed on Ukraine's eastern border, we must remain resolute in calling on Russia to withdraw its troops and to engage in constructive dialogue with the Ukrainian government. In addition, any diplomatic effort to resolve the crisis must include the full participation of Ukrainian government representatives. Continued Russian refusal to meet these basic conditions must be met with additional sanctions.

Mr. Speaker, I commend colleagues from both sides of the aisle and from both Houses, and in particular Chairman ROYCE and Ranking Member ENGEL, who have worked so quickly to pass legislation that reaffirms the United States' longstanding support for the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine. These measures send a clear signal to the people of Ukraine and other countries in the region that we will continue to support the principle that countries must be free to choose their own paths, free from outside pressure.