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The dedication demonstrated by Yimi Serrano 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 Yimi Serrano 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.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANK HALL

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a good friend of mine, Frank Hall. Frank passed away June 15, 2012 in Norco, CA. A resident of Norco, CA, for 35 years, he was a pillar of the community and he will be deeply missed.

Frank was born March 2, 1938 in Los Angeles. He grew up in Newport Beach, graduating from Newport Harbor High School and Orange Coast College, with additional studies at Pacific State University and Riverside Community College. As a youth, he worked for his uncle renting boats. Frank served the County of Orange from 1959 to 1995 in the General Services and Environmental Management agencies in the field of Right-of-Way Engineering, Property Management and Facilities Planning, and served honorably in the United States Naval Air Reserve as flight crew on anti-submarine aircraft from 1961 to 1969.

After retiring from the County of Orange, he became involved with Norco city government, serving as a City Councilman for 12 years and Mayor for 8 years. Frank was a visionary in Norco; he maintained the community's rural spirit while encouraging commercial and business development in the Inland region. As a Councilman, he held several appointed positions, including Riverside Transit Agency, RTA, where he was Chairman in 2007; Riverside County Transportation Commission, RCTC, Commissioner; Western Riverside Council of Governments where he was Chairman in 2001–2; Member of the Military Affairs Committee for the Norco-Corona Area, which was successful in retaining the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco; and Member of the City of Norco Economic Development Advisory Council, among many others. At the time of his death, he had been appointed by Supervisor John Tavaglione as an additional alternate to Riverside Transit Agency and the RTA Transportation-NOW coalition.

It is hard to imagine that Frank would have any free time on his hands yet he always found time for his community. He was a member of many local and regional organizations, including the Citizens Advisory Group at the Norco College, the Death Valley 49er's Association, the Pacific Crest Trail Association, the Norco High School Agricultural Advisory Committee, and the California State Parks Foundation. He was active in the Corona-Norco YMCA and was President at the time of his

death. Local clubs he belonged to were Norco Lions Club, Residents of Norco Urging Protection of Rural and Animal Keeping Lifestyle, RURAL, American Legion Post 328, Norco Historical Society, Norco Regional Conservancy, Saddle Sore Riders, Riverside Recreational Trails, and Norco Senior Citizens and Pet Relief Fund. A longtime horse lover, Frank belonged to a number of equestrian sports organizations. He was a life member of Equestrian Trails, Inc., the California Horseman's Association, and the Norco Horseman's Association, which he founded and served in for 18 years as President in 1991 and Treasurer from 1992 to 2012.

Frank is survived by his wife of 37 years Sharon; son Steve (Brenda) Hall, son William (Kate) Hall, and son Robert (Robin) Hall; six granddaughters, Kristin Hicks, Ashley Hall, Heather Hall, Holly Hall, Vanessa Hall and Lauren Hall, as well as two great-granddaughters Joie Lynn and Abbylynn. Frank is also survived by brother Howard (Kathleen) Hall.

On Friday, June 22, 2012, a memorial service celebrating Frank's extraordinary life will be held. Frank will always be remembered for his incredible work ethic, generosity, contributions to the community and love of family. His dedication to his family, work, and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Frank's family and friends; although Frank may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

IN MEMORIAM AND REMEMBRANCE OF FIRST SERGEANT ACKEEM PAUL GREEN 369TH HARLEM HELLFIGHTERS—HARLEM YOUTH MARINES, INC.

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to share the news of a devastating loss to Harlem and the greater New York City community. We joined with many family members and friends at Memorial Baptist Church to celebrate the life of Harlem Youth Marine Cadet First Sergeant, Ackeem Paul Green, who passed away Sunday, June 3, 2012, from a fatal gunshot wound.

On behalf of our beloved Village of Harlem, my wife Alma and I want to extend our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy, support, and love to my beloved friend, Col. Gregory E. Collins, and the entire family of the First Sergeant Ackeem Paul Green. At the age of 25 he was indeed a promising young man continuing the honorable legacy of his father to better not only himself, but his fellow peers as well.

Extraordinary young men like Ackeem are a rare commodity in this world and serve a higher purpose in making it a better place. First Sergeant Ackeem Paul Green lost his life on the urban battlefield, from gun violence right here at home, while enjoying a game of basketball with friends on a Sunday afternoon. First Sergeant Green was shot in the back by an illegal gun in the hands of a misguided youth. Gun violence has taken the lives of so

many of our promising youth and it has taken over every urban neighborhood in the United States of America.

Every time I hear the news that one of our young sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, husbands and wives are struck down by illegal guns in the wrong hands of our misguided people—it pains my heart with anger. What makes this very difficult for me is that it has taken the life of a young man whose very focus in life was to mentor his peers and others to provide them with a positive direction through the principles and leadership of the Harlem Youth Marines and with the values and courage of the United States Marine Corp.

Since the age of 15 Ackeem has committed a tremendous amount of time and effort to the Harlem Youth Marine Cadets (HYMC). Once Ackeem reached the age limit to serve as a cadet, he remained dedicated and continued to serve the organization through volunteer work. He took mentored young cadets, served as a positive influence in the community, and was a much needed role model to many of our youth both in and outside of HYCM.

The Harlem Youth Marines, Inc. (HYCM) provides instruction in military grooming and development to students willing and eager to learn. This program has supported the youth in my district for over 30 years with an emphasis on youth development through education and discipline. They also provide cadets with the opportunity to engage in basic military skill training activities such as rappelling, marksmanship, and weapons safety. The children of Harlem have thoroughly benefited from this program through the development of body, mind, and spirit. Ackeem was a remarkable testament of their success.

Mr. Speaker, I know that we, the Village of Harlem, will honor Ackeem's life by ensuring that its young infant son, Ackeem Paul Green, Jr., honorable legacy remains alive. We must bring a realistic end to gun violence because it is destroying the lives of our children, families and communities. I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring this ambitious young man and an impassioned mentor whose legacy shall be far remembered and everlasting.

HONORING PRESIDENT TED MARTINEZ

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr. as the eighth Superintendent/President of Rio Hondo College. A Texas native, Dr. Martinez has dedicated himself to education and been a strong role model for Latinos in academia.

Dr. Martinez has worked throughout his career to insure that all students have access to quality higher education. In his capacity as Superintendent/President of Rio Hondo College he has been committed to maintaining fiscal stability while enabling student success, high-level learning outcomes, and the completion of the \$245 million building program. His leadership provided a new platform for Rio Hondo College to utilize its resources in partnering with community and business leaders.

While at Rio Hondo College, he established a community advisory committee that includes local school and government officials, service agencies, religious groups, small businesses and veteran's groups. Our community is especially grateful for the strong and vibrant Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) program and outstanding Veterans Service Center that were established under his watch at Rio Hondo College. In 2010, Under Dr. Martinez' leadership, in 2010 Rio Hondo College launched the award-winning South Whittier Educational Center (SWEC) partnership that provides students from underserved areas with a historically low college attendance a real pipeline to college.

Dr. Martinez's commitment to education has not gone unnoticed. Among many other honors and awards, Ted has been distinctly honored with the Outstanding President Award from the California Community College Council for Staff Development, the District 6 Pacesetter of the Year Award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, and the Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Key Award from the International Honorary Society for students in two-year colleges.

AARON TATE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aaron Tate for receiving the 2012 Amgen Foundation's Teacher of the Year Award.

This award is designed to recognize and honor extraordinary science teachers at the K–12 level who significantly impact their students through exemplary science teaching and who achieve demonstrated results in student learning in communities where Amgen operates.

Mr. Tate has been a middle-school science educator for nearly ten years at Bromley East Charter School in Brighton, CO. His classroom experiences include developing and implementing 7th grade science and S.T.E.M. elective courses, sponsoring chess, middle school science, and LEGO clubs, and overseeing the 7th grade science fair. Aaron Tate's commitment to teaching science is commendable.

In addition to his time in the classroom, Aaron is a member of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education, where he stays abreast of the newest researched-based best practices in science education.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aaron Tate for this well deserved recognition by the Amgen Foundation. Thank you for your dedication to the future of science in our classrooms and your commitment to the community.

HONORING SABRINA SMITH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker I rise to honor a remarkable young woman,

Sabrina Smith, a recent graduate at Madison Shannon Palmer High School in Marks, Mississippi. Sabrina is the proud daughter of Sharon Smith and they reside in Lambert, Mississippi.

Her teachers consider her to be an ideal student because of her honesty, respectful behavior, and hard work. Sabrina is a recipient of numerous awards including the Honor Roll, Principal List, Superintendent List, Perfect Attendance, and special recognition from her teachers for making the highest grades in their classes. Her class work has always exhibited the highest standard of excellence. Every day she works to better herself in school, as well as in everything she undertakes because she understands a good education leads to success.

Sabrina has always been involved in extra-curricular activities. She is a former member of the Madison Shannon Palmer High School Choir, a member of the Student Council, Treasurer for the Sophomore Class of 2010, and Secretary for the Junior Class of 2011. Sabrina is also a member of the National Beta Club where she regularly participates in its book drives. She is a dedicated supporter of community service. Sabrina wanted to get an early start on her career aspirations, so she volunteered to participate in the Quitman County School District Job Shadow Program. Through this program, Sabrina learned valuable hands-on professional skills such as punctuality, the principles of business attire and good grooming, problem solving, oral communication, team spirit and compromise, and responsibility. She believes that these are some of the skills that are necessary for her to be successful in both her career and her life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Sabrina Smith as Valedictorian of Madison Shannon Palmer High School's Class of 2012.

## DOMESTIC ENERGY AND JOBS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4480) to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, there are now 34 days left in this legislative session. We could—and should—be focusing our attention on serious legislation that will create jobs and make a real difference in the lives of our constituents. Like a long term transportation bill. Or preventing a doubling of student loan interest rates. Or the President's American Jobs Act.

Instead, under the pretense of lowering gas prices, we are dealing with this ill-considered collection of seven proposals that together would gut the Clean Air Act, trump responsible

public lands management, and needlessly encumber the President's ability to safeguard our energy security.

In a radical departure from over forty years of successful, science-based clean air regulation, this legislation would for the first time require the EPA to consider industry costs when determining what level of ozone is "safe" for Americans to breathe—which is like a doctor changing a patient's diagnosis based on the cost of the treatment. Costs clearly matter, and they are routinely incorporated into the scoping of compliance plans. But they should never be allowed to interfere with the initial, scientific determination as to what is safe for Americans and what is not. This kind of error is further extended to the public lands provisions of this bill, which elevate energy production over hunting, fishing, recreation, conservation and other management uses while imposing arbitrary deadlines for the approval of onshore drilling applications regardless of safety concerns. Finally, the President's ability to tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to respond to disruptions in our Nation's energy supply would for the first time be conditioned on a poorly defined new drilling plan that is completely unrelated to the purpose of the SPR.

Mr. Chair, this is not serious legislation. It is hastily thrown together legislative filler which everyone in this chamber understands is dead on arrival in the Senate. Given the magnitude of the challenges we face, we simply do not have this kind of time to waste.

WILFREDO HUERTA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Wilfredo Huerta for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Wilfredo Huerta is a 12th 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 Wilfredo Huerta 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 Wilfredo Huerta 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 STANLEY HOWELL HALL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Mr. Stanley Howell Hall. "Stan," as he liked to be