

2012, they provided dresses to more than 625 young girls.

Ms. Welch enjoys the holidays and says it's her favorite and busiest time of the year. She participates in an annual turkey giveaway to the community and she helps feed less fortunate families on Thanksgiving Day. At Christmas, she assists with coordinating the distribution of toys for chronic substance abuse families and children with a history of mental illness. Kimberly is also affiliated with an organization that allows these families to have their photos professionally taken for their holiday memories.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Kimberly Welch for her efforts advocating for the well-being of our disenfranchised fellow citizens.

DOT WRIGHT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

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

Since 2008 Dot has served as President and CEO of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. Her successes have led to significant growth in the chamber's membership and outstanding efforts. In addition, Dot has worked tirelessly to create a better trained workforce for jobs of the 21st Century.

In 2011, Dot created the Jefferson County Business Education Alliance (JCBEA) which partners business owners and students with educational opportunities such as internships and job shadowing. Her vision led to a full-time position with the Jefferson County Department of Human Services tasked with expanding this successful program county-wide.

Dot is also involved with many community organizations. She serves on the Arvada Colts Board of Directors, Arvada Economic Development Association, Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis Club, the Arvada—Wheat Ridge Ambassadors for Youth and the Historic Olde Town Arvada Board of Directors. She also serves on my Small Business Advisory Committee.

I extend my deepest congratulations to my friend Dot Wright 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.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ROGER MORRIS CARTER

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the accomplished life of one of Louisiana's own, Roger Morris Carter. Born in Ferriday, La., to William Prentiss Carter, Jr. and Carolyn Rogers Carter, he attended Louisiana State University for both a B.S. in Agriculture (Entomology) in 1972 and M.S. in Plant Pathology in 1975. During this

time, he married his wife, Lise' Anne Clower on December 21, 1972. Their union later produced one son, Anthony Bronson Carter, who with his wife, Jessica Boyette, has given Roger and Lise' five grandchildren.

With an impressive foundation of scientific knowledge, a natural aptitude for working the land and a political astuteness uncommon in a single person, Roger's work has been instrumental in revolutionizing farming in Louisiana and throughout the country. As a highly sought after agricultural consultant, Roger pioneered the use of precision agriculture in our area by using electrical conductivity (EC) to separate soil types and developing "zones", so that the fertilizer and lime needs of the soil could be addressed precisely in each zone.

Additionally, Roger is a prominent member of the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants (NAICC), having served as both president and treasurer over the years. NAICC is widely respected for its impartial and independent views on topics related to agriculture. It was very influential in assisting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in creating the Worker Protection Standard regulations as well as Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Conservation Stewardship Program with various conservation measures. While Roger was treasurer of NAICC, he began "Dads in DC" which later became "Crawfish Boil on the Hill," an annual institution. Over 300 people attended this year, including six congressmen, and individuals from the House and Senate Ag Committee, EPA and United States Department of Agriculture staffers including those in NRCS and the Food Safety Administration.

Over his lifetime, Roger has been a member of scores of professional associations, and has received countless awards, while always maintaining his own farm and continuously giving back to his community. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life works of Roger Morris Carter and to wish him future success in all of his ventures.

HONORING THE SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Santa Rosa Symphony on the occasion of its orchestral opening of the Green Music Center. The Green Music Center is a recently-completed music and art venue on the campus of Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California. Named after Donald and Maureen Green, it is comprised of the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Hall and the Schroeder Recital Hall as well as a multi-use education facility and an elegant hospitality center. The symphony made its debut performance as Resident Orchestra of the Green Music Center on September 30, 2012.

In 1998, the Board of Directors of the Santa Rosa Symphony marked a new era by joining Sonoma State University to raise funds for a new concert hall. Although this was no easy task, persistence paid off. Donald Green has been the spirit of the project; start-up financial support and leadership from Don and his wife Maureen, the vision of Sonoma State Presi-

dent Ruben Arminana, and the assistance of Sandy and Joan Weill plus hundreds of supporters of the Santa Rosa Symphony has made the Center a reality. With this project, the symphony enhances its dream of being one of the leading regional symphony orchestras in America.

Fourteen years later, the completion of the Green Music Center and Weill Hall is an impressive and important step towards fulfilling that vision. On September 30th, the Santa Rosa Symphony celebrated 85 years of music and stepped over the threshold of its new home at the Green Music Center. The symphony also recognized three talented individuals who helped develop and usher in this new era: Conductor Emeritus Corrick Brown, Conductor Laureate Jeffrey Kahane and current Music Director Bruno Ferrandis.

The first performance was mesmerizing as Maestro Brown conducted Beethoven's overture, Consecration of the House as an appropriate beginning in the acoustically-superb Weill Hall, and Maestro Ferrandis took the podium for the remainder of the program. It included Ravel's Bolero, Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto performed by Kahane, Copland's great Canticle of Freedom, featuring the 100-voice Symphony Honor Choir, and ended with three encores.

To mark this long-awaited moment, the Symphony also commissioned an orchestral work by Petaluma resident and critically-acclaimed contemporary composer Nolan Gasser. His Sonoma Overture evoked the natural beauty of Sonoma County and recognized the energy and dynamism of its cities, industries and people.

This was truly a transformative moment that seldom is afforded any American orchestra—to call a world class concert hall its home, rivaling the Vienna Philharmonic's Musikverein concert hall and the Boston Symphony's Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood.

In addition to being a home for the symphony, the Center will serve as a venue to showcase excellent music from around the Bay Area and beyond. In fact, just a day before the symphony's opening performance, renowned Chinese pianist Lang Lang dazzled at the Green Music Center's grand opening with a one-night-only recital. And only a week later, on October 6th, Music Director Bruno Ferrandis partnered with the Kronos Quartet to perform Mozart's Overture to The Magic Flute, Mahler's Symphony No. 1, Titan, and the world premiere of Concerto for String Quartet, Orchestra and Electronics, The Last Internal Combustion Engine by composer-in-residence Edmund Campion.

Mr. Speaker, we congratulate the Santa Rosa Symphony for all its hard work. Truly a new dawn is breaking for this orchestra and for Sonoma County that will both invite and challenge them to new heights of artistic excellence and community engagement.

TRIBUTE TO EVARISTO OLANREWAJU AKERELE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate and pay tribute to Dr. Evaristo

Olanrewaju Akerere for his contributions to the community.

Dr. Evaristo Olanrewaju Akerere was born in Nigeria. He comes from a long line of physicians and attorneys. His great Aunt was the first woman physician in West Africa. He is a devoted father of three beautiful daughters whom he loves dearly.

Dr. Akerere received his Bachelor of Science with Honors in Biochemistry from the University of London, England. He went on to earn his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj Napoca, Romania. He trained as a research fellow in Addiction Psychiatry and later served as the Co-director of the Substance Abuse Research Fellowship program at Columbia. While there he pursued a Master's in Public Health Policy and Management from Columbia University. Dr. Akerere, is an accomplished researcher, educator, administrator and clinician. He has published several papers, received State and Federal Grants from agencies like the National Institute on Drug Abuse. He also served as the Associate Director of Psychiatry and Director of the Residency Training at Harlem Hospital, and Columbia University. Dr. Akerere also served as the Vice President and Medical Director for Phoenix House where he was responsible for the Medical Management for over 3000 patients.

Equally important, Dr. Akerere has served as the Board Examiner for the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology since 2005. Dr. Akerere is very active in multiple professional associations at National and State levels. Finally, he served as the chair of the New York State Substance Abuse committee, also as State representative to the American Psychiatric Association National Assembly. He is a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and past President of the New York County American Psychiatric Association. With all of his achievements, Dr. Akerere is filled with thankfulness, because he understands that he is the beneficiary of the hard work and sacrifices of those that came before him.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Dr. Evaristo Olanrewaju Akerere.

CHERI JAHN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Senator Cheri Jahn for her service to our community.

Colorado State Senator Cheri Jahn is a single mother of three and small business owner in Wheat Ridge. For 30 years, Cheri has proudly owned and operated Colorado House-keeping Services, LLC, which she has grown into a cornerstone of the community.

While raising three children and running her business, Cheri earned her Paralegal degree from the Community College of Denver. Cheri uses her business acumen in her position as a Colorado State Senator.

Her successes in the business world led to her most recent accomplishment as a State Senator. By striving to aid other local busi-

nesses, Cheri passed legislation to save small businesses hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in unemployment insurance premiums.

It is with extreme gratitude that I commend Cheri Jahn 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.

IN SUPPORT OF SECTION 1096 OF
H.R. 4310, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2013, TO DISPLAY
TERRITORIAL FLAGS AT MILITARY
INSTALLATIONS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for section 1096 of H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. The provision, sponsored by my friend and colleague, Congressman GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN, fixes oversight by the Department of Defense. The provision would ensure that flags of the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia are required to be displayed alongside the flags of the 50 states. Current regulations by the Department of Defense are too permissive and many military installations across the globe do not include flags from the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.

Millions of men and women from the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories have answered the call to duty in every conflict the United States has engaged in over the course of its history. Most recently, thousands of men and women have answered the call to support missions in Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa and Iraq. Moreover, National Guardsmen from DC and the U.S. territories have supported homeland defense missions from protecting the border, to recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy. Men and women in uniform from DC and the U.S. territories have answered the call to duty and it is only right that the symbol of their homes be displayed wherever and whenever the Department of Defense displays the flags of the 50 states.

As Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and as a member of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel, I will advocate for this provision to be carried in any Conference Committee report on the FY13 NDAA. As the Senate begins consideration of their version of the FY13 NDAA, I urge my colleagues in the U.S. Senate to include this provision in their bill as well. This provision just makes sense and it is important to reflect the colors of the flags of the District of Columbia and U.S. territories in any display of the flag by DoD. Servicemembers from these jurisdictions are respected and important members of the Armed Services and deserve to have the colors of their homes displayed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HARBOR BEACH PIRATES, DIVISION 8 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincerest congratulations to Michigan's Harbor Beach Pirates High School Varsity Football Team. The Harbor Beach Pirates ended a remarkable 2012 season last Friday by winning Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division 8 State Championship!

This win marks the first football state championship win in Harbor Beach High School's history, and ending a 13 games won and only one loss season for the Pirates, a season that includes a Greater Thumb East Conference title, a district title, and a regional title.

The Harbor Beach Pirates were able to accomplish this feat at Detroit's Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions. The Pirates won the Championship despite the best efforts of their opponents, the Beal City Aggies.

The Pirates dominated their competition throughout the state playoffs, a journey that culminated in the Pirates winning the Michigan State Championship game by a score of 35-10. This winning score was achieved through a combination of a stingy defense that had multiple red-zone stops and a complete team offensive effort.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the hard work and sportsmanship displayed by all the members of the Pirates. I applaud these young men for always remaining both mentally and physically ready to compete, and for staying energized and focused each time they stepped on to the gridiron. I understand this can be extremely difficult considering the numerous pressures and distractions high school student-athletes can encounter, but these brave men are wonderful examples of hard-work to achieve your goals.

I also wish to acknowledge the administrators, teachers, cheerleaders, parents, students and fans alike for their assistance and support in making this a truly unforgettable season.

The Pirates proved they had the talent and the perseverance to rise to the challenge and accomplish their ultimate goal—a Michigan State Championship!

In closing Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of how hard this team worked together, and I want to offer my personal congratulations and best wishes. All the accolades, awards, and trophies are rightfully deserved. Way to go Pirates!

KATHY HODGSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

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

As Lakewood City Manager, Kathy Hodgson's efforts have bolstered the city's financial