

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CHRIS SWARTWOOD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chris Swartwood for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Chris Swartwood is a 12th grader at Jefferson County Open School and received this award because of his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chris Swartwood 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 Chris Swartwood 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 of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for several votes taken on the House floor last week as I was directed by my doctor to not fly back from my District. As a result, I missed rollcall Votes Nos. 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 75.

Had I been present, on rollcall Vote No. 63 I would have voted 'aye'; on rollcall Vote No. 64 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 65 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 66 I would have voted 'present'; on rollcall Vote No. 67 I would have voted 'aye'; on rollcall Vote No. 68 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 69 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 70 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 71 I would have voted 'no'; on rollcall Vote No. 72 I would have voted 'aye'; on rollcall Vote No. 73 I would have voted 'aye'; on rollcall Vote No. 74 I would have voted 'aye'; and on rollcall Vote No. 75 I would have voted 'no'.

HONORING LOREN DUKE ABDALLA
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO
HIS COUNTRY DURING WORLD
WAR II

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Loren Duke Abdalla.

Duke is the great-grandson of Chief Running Bull of the Yankton Sioux. He enlisted in the Marine Corp in 1943, and for his courageous service, Duke earned a Purple Heart and a rank of Corporal.

In September of 1944, at the Battle of Peleliu, Duke's machine gun team was shelled. Duke lost his machine gunner and two ammo carriers, while himself taking shrapnel that left him with holes in both legs. Rather than being sent home, Duke recovered and then quickly was promoted to leader of 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, A Company.

Beginning April of 1945, Duke and A Company began an assault on Okinawa. In early May, Duke demonstrated true bravery in a series of heroic maneuvers and actions. Over the course of the day, Duke carried a wounded fellow Marine to safety and successfully neutralized six machine gun nests, clearing the way for U.S. forces to advance. Duke lost his entire squad after clearing four of the nests, but he continued on and cleared the final two by himself.

Duke and his fellow Marines fought valiantly and withstood fierce counterattacks from enemy forces. Their commitment and selfless dedication to their country was emblematic of the effort put forth by "The Greatest Generation" during the world's time of greatest need.

I thank Loren Duke Abdalla for his service to this nation. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to Duke and to all those brave men and women who sacrifice so much for the good of this country.

CHEYAYN TUCKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cheyayn Tucker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cheyayn Tucker is an 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because of her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cheyayn Tucker 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 Cheyayn Tucker 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 of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING DR. ANNE MARION TAYLOR, 2013 SLOAN RESEARCH FELLOW

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Anne Marion Taylor of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for receiving the 2013 Sloan Research Fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Dr. Taylor, a Biomedical Engineer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will receive a two-year, \$50,000 grant to expand her research in Neurosciences.

The fellowship is designed to provide supplemental funding and support to enhance the careers of its young recipients. This prestigious honor is reserved only for the best and brightest to highlight the newest generation of scientific leaders by opening new doors for those in the pursuit of scientific innovation.

Dr. Taylor researches neurosciences and biomedical engineering to find ways to better understand cellular mechanisms involved in cognition. As a result of Dr. Taylor's studies, we now have commercially available devices that have led to breakthroughs in the study of synapse development.

I congratulate Dr. Taylor for this impressive achievement and thank her for her dedicated work at UNC School of Medicine.

CASSIE BROWN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cassie Brown for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cassie Brown is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because of her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cassie Brown 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 Cassie Brown 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 of her future accomplishments.

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LONNIE NUTT MEMORIAL

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the memory of Lonnie Lee Nutt, a City of Marietta, Georgia firefighter, and fallen hero. On the evening of March 7th—at the young age of 49—Nutt was in the line of duty, assisting the victim of a car accident when he tragically suffered a fatal heart attack.

For nearly 20 years, Nutt selflessly served and protected his community as a firefighter, inspector, investigator, and most recently as a firefighter engineer.

He was a tested veteran and deeply respected by his colleagues. But more importantly, he was a devoted husband to his wife Rosa, and loving father to his daughter Cassandra.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest felt condolences to his family and friends, his fellow firefighters, and the Marietta community for their loss during this most difficult time.

CANADA ALBIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Canada Albin 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 Canada Albin 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 of her future accomplishments.

A RECOGNITION OF MR. ROB WHITE

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Mr. Rob White, for his contributions to the innovation community of the Bay Area. Rob recently announced that he is stepping down as CEO of the iGate Innovation Hub and as Director of Economic Development for the City of Livermore, California. As cofounder of the iGate hub, Rob was instrumental in establishing a broad regional partnership that is helping le-

verage public investments at the Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories into economic development that benefits the growth of small businesses focused on bringing new green energy technologies to market.

Just last year, the White House named Rob a Champion of Change for Local Innovation, acknowledging him as "a thought leader in government led collaborative networks, public policy assessment in support of entrepreneurship, and economic development frameworks that focus on technology growth and innovation." Under Rob's leadership, iGate received an award for Regional Collaboration from the International Economic Development Council, the Thomas H. Muehlenbeck Award for Excellence in Local Government from the Alliance for Innovation; and the Outstanding Partnership Award from the Federal Laboratory Consortium, Far West Region.

Rob has worked for more than two decades in researching, assessing, and developing the ecosystem for regional innovation networks. His tireless support of small businesses, focusing on green transportation and clean-energy technologies, is already helping transform the economic climate in the Tr-Valley area and the region at large.

On a more personal note, Mr. Speaker, Rob has played a vital role in assisting me in the development of my economic policy and strategy. I was honored when he agreed to serve on my Economic Development Advisory Committee and I have learned a great deal from him. I want to thank Rob for his contributions to the East Bay. I wish him the best of luck as he begins this new chapter of his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, on March 15, I missed three recorded votes. Had I been present, on rollcall No. 73, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 74, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 75, H.R. 803, the SKILLS Act, I would have voted "no."

BREANNA WILSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Breanna Wilson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Breanna Wilson is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Breanna Wilson 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 Breanna Wilson 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 of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING LAILA GORING

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a very special member of my team, Laila Goring. Laila is a University of Hawai'i student and former soldier who has been serving in my office as an intern this spring. Friday was her final day on Capitol Hill.

In her work, she has truly displayed the aloha spirit and a heart for servant leadership. She has set the bar high for our internship program, and I hope many more students like Laila will serve and learn in my office.

A congressional internship should not be about grabbing coffee or making copies, but about learning and growing in an environment that encourages service. Our students have so much to offer, and we have the opportunity to cultivate the next generation of leaders by demonstrating firsthand the value of public service.

Mahalo nui loa, thank you very much, Laila, and we wish you the best of luck as you continue to pursue your goals.

CHRIS McNABB

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chris McNabb for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Chris McNabb is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chris McNabb 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 Chris McNabb 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 of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW A. ATHENS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2013

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Andrew A. Athens for his lifetime of philanthropic service, most notably to the Greek Community and Orthodox Church.