

HONORING ROSE PADILLA JOHNSON AND THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rose Padilla Johnson, and the Family Resource Center located in San Leandro, California. The Davis Street Family Resource Center provides services to over 20,000 people annually. Rose Johnson has provided outstanding leadership as Executive Director of the Center for the past twenty years.

Rose has transformed Davis Street into one of the most vibrant and comprehensive non-profit providers of human services in Central Alameda County and the Greater San Leandro area.

She began her career working with low income, immigrant families in Alameda County. Her focus on working poor families throughout her career has led her to develop a keen understanding of the problems facing them. Rose's vision, leadership, business and community relationships, and sheer determination have grown Davis Street from the \$380,000 organization of 1994 to the current \$11,000 million dollar agency today.

Davis Street provides childcare services to over 1,000 children monthly and over 4,000 individuals receive food and clothing from the Center. Hundreds of individuals, who are uninsured and underinsured, are seen in the Center's medical and dental clinic and hundreds of others consult with housing and employment specialists, tax specialists, therapists, and counselors who specialize in drug and alcohol prevention.

In October 2002, Rose achieved her personal goal of creating a "one stop shop" in the form of the Davis Street Family Resource Center. All of the agency's programs are in one location, thereby eliminating transportation obstacles for those needing assistance.

Under Rose's advocacy and leadership, Davis Street launched a \$3.5 million Capital Campaign to secure the purchase of Davis Street's 22,000 square foot building. On June 30, 2010, the organization became proud owners of the building.

In addition to her work at Davis Street, Rose is active in the community contributing her time and expertise to the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, Alameda County Childcare Local Planning Council, the San Leandro Rotary Club and is co-administrator of the RotaCare Free Clinic. She is the recipient of many significant awards and honors.

I join the community in congratulating Rose Padilla Johnson for her 20 years of exemplary commitment and leadership, which have led to the phenomenal success of the Davis Street Family Resource Center.

TRIBUTE TO PETE REIXACH

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize A.J. "Pete" Reixach, Jr. as he retires

from his longtime position as the executive port director for Port Freeport, Texas. Port Freeport is one of the largest ports in my district, and it has been a pleasure to work alongside Mr. Reixach on a number of maritime issues. Pete is very well known in South Texas and the port community not only for his strong commitment to Port Freeport, but also for his efforts to expand international trade throughout the Gulf. He also is very well known for his tremendous contributions to the Brazoria County business community.

I'm happy to announce that Pete will not be retiring from the port business altogether, however. On the contrary, congratulations are in order for his recent promotion to chairman of the American Association of Port Authorities board. With his years of experience, talent, and expertise on a wide variety of issues I am certain Pete will enjoy a very successful tenure as chairman of the AAPA board. I'm also happy to see the Gulf coast represented at the highest level of the AAPA.

Pete has been an integral part of Gulf Coast port operations since his career began in 1970. He started as the assistant manager of the Greece-based Hellenic Lines Ltd. in New Orleans. He later arrived in Houston to become the general manager for Netherlands-based F.A. Voight Inc., before becoming the Texas Gulf Coast port assistant manager in 1985 and then general manager in 1986. In 1988 he finally made his way down to Port Freeport where he has been the executive port director now for over 20 years.

Port Freeport is ranked 16th among U.S. ports in international cargo transport. The landscape extends over 7,500 acres creating promise for future infrastructure and development. Port Freeport serves my district through technological advancement and is one of the leading job creators on the Texas Gulf Coast. Pete understands the importance of economy-enhanced sustainability efforts especially during these tumultuous times.

Not only has Pete been a treasured asset in Port Freeport, but he has also taken an active role on the national level as chairman of the Gulf Ports Association of the Americas and was vice chairman of AAPA Legislative Policy Council. Locally, he has also been involved with the Texas Ports Association and served on the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce.

The AAPA board has certainly gained a knowledgeable leader to spearhead their international trade efforts. In September, Pete will assume a one year chairmanship during the AAPA's 99th annual convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to commemorate this great accomplishment and to wish Pete Reixach all the best as he moves into the next part of his career.

JANELLE JAMISON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Janelle Jamison for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Janelle Jamison is a 12th grader at Ralston Valley High and received this award because

her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Janelle Jamison 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 Janelle Jamison 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.

SIX ISSAQUAH POLICE OFFICERS
HONORED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, September 24 of last year during a beautiful fall afternoon, six police officers in Issaquah, Washington stopped a gunman intent on murdering innocent people. Because of their quick actions and bravery, the officers will be honored Saturday evening at the 19th annual TOP COPS Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

On that fateful day last fall, the gunman walked through yards and on sidewalks indiscriminately firing a rifle at homes, businesses, and passersby. Not far away, more than 100 people were watching a youth football game at a local school. Before the players and spectators could find refuge, the six officers put an end to his rampage utilizing the information being relayed via 9-1-1 operators. On that day, as on every day, law enforcement officers saved lives calmly, swiftly and selflessly.

Each year, Mr. Speaker, the National Association of Police Organizations recognizes law enforcement officers from federal, state, county and local agencies for acts of bravery, courage and outstanding service to their communities over the preceding year. I am proud that six of our nation's finest officers—and who serve in the district that I represent—8th of Washington—will be acknowledged with the rest of our heroes during police week.

Mr. Speaker, to Officers Brian Horn, Jesse Petersen, Laura Asbell, Tom Griffith, Corporal Christian Munoz, and Sergeant Chris Wilson, I say "thank you." I will continue to support you and all of our law enforcement professionals around the country.

HONORING STEVE DENSLEY

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and dedication of Steve Densley, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce. He served and guided Utah Valley for over three decades, becoming the second longest sitting Chamber President in Utah history. Steve Densley leaves a tradition of excellence in business and leadership throughout Utah Valley. He has been recognized numerous times

throughout his career including the Provo City Mayor's Medal of Honor and the Silver Beaver award from the Utah National Parks Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Densley was also chosen to be a representative of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to serve on the Western Region Board of Regents. Mr. Densley has served on over 70 boards, committees and councils during his 30-year career.

Steve Densley is a 35-year resident of the city of Provo and the proud husband of Colleen Densley. They have a beautiful family, with six children and 17 grandchildren. Mr. Densley was an All-American football and basketball player at Jordan High School and is an alumnus of Brigham Young University. He was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the same university.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of this community leader who has served the Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce for the past 30 years. In essence Steve Densley built the Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce into what it is today and will leave a lasting legacy.

ERIKA SOLIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

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

The dedication demonstrated by Erika Solis 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 Erika Solis 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.

HONORING HOBSON PATRICK
WOOD

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor one of the most prominent leaders in my District.

Hobson Patrick Wood, or Pat as he was known by everyone, passed away recently at the age of 83. He was well-known and beloved in Knoxville for his endless optimism and service.

Pat was a longtime friend of mine, and my District is a better place because of him and his tireless effort to make Knoxville a better place, both through his business ventures and through community service.

He is probably best known for his real estate and insurance firm, the Wood Agency, which he created in the 1950's. He later went on to form the Lawler-Wood group, which is responsible for developing large portions of downtown Knoxville, including the old Whittle building now housing the U.S. District Court and my Knoxville District office. Much of the downtown skyline of Knoxville is a product of Pat's community development work.

His business partner, Rodney Lawler, remembered Pat as one of the most generous people he has ever known. He told the Knoxville News Sentinel the only disagreement the two men ever shared was when Pat tried to give him too big a share of a deal they were working on. "We had a disagreement, a sizeable disagreement, over him being too generous to me," Lawler said.

Pat loved Knoxville and spent his entire career there, never losing touch with East Tennessee despite great personal success.

He also served the community as a political leader, being elected to the Knox County Court and serving on the board of the 1982 World's Fair, which he was instrumental in bringing to Knoxville.

I offer my condolences to his three children, five grandchildren, and devoted wife of 25 years, Brenda, who said she will remember Pat as "a loving husband and father and friend."

I too will remember Pat as a good family man who touched the lives of hundreds of people in many positive ways.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in remembering Pat Wood and the immeasurable impact he made on my District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 196, 197, and 198. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Nos. 196, 197 and 198.

JACOB CISNEROS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacob Cisneros for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jacob Cisneros is an 11th 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 Jacob Cisneros 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 Jacob Cisneros 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 COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTER, INC. AS THEY CELE-
BRATE THEIR 40TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join all of those gathered in congratulating the Community Health Center, Inc. on their 40th anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization and I am proud to recognize their invaluable contributions to our community.

Health care is a right, not a privilege. It is a simple motto and the fundamental basis of the establishment of Community Health Center, Inc. Forty years ago, a group of students from Wesleyan University joined with community activists in Middletown—drawn together through a shared vision for affordable, accessible and responsive health care—to create a free clinic to meet the needs of the community. Fueled by idealism and a deep belief that patients should be the cornerstone of whatever was created, the Community Health Center, Inc. was born.

Since its inception, CHC has a fixture in Middletown's downtown community. What began as a free clinic has grown to provide care for 130,000 Connecticut residents—ninety percent of whom live at or near poverty level. Though its main offices remain in Middletown, CHC has expanded to include more than two hundred locations throughout Connecticut. In addition to the provision of primary care, CHC has also become known for its work in two other areas: research innovation through their Weitzman Center as well as training the next generation of health professionals through their residency programs. Recognized as a national model of care, most recently CHC was named by both the Joint Commission and the National Committee for Quality Assurance as a Primary Care Medical Home—the first and only health care organization in Connecticut, and one of the first in the Nation, to receive such a designation.

President and CEO Mark Masselli has been there from the beginning. As a founding member of CHC, Mark has devoted a lifetime of hard work and energies to turning the vision of CHC into a reality. His leadership has been integral to the success of CHC and I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of congratulations and thanks to Mark for his extraordinary work.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Mark and the team at CHC and have often found myself in awe of the quality and quantity of service that they provide every day. The staff and administration dedicate themselves to providing those most in need with a wide-range of patient-centered medical, dental and behavioral health services. In fact, as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary, they also mark the opening of the newest addition—the Dodd Primary Care Center, a revolutionary