

Death investigation, investigations of violent crime, and investigations of drug activity which directly contribute to violent crime, currently consume the majority of Investigative Division resources. GBI agents are constantly exploring and developing more effective investigative techniques to address violent crime.

The Dekalb County Police Department understands and strongly embraces the philosophy and strategy of Community Oriented Policing in their daily operations and functions. Proactive strategies that promote lasting crime reduction and problem-solving will be developed and implemented. This will be accomplished through a working partnership based on mutual trust, understanding and a shared responsibility in all branches of government, the police department, the private sector, each citizen and within all of our communities. I would have to agree with President Obama when he said, "We are going to do everything in our power as long as I'm in the White House and as long as I'm the father of two girls to make sure that we're providing the states the support that they need"; these words were Obama's commitment to continue to fight crime, and provide law enforcement with the necessary tools. During my time as a Dekalb County commissioner I worked in conjunction with local police departments to combat crime and keep my community safe. As a former commissioner, judge, and a father of two children myself, I understand the detrimental impact that crime can have on a community and the importance of increasing awareness of protecting the rights of victims and survivors of crime.

Please join me and support this resolution to bring awareness to the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States.

BRANDON APPLEHANS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brandon Applehans who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Brandon Applehans is a 10th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Brandon Applehans for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

### HONORING CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christian Brothers Academy of Lincroft, New Jersey which is celebrating 50 years of service and Catholic education in the Lasallian tradition.

Founded September 14, 1959, Christian Brothers Academy began with a freshman class of 150 boys and a faculty of six Christian Brothers, led by Brother Bernard McKenna serving as principal. Today, the academy remains an all-boys private high school with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, with offerings in honors and advanced placement studies. The Academy has achieved numerous honors in education and extracurricular activities, making them one of the premier institutes of Catholic education in the area.

The Academy has grown in size, now serving over 900 students, 77 teachers, 54 executive and support staff, as well as over 9,000 committed alumni. It occupies a one hundred and fifty acre campus in Lincroft, NJ and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Christian Brothers Academy is comprised of a community of scholars, volunteers and employees dedicated to developing a thriving educational environment, focusing on the holistic development of their students. The Academy is active in community service and outreach, stressing fraternity and camaraderie amongst all students, as well as the development of a community-centered work ethic and the ideals of Christian charity.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the Christian Brothers Academy and their 50 years of service to New Jersey students and the community at large.

### CONGRATULATING SUSAN PATTE FOR HER SELECTION AS "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" BY THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Susan Patte of Scranton, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of her selection to be honored as "Woman of the Year" for 2010 by the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

Mrs. Patte is a daughter of the late Aldone and Bernie Melesky.

She graduated from West Scranton High School in the class of 1963.

She went on to marry Anthony J. Patte and the couple has four children: Deborah Ann Riccardo, Susan A. Kahlau, Lisa Tulaney and Tony B. Patte.

Mr. and Mrs. Patte also have five grandchildren: Michael Riccardo, Tanner Kahlau, Alex Tulaney, Jack Tulaney and Annie Kahlau.

Mrs. Patte is employed as a bookkeeper and accountant in the Lackawanna County Treasurer's Office.

She served eight years on the Scranton School Board which included two years as President of the Board and one year as Vice President of the Board.

During her tenure on the school board, Memorial Stadium was refurbished and West Scranton High School was renovated. She participated in labor contract negotiations as part of her responsibilities. She also oversaw implementation of the federal No Child Left Behind Program and also helped develop the SAVES program that provides continued education for children who are expelled. She was also chair of the Special Education Committee during implementation of the federal IDEA program.

She is a past President of the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women, having served in that office during 2007 and 2008.

Currently, she is serving as Fourth Vice President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women.

She is an active community volunteer for organizations that include the Scranton Tomorrow Winter in the City Project and also the American Cancer Society's Ball of Hope Committee.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Susan Patte on this auspicious occasion.

Throughout her many years of outstanding service to her community, she has been an inspirational force in demonstrating to those who will follow her the importance of contributing to the betterment of her neighbors through political action and charitable volunteerism.

Clearly, Mrs. Patte has contributed to the improvement of the quality of life throughout the region and, for that, she has earned the respect and admiration of a grateful community in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

BURUK KIDANE

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Buruk Kidane who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Buruk Kidane is a 12th grader at Arvada School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Buruk Kidane for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING CHARLES KEY

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Charles Key upon being awarded with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Key was honored on Saturday, January 30, 2010, in Chowchilla, California.

Mr. Charles Key was raised in Henryetta, Oklahoma. At seventeen years old he enlisted in the United States Navy. Mr. Key completed Navy Boot Camp at the Navy Recruit Training Center at San Diego, California. After boot camp he was designated and trained as a Machinist Mate and was assigned to the USS *Boxer* CV-21, a twenty-seven thousand ton Essex class aircraft carrier. While on the *Boxer*, Mr. Key completed two deployments to the Western Pacific from 1950 to 1951.

The USS *Boxer* was returning from the Far East in 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea. The carrier made a rapid turn-around as it was carrying needed Air Force and Navy planes, as well as personnel, and headed to the war zone in the Pacific. During the following months, Mr. Key and his shipmates worked diligently to keep aircraft in the air by providing air support for the United Nations' fighting forces ashore. Between 1951 and 1952, while aboard the USS *Boxer*, Mr. Key made three additional Korean War cruises. The planes from the USS *Boxer* hit transportation and infrastructure targets in North Korea and gave close air support to troops on the front lines. On August 5, 1952, while engaged in combat operations, a fire broke out on the hanger deck. The fire resulted in nine deaths, several aircraft were lost and there was significant damage to the hanger deck. Mr. Key and his shipmates worked non-stop, and within two weeks the USS *Boxer* returned to combat duties off the Korean coast.

Upon returning to the United States, Machinist Mate 3rd Class Key was honorably discharged from the Navy at the Naval District in San Francisco. For his service, Mr. Key was awarded the China Service Medal, the Navy Occupation Award, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. During his civilian career, Mr. Key was a California licensed electrician and air conditioning contractor.

Mr. Key is a Life Member of the Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9896 and a member of the First Christian Church of Madera. Mr. Key and his wife, Christine, had two sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Charles Key upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Key many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Armenian Relief Society as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

The Armenian Relief Society, ARS, established in 1910, is a non-profit organization devoted to community and cultural service. Initially a mostly women's organization, it empowered women to take leadership roles and act for the betterment of society, and encompass the importance of serving the needs of Armenian genocide victims.

As time elapsed, the goals of the ARS branched out to reach all communities in distress—Armenian and non-Armenian alike. In addition to disaster relief and assistance during wars and epidemics, the ARS has broadened its activities and developed a mission and a common purpose. Today, they address social, educational, developmental, and cultural roles within communities.

Over the course of a century, the organization has launched chapters in more than 26 countries. The ARS situated its western roots in Fresno in 1915 and has expanded to include 26 chapters in California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, and Utah. Hence, the ARS of Western USA was established in 1984 in response to the growing needs of expanding communities. Geographical location has never steered members off their precise course of making a difference in local communities and around the world simultaneously.

The ARS's passion to help people has blossomed into various constructive projects. Since its establishment in 1980, Armenian Relief Society Social Services Centers have aided approximately 60,000 people annually regarding issues such as immigration, counseling, and services for the elderly. In the year 2000, the ARS Child, Youth & Family Guidance Center was created to provide a gateway to individuals and families suffering from problems such as marital and family conflicts and substance abuse. Supportive professional therapists offer individual and group psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, and crisis intervention. With the support of generous donors, the ARS continues to support such centers as well as schools, scholarship programs, cultural centers, health-care clinics, and orphanages to name a few examples. Today, ARS chapters also work hand-in-hand with other charities such as the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, and YWCA.

I am proud to recognize the past and present members and supporters of the ARS for their unique contributions to the global community, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the Armenian Relief Society for 100 years of dedicated service.

BRIANNA MCKNIGHT

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

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

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

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Brianna McKnight for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 5088, AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO CLEAN WATER ACT

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing "America's Commitment to Clean Water Act," legislation to reaffirm the ability of the Clean Water Act to protect the Nation's waters, including wetlands. These waters support our nation's economic well-being, enable our quality of life, and sustain our environment for generations to come. Over its thirty-seven-year history, the Clean Water Act has restored countless rivers, lakes, and streams, protected drinking water supplies, and preserved water quality and water-related habitat essential to waterfowl, wildlife, and fisheries.

In 1972, Congress set a goal that the Nation's waters would be fishable and swimmable by July 1, 1983. Great progress toward that goal has been made, but 40 percent of our waters still do not meet the goals and standards of the Act.

In 2001 and 2006, two decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court threw the Nation's clean water programs into turmoil, creating confusion and uncertainty for communities, developers, and agricultural interests, and placing at risk the Nation's ability to restore, protect, and maintain water quality and the water-related environment.

Turmoil, confusion, and uncertainty are no way to run a program. The result has been increased processing times and backlogs as the agencies struggle to interpret the court decisions. That is why I developed legislation to restore the common understanding of the scope of the Clean Water Act based on decades-old interpretations of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The bill will ensure that the Clean Water Act can cover the same waters as it did under the regulatory decisions in place in 2001. These decisions were based on a common understanding developed over the 29 years of the Act as to defining its appropriate scope.

By restoring the common understanding and practice of protecting the Nation's waters and wetlands as existed prior to 2001, we can provide much-needed certainty to the regulated