

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICIOS
LATINOS OF BURLINGTON COUNTY**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor "Servicios Latinos de Burlington County" as they commemorate their 10th anniversary.

The people of our great nation share a common spirit and heritage. We believe in the American dream, and the promise that through our labors we can achieve educational and economic success. Throughout the past decade, Servicios Latinos has helped more than 2,500 Burlington County families in achieving this dream.

Servicios Latinos is a social services agency that provides those in need with the resources they need to become informed, educated, and independently able to utilize vital services to become productive and healthy citizens.

In addition to providing critical services in the areas of health, education, housing, and employment, they have also sponsored the bilingual health and higher education fairs and a Hispanic heritage festival. For the organization's inspiring work in the community, they have been honored by several national and state institutions and community partners.

During their 10th anniversary celebration, Servicios Latinos will acknowledge and honor Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr., President of Burlington County College, and State Senator Diane Allen, with the "Champion of Diversity Award" for being cornerstones in the Servicios Latinos' establishment.

I would also like to commend Ms. Angela Mateo Gonzalez, the Founder and Executive Director of Servicios Latinos for her commendable work with Servicios Latinos, which has made a dramatic, positive impact on the lives of thousands of South Jersey families. I thank her for her dedication and commitment to the community.

Madam Speaker, I hope that you will join me in commending Ms. Gonzalez and the Servicios Latinos de Burlington County for helping so many in our community fulfill the American dream throughout the past ten years.

LAUREN ARCHER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

The dedication demonstrated by Lauren Archer 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 Lauren Archer 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 MR. JOHN ALEXANDER

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 service of John Alexander for his remarkable dedication as a volunteer at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center. To salute his service, Mr. Alexander was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's Second 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.

As the Disabled American Veterans Representative for the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center, Mr. Alexander is an active fundraiser and friend. Mr. Alexander makes certain he is aware of all patient needs and makes requests to the DAV to purchase items not routinely supplied by the VA. His fundraising efforts have enabled Loch Raven VA residents to receive televisions and body pillows for hospice patients. It also enables residents to travel out-of-state to participate in the Golden Age Games, a recreational "Olympics" style event.

Twice per month, Mr. Alexander visits the residents and spends time talking with them. Annually, he coordinates Veterans Day at the Golden Corral, advertising, greeting guests and raffling a television. It is an event that community veterans thoroughly enjoy. Sometimes working 10-hours straight, Mr. Alexander is always kind and compassionate, upbeat and pleasant. His colleagues describe him as an "awesome human being."

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

LEVI LOCKLING

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 Levi Lockling who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Levi Lockling is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because

his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Levi Lockling 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 Levi Lockling 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 WILBURN BROWN OF
MENDOCINO COUNTY**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the civic accomplishments of Wilburn "Webb" Brown, on the occasion of his 100th birthday. As an exemplary citizen his service has benefited the ruggedly beautiful Mendocino County in northern California where he has lived his entire life. His contributions are long lasting and statewide.

Born in Ukiah on May 7, 1910, he grew up on ranches leased by his parents in Hopland and Talmage. He moved to Potter Valley in 1943 and began raising dairy cattle when there were 14 dairies in this picturesque community where he still resides.

A retired rancher, Webb Brown was a long-time Mendocino County Assessor, an elected position he held from 1955 through 1977. He was President of the California Assessors Association in 1963. As head of its legislative program, Webb Brown was responsible for 12 major bills dealing with tax assessment and passed by the State legislature. He is renowned for creation of property-tax practices favoring the preservation of farmland and open space.

He was a leader on passing a timber yield tax that required owners of woodlands to pay taxes only on trees they harvested. In 1965 he played a statewide leadership role in the passage of the Williamson Act of 1965, which greatly limited what farmers and ranchers had to pay in property taxes as long as they kept their land undeveloped.

Upon his retirement from the Assessor's office he was honored as "one of the State of California's highest respected assessors." He is known for his willingness to meet problems head on and his courage in making unpopular decisions as well as his fair application of state tax laws to everyone.

He also served on the Mendocino Air Management District Hearing Board, the Potter Valley Board of Education, the Ukiah Unified School Board and he was the Chair of the Save the College Committee for Mendocino College. He is committed to improving the quality of education and the hiring of capable teachers as well as seeking competitive salaries for teachers. In 1980 he was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Award by Mendocino College for helping establish the college.

In addition to his community service and ranching skill, Webb Brown is known for being

a loving husband, father, stepfather and grandfather. He has four children, three stepchildren, 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews who will join the celebration of his 100th birthday.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, Webb Brown has earned the admiration and respect of his peers, his community and his family. He is a friend and a mentor in Mendocino County and his legacy is long lasting. For these reasons, it is appropriate that we honor Wilburn "Webb" Brown.

LOGAN REED

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 Logan Reed who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Logan Reed is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Logan Reed 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 Logan Reed 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 THE CROATIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the contributions made by the Croatian American Association for enriching the lives of native Croatians and Croatian-Americans alike for the past 20 years.

The Croatian American Association was established in 1990, when it began advocating for the establishment of a sovereign and independent Democratic Republic of Croatia. Its efforts led to public demonstrations in Washington, DC attended by over 50,000 people in support of Croatian democracy. Furthermore, its members have organized rallies throughout America to raise money for the defense of Croatia and to make humanitarian aid available for Croatians living at home and abroad.

The Croatian American Association has also worked tirelessly with the U.S. government in order to help address the concerns of many Croatian-Americans. It has established an office in Washington, DC to help lobby and educate Members of Congress about Croatian history, and the desire for a sovereign Democratic Republic of Croatia. In addition, it has pushed for the inclusion of Croatia into NATO,

the Partnership for Peace, and the European Union.

The Croatian American Association has also worked to establish an Embassy of The Republic of Croatia, and to further provide services to Croatian-Americans by establishing a number of consulates in many major U.S. cities.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Croatian American Association and its members for their 20 years of service as an invaluable partner to Croatians throughout the world, and to wish them many more years of continued success.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JEAN AUGUSTINE ROMNEY, FORMER ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL GUARD

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay posthumous recognition and tribute to the late Major General Jean Augustine Romney, former Adjutant General of the United States Virgin Islands National Guard, for dedicating his life to the needs of the community in which he lived and the Nation that he served with distinction.

Major General Jean A. Romney was born on December 14, 1941, and raised in Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. He attended and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He did his basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina and his advance training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was then assigned to the 1st Battle Group, 15th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, in Bamberg, Germany. He concluded Active Duty in the 7th Army NCO Academy as Sergeant and the 1st Battle Group, 28th Infantry Division, AKA "The Big Red One".

Major General Romney returned to the U.S. Virgin Islands and enrolled in the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, in Ponce, Puerto Rico from 1963 to 1966, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the prestigious Phi Epsilon Chi Fraternity of Puerto Rico. He continued his education and earned a Master's Degree in Interpersonal Relations and Personal Management at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico Graduate School in San German, Puerto Rico.

Major General Romney served as a Senator in the 11th Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands from 1975 to 1977. In April 1977, he resumed his military career by joining the Virgin Islands National Guard and receiving a direct commission as Captain. In 1978 he attended and completed his Officer Advance Course at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Although employed by the Virgin Islands National Guard, he was on loan from the Federal Government to the Virgin Islands Government from 1980 to 1984, during the Administration of Governor Juan F. Luis, serving as the Christiansted Administrator.

In 1988, he completed the Command and General Staff College and later attended a Battalion/Brigade Pre-Command Course at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. From 1993 to 1994 he

attended the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He graduated with the Class of 1994 and was a lifetime member of the Army War College's Alumni Association.

He held the following military positions before being appointed the Adjutant General of the United States Virgin Islands National Guard: Commander, 652nd Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company; Personnel Administrative Officer; Detachment Commander, Headquarters TERARC; Assistant Chief of Staff Personnel; Commander, Troop Commander; and Assistant Chief of Staff Logistics and Services.

Major General Romney's military decorations and awards include the following: The Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; The Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Good Conduct Medal; Army of Occupation (Berlin); National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Service Ribbon; Army Reserve Overseas Deployment Training Medal; Virgin Islands Long and Faithful Medal with First Clasp; and, the Virgin Islands Emergency Service Ribbon with Number.

Major General Romney was married to the former Beverly Cedelle Walcott of Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. At the time of his passing, they had two daughters, Ayanna and Chivonne and two grandchildren, Marcus and Makeda. We, the Nation and the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands are indebted to him and to them for his dedicated service.

IN TRIBUTE TO SANDE ROBINSON

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sande Robinson, Director of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Marquette University. EOP helps low-income, disadvantaged, first generation college students to receive a college degree. Ms. Robinson will retire in June 2010 after 35 years of distinguished service at Marquette University.

Ms. Robinson began her career at Marquette in 1974 and has been a part of the great success of the EOP program during 35 years of its 40-year history. She received a bachelor's degree from Kent State in Early Childhood Education and a Master's degree from Kent State with a major in College Student Personnel. Ms. Robinson's first position was as a financial aid counselor in the EOP; she ultimately became the director in 1986. Even as the director, she maintained close interaction with students by continuing to counsel students as she had since coming to the EOP.

Ms. Robinson collaborates with the national TRIO organization, the Council for Opportunity in Education to ensure the highest standards in available support services are provided nationwide for minority and other underserved students. EOP is one of the TRIO federally-funded college opportunity programs that provide academic tutoring, personal counseling,