

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

new space housing a 21st Century delivery system of primary health care. This innovative, and beautiful, new facility will ensure that CHC can continue to provide outstanding care to the thousands of residents they see every year.

I could not be more proud to join the Mid-dletown community in celebrating this very special anniversary with the Community Health Center. Their outstanding dedication and commitment to ensuring that everyone—regardless of circumstance—has access to affordable, quality health care serves as an example to us all. I am honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to Mark Masselli and the entire CHC family on this very special occasion.

RECOGNIZING CONVOY OF HOPE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Convoy of Hope's generous outreach following last year's tornado which devastated the community of Joplin, Missouri, on May 22, 2011.

Convoy of Hope provides food, clothing, medical aid and other resources to disaster areas or to those in need. They are a shining example of the generous American spirit and the immense power of private faith-based charities to be a force for good in our local communities. Since its founding in 1994, Convoy of Hope has served over 51 million people throughout the world. Hours after the tornado struck Joplin, Convoy of Hope was on the scene offering a helping hand to those in need.

Convoy of Hope's initial response was coordinated with the cooperation of Ignite Church in Joplin where a mobile distribution site was established. Twelve local churches in Joplin and surrounding states organized volunteers to assist Convoy of Hope in the disaster response effort, which has provided more than 3 million pounds of food, water and supplies to help the community get back on its feet.

Through a partnership with Pyramid Foods, Convoy of Hope operated a "compassion store" where tornado victims received free relief products like rakes, shovels, trash bags and gloves to assist them with debris removal. The compassion store remained opened until November 2011.

In January 2012, Convoy of Hope announced their commitment to provide \$1 million to help tornado victims on the series finale of ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, which featured the building of seven homes in seven days in Joplin. In February, Convoy of Hope, in partnership with the Global Green Building, Project Safe Home and T.F. Concrete Forming systems, embarked on a mission to help build storm-resilient homes for at least a dozen deserving families.

Convoy of Hope is constructing homes that emphasize protections against strong winds and promote energy efficiencies. Convoy of Hope and its partners are coordinating these and future efforts with the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide guidance on other future "resilient" constructions.

These new high-tech, low-energy buildings are specially designed with reinforced concrete walls and other innovations to be sturdier than traditional houses.

Convoy of Hope and their 3,852 volunteers served 12,161 families, helped clear and clean 42 houses at no cost to the homeowners, and completed four major critical needs projects for homeowners who did not have adequate resources to address the safety concerns on their property.

Convoy of Hope's generous spirit of outreach helped thousands of Joplin residents during a dark chapter in their lives. I know that many families impacted by this tornado are grateful for the helping hand and support they received from Convoy of Hope.

FRANK CURIEL

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 Frank Curiel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Frank Curiel is a 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 Frank Curiel 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 Frank Curiel 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.

RECOGNIZING DANIELLE GREEN-BYRD

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the pleasure to recognize a hometown hero, Ms. Danielle Green-Byrd as she has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the Red Cross, Tiffany Circle Distinguished Woman Warrior Award for her outstanding service to our country.

Ms. Green-Byrd is a 1999 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a BA in Psychology as a full scholarship athlete, excelling in varsity basketball. Once a standout left-handed shooter, she scored 1,106 points, averaging 9.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game for the women's basketball team.

Upon graduating from college, Danielle chose to serve her country by enlisting in the Army and subsequently sent to Iraq, serving with the 571st Military Police Company from Fort Lewis, Washington during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She explained that she wanted to gain life lessons as an enlisted soldier before one day receiving a commission.

One of the first women injured during the beginning of the conflict in Iraq, Danielle had been at her post for only a few minutes when two rocket propelled grenades hit a barrier on the ground and exploded. A third hit her arm and damaged her thigh and face. She lost her left hand and arm and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Presently, Danielle is the assistant sports coordinator in the Chicago Board of Education's Department of Sports Administration and Facility Management and spends time with military veterans in the Chicagoland area. She enjoys time playing golf, a sport that she has said has taught her patience and brought enjoyment.

I am so proud to acknowledge a "she-ro" who is still living among us and I encourage her to continue to live her dreams, give back to the community and continue to make the greater Chicagoland community a better place.

Congratulations and may God continue to bless you in every field of human endeavor.

JAZMIN MEDINA

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 Jazmin Medina for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jazmin Medina 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 Jazmin Medina 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 Jazmin Medina 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.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL R. MANTHE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Daniel R. Manthe, an extraordinary leader in education policy and a dear friend who recently passed away.

In my nearly half-century in education policy and politics, I have been blessed to work with and meet the widest range of committed and caring teachers and leaders. Daniel R. Manthe was both. Dan had education in his heart and mind and was one of the most knowledgeable people I ever met in the field. His efforts to make education more effective made a difference in the quality of education in whatever he touched. Education is better because of him.

As a young teacher, Dan toiled and suffered innumerable indignities securing the signatures that formed the roots and early support