

reserves to an historic level. Her successful leadership has led her team to entice new businesses to locate in Lakewood.

Kathy's collaborative nature was demonstrated when she spearheaded an effort to save a Lakewood middle school from closure. Now, that school is part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and home to Jefferson County's first Boys and Girls Club.

Among her successes, Kathy is president of the Metro City and County Management Association and sits on the Jeffco Schools Capital Asset Advisory Committee. Also, Kathy was appointed by Governor Hickenlooper to the Red Rock's Community College President's Advisory Council.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO ERIC ADAMS

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Eric L. Adams, a former Captain of the New York City Police Department and current member of the New York State Senate.

As a Captain in the NYPD, Eric Adams became well-known to New Yorkers as a tireless and thoughtful advocate for the people and communities he served, and he earned widespread praise for creating innovative programs on issues ranging from conflict resolution to child abuse prevention. Eric Adams co-founded 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care, a group comprised of law enforcement personnel and their supporters, to provide assistance and subsidies to community-based organizations that strive to improve their neighborhoods. He also is a former Chairperson of the Grand Council for the Guardians and serves on the board of the Eastern District Counseling Service, an organization that assists former substance abusers to live productive lives without dependency on drugs or alcohol. On November 7, 2006, Captain Adams ended his 22-year career in the New York City Police Department; Eric L. Adams traded his blue uniform for a blue suit when the resident of the 20th Senatorial District elected him to the New York State Senate.

Eric Adams is well known for his efforts in closing the gap through changing relationships between law enforcement and the residents of New York's diverse neighborhoods. His highly-regarded instructional workshops, "What To Do When Stopped By The Police," has helped thousands of young people throughout New York learn to interact more appropriately with the police by using established conflict resolution skills. The forums have been duplicated throughout the country and provided a generation of youngsters with a better understanding of reliable methods to resolve difficult conflicts—not only with the police, but also with teachers, peers, and others. Senator Adams also created a series of free public safety seminars for New York City parents to ad-

dress issues including gang awareness and child abuse prevention and to review methods to protect children from abduction. He also created an annual "Cradle to College" Parent and Youth Empowerment Seminar to empower families and enable parents to build upon their progeny's strengths to avoid the pitfalls of youth.

Mr. Speaker, may our country continue to benefit from the civic actions of committed and laudable community leaders such as Eric L. Adams.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to New York State Senator Eric Adams.

#### HONORING CONGREGATION AHAVATH SHOLOM

### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congregation Ahavath Sholom for its 120 years of dedication to the Fort Worth community. Congregation Ahavath Sholom was established in 1892, and is the oldest Jewish congregation in Fort Worth, Texas.

Led by Rabbi Andrew Bloom and Cantor Shoshana Abrams, this Conservative Congregation holds a deep commitment to Tikkun Olam, repairing of the world. Through interfaith programs and outreach, Congregation Ahavath Sholom acts upon this commitment.

For many years the congregation has collected food for the Tarrant County Food Bank on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. This year, Congregation Ahavath Sholom is holding its 2nd Annual Community-wide Chanukah Candle Lighting in which the City of Fort Worth has joined as an official sponsor. Mayor Betsy Price and I will serve as honorary candle lighters.

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after the Jewish victory over an oppressive army of Syrians and Greeks in 165 B.C.E., who had not allowed the Jewish people to live or worship freely. This Festival celebrates the freedom of religion, culture and self-determination that God has granted to all human beings—a founding principle of our country.

Congregation Ahavath Sholom participated in Mayor Betsy Price's "Connect with the Community" program on October 25th. During the ceremony, the Congregation was honored for its participation in the Tarrant Area Community of Churches and Fort Worth Housing Authority's "Clean for Quarters" program—a program allowing those who were formerly homeless to have clean clothes ready for job interviews and work assignments.

Through Rabbi Bloom's involvement and leadership, the congregation has enjoyed new initiatives in the areas of pluralism and cultural diversity in collaboration with the Fort Worth Intermediate School District, and has worked to foster greater understanding between faiths with its neighboring churches, the Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE COLUMBIA NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM CRITICAL AUTHORITIES ACT OF 2012

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, The National Park System Critical Authorities Act of 2012, which I introduce today, is a bill that I have worked on with the National Park Service (NPS), at its request, to create greater efficiency and to address three common-sense issues: (1) snow removal from federal agency property in the District of Columbia, (2) visitor and employee access to historic NPS property in Virginia, and (3) uniform penalties for violations on NPS lands.

Section two of the bill amends a 1922 law by making federal agencies in the District responsible for the removal of snow and ice in public areas associated with their buildings. For years, agencies have taken this common-sense approach in the District and assumed this responsibility, but the law has never been updated to reflect the practice, leaving NPS with legal liability. This bill simply brings the law in line with current practice.

Section three of the bill promotes greater efficiency and protection to NPS, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by authorizing a small interagency land exchange near the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Currently, Colonial Farm Road provides public and staff access to Claude Moore Colonial Farm (the Farm), but also serves as an entrance road to the CIA's George Bush Center for Intelligence and the FHWA Turner Fairbanks Research Center. NPS and FHWA have a written agreement permitting visitor access to the Farm. However, the three agencies have discussed concerns over crossing property lines, the need to improve security and add perimeter fencing, and the need to have uninterrupted access to their properties. The agencies have identified parcels on their boundaries suitable for exchange that will provide access to the Farm, and provide the means to improve security for the CIA and FHWA facilities.

Section four of the bill eliminates inconsistencies in federal penalties for crimes committed in certain park units. The inclusion of a number of military and historic sites in the National Park System during the 1930s resulted in a disparity in criminal penalties, which undermines fair and effective law enforcement and criminal prosecution. The bill would remedy this problem by making violations subject to the same penalties.

I ask that my colleagues support this no-cost bill.

JEANNE OLIVER

### 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 Jeanne Oliver for her continued commitment to our community.

Jeanne Oliver is an essential member of the executive management team for the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. Her position encompasses many roles including corporate communication, marketing and fund development. Jeanne is the center's Public Information Officer and is a part of its Political Action Network.

Jeanne is an expert in crisis management and presents nationally on crisis communication. Her commitment to aiding members of our community throughout times of crisis was instrumental in helping families after the Columbine shootings, the recent wildfires and the Aurora movie theater tragedy.

Through her concerted efforts to secure private donations and grants, Jeanne has helped the Jefferson Center better serve the mentally ill in our communities during these hard economic times. It is thanks to her commitment and outstanding leadership, the Jefferson Center for Mental Health's donations have grown substantially. Jeanne truly epitomizes every aspect of a selfless steward to the community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jeanne Oliver 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.

#### TRIBUTE TO EDNA M. JOHNSON

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Edna Johnson, for her contribution to her community and dedication to my Brooklyn office.

Edna Johnson was born and raised in small steel mill town in Clairton, Pennsylvania, the youngest of nine children where her parents also raised four of their grandchildren. She studied music at the Hayes Schools of Music in Pittsburgh at a very young age. After graduating from Clairton High School she relocated to New York City where she lived in Manhattan for over 30 years. She joined Broadway United Church of Christ and served as Deacon, Trustee, and Steward. The church took it upon itself to pay her college expenses, which led her to Pace University in the evenings for seven years before receiving a BA in Political Science.

Edna previously worked as a Parent Organizer working with parents in the public schools. While living in Manhattan she became chairperson of the Tenant Association in Clinton Towers for five years. Edna also chaired the 79th Precinct Community Council for six years where she changed the attitudes of people in the community to work with the local police.

Edna served as Special Assistant to in my office serving the 10th Congressional District in Brooklyn. She is also a member of Community Board 3 and has received several citations for perfect attendance. In her first year on the board she was Chairperson of the Police, Fire and Safety Committee. Edna now Chairs the Health Hospital and Social Services Committee. She is currently in her third year as Chair of the Board of Directors for Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Co.

In recognition of her services she has received citations from me, City Councilwoman Robinson, The NYC Police Department, The 79th Precinct Council, The Brooklyn Job Corps, A.I.D.P. at P.S. 26, Hebron Baptist Church, Greater Cross Road Baptist Church, Bridge Street Development Corporation, The Bedford Stuyvesant Community Block Association and The National Night Out Committee.

Edna is a very active mother in the lives of children, D'Shawn & Fred, her son-in-law Mark, and two grandchildren, Markell and Kayla. She is Choir Director, Trustee, Chair of the Pastoi's Aide Committee and member at The Greater Cross Road Baptist Church. She is also an original member of Naomi Shelton and the Gospel Queens singing all over the United States and Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mrs. Edna Johnson for her commitment to our Brooklyn community.

#### TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT HENRY OBERMAN

##### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Henry Oberman of Clive, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Henry raised over one thousand dollars as he oversaw the installation of a meditation garden at Heartland Presbyterian Church. The work ethic Henry has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Henry and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

#### CONGRATULATING JACK TAYLOR AND THE GRINNELL COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM

##### HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack Taylor and the Grinnell College basketball team. On Novem-

ber 20th, Taylor broke the NCAA single game scoring record by scoring 138 points in one game. The Grinnell Pioneers won by a final score of 179 to 104.

Taylor, a sophomore at Grinnell, broke the NCAA record by 25 points. The previous scoring record was set at 113 points back in 1954. Taylor attempted an astonishing 108 shots, an average of one shot every 20 seconds. Overall, Taylor made 52 out of his 108 scoring attempts. He also made 27 of his 71 3-point attempts. His record setting game drew praise from some of the NBA's biggest stars. Taylor was also interviewed on Sports Center, Good Morning America and the Today Show about the game. When asked about the game, Taylor said he was thankful to his teammates for their support and their willingness to give him the ball so he could try and break the record. Taylor said he would not have been able to break the record without their help.

Next year, I will have the honor and privilege to represent Grinnell College in the House of Representatives. I'm proud to have Grinnell College in my new district and I congratulate both Jack Taylor and the Pioneers basketball team on their record breaking victory last week.

#### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND RANDY LEE WARE

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor to Reverend Randy Lee Ware for his ongoing service to his community.

Reverend Ware is a native of Brooklyn, New York and now resides in Arverne, New York. He received his elementary education at P.S. 191 and high school education at Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn. He went on to continue his education at Staten Island Community College for two years. In May 1990 he completed his B.A. degree in Liberal Arts and Psychology from the College of New Rochelle and in May 2011 he received his Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary. Reverend Ware has been accepted to the doctoral programs at the New York Theological Seminary.

Reverend Ware joined Berean Missionary Baptist Church in 1977 and was baptized under the leadership of the late Dr. Hylton L. James. He entered the ministry at Berean in 1983 under the leadership of Reverend Gus Roman. On April 12, 1992, under the leadership of Dr. Arlee Griffin Jr., he was ordained. He was an associate minister at Berean Missionary Baptist Church and was involved in the Christian Education Department, taught the Young Adult Sunday School class and taught at the Berean Bible Institute. He served two years as the interim minister at Kenilworth Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

In October 2004, Pastor Ware was appointed 2nd Vice President of the Congress of Christian Education for the New York Progressive Baptist State Convention, Inc. In August 2005, Pastor Ware preached at the Progressive National Baptist Conference's Ministers Seminar in Detroit, Michigan. In October 2011, Pastor Ware became the President of the New