

Mr. Brown was the Seminoles starter at the right defensive end position in each of the 13 games during the 2008 regular season, and he was a finalist for the Ted Hendricks Award as the Nation's top defensive end. And, after leading the Nation in tackles for a loss, Mr. Brown was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference football first-team and runner-up as the ACC Player of the Year.

In addition to his tremendous play on the field, Mr. Brown has been a leader when it comes to community service. He has donated his time freely, volunteering at schools, The Able Trust, MDA Summer Camp, Tallahassee Seminole Club, Dick Howser Center for Childhood Services, Life Skills Center and Read Across America, among many others.

Madam Speaker, my community is extremely proud of this young man and I ask you to join me in congratulating him on his accomplishments. We must also recognize Mr. Brown's parents, Odell and Jenai, on raising this fine young man. I know they must be so proud and pleased that he will be playing his games so close to home.

CONGRATULATING MARTHA
BUFFINGTON, TEACHER SE-
LECTED TO ATTEND 2009
MICKELSON EXXONMOBIL
TEACHERS ACADEMY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commend Martha Buffington, a teacher at A.L. Smith Elementary for being selected to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.

Martha is one of 200 highly-qualified third-through fifth-grade teachers from around the country selected to attend the intensive professional development program this summer.

She was chosen from more than 1,600 teachers nationwide by a panel of educators from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Their selection criteria was based on Martha's remarkable qualifications, unyielding dedication to inspiring students at an early age, as well as her overall commitment to enhancing the teaching profession.

The ExxonMobil Teachers Academy is designed to further help each selected participant to engage students in math and science, and to help retain their interest in these subjects through college and into their careers.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martha Buffington for being accepted into the ExxonMobil Teachers Academy. Martha is an excellent teacher who is truly deserving of this recognition.

LEVI LOCKLING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

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

who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Levi Lockling is a 7th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Levi Lockling is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Levi Lockling for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF
DEPUTY WARREN YORK,
OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Deputy Warren York, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department, who gave his life in the line of duty on April 25, 2009. Deputy York served the Okaloosa Sheriff's Department with honor and distinction, and I am humbled to recognize this American hero.

Deputy Warren "Skip" York served his country for over 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. A highly decorated airman, Skip joined the Okaloosa Sheriff's Department upon his retirement from military service and has bravely protected his community as a patrol deputy ever since. He could often be seen riding around northwest Florida on his Harley-Davidson as part of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club or attending church services at St. Michael's of Eglin Air Force Base. Skip will be remembered by all who knew him for his great attitude and caring personality.

Deputy York was killed when he and another patrol deputy went to apprehend a suspect during a domestic violence dispute. The gunman fired at the officers, fatally wounding Deputy York and a fellow officer. These two deaths mark only the second and third Okaloosa Sheriff's deputies to ever be killed in the line of duty, a truly sad, but powerful testament to the quality of the entire Sheriff's Department.

The people of Okaloosa County have many reasons to be proud of Deputy York, and I am honored to be able to represent those people, as well as the memory of this brave patrolman. Vicki and I will keep his entire family, especially his wife, Janel, and his son, Michael, in our prayers. May God bless Deputy York and all of the officers across this great country who courageously protect their citizens and their communities.

FEDERAL STREETCAR
REVITALIZATION ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the Federal Streetcar Revitalization Act creates a transportation investment program that, under a competitive program, offers grants to transit projects. These projects must be justified based on a review of their effects on local economic development, land use, travel patterns, and greenhouse gas reduction potential.

This program will unlock streetcar investments across the country and will fulfill the promise of the Community Streetcar Development and Revitalization Act that I introduced in 2003 and which later became part of the Small Starts program in SAFETEA-LU. Unfortunately, the implementation of the Small Starts program failed to deliver any form of federal partnership to our communities. Communities across the country have struggled to utilize the Small Starts program as the Federal Transit Administration delayed these projects. These delays caused steep cost increases and stalled worthy projects that otherwise would generate investment and development in these communities.

For an example of the benefits of streetcar systems, the Portland Streetcar opened on July 20, 2001, becoming the first modern streetcar system in North America. This system has created jobs and spurred development along the streetcar corridor. In fact, the Portland Streetcar has spurred \$3.5 billion in new development in downtown Portland. The streetcar system also provides tremendous environmental benefits. The Portland Streetcar is one reason that vehicle miles traveled per capita have declined by 6% since 1990 in Portland, Oregon. Providing sustainable transportation options to our communities can significantly reduce our carbon footprint.

These bills will revitalize America's neighborhoods and urban spaces, while providing transit options, reducing sprawl, and curtailing greenhouse gas emissions. I am looking forward to seeing a resurgence of streetcars around the country.

KATERINA KUBLITSKAYA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katerina Kublitskaya who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Katerina Kublitskaya is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katerina Kublitskaya is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Katerina Kublitskaya for winning the

Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING MADDESON
ELIZABETH BILLMEYER

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courage and resolve of Maddeson Elizabeth Billmeyer. Maddeson went to the hospital after falling on the ice this past winter. During her hospital visit, a tumor was detected and diagnosed. This fall was a blessing in disguise, as it allowed for her to be diagnosed sooner rather than later.

Maddeson was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma which has only about 150 cases reported each year. This rare cancer has spread to both lungs. The cancer will be treated with 6 sessions of chemotherapy, followed by surgery to remove the tumor and any remaining cancer. Maddeson will then continue with chemotherapy for a minimum of 42 weeks.

Maddeson is only 6 years old and is in the process of dealing with a terrible disease. Maddeson and her family have a difficult road ahead of them and they need community support. The Billmeyer family needs emotional, educational, and practical support from their family and friends.

I want to use this unfortunate circumstance as an opportunity to promote childhood cancer awareness, and the need for childhood cancer education. Ours thoughts and prayers are with Maddeson Billmeyer and her family.

JOSH LOBATO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Josh Lobato who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Josh Lobato is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Josh Lobato is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Josh Lobato for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS EVERETTS, AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA ORATORACLE CONTEST 1ST RUNNER UP

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nicholas Everetts of Fountain Hills, Arizona, who was chosen to represent his area in the recent Constitutional Speech Contest held by the American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program. This competition is sponsored by the American Legion to promote a broader appreciation and understanding of the Constitution.

Nicholas won his local contest in the Phoenix area, and then moved on to compete in the state competition with students from all over Arizona. As a sophomore at Fountain Hills High School and the youngest participant in the state contest, Nicholas proved his ability and validated his hard work by placing second.

As a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I commend Nicholas for his participation in this competition, and his active role in the veterans' community. In his speech, Nicholas insightfully noted that "the treason that our forefathers committed when signing the Declaration of Independence has led us to live in such a great country." I am confident that we will see great things from Nicholas in the future, and I gratefully wish him well in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Nicholas Everetts for his success in the Constitutional Speech Contest, and his dedication to America's veterans.

JENIFER LUNDE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jenifer Lunde who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jenifer Lunde is a senior at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jenifer Lunde is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jenifer Lunde for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF MADISON DEVON DODGE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Ms. Madison Devon Dodge for her efforts in the fight against diabetes and her profound impact on the lives of thousands of individuals who suffer from the disease.

From May 2 to 5, 2009, Madison Dodge will be honored here, in Washington, D.C., at the 14th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. I find Madison's accomplishments over the last eight years, although she is only thirteen years old, beyond extraordinary. She has raised in excess of \$40,000 for diabetes research and treatment since she began volunteering in 2001. I am confident that she will not only continue to raise money to fight diabetes, but more importantly, that she will continue to bring hope to those suffering from diabetes and impact their individual lives in meaningful ways.

To promote her fight against diabetes, Madison familiarized herself with Washington D.C. at an early age. She has met with numerous congressman and senators to keep them informed about the challenges associated with this debilitating disease. She also holds the distinct honor of being named a two-time Delaware delegate to the Call to Congress program. Additionally, Madison was invited to attend a recent House Education and Labor Committee hearing entitled Renewing America through National Service and Volunteerism to discuss and examine the importance of national service in meeting some of our country's critical economic needs, at which I had the opportunity to highlight her volunteer work. In Delaware, she takes part in several fundraisers every year such as her biannual Skate 4 A Cure, Dinners for Diabetes, and other events including raffles and craft sales. It is inspiring to see that such a young lady can be so passionate about this worthy cause and demonstrate her passion so vigorously on a daily basis. As the co-chair of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus, I personally understand how important her mission is to Members of Congress, as well the countless families impacted by diabetes.

I would like to thank Ms. Madison Dodge for her years of service to the men and women suffering from diabetes, as well as our greater community here in the State Delaware. I am confident that her Prudential Spirit of Community Award will only inspire her to help more people and strengthen her resolve in the fight against diabetes.

DENISE LOYA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Denise Loya who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Denise Loya is a senior at Jefferson High School and