

States to study at a language training program must enroll in a program that is recognized as accredited by the Secretary of Education. The Senate passed this legislation by unanimous consent last Congress.

Intensive English Programs ("IEPs") serve to teach English to foreign students. There are about 75,000 such students in the United States. The programs range in length from 2 weeks to 1 year, but average 12 weeks. There are nearly 1,000 IEPs in the U.S., and students must study a minimum of 18 hours per week to meet their visa requirements.

Currently all IEPs must be officially recognized, but that sometimes means there is just a check to see that the building in which the IEP is supposedly located actually exists. The result of such lax monitoring is fraud in the IEP community.

Illegitimate IEPs either do not teach English well or serve as scams for individuals who want to come to the United States through fraudulent means. In April 2008, the Los Angeles Times reported, "The operator of two English language schools was charged Wednesday with running a scheme that allowed foreign nationals, including several Russian prostitutes, to fraudulently obtain student visas to enter and stay in the United States."

And just 2 weeks ago, two individuals who ran an English language school for immigrants in Duluth, GA, were indicted for submitting fraudulent documents to the Department of Homeland Security. They did so in order to get student visas for "dozens, and perhaps hundreds, of 'students.'"

Such fraudulent programs, along with IEPs that do not function well, tarnish the reputation of the entire IEP industry. That's why the American Association of Intensive English Programs supports this legislation. And legitimate IEPs are interested in ensuring the quality of their programs.

Under this bill, IEPs can meet the accreditation requirement in one of two ways. First, they can be under the governance of a university or college that has been accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Or, second, they can be individually accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) or the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA).

The three typical steps in the accreditation process are (1) the completion of a written self-study that documents how the program or institution meets the standards of the accreditation agency; (2) a site visit by an agency team to verify that standards are being met; and (3) follow-up measures on the part of the school to correct any deficiencies, subject to review and final approval by the accreditation agency.

Currently, many legitimate IEPs are voluntarily becoming accredited on their own.

I support this legislation and encourage my colleagues to cosponsor the bill.

KELSEY COMPTON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kelsey Com-

ton who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kelsey Compton is a senior at Compass Montessori High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kelsey Compton 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 Kelsey Compton 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.

#### COMMEMORATING THE ROCKY FLATS 1969 FIRE

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 2009*

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate one of the most fateful days in the history of the State of Colorado, the day the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant outside of Boulder nearly became America's own Chernobyl, some 30 years before that terrible accident in the Ukraine.

On Mother's Day of that year, a fire broke out amid the glove boxes in Building 776, where plutonium spheres were being manufactured for use as cores for some of the most powerful weapons in human history. The fire quickly spread throughout the facility, as many of the fire alarms had been removed to make room for more production. It is estimated that between 0.14 and 0.9 grams of plutonium 239 and 240 were released before a heroic band of perhaps 40 firefighters were able to control and eventually douse the fire. Those firefighters faced the immense decision of whether to battle the blaze with water, which could have set off a chain reaction with the resulting explosion literally contaminating the entire Denver metropolitan area. Luckily for us all, they chose correctly.

Still, plutonium was released into the environment from that accident, through the air vents in the roof of the building and via firefighters exiting it. Thousands of Coloradans were exposed, although how many we'll never know. The firefighters, of course, were exposed most severely, and everyone nearby faced greatly increased risks of serious disease. Indeed, many of those involved have since contracted and died from cancers and other conditions tied to radiation exposure.

I bring up the 1969 accident not only because today, May 11, is its 40th anniversary. I bring it up because the Americans who worked at Rocky Flats and other nuclear facilities around the Nation deserve our thanks, and our support, now that the nuclear arms race is a matter for the history books. They faced enormous risks. They worked with materials that are among the most toxic known to mankind, with half-lives of hundreds of thousands of years, all so that under the prevailing ideology of the time we were able to live our

lives safely. They are American heroes every bit as much as our wartime soldiers. In a sense, they were wartime soldiers: Soldiers of the nuclear cold war, and many gave their lives.

Several weeks ago, I along with my Colorado colleagues, Representatives PERLMUTTER, DEGETTE, SALAZAR, and COFFMAN, and Senators UDALL and BENNET, introduced H.R. 1828, the Charlie Wolf Nuclear Workers Compensation Act. The act would finally cut through the red tape that has prevented America's nuclear workers from gaining the compensation they were promised in exchange for their dangerous service. I urge my colleagues to take a moment to remember the risks and sacrifices made by heroic men and women in our nation's nuclear production facilities, which were located in virtually every State in the country, and to pass this historic piece of legislation.

FRANK CASADOS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 2009*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Frank Casados 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 Frank Casados 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.

#### TRIBUTE TO MS. ROSA WALKER

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 2009*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Rosa Walker, former Director of the Texas AFL-CIO, for her 38 years of visionary leadership. As a stalwart trailblazer in the Texas labor movement and Democratic politics, Rosa's accomplishments and admirers are many. Beyond her personal politics or civic niche, we can all celebrate her lifelong commitment to community involvement and public service.

Born in the Piney Woods in Hemphill, Texas, Rosa earned her high school degree from Pineland High School before she took up a career at Southwestern Bell. She subsequently joined the Communication Workers of America (CWA) where organizing piqued her interest. With CWA she served as a commercial job steward, rose through the ranks, and

would ultimately become a member of the CWA Executive Board. Later Rosa would join the union movement in a full-time capacity as an organizer for the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO. After working with the Harris County AFL-CIO, she joined the larger Texas affiliate in 1965, where she dutifully served until her retirement in 2003.

For nearly four decades Rosa served as Director of Community Services/Volunteers and Women's Activities Director with the Texas AFL-CIO. Throughout her tenure she championed the causes of "the least of these" and crusaded for social justice wherever it was found wanting. In spite of her often disparate tasks—coordinating disaster relief operations, lobbying the Texas legislature, or directing voter registration drives—Rosa brought a contagious sense of purpose to her duties. Middle class families across Texas owe her a debt of gratitude for her tireless efforts to open doors of opportunity. While politicians are thrust into the limelight, we would be remiss and foolish if we did not salute the too often unrecognized grassroots work of individuals like Rosa Walker. They truly help us to believe that social change can truly percolate from the bottom up.

#### CONCEPCION ENRIQUEZ

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Concepcion Enriquez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Concepcion Enriquez 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 Concepcion Enriquez 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 Concepcion Enriquez 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.

#### TRIBUTE TO SLAVCO MADZAROV

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 5, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Mr. Slavco Madzarov who will be recognized on May 5, 2009 by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark as "Humanitarian of the Year." It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for his story is a true embodiment of the American Dream.

Slavco Madzarov was born in Maravci in the Republic of Macedonia on August 16, 1957. After earning an Associates Degree in Skopje and completing his mandatory military service in the Army, Slavco left Macedonia to come here to the United States of America to find a better opportunity to fulfill his potential.

Slavco arrived here in December 1987, settling in Paterson, NJ. Three years later, he married the love of his life, Kamenka, and they moved to Clifton, NJ, where they still reside with their children, daughter Blagica, now 16, and son Steven, now 13. Slavco and his wife are naturalized citizens of the United States.

Within a few years of coming to the United States, Slavco opened his own business. Slavco Construction, Inc., specializes in removing asbestos and professionally executing technical and specific construction tasks. Slavco Construction, Inc. has grown rapidly and is recognized as one of the most respected construction firms in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The company prides itself on abiding by environmental construction regulations. Slavco's talent, hard work and dedication have allowed him to celebrate the 18th anniversary of Slavco Construction, Inc., as a company in continual growth.

Slavco has made the most of the opportunities that have been possible for him, and he is always willing to help others in return. He spends much of his energy, good will and financial resources to improve the lives of the residents of New Jersey and also those in his homeland of Macedonia. Slavco has completed Community Emergency Response Team training, conducted by FEMA, and is a member of the President's Citizens Corps. In addition, he is an active member of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, the President's Club, and the New Jersey Business and Industry Association.

Slavco has received awards and honors from the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, the Polish-American Children's Foundation, Passaic County 200 Club, New Jersey Civil Service Association, the Sheriff Jerry Speziale Foundation for Community Service, and the Giblin Association. He was named Man of the Year by the Greater Paterson Leadership Council. In a resolution passed by the New Jersey General Assembly, Slavco was recognized for his numerous and significant contributions to the State of New Jersey. He has been granted an Honorary Chieftainship in Nigeria and has participated on a mission to the country in 2003 to review and analyze the socio-political and economic situation there.

In the Macedonian community, Slavco is a member and supporter of the Macedonian Orthodox Churches Sts. Kiril and Metodij in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, and St. Nikola in Totowa, New Jersey. He is an avid soccer fan, and is a supporter of the Macedonian Soccer Club of Clifton, New Jersey, and the Miravci Soccer Club in Macedonia. Since its founding in 2004, Slavco has strongly supported the United Macedonian Diaspora, the only Washington, DC-based international organization representing Macedonians and Macedonian communities around the world. Slavco is the recipient of the September 14th Golden Plaque Award from the municipality of Sveti Nikole in Macedonia. Slavco and his family frequently visit Macedonia.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing

compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Slavco Madzarov.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Slavco's family and friends, all those who have been touched by him, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Mr. Slavco Madzarov to his community.

#### HONORING LESLIE ANN JONES

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Leslie Ann Jones, Director of Music Recording and Scoring for Skywalker Sound, in Marin County, California, for her 35 years as a trailblazer in the recording and music industries.

Ms. Jones began her career, making history as the first female engineer at ABC Recording Studio. Next, Ms. Jones joined the team at the legendary Automatt Recording Studios. It was there she began her film score mixing career, working on such acclaimed films as *Apocalypse Now*. She also recorded with many jazz greats, such as Herbie Hancock, Bobby McFerrin and Angela Bofill.

Ms. Jones took the experience and knowledge she gained while at Automatt and began a long and respected tenure at Capitol Recording Studios in Hollywood. While there Ms. Jones worked with such talents as Rosemary Clooney, Michelle Shocked and Michael Feinstein. Some of her film credits from Capital include, *Grace of My Heart*, *Lost Highway* and *White Men Can't Jump*.

In February of 1997 Ms. Jones joined Skywalker Sound. After only a short time she was elevated to her current position as Director of Music Recording and Scoring, becoming the first woman to hold this position. During her career at Skywalker Sound Leslie has won two GRAMMY awards. The first in 2004 for Best Chamber Music Recording for the Kronos Quartet's "Berg" project; the second in 2005, when she won as a recording engineer for Best Jazz Vocal Album for Diane Reeves' "Good Night and Good Luck" soundtrack.

In keeping with her tradition of "firsts" Ms. Jones also became the first female National Chair of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences.

Leslie Ann Jones is an inspiration for women in her industry; she continues to lead a fulfilling and accomplished career, marked with a pattern for establishing "firsts." I am honored to call her a constituent; congratulate her for her mastery in the recording studio, and thank her for her efforts to encourage women on the technical side of the recording community.

#### STEPHANIE CHAPPEL

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stephanie Chappel who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.