

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Coppell Cowgirl volleyball team on winning the state championship title.

VIONA MAE HADER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Viona Mae Hader for her outstanding service to our community.

Viona is an inspirational and active member of the Golden community. She first moved to Golden in 1941 where she helped to establish and revitalize community events. In an effort to expand local trail rides, Viona helped revitalize the Buffalo Bill Days parade. She played an instrumental role in establishing the Foothills Art Center by purchasing the building and converting it into a gallery.

Viona is knowledgeable and observant. When she saw veterans receiving American flags for their service, she wondered how she could showcase these amazing soldiers' accomplishments. Soon after, she started the Flag Project at the Golden Cemetery. At the beginning, there were only eight flags, but now there are over 315 flags every Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

Viona is a pioneer. She was the first full-time employee of the Golden Chamber of Commerce and helped develop the first Golden tourist program. Among her many firsts, Viona is credited for writing the first History of Golden.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Viona Mae Hader for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE PRESIDENT MCKINLEY "MACK" WILLIAMS

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Contra Costa College President McKinley "Mack" Williams and congratulate him as he approaches his well earned retirement.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Richmond, California, McKinley attended local elementary schools and graduated from Richmond High School. He earned his Masters of Science degree in Counseling from San Francisco State University and a Masters of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. It was in Colorado that McKinley began his teaching career as a Professor of Ethnic Studies.

Upon his return to the Bay Area, McKinley worked as a marriage and family counselor as well as a Professor of Psychology at Merritt College. During his early career, McKinley

served as a Director of Research and Planning and Dean of Instruction at Merritt College, as well as Dean of Instruction at the College of Alameda.

As a well-respected expert in his field, McKinley has presented professional papers at many conferences dealing with community colleges and conducted research on critical issues facing educators. In 1990, McKinley joined the administration of Contra Costa College as Dean of Instruction. In 2005 he was appointed Interim President until July of 2006 when he was named President of the college. The college faculty and staff as well as the students who attended Contra Costa College are justifiably proud of the development of programs under McKinley's leadership. He has assembled a staff of educators who day after day helped him deliver on the promise of a quality education for all. Dedicated to breaking barriers to education for all students, particularly African American males, McKinley Williams has made a decided difference in the lives of thousands of our Bay Area youth.

In addition to his commitment to higher education, McKinley has lent his time and talent to a wide variety of organizations in our community. He serves on the board of the Richmond Children's Foundation, on the Schools-To-Careers Advisory Board for West Contra Costa Unified School District, is a member of the Leadership Advisory Committee for El Cerrito High school and serves on the Executive Board of the National Consortium of Middle College High School. He is also one of the few honored male members of The Black Women Organized for Political Action and is a lead singer for the popular gospel group Consonance. He is active on both the Richmond and San Pablo Chambers of Commerce and an active member of the Richmond-Pinole Lions Club.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to publically recognize Costa Community College President McKinley Williams and thank him for his tireless work that has left an indelible imprint on our community. Through his leadership, he has ensured that students of all ages are well prepared for continuing education, new careers, and life. On behalf of our children, families and the communities served so well by his tenure I thank McKinley Williams, and wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

BUNNY MALM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bunny Malm for her outstanding service to our community.

Bunny has been active in the Lakewood community since it was first incorporated. Bunny served as Lakewood's first Charter Chairman of the city's Board of Adjustment. Among Bunny's many board positions in the Jefferson County community, she served two years as chairman of the Jefferson County Planning Commission. Bunny currently serves as a Board member of the Lakewood Historical Society and the West Colfax Community Association.

Bunny's get up and go attitude has led her to become a volunteer ambassador for the

Lakewood-West Colfax Business Improvement District. When Bunny isn't busy working on one of her many board duties or volunteering at a local charitable group, she can be found picking up trash on West Colfax. That's who Bunny is—compassionate, outgoing and always willing to lend an extra hand.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Bunny Malm for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor on Monday, December 12. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcalls 913, 914, and 915, and "no" on rollcall 916.

AMY SHERMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amy Sherman for her outstanding service to our community.

Amy Sherman is a woman of integrity, vision, and perseverance. While serving ten years as the President of the West Chamber, Amy founded and helped develop many organizations geared to help businesses flourish in Jefferson County. These organizations include the Jefferson County Business Resource Center, the Rooney Valley Association, and the Celebrate Women of Jefferson County Event. Amy also started the tourism initiative named Experience Jefferson County.

Amy sees the bigger picture and is willing to take the risks necessary for her projects to succeed. Due to her keen eye and purposeful spirit, Amy was awarded the Colorado Chamber of Commerce Executive of the Year in 2008.

Awards and congratulations are not what drive Amy; she strives to make every person's life in the community better. Whether sitting on one of 14 boards throughout her ten years as the West Chamber President, or volunteering with the Twin Connection to mentor a meth-addicted mother of twins, or chairing events for her children's school PTA, Amy focuses on the betterment of her community for now and many years to come.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Amy Sherman for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 915, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

JENNIFER HERRICK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jennifer Herrick for her service to the people of Colorado.

Jennifer exudes the character of a caring citizen and passionate mother. She is a consistent foster mother to troubled, at-risk teens and rescue animals. As a foster mother, Jennifer cares for her foster children long after they have left her care, no matter where the children end up. As a rescue animal enthusiast, Jennifer is especially compassionate for larger breeds including Newfoundlands and Great Danes, and is a large contributor to Rocky Mountain animal rescue organizations.

Jennifer owns a small consignment shop in Evergreen named CRAVE. She is known for being environmentally conscious and community-friendly by donating unwanted items from her store to EChO (Evergreen Christian Outreach).

She is a large supporter of small businesses, by offering area retailers and organizations frequent discounts at her store. Jennifer also sends email notices to her customers asking that they shop locally and support their community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jennifer Herrick for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING BAKER COLLEGE'S
100TH YEAR OF EDUCATIONAL
SUCCESS**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Baker College as it celebrates 100 years of educational success.

Baker Business University, as it was known then, was founded by Eldon E. Baker of Flint, Michigan in 1911. Mr. Baker focused on creating a school that provided higher education and training that would enable graduates to have a successful business career. Eldon Baker's vision remains a guiding light for Baker College and its students.

After years of success Baker Business University received regional accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, its three campuses merged to form

the Baker College System. The following year Baker Junior College was authorized to grant a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and became what is known today as Baker College of Flint. Following the accreditation, Baker College of Flint made an \$11 million investment to renovate the former Mandeville School property. Today, that is the foundation for the state of the art campus that resides in Flint.

Presently, Baker College serves more than 40,000 students on 12 campuses, including Baker College Online, and in four satellite locations; grants certificates and associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in business, health sciences, education, human services, and various technical fields, as well as a doctorate of business administration. Baker College is a principal in the Greater Flint economy and tool for thousands to better themselves and their families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Baker College on 100 years of growth and success. I wish continued prosperity for the college, its employees, and most importantly the students.

MARIAN METSOPOULOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marian Metsopoulos for her outstanding commitment to our community.

Marian is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of Lakewood and Jefferson County. As a dedicated historian, Marian looks to the future and the generations impacted by her efforts to save the past.

Her passion extends to the arts as well, where she served as coordinator of the Foothills Arts Center for twenty four years. Marian was a pioneer in making the Foothills Arts center a known name in the community. Her collaboration with local artists and business put the center on the map.

Marian's many accomplishments include support for heritage education, restoration projects for Lakewood's Heritage Center and the Buffalo Bill Museum and grave.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Marian Metsopoulos for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wayne Grisham. From serving as a decorated combat pilot during World War II, to his public service as Mayor of La Mirada and later, as a Member of Congress, Wayne Grisham honorably served his nation, his state and his community.

After graduating from Jordan High School in Long Beach, California, Wayne Grisham joined the Army Air Corps. During World War II, he became a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down on a combat mission over Germany. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart. After the war, Wayne completed his studies at Whittier College and the University of Southern California and went on to build a successful real estate company.

In 1970, Wayne began his political career on the La Mirada City Council and soon became the city's mayor. Wayne was elected to Congress in 1978 and was immediately known for his civility. President John F. Kennedy said in his inaugural address that "civility is not a sign of weakness." This was certainly true of Wayne Grisham. In 1982, Wayne and I found ourselves in the unfortunate circumstance of having our districts drawn together. I was honored to call Wayne Grisham, not only a colleague, but a friend, and while we engaged in a rigorous campaign, I will never forget Wayne's strength of character and enduring friendship. Wayne continued his dedication to public service through elected office in California and as the director of the Peace Corps in Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege to have served in Congress with Wayne Grisham and I am pleased that we are able to honor him today.

HONORING THE SOCIETY OF
INNOVATORS CLASS OF 2011-2012**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend Ivy Tech Community College Northwest and its regional partners, who recently celebrated their 7th Annual "Spirit of Innovation" Induction Ceremony, in which twenty-three individuals and sixteen teams were inducted as members of the 2011-2012 class of the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Individuals were selected from these new members and inducted as Society Fellows for their exceptional efforts in innovation. These individuals include: Mayor Jon Costas, Robert Johnson III, Julie Rizzo, Angela Hambling, and Janet Brown, Ph.D. Also honored was the Chanute Prize team recipient, IVDiagnostics at Entech, Valparaiso. For their outstanding efforts, these honorees were inducted during a prestigious event that took place in the Pavilion Ballrooms located at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana, on October 20, 2011.

The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana was created by Ivy Tech Northwest with the goal of highlighting and encouraging innovative individuals and groups within the not-for-profit, public, and private sectors, as well as building a "Culture of Innovation" in Northwest Indiana. The importance of innovation in Northwest Indiana, as well as globally, is crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

The five Fellows selected by the Society of Innovators were chosen for their remarkable