

board of directors of the American Water Works Association, and he has been appointed to two terms on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

Thanks in large part to Wally Bishop's leadership, the Contra Costa Water District is today in an excellent position to face the challenges of the 21st century. This is no accident: He is one of the true innovators and strategic thinkers in California water matters, and he and his staff have worked tirelessly throughout his tenure.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Wally Bishop on his retirement, and to thank him for his many years of public service. He is leaving big shoes to fill, and I hope that in addition to spending more time with his wife Patty, he will continue to contribute his energy and his ideas to the world of California water.

JASER ALSHARHAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jaser Alsharhan who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jaser Alsharhan 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 Jaser Alsharhan 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 Jaser Alsharhan for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING MOST REV. JOSEPH BAMBERA UPON HIS ORDINATION AS BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Most Rev. Joseph Bambera, the newly ordained Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

On Monday, April 26, 2010, Bishop Bambera became the 10th Bishop of the Scranton Diocese. A native son of the 11-county Catholic diocese, Bishop Bambera spent nearly 20 of his 27 years as a priest ministering in the diocese's parishes.

He brings to his new post enthusiasm, humility and a unique understanding of his Catholic flock.

"With deep humility, I offer thanks to Almighty God, through whose providence and grace I've been called to serve as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton," Bishop Bambera stated during his installation at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton before a large audience of priests, bishops, Cardinal Justin Rigali, head of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Apostolic Nuncio Pietro Sambi, Pope Benedict XVI's top diplomatic and spiritual representative in the United States as well as hundreds of the faithful.

Bishop Bambera has received the endorsement of many of his fellow priests in the Diocese who know him as a consensus builder and a man who appreciates the power of humor. "In God's wisdom and providence, he has given you one of your own as bishop," he said referring to the fact that he is only the second bishop to be a native of the diocese. "For you, perhaps God's wisdom may be confounding," he added to laughter from his church audience.

Then, he offered, "For me, your example, your dedication to prayer and service and your support have been a great source of inspiration and great consolation."

Again, Bishop Bambera called upon his gift of humor to express his deep emotion about his family roots. He recalled that his father died in 2004 and that his mother, when told that her son had been appointed as bishop, she was not "ecstatic." He recalled that she said, "Well, you've got quite a job to do." Then, when told that the public announcement of his appointment would occur on a Tuesday at 10 a.m., she responded, "That works out just fine. I have a hair appointment at noon." Choking back tears, Bishop Bambera thanked his parents for raising him well.

"My mother and father taught us by their example powerful lessons of faith and hope, peppered with healthy doses of common-sense. As parents go, I could not ask for more," he observed.

Bishop Bambera called attention to the challenge he uses during Mass, noting that it was a gift from his Great Aunt Marie, who died in her 80s, after outliving three children. "One day my mother asked her, 'How do you remain so upbeat given all the loss you've experienced in your life?' Here's what she said, 'No one knows the tears that I shed for those I've lost. But I am convinced that there is nothing that we cannot bear in life if we have faith.'"

Bishop Bambera called upon the faithful of the diocese to work together with him to "... meet the challenges."

In his remarks, Cardinal Rigali, speaking about Bishop Bambera, noted that, "... the faithful bishop is a good shepherd who knows that despite his own human limitations and his many faults and shortcomings which he recognizes and strives with God's help to overcome, he must still challenge the flock."

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Bishop Bambera on this most joyous and inspiring occasion. His faithful service to the spiritual well-being of his parishioners; the respect that he enjoys among his peers and superiors; his leadership and his unyielding devotion to God and the Catholic congregation of northeastern Pennsylvania will serve him well as he moves forward in this new and demanding position. In that regard, we all wish him well.

HONORING ELECTRICIANS MATE 1ST CLASS ROBERT LAWRENCE MUDD

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Electricians Mate 1st Class Robert Lawrence Mudd, a sailor from Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Petty Officer Mudd tragically lost his life while stationed in Hawaii, assigned to submarine USS *Olympia* at Pearl Harbor.

Robert Mudd was a model citizen and patriot. Shortly after graduating from high school in 1998, he joined the U.S. Navy. Robert served at the Trident Training Facility in Kings Bay, Georgia, and aboard USS *Nebraska* before joining the crew of USS *Olympia* in May 2007.

Today, as we honor the service of this exceptional Kentuckian, my heartfelt prayers are with Robert's loving parents, Lawrence and Barbara, and the rest of his family and friends. We are all indebted to Robert for his bravery and willingness to answer the Nation's call to defend freedom.

JARED ROSAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jared Rosas 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 Jared Rosas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 11th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week, which brings national attention to motorists, worker safety and mobility issues in work zones. This year's Awareness Week takes place April 19–23, and is coordinated by the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway

and Transportation Officials, and the American Traffic Safety Services Association. Although work zone fatalities have declined nationally by over 30 percent since 1996, 720 people lost their lives in 2008 alone. We can do better.

National Work Zone Awareness Week encourages drivers to pay close attention to their surroundings such as putting down their mobile phones and other devices while proceeding through work zones. With increased awareness, we can continue aiming to make our roads safer for both workers and drivers, but also work toward further decreasing the number of work zone fatalities. According to research from the Illinois Institute of Technology, highway work zone fatalities have actually increased from 2007 to 2008 for both highway workers and vehicle travelers. Its research also shows that Illinois highway worker fatalities have actually stayed consistent over the last 15 years. We need to urge the American people to continue striving to reduce this fatality rate. This is an ambitious goal, but with 7,000 work zone crashes per year in my home State, 29 leading to death, National Work Zone Awareness Week is something we should all support.

In addition, as a Member serving on both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Education and Labor Committee, I would also like to recognize my two committee chairmen, Representatives JIM OBERSTAR and GEORGE MILLER, for their constant vigilance on making workplace safety a top priority of each respective Committee. Madam Speaker, we should all be reminded that driving safely doesn't stop just because you slow down through a highway construction zone, but rather it encompasses all factors that allow motorists to pay close attention to the road while also allowing road workers to improve our infrastructure. These workers should not have to worry about whether or not they're going to make it through the day unscathed.

Again, I would like to offer my recognition for National Work Zone Awareness Week. I thank the Speaker and urge all of my colleagues to join in recognizing this important campaign.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIRGINIA SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th anniversary of the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation.

The foundation was formed in 1990 when actors Tim and Daphne Reid formed the Tim Reid Scholarship Foundation. It has since helped many at-risk high school students in Hampton Roads, Virginia go to college.

Education has always been society's great equalizer, and a college education is necessary today to ensure that youth reach their highest potential. The Foundation's mission and motto of "Universal Understanding Through Education" clearly reflects this.

Financing a college education becomes more and more difficult each year. Tim and Daphne Reid have committed themselves to making this less of an obstacle for many families in Hampton Roads, Virginia. They are devoted to the belief that talented individuals should not be denied the opportunity to cultivate their minds and have the opportunity to create a better future for themselves, their families, their community and the world.

For 20 years, Tim and Daphne have worked tirelessly to raise funds for this scholarship. One of their most successful fundraisers is the annual Tim Reid Celebrity Weekend. Tim and Daphne invite many of their friends to come to Hampton Roads to participate in a weekend of events. The Celebrity Weekend attracts over 5,000 people annually. Actors, musicians, comedians, and dignitaries are invited to donate their time to participate in 3 days of activities to raise funds for the Foundation. Past celebrity guests have included Will Smith, Kyla Pratt, Kelly Williams, Lark Voorhies, Percy Daggs, Marcus Paulk, Angela Bassett, Victoria Rowell, Alfonso Ribeiro, the O'Jays, Clifton Davis, Richard Roundtree, Tia and Tamera Mowry, Tatyana Ali, Blair Underwood, and many others. Next week, the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation will host its 20th Annual Tim Reid Celebrity Weekend in Hampton Roads, which I am sure will be another huge success.

Because of the efforts of Tim and Daphne Reid, there are currently twenty-four students attending eleven different colleges and universities with the support of the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation. Many of these young people are the first in their families to obtain a college education.

I congratulate the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation on twenty successful years and, I commend Tim and Daphne Reid for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Foundation and students in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Their willingness to invest in our state and our students is a model of personal and corporate responsibility that I hope many will replicate across our great nation. Under the leadership of Tim and Daphne Reid, I am sure the Foundation will have many more years of success.

JANAE TRUJILLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Janae Trujillo who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Janae Trujillo is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Janae Trujillo 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 Janae Trujillo 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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAM HOUSTON

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize Sam Houston's contributions to Texas and our Nation. Sam Houston was a statesman, military leader, and politician who made remarkable contributions to Texas and our Nation. His achievements include representing both Tennessee and Texas in the U.S. Congress; defeating Mexican President Santa Anna to secure Texas' long sought independence; and being named the first President of the Republic of Texas for two terms. Additionally, he was the only person in U.S. History to have been the governor of two different states, Texas and Tennessee.

The State of Texas has recognized Sam Houston's achievements with the naming of the City of Houston. His is also remembered by a memorial museum, a U.S. Army Base, a national forest, a historical park, a university and the largest free-standing statue of an American figure.

The patriotic spirit of Sam Houston is carried by every Texan, and is especially seen in his great grandson, Sam Houston the 4th. I am proud to say this gentleman is my constituent. I have seen Sam Houston 4th every year at Texas Day of Independence celebration and feel that his vote is the best endorsement I have ever had.

Please join me in acknowledging Sam Houston's accomplishments with this resolution.

BLACK APRIL COMMEMORATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. And I am here today to honor and remember our fallen soldiers, American veterans, and our South Vietnamese allies, who fought and died in the name of freedom and democracy. For the past 14 years, I have had the privilege of representing one of the largest Vietnamese communities in the United States. I have listened to their amazing stories and worked with them to advocate for freedom and human rights in Vietnam.

During my 14 years in Congress, I have seen first-hand the passion of the Vietnamese-American community and their unwavering determination not only to succeed as a Vietnamese-American but also bring freedom to the people of Vietnam. My colleagues and I honor all those who fought for democracy and freedom in Vietnam and urge the Vietnamese-American communities to continue their fight against the continued persecution and injustice in Vietnam.