

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TAYLOR KNABE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Taylor Knabe for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Taylor Knabe is a 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Taylor Knabe 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 to Taylor Knabe for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO ELSIE FURR

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Elsie Furr.

Ms. Furr became an integral part of a team that provides state-of-the-art comprehensive cancer care to New York residents when she Joined Queens Hospital Center, as Senior Associate Director, in July 2004. Today, as Administrator of the Queens Cancer Center, she maintains product line responsibility for the Center's management, budget and accounts receivable. Ms. Furr also collaborates on marketing strategies to promote the Queens Cancer Center and its key initiatives.

Queens Cancer Center received a three-year accreditation under Ms. Furr's administrative leadership. This accreditation included designation as a Cancer Center by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. The Queens Cancer Center also played a pivotal role in Queens Hospital Center's major accomplishment: receiving the American Hospital Association-McKesson Quest for Quality Citation of Merit in the spring of 2010.

Prior to joining Queens Hospital Center, Ms. Furr served in various finance management capacities at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York. In her last position, she was responsible for a revenue target of nearly \$50 million in outpatient revenue collections. She successfully met that challenge, as she had always done in prior years. Ms. Furr acquired a wealth of knowledge through these

commitments, a knowledge that serves as the foundation for her effective decision making.

Ms. Furr exudes enthusiasm and vitality when she speaks of her devoted husband, Carlos Furr, and their two lovely children. Her oldest child, Cherette Furr, earned a Master's in Businesses Administration, in 2010, from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Her other son, Brian Furr, is an aspiring musician/spoken word artist; he is currently a junior at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ms. Furr has a Bachelor of Arts degree from York College-City University of New York and a Master of Science degree from Long Island University. She has a passion for collaborating with members of the community and other cancer care organizations to promote the Queens Cancer Center and the wellbeing of others.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Elsie Furr.

HONORING FAYAZ SHAWL

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Fayaz Shawl, who has been widely recognized as one of the world's foremost interventional cardiologists. He currently serves as Director of Interventional Cardiology at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, and as Professor and Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC.

Dr. Shawl, who immigrated to the United States from Kashmir, has performed more than 18,000 cardiac interventional procedures and has written more than 150 important articles, abstracts, editorials, and books. He is also the founder of the "Dr. Fayaz Shawl Philanthropic Foundation," which he founded to treat impoverished patients.

Dr. Shawl's life has been dedicated to restoring to good health those who suffer from cardiovascular disease; he has saved countless lives and improved the quality of life for many more. He has our sincere gratitude for all that he has done to preserve his patients' health and longevity.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day.

Over 15 years has passed since Hillary Clinton famously declared in Beijing that wom-

en's rights are human rights. Since then, we have seen considerable gains in momentum surrounding the importance of women's empowerment, not only as a matter of equality—but importantly—as good development and national security policy. Nevertheless, despite the growing call for women's rights and elevation of their roles in decision-making processes, there is still much more progress to be made.

Today, women and girls are disproportionately impacted by extreme poverty, making up 70% of the world's 1 billion people who live off less than \$1 per day. While women account for over half of the population, they occupy slightly less than 19% of seats in national parliaments on average worldwide. They are vastly more vulnerable in the face of crisis; four of every five people displaced by war or natural disaster are women and children. Women continue to face broad challenges such as access to health care, education and economic opportunities, lack of legal rights and judicial process, and targets of trafficking and sexual and gender-based violence.

While the world's women face daunting obstacles, they are also the most promising and untapped agents of change. What has become increasingly clear is everyone benefits when women and girls have access to equal educational, political, and economic opportunities. When women are free to earn a living—as farmers, entrepreneurs, business owners, etc.—they make their families and communities stronger and more secure. When women and girls have access to educational opportunities, their empowerment allows families and entire communities to flourish and prosper. And evidence shows that when women are empowered to engage in the political process, governments are more effective and responsive to their people.

The world simply cannot achieve lasting peace and prosperity if half of the population is not empowered. For real advancement in women's rights, we must take a comprehensive approach that combats all barriers—physical, economic, socio-cultural, psychological and otherwise—to women's equality.

On this 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day, let us celebrate the strides we have made in advancing women's rights, and therefore, human rights and human progress. Let us also reaffirm our commitment to continue these gains until women and men, girls and boys, have equal opportunities to realize their hopes and dreams on every corner of the globe.

I have also included a statement on behalf of Peace X Peace, a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting women's voices, strengthening women's capacity to connect across divides, promoting leadership and gender equity, and nurturing the global network of peacebuilders.

On this 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, Peace X Peace ([www.peacexpeace.org](http://www.peacexpeace.org)) stands proudly for peace and justice in solidarity with women around the world, especially those who are

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engaged in the struggle for human rights. We stand with all those who uphold the right of women and men to self-expression, self-determination, and a decent standard of living for themselves and their families. We stand for the efforts of all women to have an equal voice and representation in their communities and nations. We stand for connection, not division: for building bridges of understanding across every divide.

We celebrate the power of mothers, sisters, and daughters to nurture the feminine in themselves and others, to remind us that we win when we win together and we all lose when we practice violence, revenge, demeaning the 'other' and spreading fear of those who are different from ourselves. Women by every name have the same message, and it's our message too: Love and respect one another, and win peace by peaceful means—voice by voice, peace by peace.

VINNY PADILLA

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Vinny Padilla for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Vinny Padilla 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 Vinny Padilla 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 to Vinny Padilla 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.

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA JONES

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Donna Jones.

With an entertainment career that expands over thirty years, Ms. Jones has been using her talents to educate and expose others to the industry. Graduating from high school at the age of fifteen, Ms. Jones set out to take over the world by being the first black traveling journalist. Her career began at NBC (Channel 4), where she worked on a variety of popular shows, such as Saturday Night Live and The Cosby Show.

While attending a Saturday seminar at her alma mater L.I.U., Ms. Jones met Spike Lee, Monty Ross and other members of 40 Acres and a Mule Filmworks. They introduced her to comedienne/actress Phyllis Yvonne Stickney, who she started managing personally and pro-

fessionally. From there, Ms. Jones found herself negotiating contracts and business deals throughout the entertainment industry. When Ms. Stickney became the opening act for Patti LaBelle, fortune smiled upon Ms. Jones once again and she became part of the LaBelle team, putting together traveling tours.

Being the constant networker, Ms. Jones had continuous opportunities to meet industry leaders and work on large films, TV shows and other projects. Ms. Jones eventually transitioned to work with Virginia Tech University's School of the Arts Management Team. While at Virginia Tech, she also obtained a Master's Degree and produced shows educating the community on the tremendous work of Moms Mabley, Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Denmark Vesey.

With her writing, organizational and networking skills, Ms. Jones is always reaching out to others to afford them an opportunity to realize their own dreams and goals. Understanding the impact the industry has on young minds, she formed the organization LEAD Inc. The organization exposes young adults in failing schools to thousands of jobs that support the entertainment business and allows these individuals to put together the parallels between entertainment and education.

Ms. Jones is grateful for her opportunities to work with Congressman EDOLPHUS "ED" TOWNS, Senator John Sampson, and other local politicians; these experiences increased her ability to help others. Ms. Jones attributes her achievements to God first who orchestrates our journeys and her wonderful family who exposed her early to the business of entertainment. But she is most proud of the person she is and the character they have imparted in her. "When God uses my hands to help others realize their journey, it frees me to complete the journey he has designed for me!"

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Donna Jones.

### RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as Family History Month.

The study of family history gives individuals a sense of heritage and sense of responsibility in carrying out a legacy that their ancestors began. The involvement of national, state, and local officials in encouraging genealogy and providing family history records in archives and libraries is an important factor in the successful perception of nationwide participation and support. Our nation's libraries and archives hold treasured records that detail the history of our nation, states, communities, and citizens. Increasingly, individuals across our nation are embarking on genealogical journeys, discovering who their ancestors were and learning how various forces have shaped their pasts.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is a high level of interest in genealogy and family history research throughout the state. Vir-

ginians contribute to our commonwealth's rich cultural diversity and history, and it is important to recognize the positive contributions to our society made by people throughout the history of our commonwealth. Through genealogical research, Virginians are finding renewed interests in history, languages, laws, and social science. Virginia's libraries and archives contain records of history that detail the background of the Commonwealth of Virginia, our communities and our citizens. There are over 250 genealogical and historical societies, archives and libraries throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia to assist with family history research.

Several genealogical research organizations and centers exist in Northern Virginia that include hundreds of members, giving significant research opportunities to the communities of Northern Virginia such as Fairfax County, which is an ethnically diverse jurisdiction in which nearly everyone has a family origin from another place. One such organization, the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, has almost 300 paid members with 100 individuals meeting monthly and volunteers assisting the general public at its research center. The Fairfax Genealogical Society has approximately 400 members with over 100 individuals meeting monthly, and holds both a fall and spring conference. Within the Washington area, there are up to 40 lectures, seminars, and conferences in a month.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing October as Family History Month and celebrating the preservation of family and heritage within our communities, states, and nation.

### RECOGNIZING THE EXCHANGE CLUB'S CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the National Exchange Club as it celebrates a centennial of service. The National Exchange Club—a service organization with 700 clubs and over 22,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico—will begin celebrating its 100th anniversary March 27, 2011, with celebration events occurring throughout the year.

To kick-off this milestone, the Exchange Clubs of the Toledo area will host a special ceremony on the date of the anniversary, Sunday, March 27, 2011, with dignitaries, members and guests at the National Headquarters located in the city of Toledo. A display of 100 American Flags on the front lawn will greet visitors who will be able to view a Freedom Shrine featuring a collection of 29 original historic documents chronicling our nation's journey to freedom, including the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and several Presidential addresses.

Founded on March 27, 1911 in Detroit, Michigan by businessmen who wanted to "exchange" ideas, the Exchange Club moved its headquarters to Toledo, Ohio, in 1917. Through a century, its volunteer efforts have supported the needs of the country and of local communities, making it the country's oldest American service organization operating exclusively in the United States.