

CELEBRATING BIOMARIN
PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to acknowledge BioMarin Pharmaceuticals on the occasion of the company's recognition by Forbes Magazine as the 7th Most Innovative Company in the World for 2014. Selection as one of the world's ten most innovative companies is no small accomplishment and is a testament to BioMarin's ability to efficiently provide patients with new solutions to challenging chronic and degenerative genetic conditions.

Forbes' ranking relies on the ability of investors to identify which companies will continue to spur innovation now and in the future. Given BioMarin's past success in pioneering new medical treatments, the company's high ranking is well deserved.

Since 1997, BioMarin has developed and commercialized five medical treatments, a remarkable feat in the biopharmaceutical industry. The company has been recognized as one of the nation's fastest drug developers, bringing new treatments to market 12 months sooner than the industry median. For the patients with rare and often severe conditions, one year can make a lifetime of difference.

The innovative work of BioMarin staff, from the leadership team to research associates, has had a lasting impact on the North Bay community and beyond. Please join me in congratulating BioMarin Pharmaceuticals on this important recognition and wishing them many years of future success.

DR. MARYANNE BACH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Maryanne Bach for her outstanding professional work and passion for sustainability and mentoring women and minorities.

Maryanne has broken through the "first woman barrier" several times. She served at the Denver Federal Center as Director of Security, Safety and Law Enforcement, Director of Research and Development, and Director of Technical Services. Each of these positions were formerly never held by a woman. She was also the first female Executive Director of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

Maryanne's professional accomplishments include working with legislative and executive branches of the federal government, and directing water resources infrastructure, policies and financial actions for nine states. In addition, her Master's in Botany and Plant Ecology has helped expand conservation efforts through North America.

In retirement, Maryanne has not slowed down and is giving back to her community in several capacities. She currently operates a private life coach business, serves as the Prayer Chaplain Coordinator for Unity of the

Foothills at Red Rocks, and is a board member of the Evergreen Alliance for Sustainability.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dr. Maryanne Bach for receiving this 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.

**HONORING THE LYNDEN CHRISTIAN
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

HON. SUZAN K. DeBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2014 Lynden Christian girls volleyball team. On November 15, the Lynden Lyncs won the Class 1A state championship, a fitting end to their impressive season. I congratulate them on this memorable achievement.

The Lyncs only suffered two defeats during the entire regular season. On the way to the first title in school history, they defeated Kalama, Cascade, and Bellevue Christian, dropping only one set throughout the state tournament. The team's motto for the year, "Start Strong, Finish Stronger," was on display during the championship match, when the Lyncs secured the title with a resounding 3-0 victory over King's High School.

I would like to give special recognition to Kara Bajema, Madison Weg, and Carli Tjoelker for their pivotal roles in the championship match, and throughout the season. Bajema, a junior, had 14 kills and 13 digs, while Weg had 11 kills and 14 assists. Tjoelker added 14 assists.

Lynden Christian's impressive performance on the court is also a testament to the leadership of Coach Kim Grycel. Coach Grycel provided the team with the encouragement and training necessary to achieve this notable victory. The title provided a fitting cap to the most successful season in school history for the Lyncs volleyball team.

Again, I congratulate the Lynden Christian girls volleyball team on all of their success. Their accomplishments and success are hard-earned and well-deserved.

**RECOGNIZING STATE REPRESENTATIVE
NICHOLAS MICOZZIE**

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the lifetime of public service of State Representative Nicholas Micozzie.

For thirty-six years, Nick Micozzie has made the trip up the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Harrisburg to represent his community in the state House of Representatives. The residents of Nick's district have long benefited from his loyal service, legislative skill and dedication to hardworking families in Delaware County.

Nick began his public service forty-four years ago like many do, stepping up to serve in his own neighborhood as an Upper Darby

Township councilman. Nick's compassion and his commitment to Upper Darby's families were obvious and before long, Nick's constituents sent him to Harrisburg to serve. During his thirty-six year tenure, he left an indelible mark on state government, chairing numerous committees and passing important legislation that helps Pennsylvania.

Throughout his service, Nick never forgot where he came from. He was always willing to talk to his constituents, explain a vote, or discuss the issues of the day. If there was any way he could help them, he did. It never mattered which side of the aisle you were on—Nick has always been a gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, last month Nick Micozzie made the drive to Harrisburg one final time. Surrounded by his friends, family and colleagues, Nick reflected on his career of service to his community. Nick Micozzie has been a tremendous public servant and a tireless advocate. Delaware County has been blessed to have him as a voice in Harrisburg.

**NANCY TAYLOR MASON/BABY
DOE'S CLOTHING**

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nancy Taylor Mason and Baby Doe's Clothing for receiving the 2014 City of Golden Mayor's Award of Excellence.

The City of Golden honors Nancy Taylor Mason and her business, Baby Doe's Clothing, for their dedication and support of local artists. Celebrating its 15th anniversary, Baby Doe's is Golden's premier source for artisan items and clothing that work for the Colorado lifestyle. Since 2000, storeowner Nancy Taylor Mason has spearheaded the marketing of the very successful Annual Golden Fine Arts Festival. Additionally, the store and the staff are strong supporters of Golden schools, civic groups, charities, and local events.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nancy Taylor Mason and Baby Doe's Clothing for this well-deserved recognition by the City of Golden.

TRIBUTE TO JULIA CASEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Julia Casey, who is retiring from my Congressional staff after more than two decades of distinguished service. Julia started her career in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1991 when she joined my staff, and ever since has faithfully and dutifully kept the trains running in both my Washington, DC office and more recently in the Appropriations Committee. Every meeting, speaking engagement, constituent fly-in, flight itinerary, office move, staff on-boarding, committee hearing, and committee mark-up that my congressional calendar has seen, Julia has managed with professionalism and grace.

Like most of us, I have been fortunate in my tenure in Congress to have extraordinary professional and personal staff accompany me on this journey. However, Julia stands out as a trusted confidant, advisor, and most assuredly, friend. Exceedingly loyal, trustworthy, and organized, she has made my life simpler in an often complicated and demanding place. Her cheery demeanor, her thoughtful execution, her reliability and calmness under pressure—these are just some of the attributes that have made Julia a truly irreplaceable part of the Rogers team. Time and again, she has gone above the call of duty to help me, and by extension, the people of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District in delivering a better, more responsive and open constituent experience. Julia has made an indelible mark on, not only the U.S. House of Representatives, but also on me, both personally and professionally, and I will be forever grateful to her and to her family.

As we all know, congressional staff work long hours, and often sacrifice weekends and holidays in order to keep this esteemed institution running. This inevitably takes a toll on personal commitments. She has earned more than her share of quality time with her husband Greg and cherished son Gregory in her home state of Idaho, where she and Greg will retire soon.

Congress, the House, the Appropriations Committee, Kentucky, my wife Cynthia, and I will surely miss Julia's contributions and leadership; but we thank her for her steadfast service and dedication. We wish Julia many wonderful years of retirement with her family and friends.

IN HONOR OF MARGARET
HAGERTY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margaret Hagerty, a constituent from my hometown of Concord who at 91 years old is the oldest person to finish this year's New York City marathon.

Now, in North Carolina, we know the value of putting in the time and effort to reach our goals. We aren't strangers to hard work, but Margaret outpaces us all. From 5Ks on Union Street in Concord to marathons at the Great Wall of China, Margaret has participated in countless races and has the trophies and medals to prove it. She also holds the world record for oldest person to finish a marathon on every continent.

Margaret wasn't always a runner and didn't take up the sport until her early 60s. One day, she woke up, started running and didn't want to stop.

It's extremely inspiring to see someone work so hard to achieve amazing things. I admire Margaret for her dedication and her tenacity—her outlook on life is something we can all aspire to. I wish her all the best in her future races. For everyone back home in the 8th District, she'll always finish first in our book.

LESLIE HORD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Leslie Hord for her generous spirit in giving back to her community and leading by example.

Leslie has been with Citywide Banks since 1996 and has almost 35 years in the financial industry helping people with their financial needs. Her career has been exemplary. Her activities outside of her career amplify her commitment to the Jefferson County community. She serves as Vice President of The Action Center Board of Directors and will serve as President in 2015. She also serves on the Leadership Jefferson County Alumni Committee, co-chairs Justice Day for Youth Leadership Jefferson County and is a Kiwanian.

On any given day you can see Leslie delivering food baskets for the Seniors' Resource Center, helping with Lakewood Scrub or participating in Colorado's Future Civic Engagement meetings. She believes in giving back to her community and leads by example.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Leslie Hord for receiving this 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.

HONORING PATRICIA MAHAN

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Santa Clara City Councilmember Patricia Mahan for her decades of dedicated and faithful public service to her community.

Councilmember Patricia Mahan has long devoted herself to serving others. Among the significant driving forces behind her commitment has been her family. She witnessed firsthand the fulfilling impact of public service through her late father's work as an esteemed councilmember. In addition, her desire to protect her grandmother's home from a street widening plan led her to become a Historical & Landmarks Commissioner in 1993. She has also dedicated herself to helping the public as both an educator and a lawyer. With a teaching accreditation from San Jose State University, Patricia has taught subjects such as English and drama to secondary school students. She also earned her Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law, and has been practicing as an attorney for over 30 years.

Patricia Mahan has worked tirelessly for many civic organizations. From 1983 to 1992, she served on the Board of Trustees at the West Valley-Mission Community College. She was a Legal Hearing Officer for the Santa Clara County Assessment Appeals Board from 1992 to 1994. She also assumed presidency over various organizations, such as the Lions Blind Center of Santa Clara Valley.

Councilmember Patricia Mahan was first elected to the Santa Clara City Council in 1994 and re-elected in 1998. She was elected

Mayor of Santa Clara in 2002 and re-elected for a second term as Mayor in 2006. Throughout her two terms as Mayor, she demonstrated efficiency and innovation in governing her community. As Mayor, she supported the construction of the San Francisco 49ers Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara. By encouraging this project, she dedicated herself to enriching her city both culturally and entrepreneurially. Demonstrating her commitment to service, Mahan was elected to another term on the City Council in 2010. Her determination to promote Santa Clara in every way possible speaks of her exemplary leadership abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Councilmember Patricia Mahan for her unparalleled devotion to public service. Thanks to her many years of faithful and selfless work for Santa Clara, the community has become a much more vibrant and better place to live. Although her term is coming to a close, her vision and legacy will no doubt live on.

HISTORICAL RECORD OF OPINION
EDITORIAL ON DIPLOMACY IN FIJI

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEAGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 1, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVEAGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, an opinion editorial on diplomacy in Fiji.

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LANDLUBBER DIPLOMACY WON'T WORK IN FIJI

(By Rep. Eni F.H. Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa))

Having no policy of its own, the U.S. marched in time, applying section 508 sanction law which severed U.S. aid to Fiji. U.S. sanctions, however, have had no consequence because U.S. aid to Fiji was less than \$3 million per year.

Of consequence is Pakistan. In 1999, when General Pervez Musharraf overthrew the democratically-elected government of then Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the U.S. waived 508 sanction law, despite the fact that for nearly ten years General Musharraf never made good on his promise to resign his military commission and hold free, fair and transparent elections in Pakistan.

The U.S., like Australia and New Zealand, cooperated with Pakistan's regime—even providing billions in aid—because we understood then like we should understand now that engagement is vital to our interests and necessary if our long-term objectives are peace, stability and democracy.

Do Australia, New Zealand and the U.S. consider Fiji vital to our interests? If not, I believe we should give China and Iran's growing presence in the region. If so, we need a new way forward.

The U.S. can no longer rely on landlubber diplomacy which seeks to force democracy by isolation. Every tautai (navigator) knows—democracy can't be forced. Force is contrary to the order of democracy and contrary to our innate desire to choose.

To succeed in Fiji, we must start from the beginning. The legacy of Fiji's colonial past has never been fully resolved since Fiji gained its independence in 1970. To date, Indians control many of the small businesses. Australia and New Zealand control major banking and commercial enterprises, and indigenous Fijians control much of the communal land and military establishment, with