

Carnation Festival and the Wheat Ridge Holiday Lighting Program. Their creation of "Passport to Wheat Ridge", a program which encourages residents to do their holiday shopping in Wheat Ridge, can be used as an example to other communities with the same goals.

I extend my congratulations to Enterprise Wheat Ridge and President, Loretta DiTirro, on this well deserved honor. I commend them for their substantial commitment to our community in their pursuit of a stronger economy within Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

INTRODUCING THE AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the American Infrastructure Investment Act.

Policies passed by the Democratic controlled Congress helped to begin pulling our economy out of recession. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development recently predicted it could be 3 years before the unemployment rate returns to its pre-recession level. My legislation extends a number of successful job creation programs that are set to expire. It is incentives like those included in this legislation that will help this nation and restore employment levels to what they once were.

By providing federal support for private sector infrastructure investment, this legislation creates real jobs through investment in long-term sustainable economic development. These infrastructure investment programs are used to fund the construction of projects such as bridges, roads, schools and hospitals.

Some communities in my district have unemployment rates as high as 40 percent. If you were to go there and ask folks, I'm sure the answer would be, "Yes, we need more jobs," and "Yes, we want more of the programs that create those jobs." A project in Palm Beach County set to receive benefits from both the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds and New Market Tax Credits, two incentives extended under the American Infrastructure Investment Act, is responsible for 360 construction jobs, 300 permanent full-time jobs and \$1.5 billion in gross regional product within the first 5 years. Legislation passed by Democratic-led Congress has directly led to the creation of 83,000 private sector jobs in June and nearly 600,000 private sector jobs this year.

Build America Bonds are also extended under this legislation. Created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, these bonds have allowed State and local governments to invest more than \$100 billion in infrastructure projects nationwide and supported more than 1.7 million jobs. These are the very kinds of successful private investment incentive programs that the government should sponsor to kick-start the economy.

Madam Speaker, make no mistake about it—job creation is my number one priority. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and help create jobs that are desperately needed now.

HONORING DIANE BEACH

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Diane Beach, recipient of the HEALTHSOUTH Personal Achievement Award.

In November 2007, Diane was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on the C-5/C-6 vertebrae which was traced and found to have originated from her right breast. The tumor was removed causing loss of the use of her left arm—which happened to be her dominant arm. However, even with these unforeseen circumstances, Diane never wavered in her optimism that she would win her fight. She underwent physical therapy at HealthSouth that was physically and mentally demanding, beginning with an initial two-week patient stay, and evolving into several weeks of outpatient therapy.

Through it all, Diane continued to be a valuable asset to Home Instead Senior Care as their Office Manager. She was even consulted during her hospitalizations to continue working on payroll and bookkeeping. Diane also learned to adapt where necessary as she relearned to write with her right hand.

Ms. Beach deserves recognition for her career accomplishments and exemplar spirit, which should serve as an inspiration to us all. I commend Diane for her positive attitude and determination, and I wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed rollcall votes No. 526, No. 527, and No. 528 because I was testifying before the Institute of Medicine on geographic adjustment factors in Medicare Payment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 526: "yes"; rollcall No. 527: "yes"; rollcall No. 528: "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 528, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of

the completion and opening of the Iron County Courthouse in Ironton, Missouri. The cornerstone of the Iron County Courthouse was originally laid on July 4, 1858. The construction of the building was completed and it was opened in October of 1860. This courthouse is a testament to justice in the rural community of Ironton. The legacy it represents is a point of pride to the members of this community.

The Iron County Courthouse represents a place where the laws of our country are protected and upheld. Just as justice must be served in urban areas so it must be protected and served in rural communities around the country. This courthouse represents the values of the people of Southeast Missouri and the deep traditions here. These values and this building have withstood the test of times. The Courthouse survived damage during the Civil War battle of Pilot Knob in September of 1864. The Iron County Courthouse is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and has been featured in numerous publications.

We have good reasons to recognize the history of this institution in Southeastern Missouri. The Iron County Courthouse has served as the site for countless trials and hearings during its one hundred and fifty years of existence. Along with the Iron County Historical Society and the Iron County Commissions, I celebrate the anniversary of the Iron County Courthouse.

EDUCYBER BRIAN AND MAKI DELAET

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brian and Maki DeLaet, owners of EduCyber Inc., for receiving the 2010 Wheat Ridge Business of the Year Award.

EduCyber Inc. began as a home based business in 1998 and has successfully grown under the leadership of Brian and Maki DeLaet. Its growth is attributed to the high level of personalized service provided to its clients and the business model used has become one that others seek to incorporate in their own businesses.

Brian and Maki DeLaet are active contributors to the business community. EduCyber is a member of The West Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge 2020 and the Applewood Business Association. In addition to their active participation in the community, they have lent their support to new city development projects such as new parks and new bike and walk-ways.

I extend my congratulations to Brian and Maki DeLaet, owners of EduCyber, on their recognition and thank them for their commitment to our community.

HONORING PFC PAUL CUZZUPE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, sacrifice, and heroism

of Army Private First Class Paul Orazio Cuzzupe II, of Plant City, Florida.

PFC Cuzzupe, an Army combat medic, was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on August 8th when his unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device.

U.S. Army combat medics are the battlefield's first responders, fearlessly providing first aid and basic medical care to those in desperate need. PFC Cuzzupe personified this bravery and compassion. In fact, a week before he died, PFC Cuzzupe was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his tireless efforts to save life of an Afghan child that had been severely wounded by an insurgent's bomb.

Outside of the Army, Paulie—as he is known to his friends—was an outstanding young man in his own right. He had been an honor student at Armwood High School and was a talented self-taught guitarist who led his own rock band and performed songs for Sunday school students.

Madam Speaker, though proud to have such a fine example from the Tampa Bay community, it is with great remorse that I rise to commemorate the life of PFC Cuzzupe. I am in awe of the young men and women like Paul Cuzzupe who choose to serve their countrymen in the armed forces. I appreciate their professionalism and dedication. Their sacrifice, like that of PFC Cuzzupe will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ST. LOUIS ZOO

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the world-famous St. Louis Zoo, which I am proud to represent. For a century, the St. Louis Zoo, a national landmark located in St. Louis' historic Forest Park, has entertained and educated millions of visitors from around the world.

Since the St. Louis Zoo's first days it has pioneered the preservation and propagation of endangered species. The St. Louis Zoo is a world leader in efforts to conserve animals and their habitats through animal management, research, recreation, educational programs and environmental stewardship.

The St. Louis Zoo has played an indispensable role in the development of environmental awareness for generations of American children and its ongoing research continues to spur new ideas to help visitors understand, appreciate and respect the diversity and fragile balance of life on earth.

This year, over three million visitors will be enriched and inspired by a visit to the St. Louis Zoo as it continues to entertain and educate animal lovers of all ages.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Centennial of the St. Louis Zoo, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this American cultural treasure.

HONORING DIANA AND LÉON BERLINER,
HUMBOLDT COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Diana and Léon Berliner, extraordinary citizens of Humboldt County, California, who have dedicated their lives to public service. The husband and wife team are being honored by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee as 2010 Citizens of the Year for one of our nation's most precious rights—participation in the political system. Their commitment to the general health and welfare of the community and to the preservation of our liberty is worthy of appreciation and recognition.

Diana Berliner has been a dedicated educator for over 40 years. She has focused her career on the needs of special education students, in the classroom and in training student teachers. Diana has also had a distinguished career in connection with the California Association of Resource Specialists, serving as a board member, president, conference presenter and newsletter editor. She has served as an advisory member to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and served on advisory committees to the Humboldt County Office of Education. And, as a vigorous advocate for public education, Diana Berliner has also been active in the Association of Retired Teachers. She continues to volunteer in many capacities throughout our community, including Ferndale Repertory, College of the Redwoods and North Coast Repertory Theatre.

Léon Berliner arrived safely in the United States after boarding a Liberty Ship at the age of 13 in 1948. As a Holocaust survivor and native of Antwerp, Belgium, Léon's harrowing story of survival inspires our deepest admiration. It is a story of perseverance and determination that led to a life-long commitment to help those less fortunate. Léon became a citizen and went on to receive his education, then served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. Upon returning to civilian life, he launched a long and distinguished career serving children and adults with disabilities. He worked in that capacity from New York to California, developing model programs and educating the community to the needs of people with disabilities. After moving to Humboldt County in 1971, he became the founder and Executive Director of Redwoods United Workshop, dedicated to providing training and work experience for the disabled. Following his retirement, Léon pursued his passion for classical music by opening Berliner's Cornucopia, sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for life by further educating and enriching the lives of many on the North Coast.

These extraordinary individuals have demonstrated many times over their commitment and public spirit. They possess a keen interest in community life and participate every day in a meaningful and thoughtful manner by making our community a better place in which to live.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Diana and Léon Berliner for their unwavering compassion and for

their contribution to the ideals and traditions that have made America a nation of hope and achievement.

DR. THOMAS P. CAMPBELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Thomas P. Campbell for receiving the 2010 Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award.

Dr. Campbell began his Ophthalmology practice in 1988 and since has become a leader in his field. His investment and restoration of property along 44th Avenue in Wheat Ridge, Colorado has provided the city with an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally conscious building that will increase property values.

This new office design has provided a model that will promote sustainable development projects in Wheat Ridge. Specifically, the design features a porous pavement drainage system that significantly reduces the need for on-site storm water detention facilities creating cost effective use of the land.

I extend my congratulations to Dr. Thomas P. Campbell, on receiving the 2010 City of Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award and thank him for his dedication and commitment to our community.

A TRIBUTE TO IASHA A. RIVERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the accomplishments of Iasha A. Rivers.

Iasha Rivers is the Director of External Affairs and Corporate Communications for Macy's Inc. She specializes in creating synergy in and out of the company from a brand marketing and customer first perspective. She has developed significant relationships within our communities, diversity initiatives, special projects, and the coordination of a number of charitable events on behalf of the company. She is also charged with the strategic planning and execution of advertising compliance for Macy's stores. Iasha is closely involved with working in partnership with city and state agencies, government officials and consumer boards to remain ahead of the curve on issues that affect the industry and customers. Ms. Rivers is responsible for developing policies and procedures to streamline store-line operational functions, as well as advising store executives on internal and external matters.

Iasha has a background in the entertainment industry. She worked for ASCAP (American Society of Composers and Publishers) and Double Xposure where she developed her skills in communications in the field of public relations. Previously, she worked in healthcare as a Performance Improvement Manager and Resident Coordinator for Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center/Special Care Unit, one of the first units in the nation to have a