

their families are provided resources in the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. Jonathan Smalls is a renowned leader not only for his hometown of Frogmore, South Carolina, but as a husband, father and community leader in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. Jonathan Smalls served our Country honorably for Twenty-eight (28) years in the U.S. Army as an Army Ranger, retiring as a Command Sergeant Major, he is a man of honor and a strong advocate of justice, education and family; and

Whereas, this model citizen has shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his nation through his tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration that have and continues to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Jonathan Smalls for his outstanding leadership and service to the citizens in the state of Georgia, his community temperament is to be acknowledged and his commitment to the citizens throughout the state continues to touch the lives of citizens in our District;

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 20, 2011 as Jonathan Smalls Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 20th day of March, 2011.

KAYLA KOVAL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kayla Koval for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kayla Koval is a 7th 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 Kayla Koval 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 Kayla Koval 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BEVIN KALATHIL VARUGHESE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to seek Congressional recognition of the exceptional achievements and outstanding career of Susan Bender. Over the course of her

almost 40-year professional career with Jewish Community Centers (JCC) in New York City and Long Island, Susan worked tirelessly to ensure that families and individuals living in New York City and Long Island had access to mental-health and social-service programs. She has not only been an innovative leader and unyielding advocate for individuals with disabilities, but also a dedicated leader in her community.

After graduating from Brooklyn College with a degree in speech pathology, Susan began working at JCCs with distinction. She started her career at the Staten Island Jewish Community Center as the Director of Early Childhood Development. In 1988, she moved to be the Executive Director at the Young Men's-Young Women's Hebrew Association in Westchester, New York. Then, in 1992, Susan became the Executive Director of the Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center in East Hills, New York, in my congressional district.

Under Susan's enthusiastic direction, Sid Jacobson has flourished. The Center dramatically expanded its facility in East Hills and also added the Bernice Jacobson Day School and Camp in Old Westbury, New York. Susan developed the Center's noted innovative programs for autistic children, single parents, and the bereaved. She helped found a first-of-its-kind program for adults with early-onset Alzheimer's and their families.

Today, the Center has a staff of over 250, an annual budget of \$12 million, and offers an extensive catalog of dynamic programs for people of all ages and abilities. The success of the Center is a direct testament to the strength of Susan's leadership and her dedication to providing community members with the best possible services.

In addition to her work at Sid Jacobson, Susan has applied her energy and vision in a variety of leadership roles in the national JCC movement. She served as a member of the Jewish Community Center Association's board of directors, was president of the Association of Jewish Center Professionals (AJCP) for the Eastern Region, and, in 2002, was named the national president of the AJCP.

Mr. Speaker, this year Susan Bender will retire having contributed immeasurably to her community. I am proud to recognize Susan and I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her lifetime of tremendous work for others.

KAYLEEN LAWTON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Kayleen Lawton 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 Kayleen Lawton 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.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF RUSSELL R. CHARD FROM THE HOLLYWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Russell R. Chard from the Hollywood Fire Department.

Mr. Chard has more than 30 years of distinguished service working on behalf of Hollywood, Florida's fire fighters, paramedics and local safety community. For the last 20 years, Mr. Chard served as President of Local 1375, overseeing the welfare of its membership, fighting for the professional standards and ensuring the safe working conditions that are befitting of the service of these men and women.

Known as a coalition builder, President Chard served a critical role as liaison to all associated areas for the Local, as well as outside groups such as the AFL-CIO, Florida Professional Firefighters and Paramedics, International Association of Fire Fighters, and Maritime Trade Council. This commitment to the betterment of the community was second only to his dedication to his brothers and sisters in the Union. He was a powerful role model and mentor for many new recruits over 20 years, always emphasizing the unique bond that all fire fighters share.

In 1980, Mr. Chard was first appointed to the negotiation committee for Hollywood Professional Fire Fighters Local 1375, where he was quickly recognized for his grit and passion. He was quickly elected as a Trustee and has served Local 1375 ever since. His legacy of fierce advocacy, candor and friendship will not soon be forgotten or lost.

I am proud today to honor President Chard's distinguished career and leadership in the South Florida community and wish him and his family well on their future endeavors.

LAWRENCE SALAZAR

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lawrence Salazar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lawrence Salazar is a 9th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lawrence Salazar 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 Lawrence Salazar 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 THE LIFE OF  
ROBERT "BOB" PRICE

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a man whose passion, devotion, and leadership exemplify the meaning of public service. Robert "Bob" Price passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 after a valiant battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was 79. Bob was a well respected leader, mentor, and community advocate. He lived his life with a tenacious commitment to his family and to his community and is certainly most deserving of this honor.

Bob Price was born in 1932 in Abilene, Kansas. He came to Bakersfield, California in 1937, graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1949 and went on to proudly serve our great country in the United States Army. After his military service, Bob returned home to Bakersfield, California, where he began his 32-year career with the Bakersfield Police Department. Beginning as a motorcycle officer, he tenaciously worked his way through the ranks until he achieved the rank of Bakersfield Chief of Police, a position he would remain in for 15 years. Admired by his fellow officers, Bob Price always remembered what it was like to be an officer on the beat, and he himself often described his own management style as "management by walking around". Though he officially retired from public safety service, his yearning for public service remained and in 1992, Bob Price successfully ran for Mayor of Bakersfield where he completed two terms in that office.

In his spare time, Bob enjoyed the simple things in life such as playing handball, playing golf, or spending time with his family. In 2009, after noticing wall-to-wall crowding in the lobby of the Bakersfield Police Department, Bob used his enthusiastic attitude and started a program that recruited retired police officers, clerks, and technicians to help the system work more efficiently and effectively for the Bakersfield community. That program is still thriving today.

Bob Price was a man of great principle and integrity; serving as interim director of the Bakersfield Association of Retarded Citizens (BARC). He lived his life to encourage and elevate others, but he also held others accountable. His commitment to friends, family, and community will be remembered by all that knew him. It is with great pride that I honor him for all that he did on behalf of the City of Bakersfield and for California.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bob Price, a man who lived a righteous life. His leadership and spirit leave a lasting imprint on all those who knew him.

LYDIA AGEDE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lydia Agede for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lydia Agede is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lydia Agede 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 Lydia Agede 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE (NYCPM)

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, which was founded by Dr. Maurice J. Lewi in 1911 within my Congressional District. Chiropody was a craft that existed up to 1885, when men and women learned through training the skill to alleviate pain and discomfort for those afflicted with minor foot ailments. The New York State legislature awarded chiropodists the right to organize and to determine the fitness of individuals who were interested in practicing chiropody in 1905.

This historic legislation paved the path for the founding of the New York School of Chiropody. Dr. Maurice J. Lewi, who during that time was serving as Secretary to the New York State Board of Examiners, was an effective advocate and educator in the field of Chiropody, and became the school's first President.

Dr. Lewi created and organized the curriculum and drafted the legislation governing the practice of chiropody. He was most effective in advancing the specialized profession of podiatry through evidence-based science, research and strategic partnerships.

Since its founding, the New York College of Podiatric Medicine has been an active source of education, training and research in the field of podiatric medicine, and has emerged as a leader and facilitator in creating and establishing multi-dimensional programs in podiatric medicine. Its impact has been guided and nurtured by its current president, Louis L. Levine, and its board of trustees.

In recent years, NYCPM has expanded into the international educational arena with twice-

yearly programs for podologists from Spain; a program at Foot Center of New York for podiatry students from Canada, and an affiliation with their school in Quebec.

NYCM also has an externship at the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer. The College also features prominent guest speakers from around the world. NYCPM has reached out to its surrounding community, offering foot screenings at numerous neighborhood health fairs, including the American Diabetes Association's annual Diabetes Expo and the Central Harlem Health Revival.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and its affiliate, The Foot Center of New York. I would also like to congratulate Louis L. Levine, President and Chief Executive Officer; Stanley Mandel, Chairman; the Board of Trustees; and the NYCPM staff as leaders in enhancing the level of acceptance, understanding, and knowledge regarding podiatric medical education and training, podiatric technology development and podiatric research throughout the world.

KATHRYNN MERRILLS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathryn Merrills for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kathryn Merrills is a 7th 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 Kathryn Merrills 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 Kathryn Merrills 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.

HAWKINS FAMILY REUNION DAY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, over One hundred forty nine years ago, Ms. Hattie Hawkins in the state of South Carolina has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Hawkins Family has produced many well respected citizens and three of the matriarchs of the family Ms. Addie Rankin Hawkins, Ms. Virginia Hawkins Clarke and Ms. Florence Amanda Hawkins Wilson are pillars of strength for these families; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to