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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Taylor Smothers for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Taylor Smothers is an 11th 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 Taylor Smothers 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 Taylor Smothers 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 CORONA DEL SOL HIGH SCHOOL'S COMPETITION GOVERNMENT TEAM

**HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2013*

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Corona del Sol High School's Competition Government Team, the 6th place winners of the "We the People" national tournament. Corona Del Sol has made all of Tempe, Arizona proud.

The aim of "We the People" is to foster civic engagement and responsibility among young people, and to enhance students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy. "We the People" also strives to enrich students' understanding of the Bill of Rights by emphasizing its contemporary relevance.

The contest is structured as a mock congressional hearing, wherein the entire team works together in preparing and presenting statements before a panel of judges who act as congressional committee members. After reading their statements, each member of the team is asked a series of questions by to test their knowledge of constitutional principles.

Under the guidance of Tim Smith, and assistant coaches Lisa Adams and Justine Centennial, 29 dedicated students from Corona del Sol, not only brought home their 12th state title in February, but were once again nationally ranked for the first time since 2001. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Corona del Sol's Competition Government students on this impressive achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER J. BARNES, JR.

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2013*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peter J. Barnes, Jr. as he is recognized for his tenure as Middlesex County Democratic Organization Chairman at a reception in his honor. Chairman Barnes has been a dedicated public servant for over 15 years and is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Chairman Barnes has a distinguished career in public service. In addition to his tenure as Middlesex County Democratic Organization Chairman, he also serves as Chairman of the New Jersey State Parole Board, a position he has held since 2007. Previously, he represented New Jersey's 18th legislative district as an Assemblyman. Throughout his public service career, Chairman Barnes has made significant contributions to Middlesex County and the State of New Jersey. As an Assemblyman, Chairman Barnes saw 62 bills that he sponsored signed into law. He also served as the Majority Whip from 2002 to 2007.

In addition, Chairman Barnes served his community and country prior to beginning his public service career. He was a Military Police Private First Class in the United States Army from 1946–1948 and then served as a Special Agent for the FBI for over 25 years. Chairman Barnes later served as the Director of Public Safety in Edison and East Brunswick, where he was able to use his FBI training to help maintain safety and order in each municipality.

Chairman Barnes earned his B.A. in Political Science from Providence College and has continued his education with post-baccalaureate studies in Public Administration at Kean University. In addition, he graduated from the FBI Crime Resistance and Hostage Negotiating Schools as well as the FBI Management Training Prop-am.

Once again, please join me in honoring Peter J. Barnes, Jr. for his outstanding accomplishments and thanking him for his years of service as Middlesex County Democratic Organization Chairman.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MACON

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the members of the Junior League of Macon for being recognized by the Association of Junior Leagues International with the prestigious Fund Development Award, which is one of only five awards given each year by AJLI. A press conference to announce the award will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Junior League of Macon Office located at 2055 Vineville Avenue in Macon, Georgia.

The Junior League of Macon is an organization of women who are committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community. It

was first established as the Utility Club in 1924. In 1937, it was adopted by the Association of Junior Leagues of America, Inc. From the first fundraiser in 1924, which raised \$492.35, to the record-breaking 2003–2004 League year, which netted over \$133,000, the Junior League of Macon has been a driving force in advancing the community. The Junior League of Macon celebrated its 75th anniversary last year and currently boasts over 700 members.

The Junior League of Macon has made a tremendous impact on improving literacy and school readiness in the Middle Georgia area since making the decision in 2009 to focus its mission on these particular issues. The organization's members and trained volunteers have been committed to preparing young minds for a quality education through participating in school partnerships, fundraising, advocacy, and hands-on projects. During the 2011–2012 League year, the organization donated more than 2,500 books, served 1,400 children and volunteered 5,320 hours, which is the equivalent of \$106,400.

This year, the Junior League of Macon received international recognition for earning the Fund Development Award from the Association of Junior Leagues International, which represents 293 junior league organizations around the world. This unique honor was awarded to JLM for successfully alleviating economic challenges by developing an effective strategy for fund development that significantly diversified JLM's funding base. As one of only five awards given by AJLI each year, the Fund Development Award is a great honor for the Junior League of Macon and a tribute to their hard work and commitment to the well-being and advancement of the Middle Georgia community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Junior League of Macon for being honored with the Fund Development Award from the Association of Junior Leagues International. This award is well-deserved and I applaud their exceptional efforts to serve and improve the community by promoting literacy and school readiness in the Middle Georgia area.

TREVOR SOWL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2013*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Trevor Sowl 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 Trevor Sowl 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.

REGARDING AMERICAN  
LEADERSHIP IN THE BALKANS**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2013*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the State Department to take a more active role in resolving a important dispute between two of the United States' valued allies, Greece and the Republic of Macedonia.

Since the nation commonly called "Macedonia" declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, Greece has objected to its use of the name "Macedonia". Greece considers this both a usurpation of its rich heritage and part of a potential basis for forming a territorial claim on the neighboring Greek province of Macedonia. The geographic area of the Greek province of Macedonia corresponds with the ancient Kingdom of Macedonia, whose capital city Pella, sits well within Greece's borders.

Mister Speaker, this issue is not just about names, but about security for Greece and for the entire region. In 2008, the Republic of Macedonia applied to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Despite meeting all requirements for NATO membership, Greece, as a member of NATO, vetoed the entrance of Macedonia until the name issue is resolved. Greece worries that by calling itself "Macedonia," its northern neighbor risks raising the specter of future territorial accusations based on the idea of a "united Macedonia."

The United States has long been a leading partner in the NATO Alliance, and as such we should be doing all we can to resolve this issue. The Department of State should be making a concerted effort to work with both nations to bring a mutually agreed upon resolution. Greece has long been an important NATO member and ally of the United States, and once this issue is resolved the United States should encourage the acceptance of "Macedonia" into NATO as well.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is vital to the interests of this nation in maintaining stability in the Balkans and adding a new member of the NATO Alliance.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Chair, I rise today disappointed in last week's adoption of the Steve King Amendment to H.R. 2217, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014. This amendment would bar implementation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival, DACA, for DREAMers, prevent them from acquiring work permits, and eliminate the exercise of discretion to protect victims of trafficking and crime victims.

Prosecutorial discretion and deferred action are done on a case-by-case basis and do not provide relief or legal status en masse. Instead, these practices ensure fair and just outcomes, and prompt law enforcement officials to closely consider compelling circumstances such as disability, age, or military service.

This blatant attempt to undermine the Presidents' action to address certain aspects of our broken immigration system and to restrict certain benefits of deferred action shocks the conscience. There are thousands of young Americans without legal status who want to attend school, find jobs, and start families—to participate in the American Dream.

The promise of deferred action and work authorization was affirmed by millions of Americans in November 2012. If we break this promise, we will have failed in our duty to a nation of immigrants from every part of world.

As the only New York City Member of Congress on the House Homeland Security Committee, I understand the need to fund programs that keep us safe against the threat of both physical and cyber attacks. However, to hold DACA recipients hostage for politics is unconscionable. I represent one of the largest immigrant districts in the country, with many who are currently benefitting from DACA; I could not and did not support the King Amendment, nor did I vote for the underlying bill.

IN HONOR OF THE ACS AND THE  
JESSAMINE COUNTY RELAY FOR  
LIFE SUBMISSION FOR THE CON-  
GRESSIONAL RECORD, JUNE 11,  
2013**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2013*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Cancer Society and the Relay For Life of Jessamine County, and to thank these organizations for their work in the fight against cancer.

In May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington, ultimately raising \$27,000 to help the American Cancer Society fight the nation's biggest health concern—cancer. A year later, 340 supporters joined the overnight event. Since those first steps, the Relay For Life movement has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, raising more than \$4 billion to fight cancer.

The Relay For Life of Jessamine County, Kentucky was formed in 1997, and over the last 16 years has raised over \$800,000 toward the fight against cancer.

These organizations work to create a world where cancer will no longer threaten our loved ones like Abrielle, a three year old who was diagnosed in October of 2012 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. She is currently being treated at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with Abrielle and her parents, Matt and Lacy, during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our support for Abrielle and her family, and in commending the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life for their contributions to the fight against cancer. I

would also like to extend my personal appreciation to the Relay For Life of Jessamine County for all that they have done to better our community and our Commonwealth.

VICTORIA TRUE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2013*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Victoria True 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 Victoria True 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.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on June 6, 2013, I missed rollcall votes No. 207–211. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No: 207 "aye;"

Rollcall No: 208 "nay;"

Rollcall No: 209 "nay;"

Rollcall No: 210 "aye;"

Rollcall No: 211 "nay."

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Chair, I deeply appreciate the leadership and insight from my dear friend and colleague from North Carolina. Your efforts have helped keep this country safe in the midst of ongoing threats both known and unpredictable.