

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING L.F. "SANDY" SAMS,
JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate L.F. "Sandy" Sams, Jr., who is retiring after a successful career at the Mitchell, McNutt & Sams law firm in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Sandy is a lifelong Mississippian who was born in Meridian, Mississippi, and later moved to West Point, Mississippi. After high school, he attended the University of Mississippi for undergrad and then returned to the University for Law School, where he graduated with honors. Sandy served our Nation in the United States Army as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate in the U.S. Army XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After his service, he returned to West Point to practice law. In 1971, he officially began his career in Tupelo with the Mitchell McNutt law firm.

Sandy Sams is a remarkable Mississippian, and it is individuals like him that make Mississippi and America great. I wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING RYAN DEHAAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan DeHaan. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ryan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan DeHaan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MATHNASIUM OF LITTLETON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mathnasium

of Littleton, and its owner Suzie Shride, on being awarded the West Metro Chamber of Commerce Woman-Owned Business of the Year Award.

Opened in 2015 by Suzie Shride, the supplemental education franchise in Littleton started with six students and has now grown to serve over 175 students. In 2019, Mathnasium of Littleton was the number one Mathnasium Center in Colorado based on revenue, student count, and parent satisfaction.

Suzie is an active member of south Jefferson County, investing significantly in her community and partnering with a variety of local organizations. Over the past two years, she and the Mathnasium of Littleton have donated nearly \$50,000 to Jefferson County Public Schools and the Jefferson County Schools Foundation as well as thousands of dollars to Littleton and Denver Public Schools.

In 2018, Suzie created the Junior Instructor Program which contributes to the leadership of dozens of fourth through eighth grade students each year. She serves as a board member for the West Metro Chamber, the Chamber foundation, and is a part of the Leadership Jeffco Alumni Association. She was instrumental in creating the Women in Business and South Jeffco Professionals at the Chamber.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mathnasium of Littleton and Suzie Shride for this well-deserved recognition and thank you for your continued contribution to our community.

COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, this February we recognize and celebrate the 42nd commemoration of Black History Month.

This month we celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the history of our great nation, and pay tribute to trailblazers, pioneers, heroes, and leaders like the 44th President of the United States and First Lady, Barack Obama and Michelle Obama, respectively; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; U.S. Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce; U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland; Astronauts Dr. Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr. and Mae C. Jemison; activists, intellectuals, authors, artists, and entrepreneurs like Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, James Baldwin, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Gwendolyn Brooks, Shonda Rhimes, Ava DuVernay, Oprah Winfrey, and Super Bowl LIV winning quarterback Patrick Mahomes and National Football League Most Valuable Player Lamar Jackson, just to name a few of the countless number of well-known and unsung heroes whose contributions have helped our nation become a more perfect union.

The history of the United States has been marked by the great contributions of African American activists, leaders, writers, and artists.

As a member of Congress, I know that I stand on the shoulders of giants like Shirley Chisholm, John Conyers, JOHN LEWIS, Ronald Dellums, and Barbara Jordan whose struggles and triumphs made it possible for me to stand here today and continue the fight for equality, justice, and progress for all, regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

The greatest of these giants to me are Mrs. Ivalita "Ivy" Jackson, a vocational nurse, and Mr. Ezra A. Jackson, one of the first African Americans to succeed in the comic book publishing business.

They were my beloved parents and they taught me the value of education, hard work, discipline, perseverance, and caring for others.

And I am continually inspired by Dr. Elwyn Lee, my husband and the first tenured African American law professor at the University of Houston.

Madam Speaker, I particularly wish to acknowledge the contributions of African American veterans in defending from foreign aggressors and who by their courageous examples helped transform our nation from a segregated society to a nation committed to the never-ending challenge of perfecting our union.

Several years ago about this time, I was honored to join Congressmen JOHN LEWIS and former Congressman Charles Rangel, a Korean War veteran, in paying tribute to surviving members of the Tuskegee Airmen and the 555th Parachute Infantry, the famed "Triple Nickels" at a moving ceremony sponsored by the U.S. Army commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The success of the Tuskegee Airmen in escorting bombers during World War II—achieving one of the lowest loss records of all the escort fighter groups and being in constant demand for their services by the allied bomber units—is a record unmatched by any other fighter group.

So impressive and astounding were the feats of the Tuskegee Airmen that in 1948, it helped persuade President Harry Truman to issue his famous Executive Order No. 9981, which directed equality of treatment and opportunity in all of the United States Armed Forces and led to the end of racial segregation in the U.S. military forces.

It is a source of enormous and enduring pride that my father-in-law, Phillip Ferguson Lee, was one of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Clearly, what began as an experiment to determine whether "colored" soldiers' were capable of operating expensive and complex combat aircraft ended as an unqualified success based on the experience of the Tuskegee Airmen, whose record included 261 aircraft destroyed, 148 aircraft damaged, 15,553 combat sorties and 1,578 missions over Italy and North Africa.

They also destroyed or damaged over 950 units of ground transportation and escorted more than 200 bombing missions.

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They proved that “the antidote to racism is excellence in performance,” as retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter once remarked.

Madam Speaker, Black History Month is also a time to remember many pioneering women like U.S. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; activists Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks; astronaut Mae C. Jemison; mathematicians like Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson authors Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks; all of whom have each in their own way, whether through courageous activism, cultural or intellectual contributions, or artistic creativity, forged social and political change, and forever changed our great Nation for the better.

It is also fitting, Madam Speaker, that in addition to those national leaders who contributions have made our nation better, we honor also those who have and are making a difference in their local communities.

In my home city of Houston, there are numerous men and women who are great because they have heeded the counsel of Dr. King who said:

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

By that measure, I wish to pay tribute to some of the great men and women who help to make Houston the wonderful, dynamic, vibrant, inclusive, and progressive city that it is.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us pay tribute to those who have come before us, and pay forward to future generations by addressing what is the number one issue for African American families, and all American families today: preserving the American promise of economic opportunity for all.

Our immediate focus must be to work ‘For The People’ for job creation, and enacting legislation that will foster and lay the foundation for today’s and tomorrow’s generation of groundbreaking activists, leaders, scientists, writers and artists to continue contributing to the greatness of America.

We must continue to preserve the American Dream for all.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to stand here in celebration of the heroic and historic acts of African Americans and their indispensable contributions to this great Nation.

It is through our work in creating possibilities for today and future generations that we best honor the accomplishments and legacy of our predecessors.

HONORING LAUREN ACKERMAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lauren Ackerman for her dedicated service to our community as the Proprietor of Ackerman Heritage House.

Ms. Ackerman was born in Los Angeles, California where she attended the University of Southern California and attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations and Business. She then attended Pepperdine University, completing a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Strategic Mar-

keting and Entrepreneurship. Currently serving on the City of Napa General Plan Advisory Council (GPAC) 2040; her most notable contribution to the Napa community came when Ms. Ackerman bought and restored an historic property in downtown Napa, a Queen Anne Victorian home originally designed by acclaimed architect Luther Turton. The property is now celebrating its 130th anniversary, and the restoration done by Ms. Ackerman won a 2019 Preservation Design Award for Restoration.

This achievement alone warrants recognition, but Ms. Ackerman’s contribution to our community is not limited to the Heritage House. She plays a very active role in our community in many other ways. Ms. Ackerman serves as chair of the board for both the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts, and the Napa Valley Community Foundation. She is also on the board for the Napa Valley Film Festival, The Society of Fellows and the Board Advancement Committee for the Culinary Institute of America, among others. Lauren Ackerman is an advocate for Women in Business and determined to maintain the history of Napa through the contribution of the Ackerman Heritage House.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Ackerman is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. Her astounding level of community involvement and commitment to preserving the history and culture of our community is noteworthy. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Lauren Ackerman here today.

HONORING FRANKLIN DOWNTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Franklin Downton. Franklin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Franklin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Franklin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Franklin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Franklin Downton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Red Rocks Community College on being awarded the West Metro Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year Award.

With campuses in Lakewood and Arvada, Colo., Red Rocks Community College is a tremendous asset in our community assisting students in meeting their career and educational goals through multiple pathways to success and in a collaborative environment.

Red Rocks Community College serves thousands of students each semester, the vast majority of whom are considered non-traditional students. A typical student at Red Rocks is 28 years old on average and most work part or full-time, in addition to pursuing their degree. Many students also have a family to support as well. Red Rocks offers 150 degree and certificate programs, 40 department of Student Success Services programs, and recently became the first community college in the nation to offer a master’s degree and two bachelor’s degrees.

Red Rocks has been ranked first among Colorado Community colleges for first-year graduate earnings and ranked third among Colorado public and private 2-year and 4-year institutions.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Red Rocks Community College for this well-deserved recognition and thank them for their continued service to the community.

HONORING REVEREND DR.
MARCUS DEMOND DAVIDSON
SENIOR PASTOR OF NEW MOUNT
OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH ON HIS
10TH ANNUAL PASTORAL ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Marcus Demond Davidson, Senior Pastor of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church, on his 10th Annual Pastoral Anniversary, which will take place during the month of March 2020.

This achievement truly is remarkable and a testament to Rev. Davidson’s commitment to faith, leadership, and our community. Throughout his career, he has tirelessly served faith-based and secular groups by helping to transform and empower others to achieve their greatest potential.

Rev. Davidson is a graduate of Deshler High School in Tusculumbia, Alabama. In further studies, he received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University in Normal, Alabama; Master of Biblical Studies from Heritage Bible College in Huntsville, Alabama; Master of Divinity from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama; and a Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis in Black Church Leadership from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He has studied at the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas; abroad at the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies.

At the age of six, Rev. Davidson accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and united with the St. James Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of his father, Rev. Dr. Green Davidson, III. When he was sixteen years of age, Rev. Davidson acknowledged

his call into the preaching ministry. In 1999, he was elected and previously served for ten years as pastor of the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Courtland, Alabama.

Rev. Davidson's move to the New Mount Olive Baptist Church continued his career as a young, spirited minister who's many achievements include his work as a gospel recording artist, entrepreneur, noted preacher, pastor, and teacher. Additionally, he has been an inspiring figure through his numerous other works and engagements within the community.

Madam Speaker, Rev. Davidson has long stated that "worship is not so much style as it is substance." It is abundantly clear that over the last decade at New Mount Olive Baptist Church that this remains his ethos every single day. I once again want to congratulate Reverend Dr. Marcus Demond Davidson on his 10th Annual Pastoral Anniversary and wish him many more years of successful service to our community.

HONORING CAMILO HERMOSILLO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Camilo Hermosillo.

Camilo was born July 28, 1929, in Jalostotitlan Jalisco, Mexico. He was raised in humble circumstances, by a single mother. He often recounted working with his mother in the corn fields for a penny a day. Camilo immigrated to the United States as a young man in 1947 as part of the Bracero program.

His life was built on a foundation of hard work and service, and he was always grateful for the opportunities that the United States provided him. He had many farming and agricultural jobs throughout his life. He worked on the Leveroni Ranch in south Sonoma, where he worked for three generations of Leveronis. He and his wife owned the first Mexican market and restaurant in Sonoma Valley. With his hard work, he was able to purchase three homes in Sonoma County, which he rented out inexpensively to give Latino families a hand up.

An immigrant himself, Camilo understood the barriers that many Latinos must overcome in order to create a happy and successful life in the United States. He dedicated himself and his resources to serving fellow Latino immigrants. He helped find jobs, drove people to the DMV to get their driver licenses, and even housed people in the spare bedrooms of his own home. He found great joy in helping his own family and other Latinos get settled in California.

Camilo is survived by his loving wife, Maria, and their children; Gabriel Hermosillo, Gerardo Hermosillo, Carmen Cervantes, Marco Antonio Hermosillo, Martha Sanchez, and Rebecca Hermosillo. He is preceded in death by his daughter Cecilia Hermosillo. He leaves behind 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Madam Speaker, Camilo Hermosillo was the kind of father that everyone wishes for, and the kind of person we should all strive to be. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING IAN DUNCAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ian Duncan. Ian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ian Duncan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

OPPOSITION TO S. 3201, THE TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION AND STUDY OF THE EMERGENCY SCHEDULING OF FENTANYL ANALOGUES ACT

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on January 29, I voted against S. 3201, the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act.

Fentanyl, a deadly synthetic drug 50 times more powerful than heroin, is wreaking havoc on Americans across the country. In 2017, there were over 47,000 opioid overdose deaths, and 28,000 of those deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. In Oregon, fentanyl use and deaths associated with fentanyl use continue to climb: In 2013, there were 14 related fentanyl deaths in Oregon; In 2018, there were more than 75.

We must do more to combat this epidemic. We should start with aggressively cracking down on major manufacturers. According to the Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, most non-pharmaceutical fentanyl and fentanyl analogues that are available in Oregon are illicitly manufactured—primarily in China, as well as in Mexico—and then imported into the United States.

That's why I am a cosponsor of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act. This legislation would require the imposition of sanctions on drug manufacturers in China who knowingly provide synthetic opioids to traffickers, transnational criminal organizations (such as cartels in Mexico who are known to mix fentanyl with other drugs before trafficking them into the U.S.), and financial institutions that assist such entities. It would also authorize new funding for law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat the foreign trafficking of synthetic opioids and urge the president to significantly ramp up diplomatic efforts with China and

Mexico to establish multilateral sanctions against foreign synthetic opioid traffickers. I am pleased that this important legislation was included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 that was signed into law last year.

However, I have strong concerns that S. 3201 will expose more individuals to prosecutions and aggressive federal mandatory minimums for even trace amounts of illicit fentanyl and fentanyl analogues, undermine our progress on bipartisan sentencing reform efforts like the First Step Act, and fail to focus our efforts on combatting major illicit fentanyl manufacturers and traffickers.

We must not arrest our way out of this crisis. This epidemic demands thoughtful legislation from Congress, not a knee-jerk response that is likely to exacerbate troubling trends in federal drug prosecutions and incarceration levels.

Given that S. 3201 will extend the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) emergency scheduling of fentanyl-related substances through May 6, 2021, I hope the committees of jurisdiction use that time to develop a balanced, comprehensive approach that protects public health and safety while addressing fentanyl overdoses and reducing the harm of federal mandatory minimums and overincarceration.

HONORING ADVENTIST HEALTH
HOWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital for its recent five-star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This rating reflects the hard work and dedication of Adventist Health Howard Memorial's staff and their commitment to high quality, patient-centered care.

In 1925, members of the Willits Development Association discussed the need for a community hospital. This group included Charles S. Howard, the owner of a nearby ranch and the racehorse Seabiscuit. In 1926, Charles Howard's 15-year-old son died in an automobile accident, and the family felt a lack of emergency equipment and access to hospital facilities contributed to his death. Charles Howard donated substantial funds toward the construction of the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital to be built in honor of his son. The hospital admitted its first patient in 1928.

Of the more than 4,500 hospitals rated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) this year, Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital is one of only 407 hospitals to receive a five-star rating. This rating is based on the hospital's performance across seven metrics of quality, including patient experience and readmission rates.

In addition to this rating, the hospital recently received a Planetree Gold Certification which reflects "Excellence in Person-Centered Care". It is an evidence-based certification program that provides a framework for healthcare providers to improve overall health and well-being by engaging patients, families, staff, and the wider community in tailoring

medical care to meet the needs of individual patients.

Madam Speaker, Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital's receipt of these prestigious designations showcases the high standard of care provided by this important rural, critical-access hospital. Please join me in congratulating the leadership and staff responsible for these achievements.

HONORING LARRY SLY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Sly for over four decades of service to our community and to celebrate his retirement from the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

Mr. Sly began his work with the Food Bank after graduating from the University of California Berkeley. He accepted a job as a truck driver for the then newly formed Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. In just three years, he became the organization's Executive Director. Since that time, he has been instrumental in the development and growth of the Food Bank's mission and success. When he became Executive Director, the Food Bank was distributing just 36,000 pounds of food per year from parking lots and churches. 40 years later and due to Mr. Sly's devoted service and leadership, the Food Bank now distributes 25 million pounds of food each year to our community.

Mr. Sly served as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Feeding America, the national food bank network, and on the National Council, an elected group of food bank leaders who serve as the voice of the network for Feeding America. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the California Association of Food Banks, and now chairs the Emergency Food and Shelter Board that works to allocate federal funds to hunger and shelter agencies in Contra Costa County. He has served on State Advisory Committees on hunger and has been appointed to several task forces for Feeding America. His commitment to nourishing our community is truly unprecedented and we are grateful for his many contributions.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Sly is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. His incredible work and leadership have served countless people in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING JOHN MARTIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John "Jack" Martin. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 310, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

many years Jack has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jack has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and led his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader. Jack has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jack constructed four raised gardens along the Grain Valley Butterfly Trail in Grain Valley, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John "Jack" Martin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER
NETWORK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Severe Weather Shelter Network on being awarded the West Metro Chamber of Commerce Non-profit of the Year Award.

The Severe Weather Shelter Network was developed out of the Severe Weather Collaboration in 2012. The Collaboration is one of seven sub-committees of the Heading Home collaboration in Jefferson County with the goal of addressing the needs of families and individuals experiencing homelessness during life-threatening weather, such as winter nights. As a Christian ministry, the group welcomes all volunteers who share a passion for aiding individuals experiencing homelessness.

The Severe Weather Shelter Network partners with community organizations and agencies to provide overnight shelter on life-threatening winter nights for individuals living on the streets. They work with local churches to provide sites to host individuals and families overnight where they can also enjoy a hot, homemade meal and friendly conversation. The group also connects homeless individuals with other much-needed resources.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Severe Weather Shelter Network for this well-deserved recognition and thank them for their continued service to the community.

RETIREMENT OF DEE BREWER

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Deloris Berry Brewer, a lifelong resident of Stone County, Arkansas, who has announced her intention to retire her position at Stone Bank after 10 years of cheerful and active service. Mrs. Brewer was the founder and coordinator of a monthly ceremony recognizing the service of Stone County military veterans which has to date honored more than 100 veterans.

Mrs. Brewer's dedication to area veterans has grown into the largest annual Veterans

Day ceremony in the region, and she has faithfully and enthusiastically promoted the efforts of Stone Bank since its creation as Ozark Heritage Bank in 2009 to the extent that her co-workers have named her position "Eternal Sunshine."

I thank Mrs. Brewer for her incredible service to Stone County veterans and to the state of Arkansas.

HONORING JAROM PERRY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jarom Perry. Jarom is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jarom has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jarom has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jarom has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jarom Perry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING JOHN JOSEPH
MANFREDA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember John Joseph Manfreda for his lifelong belief in and staunch commitment to exceptional public service.

Born in Washington, D.C., Mr. Manfreda received his undergraduate degree in business finance and economics from the University of Maryland. He earned his law degree from the American University School of Law in 1970 and earned a master's degree in tax law from Georgetown University Law Center in 1974. Mr. Manfreda began his almost 50-year career in public service at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Counsel Office and its Internal Revenue Service predecessor. From 1999 to 2003, he served as Chief Counsel for ATF. Mr. Manfreda was integral to the founding of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). He served TTB as the Deputy Administrator before being appointed to the Administrator of the Bureau in 2005.

Mr. Manfreda was widely respected for his knowledge, fairness, and honesty by his colleagues and those he worked with in the industry he regulated. He helped write many alcohol laws when he served as Counsel for ATF and retained the information about those laws. He was a fair man and was always willing to listen. Mr. Manfreda was an honorable

man of character who valued honesty and demonstrated that value. Mr. Manfreda was recognized for his important work with the Meritorious and Distinguished Presidential Rank Awards and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

Madam Speaker, John Joseph Manfreda was a dedicated public servant who held the sincere belief in the good of public service. He inspired his coworkers and was a friend and mentor to all who knew him and a devoted family man to his wife, children, and grandchildren. It is therefore fitting and proper that we remember the life and honor the service of John Joseph Manfreda here today.

IOWAN OF THE WEEK—KRISTI MYERS

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mrs. AXNE, Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristi Myers from Des Moines on this year's World Cancer Day.

Kristi is the mom of a smart and talented daughter, Audrey, and the wife of a wonderful partner, Dan. She works as a high school English teacher at Central Academy, and I hear she's a student favorite. Kristi is forever a Chicago Cubs fan, which speaks to her constant optimism. Kristi is a beautiful soul with a generous heart.

And Kristi is another thing—a cancer survivor. She's fought and beaten cancer three times, and she is supported by her community making sure she'll be a fourth-time survivor. She's survived Hodgkin's lymphoma, a brain tumor, breast cancer, and is now fighting a second brain tumor. I am in awe of Kristi's strength, and the love and support of her family, to stand up to cancer four times over. On this World Cancer Day, I want to honor Kristi's fighting spirit, thank her family and our community who have helped support her, and make sure that we remember all those who have cancer on this day.

Cancer doesn't know age or gender; it doesn't care about your race or how much money you have. When someone is diagnosed with cancer, it impacts us all. Everyone in Iowa knows someone with cancer, and that's why I'm committed to providing research and development funding for all types of cancer—across the board. As a mom, I'm committed to making sure that moms across Iowa have a fighting chance.

Kristi, and all cancer fighters in Iowa, need our support. Today, on World Cancer Day, it is important we remember that cancer affects us all. I'll keep fighting for more funding and research, and I know that Kristi will keep fighting too.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA, Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been

present for roll call vote number 33, on concurring in the Senate Amendment with the Rep. Khanna Amendment Specified in Section 4(a) of H. Res. 811, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 34, on concurring in the Senate Amendment with the Rep. Lee Amendment Specified in Section 4(a) of H. Res. 811, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING SAM RICHARDSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sam Richardson. Sam is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Sam has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Sam has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sam Richardson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

FLIGHTS WINE CAFÉ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER, Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Flights Wine Café, and its owners Dave Granquist and Lavonne Wise, on being awarded the West Metro Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award.

Dave Granquist and Lavonne Wise purchased Flights Wine Café about four years ago in Morrison, Colorado. In 2019, they relocated to a larger location in Olde Town Arvada in a quaint cottage home with large outdoor patio.

The Café hosts a variety of events from baby showers to birthday parties to weddings. They offer beer, spirit, and great food in addition to wine, and they are always looking for uncommon wines. As part of its contribution to the local community, the Café's "Flights Crew" is a community-minded group which works with Impact and Jeffco Public Schools.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Flights Wine Café for this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California, Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa Valley Community Foundation for twenty-five years of dedicated service to our community.

The Napa Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) was established in 1994 and is celebrating its 25th year in operation. This incredible foundation works side-by-side with local donors and non-profits to tackle the most important challenges our valley faces. Over its quarter decade of service, the Foundation has distributed more than \$50 million in grants to improve the quality of life for residents in our community, and currently serves as the philanthropic partner to thousands of individuals, families, nonprofit agencies and corporations in Napa Valley and beyond.

NVCF has a long tradition of tackling significant challenges in an even-handed, non-partisan and strategic way. Its projects have included studies on the economic impacts of immigration in Napa Valley, providing affordable, legal immigration assistance and helping more than 1,300 legal permanent residents in Napa county become U.S. citizens. The Foundation also manages the Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund, which has provided resources for short-term relief and long-term recovery to survivors of the 2014 South Napa Earthquake and the devastating fires in 2017. The Foundation has distributed nearly \$18 million in the form of direct financial assistance to survivors, and to pay for critical relief and recovery services like temporary shelters, meals, medical care, counseling, legal aid and assistance in navigating insurance claims. Apart from these major initiatives, the Foundation serves as a consultant to hundreds of local donors each year, helping them find greater joy and impact in their charitable giving.

Madam Speaker, the Napa Valley Community Foundation is a community leader whose only agenda is to make the Valley stronger, more cohesive and more vibrant. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the Napa Valley Community Foundation here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Madam Speaker, regrettably, I was absent due to a family medical concern. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 23; YEA on Roll Call No. 24; NAY on Roll Call No. 25; NAY on Roll Call No. 26; YEA on Roll Call No. 27; NAY on Roll Call No. 28; NAY on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31; YEA on Roll Call No. 32; NAY on Roll Call No. 33; and NAY on Roll Call No. 34.

HONORING KACYN WAYNE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kacyn Wayne. Kacyn is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kacyn has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kacyn has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kacyn has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kacyn Wayne for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS SINCLAIR AS THE ARKANSAS SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Sinclair of Garland County for his recent victory at the Arkansas State Spelling Bee. He will be moving on to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May 2020.

Thomas is ten years old and is a fifth grader at Jessieville Elementary School. After placing 11th in last year's state bee, he finished last week as the state's top speller among 50 students in third through eighth grades from around the State of Arkansas.

Seeing the story of Thomas' perseverance from last year and during this year's competition, I am reminded of the resilience of much of the Fourth District of Arkansas. His is an outstanding example of everything that academic excellence and hard work can accomplish.

I know that he will represent the Fourth District and the State of Arkansas well on the national stage. I wish him well in his future studies and in his efforts at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

HONORING JEREMIAH KAHMOSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeremiah Kahmoson for years of exceptional public service to the young people of Lake County, California and to honor him as the Lake County Teacher of the Year.

Jeremiah Kahmoson was born and raised in Sonoma County and believes in giving back to

the next generation of students. Mr. Kahmoson is a teacher at the North Bay Met Academy and serves as the Executive Director of the B-Rad Foundation, which works to empower individuals through environmental stewardship, health, and adventure programs. In August of 2014, he lost his best friend Bradley "B-Rad" Parker in a tragic climbing accident in Yosemite National Park. The B-Rad Foundation was founded in Brad's memory and based upon the three pillars of his life: Health, Stewardship, and Adventure. Today, the B-Rad Foundation seeks to create a universe where children live a life where every year features 365 days of awesome.

For the past five years, the B-Rad Foundation has supported thousands of kids and their families with fun-filled programs and events. They have partnered with the King Ridge Foundation to lead extended back-country adventures for Sonoma County youth in Yosemite National Park. They were instrumental in the giveaway of over 500 bicycles for devastated children, who lost all their possessions in the 2017 wildfires. The B-Rad program also practices an important "pay-it-forward" philosophy, as students use their newly acquired repair skills to fix donated broken bikes and re-gift them to local at-risk youth. Mr. Kahmoson's deep commitment to enriching the education of our youth through environmental stewardship has become a deeply appreciated part of our community.

Madam Speaker, Jeremiah Kahmoson is a passionate adventurer and educator who has made great contributions to better the lives of others in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, due to my Air National Guard unit being mobilized, I was unable to be present and cast votes during the week of January 27. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 23; YEA on Roll Call No. 24; NAY on Roll Call No. 25; NAY on Roll Call No. 26; YEA on Roll Call No. 27; NAY on Roll Call No. 28; YEA on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31; YEA on Roll Call No. 32; NAY on Roll Call No. 33; and NAY on Roll Call No. 34.

IN RECOGNITION OF AT LAW GROUP

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize AT Law Group. The firm's positive impact and contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Based in Dearborn, AT Law Group is one of the leading law firms in the state of Michigan. The firm provides unmatched counsel, advocacy, and support to a diverse client base and is committed to protecting the rights, liberties,

and the interests of all they serve. The firm maintains a mission to provide the highest level of service possible and strives to achieve excellence and the most favorable legal outcomes. With professionalism as a key pillar of their practice, AT Law Group ensures all their clients feel that they are heard, respected, and treated with dignity.

Beyond offering exceptional legal services, AT Law Group has become an important voice in our community. They carry a large presence in outreach work for people in need in Washtenaw County, and their generosity has improved the lives of many. In addition, the firm has been a strong advocate for undocumented immigrants in our region. They have assisted many immigrants through difficult legal challenges, always ensuring they were afforded their Constitutional rights regardless of legal status. Undoubtedly, AT Law Group has shown a true commitment to our community. Their presence has made a real and meaningful difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring AT Law Group. The firm is a critical resource for our community and their services help many get through the toughest of legal challenges. I am grateful for their dedication and wish them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING PATRICIA G. LEARY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia G. Leary and to celebrate her retirement after three decades of public service on a local, state, and federal level.

Ms. Leary began her career in public service after graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1981 with a degree in Political Science. Upon graduating, Ms. Leary began working as a legislative staffer in California State Government. From 1991 to 1995, Ms. Leary worked as my Legislative Director in the California State Senate, where she was a valuable asset to my team. She was an articulate, straightforward communicator with a strong passion for public service. Her institutional knowledge and astute political advice were instrumental to our success.

After working in my office, Ms. Leary became the Principal Consultant for the California State Senate and later the Legislative Representative for the California State Association of Counties. After several years as the Assistant County Administrator for Yolo County, Pat became the Chief Deputy Director at the Department of Social Services and was Acting Director in 2019.

Ms. Leary's professional public sector career has been unparalleled. She has shown her commitment to the state of California and our community through her decades of public service and leadership. Ms. Leary's integrity, honesty, intelligence and creative problem solving has served all those she has met throughout her career, and our district is certainly a better place because of her dedicated service.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Leary is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be, and I am

proud to call her my friend. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Patricia G. Leary here today.

EATON SENIOR COMMUNITIES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eaton Senior Communities on being awarded the West Metro Chamber of Commerce Medium Business of the Year Award.

Eaton Senior Communities (ESC) evolved from the West Alameda Community Baptist Church with big ideas and a passion for serving their community. ESC is also the parent organization of several nonprofits including local senior communities in the area and the Eaton Healthy Food Truck.

Since 1980, ESC's mission has been to provide affordable housing in a service-rich environment that enables all individuals to live to their fullest potential. Their wholistic approach on providing services for the whole person means they are focused on the physical, emotional, intellectual, nutritional, environmental, social, and spiritual aspects of each individual, which is what earned them this recognition.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Eaton Senior Communities for this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING TEMPLE SOLEL OF HOLLYWOOD

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to wish a heartfelt Mazel Tov to Temple Solel of Hollywood, Florida on their 50th Anniversary Jubilee.

The Jewish faith teaches us that we must lift up everyone to make the world a better place—Tikkun Olam. For 50 years, the members of Temple Solel have humbly done their part to repair the world for all those who struggle, for all who are forced to go without, and for everyone who is in need of a helping hand. And they do it unconditionally, with generosity, and with Gemilut Hasadim—the gift of loving kindness.

Congratulations to Rabbi Robert Frazen, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, Cantor Israel Rosen, and all those who have served the congregation over the past 50 years. Their decades of leadership, spiritual guidance, and service have helped make Temple Solel become one of the most progressive faith-based institutions in Broward County. Whether educating our community about the dangers of climate change and sea level rise or supporting the values of full equality for LGBTQ Jews and their families, they have set an example for all to follow.

I hold a deep admiration for the tremendous kindness the clergy and congregants of Temple Solel have shown our community for half a century. I wish them much success and joy as they continue to grow for the next 50 years.

HONORING CHIEF ERNIE SANCHEZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Ernie Sanchez for his exceptional public service to the people of Northern California and to honor his retirement after 29 years as a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer.

Chief Ernie Sanchez was born in East Los Angeles, California. He earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Spanish from Brigham Young University. Since then, he has dedicated his career to improving the community around him. As he rose through the ranks from CHP Officer to Chief of the Vallejo Golden Gate Division, he garnered the respect of those he worked with as a compassionate and fair leader. As Chief, he was committed to the Department's vision and maintained an unwavering dedication to serving our community with professionalism. This allowed him to gain the support and gratitude of his subordinates, peers, allied agency leaders, and members of the public for his dedication and expertise.

Throughout his time as a member of the California Highway Patrol, Chief Sanchez was recognized for his hard work and commitment. He was awarded the Governor's Employee Safety Award for lowering motorcycle involved injury collisions in the Bay Area and the Commissioner's Unit Citation for the development of the Office of Inspector General and related policies and procedures. In addition, he was a multiple year awardee for the California Law Enforcement Challenge, designed to help reduce motor vehicle involved injury collisions and lower the Mileage Death Rate. Most recently, he lent his support to our community as Incident Commander during the devastating Atlas, Tubbs, and Kincadee fires.

Madam Speaker, Chief Ernie Sanchez is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. He has made immense contributions throughout his career to better our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF CONGREGATION BETH JACOB ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, we rise today to honor Congregation Beth Jacob of Redwood City, California, as it celebrates its 90th Anniversary of service to Jewish residents living between the cities of San Francisco and San Jose. The founders, Polish and Russian immigrants, were among the many Jews who fled Eastern Europe between 1882 and 1910. The group's first service was attended by 25 members and was held in a member's home.

The Congregation held services in its first synagogue in Menlo Park in 1931. In 1952, the Congregation broke ground for its current facility on Alameda de las Pulgas in Redwood City. In 1979, Beth Jacob suffered a cata-

strophic fire, and the current facility was rebuilt in 1981.

Congregation Beth Jacob's first leader was Kenneth Carlton Zwerin who served for a decade, followed by numerous rabbis and lay leaders. Rabbi H. David Teitelbaum, a distinguished civil rights activist, led Beth Jacob to join the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, an affiliation that continued until 2013. Rabbi Nathaniel Ezray, the Congregation's current leader, took the leadership position in 1995.

Beth Jacob, a vibrant and egalitarian Congregation, is widely known and highly regarded for its leadership in progressive actions within the Conservative movement. For many years, women, LGBTQ individuals, people with disabilities and those who are homeless have been active and important within the Congregation. In fact, Beth Jacob was the first local synagogue to build a ramp so those with limited mobility could reach the Torah. Beth Jacob strives to see the image of God in every person who steps through its doors and believes in the importance of honoring differences.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in wishing Congregation Beth Jacob many more years of service to our community, and in thanking Beth Jacob for 90 years of providing a welcoming, safe and joyful place of worship to its devoted members. Congregation Beth Jacob is a beacon of hope in a world in need of hope, and a shining jewel in the crown of the San Francisco Peninsula.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE ANNA FRUSHOUR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Frushour as she is appointed to the 14A District Court judge bench. Her dedication to our community is worthy of commendation.

Anna Frushour is a well-respected professional whose years of legal experience make her a qualified addition to the District Court. Frushour is an accomplished attorney who is a partner at Feiser & Frushour, a law firm that contracts with Ann Arbor to represent criminal defendants for misdemeanors, and is a private practice attorney with Frushour Law. Moreover, she has served as assigned defense counsel for the Mental Health Court, Veteran's Treatment Court, Sobriety Court, and Street Outreach courts in Washtenaw County. Frushour earned her Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

On December 17, 2019, Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed Anna Frushour to the 14A District Court, and we celebrate her investiture today. Frushour will be an exemplary District Court judge, exemplified through her positive reputation in the community, diligent work ethic, and legal expertise. Throughout all of her professional pursuits, Frushour has been regarded as a fair, dedicated, and humble leader who strives for excellence. Her commitment to the law and her entire community will enable all to feel that they are heard, respected, and treated with dignity in her courtroom.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Anna Frushour. Her appointment to the bench is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and commitment to the law. I am grateful for her service and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING THE REGIONAL PARKS
FOUNDATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Regional Parks Foundation on the 50th anniversary of its founding.

Since its establishment in 1969, the Regional Parks Foundation has supported the East Bay Regional Park District and its community. The Foundation serves the vibrant and diverse communities of Northern California's East Bay area, including parts of California's Fifth Congressional District. The Regional Parks Foundation is deeply committed to making parks available and accessible to everyone in our community.

The Regional Parks Foundation works to support universal access to parks, promote environmental stewardship, organize and fund educational and recreational programs and acquire parklands. The foundation provides community education around important legislative initiatives that preserve open space, protect our natural resources, and promotes park access for under-served populations.

The Foundation has been instrumental in the environmental education and enjoyment of citizens of all ages and abilities. The Regional Parks Foundation has sent over 10,000 young people to environmental education programs and has funded thousands of other opportunities for seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities. The Foundation has fundraised nearly \$50 million to support our communities and parks. These funds enable the foundation to provide swim lessons, loan out safety gear, organize community tree planting, shoreline clean-ups and other environmental restoration projects.

Madam Speaker, the Regional Parks Foundation has been instrumental in supporting the betterment and longevity of our open spaces. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the foundation on the 50th anniversary of its founding.

CONGRATULATING J. THOMAS
MAY ON HIS RECEIPT OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR SERVICE

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate J. Thomas May for re-

ceiving the University of Arkansas System President's Medal for Service.

This award is given by the school's president and cabinet to recognize those who have "demonstrated a distinguished and sustained commitment to helping the UA System carry out its mission to the state through their time, knowledge, and philanthropy."

Mr. May has long been a resident of the Fourth Congressional district and was previously the president and CEO of Simmons Bank. May is also the only person in Arkansas history to have served as both Chairman of the Board and Acting President of the University of Arkansas System. His contributions to the University of Arkansas for Medical Science and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff have led to growth, development and successes at both institutions.

His life is an example of servant leadership and one of what wise stewardship and grace can accomplish in the lives of others. I and the rest of the Fourth District of Arkansas are proud to call Mr. May one of our own. I take this time to congratulate him once again on this tremendous honor and to thank him for his service to our district and our state.

CHIEF DAN BRENNAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud retired Wheat Ridge Police Chief Dan Brennan on being awarded the West Metro Chamber of Commerce Steve Burkholder Diamond Legacy Award.

Throughout his career, Chief Brennan left his mark on Jefferson County—from the Lakewood Police Department, to helping create Jeffcom 911 and a regional SWAT Team, to a community approach to policing that addresses the causes of crime, not just the crime.

Brennan began his 42 years in law enforcement with the Lakewood Police Department rising through the ranks from Police Agent to Commander. During his career at Lakewood Police Department, he worked in multiple positions where his leadership and dedication to the community became apparent.

After being appointed Chief of the Wheat Ridge Police Department in 2005, along with other department employees, Brennan developed a new mission statement for the department: Exceptional people providing exceptional service. They also established a core set of values, with integrity at the core—which became Chief Brennan's mantra for the next 14+ years.

At the Wheat Ridge Police Department, he led the charge for a community policing approach to responding to crime, traffic, and quality of life issues in the community while ensuring all officers and supervisors received CIT mental health training and engaging the community and stakeholder groups to listen to community concerns and feedback. During that time, he served on various local, state

and national boards and committees, including as the President of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. Throughout his esteemed career, he was awarded numerous awards and recognitions and was known for always trying to do the right thing for the right reasons.

Chief Brennan's leadership, compassion, is collaboration, and integrity left a positive mark on our community for years to come. I extend my deepest congratulations to Chief Dan Brennan for this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his countless contributions to our community.

HONORING THE SONOMA VALLEY
FIREFIGHTER HOLIDAY DINNER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sonoma Valley Firefighter Holiday Dinner and recognize the outstanding efforts of firefighters throughout Sonoma Valley.

At the time, the 2017 North Bay Wildfires were the most devastating in our state's history. We saw firsthand, that wildfires do not respect district or regional boundaries. In response, firefighters from near and far came together to protect our community. Firefighters from all over the valley fought shoulder to shoulder to save lives and property, risking their own lives along the way. Our entire community, both firefighters and civilians alike, left with a renewed sense of comradery and partnership that continues to permeate the area today.

Following this extraordinary united effort, the Glen Ellen Volunteer Firefighter Association extended their annual holiday celebration to their teammates, past and present, from the entire Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority, as well as the Kenwood and Mayacamas volunteer stations. The holiday dinner honors the incredible sacrifices made by the entire fire community and is a joy to all who participate.

The dinner brings together all current volunteer and career firefighters, department board members, retired chiefs, battalion chiefs, and their spouses. Meals are prepared and delivered to the on-duty firefighters staffing their stations. It is a time to honor past leadership, reflect on the year's successes, and support the Explorer program to help develop future staff. Additionally, there is an opportunity to recognize spouses, widows, and families, as it takes an entire village to support those on the front line.

Madam Speaker, the Sonoma Valley fire agencies are always ready to help and protect our community. Their unparalleled commitment to protecting Sonoma Valley makes them a model for the region. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.