

HONORING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
SPRING CITY ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students, parents, teachers, administrators and staff of Spring City Elementary School in Chester County, Pennsylvania as they celebrate the school's 50th anniversary.

During the last half century, Spring City Elementary has been a cornerstone in the community and the starting point for students' educational journeys.

Spring City Elementary was built on the former site of the Spring City Race Track on South Wall Street just a few years after the formal establishment of the Spring-Ford School District. When the school opened in the spring of 1960, 305 students were enrolled.

Spring City Elementary is tremendously proud of the supportive, caring environment for learning and working. That nurturing atmosphere creates a sense of community that is as sturdy as the bricks and steel used to build the school.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Spring City Elementary School community as it commemorates this memorable milestone and in offering the students, parents, teachers, administrators and staff best wishes for continued success.

MARIALAINA PRECIADO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Marialaina Preciado 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 Marialaina Preciado 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 241, I was absent from the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING MR. RALPH WILLIAMS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS AND EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ralph Williams, who after dedicating his life to education, is retiring after 39 years of service to the Fort Smith Public Schools.

Mr. Williams has worn many hats during his time as an educator. From teacher, principal, social worker and now Student Services Supervisor for the school district, he has always stepped up to a new challenge with enthusiasm.

His commitment to students earned well-deserved honors, including being named the Regional Principal of the Year, the Arkansas Principal of the Year and the National Distinguished Principal—all while a principal at Fairview Elementary School.

Mr. Williams has always worked to create a learning environment that can benefit all students. His efforts to bring technology into the classroom and provide challenging programs are helping mold our future leaders. Now at his current position Mr. Williams works to encourage at-risk students to do better in school and make the most of their educational opportunities.

I am proud of Mr. Ralph Williams for his commitment to education and his efforts to improve the lives of students in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

MARIE BANKS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

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

RECOGNIZING THE INDUCTION OF 42 SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS OF CHESTNUT RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF FISHERTOWN INTO THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the induction of 42 seventh grade students of Chestnut Ridge Middle School of Fishertown into the National Junior Honor Society. The Chestnut Ridge chapter will hold its induction ceremony on Monday, May 3, 2010.

Induction into the National Junior Honor Society is reserved for students with impressive academic achievement and a high potential for personal and intellectual growth. The incoming students of the Chestnut Ridge Chapter have distinguished themselves in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. As NJHS members, these young men and women will build on their commendable dedication to academic and personal excellence. They have taken an important step of growing into the leaders of the next generation.

The following Chestnut Ridge Middle School students have been inducted: Rachel Dikum, Cassandra Brown, Hannah Miller, Jennifer Carthew, Nativa O'Brien, Emily Sprigg, Matthew Claar, Katie Weaver, Abby Barnes, Derrick Claar, Casey Fleegle, Lucas Berkey, Megan Anderson, Kimberly Bischof, Shane Davis, Christian Collins, Holly Davis, Toshia Rush, Harold Wentz, Natalie Dumin, Cassandra Wright, Kenzie Bowser, Nicholas Hyde, Austin Taylor, Brittany Finnegan, Caitlyn Ferguson, Brandon Mowry, Paul Sims, Trent Crouse, Dakota Kauffman, Kylee Snyder, Jarret Dunn, Luke Stultz, Jonathon Heming, Alesha Rightenour, Lakyn Code, Bradley Frankenberry, Makayla Weaverling, Mylee Dull, Derek Gardner, Andrew Loar, and Colby Hillegass.

These inductees have already displayed remarkable talent and depth of character. I congratulate the new members of the Chestnut Ridge Middle School National Junior Honor Society on the honor they are receiving, and I look forward to many more great achievements.

HONORING MR. ROBERT T.  
CIANELLI

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the tireless service of Mr. Robert T. Cianelli as a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network and a dedicated supporter of America's military personnel. To salute his service, Mr. Cianelli was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's 2nd District.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting the

lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

For the past 5 years, Mr. Cianelli has made sure patients at the Glen Burnie VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic are picked up for their appointment on time and safely returned to their home. To date, he has logged 1,300 driving hours and more than 20,000 miles. Mr. Cianelli's experience as a computer scientist has significantly improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the transportation network, providing a program to maintain driver statistics, automating vehicle expense reports and developing a route sheet to expedite driver pick-up times. Robert's colleagues say that it would be hard to find an individual that contributes more than he does to guarantee the success of the Disabled American Veterans Transportation program.

In addition to his service at the Glen Burnie VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Mr. Cianelli volunteers with Operation Welcome Home at BWI Airport, welcoming thousands of troops home and providing them with care packages to hold them over while they wait for connecting flights. Mr. Cianelli raised funds to get the program off the ground and continues to do so.

As a member of the Baltimore Marine Corps League, Mr. Cianelli helped raise \$27,000 for the "Wounded Marine Program" at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and the Walter Reed Army Hospital. The program fed hundreds of meals to family members at the hospital during the height of the fighting in the Iraqi city of Fallujah when there were significant casualties arriving. It paid for Christmas baskets, lodging and taxi coupons for families, as well as televisions and video games for wounded soldiers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor Mr. Robert T. Cianelli. His compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are an inspiration to us all, and are deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Robert T. Cianelli on his exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer for American servicemen and women everywhere.

MARINA MODECKER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marina Modecker who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Marina Modecker is an 11th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Marina Modecker 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 Marina Modecker for winning the Ar-

vada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF HOMES  
AND SERVICES FOR THE AGING  
2010 PHILANTHROPIST OF THE  
YEAR

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to honor my constituent, Mr. Glenn Biggs, a great American and Texan, who has been selected by the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging as the 2010 Philanthropist of the Year.

Mr. Biggs, born in a small West Texas town in the depths of the Great Depression, has used his knowledge and experience as a banker and business leader to guide Morningside Ministries in San Antonio in establishing an innovative, progressive program, mmLearn.org. It delivers high quality training through online videos to caregivers not only in San Antonio, but also to communities as large as New York City and as small as Homer, Alaska.

Through online training, geriatric physicians can be in the homes and offices of health professionals, family caregivers, pastoral care providers and older adults who have internet connectivity. In a recent webcast, Dr. Thomas Weiss, a geriatric psychiatrist with a specialty in addiction, had a presentation about alcoholism and the elderly.

Most would never have an opportunity to benefit from Dr. Weiss' expertise, but 382 viewers joined the webcast and interacted by providing online comments and questions. The webcast is now available on demand and will continue to be a training resource. Mr. Biggs' vision, commitment and dedication have made this level of service possible.

Mr. Biggs' philanthropy and leadership are not only recognized in the field of aging, but benefit many other worthy causes. The San Antonio Business Journal has written of Mr. Biggs: "... (This) gentle giant with a booming voice spends countless hours trying to get wealthy South Texans to give to causes which he believes are important. Time after time, he is called upon to advise college presidents and board chairmen who are seeking access to the network of former politicians and business millionaires who are willing to part with their fortunes for the right cause."

Numerous organizations and countless individuals have benefitted from the philanthropic leadership of Glenn Biggs. He is preparing and inspiring generations to step forward and become the philanthropists for decades to come. Glenn Biggs sets an example for all of us to follow. And I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this great man.

MARQUIS SKINNER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

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

RECOGNITION OF THE 85TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE COMMEMORA-  
TION OF MENLO PARK

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th Anniversary of the 1925 Commemoration of Menlo Park. On May 16, 1925, Thomas Alva Edison and 600 guests came to Menlo Park to celebrate the inventor's historic accomplishments by commemorating Menlo Park. Eighty-five years later the Township of Edison, New Jersey and the non-profit Edison Memorial Tower Corporation will host a special celebration at the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park to honor both the inventor and the community named in his honor.

The event will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday May 16, 2010. This is a great opportunity to learn about Thomas Edison's life, his work, and his legacy of invention. A great-grandson of the inventor will share stories about his famous relative, and community leaders will exhibit plans to restore Menlo Tower, build a new museum, and redevelop the parkland in Edison State Park. The Edison Community and the Edison Memorial Tower Corporation encourage contributions and attendance at the event in order to help honor the memory of Thomas Edison and support the spirit of innovation that defines Menlo Park.

The Edison Memorial Tower Corporation is a nonprofit organization that works to preserve, promote, and manage the Edison Memorial Tower and Museum in the Menlo Park section of Edison Township. The Corporation strives to honor Edison's memory and educate the public about Edison, his significant accomplishments at this site, and his impact on modern research and development.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the Edison community's continued efforts to improve Menlo Park and honor the enduring legacy of