

and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Amanda, his son Logan, and daughters Chloe and Hattie, all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING 35TH ANNIVERSARY
OF TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AND
REPRESENTATIVE KING PU-
TSUNG

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I come to the floor of the House of Representatives to recognize the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act which this Congress passed thirty-five years ago. The Taiwan Relations Act passed this Congress and was signed into law on April 10, 1979. For the last three and a half decades this legislation has been a cornerstone of our defense relationship with Taiwan and the result has been peace and prosperity for our important ally.

Peace in the Taiwan straits remains among the highest national interests of our country, indeed the entire Asia-Pacific region. Congress and the U.S. people remain steadfast in their support for Taiwan and maintaining strong defense and economic relations.

Since the Taiwan Relations Act was signed into law, the U.S.-Taiwan relationship has been fostered by a series of thirteen representatives from Taiwan. For the last year and a half that representative has been King Pu-tsung who will soon be returning to Taiwan to serve as Secretary-General of Taiwan's National Security Council. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with Representative King and applaud his efforts to continue the strong relationship our two countries enjoy.

As we look ahead to the 4th decade of the Taiwan Relations Act we should continue our work to advance our relationship, particularly as it relates to trade and bilateral investment.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on these issues of mutual concern for both nations as our relationship with Taiwan continues to develop and evolve.

HAYLEE VANNOY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Haylee Vannoy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Haylee Vannoy is a 7th 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 Haylee Vannoy 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 Haylee Vannoy 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.

TRIBUTE TO WINNER'S CIRCLE
AWARD WINNER, RICHARD PETTY

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend sincere congratulations to Randolph County's very own Richard Petty, as he was one of five people selected statewide to receive the Winner's Circle award. The annual Winner's Circle award is given to individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to North Carolina's tourism industry. Without a doubt, Richard Petty has been instrumental in enticing visitors from near and far to visit our great state.

There is a reason that NASCAR is North Carolina's official state sport, and Richard Petty has played a significant role in contributing to the sport's popularity. As one of the founding families in stock car racing, and one of the most decorated drivers in NASCAR history, Richard Petty has remained committed to establishing both his race shop and race museum in Randolph County, North Carolina. Tourism is a powerful force to our state's economic well-being, and Richard Petty has been influential in bringing racing fans from across America to the Tar Heel state. We are fortunate to have a North Carolinian who remains so steadfast in promoting the uniqueness of our state and the sport at large.

RECOGNIZING DR. JAMES
SYVERTSEN

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize one of my constituents, Dr. James Syvertsen, on his selection as a Fulbright award recipient. Dr. Syvertsen, a professor in biology at the University of Florida, taught in Uruguay as a Fulbright scholar from September through November 2013.

The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, is supported by the United States, participating foreign governments and the private sector. Established by Congress in 1946, the Program's purpose is to "build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world." Fulbright awardees are selected for academic excellence, professional achievements or demonstrated leadership in their fields.

I thank Dr. Syvertsen for his commitment to education and for representing the United States through the Fulbright Program in Uruguay.

HOLLY ANDERSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Holly Anderson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Holly Anderson is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Holly Anderson 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 Holly Anderson 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.

IN HONOR OF U.S. PARK POLICE
OFFICER CARL HIOTT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Park Police Officer Carl Hiott and thank him for his heroic actions during the tragic Navy Yard shooting.

Officer Hiott grew up in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District. He attended Southwestern Randolph High School where he excelled in football and wrestling. After graduating from North Carolina State University with a degree in criminal justice, Officer Hiott followed the call of duty and currently serves as a U.S. Park Police officer in Washington, D.C.

On September 16, 2013, a lone gunman entered the headquarters of the Naval Sea Systems Command with malicious intentions. Within minutes, law enforcement officials responded and took immediate action to quell the gunman. On this morning, Officer Hiott responded to the Navy Yard and, without hesitation, entered into building 197.

While on the third floor, Officer Hiott, Park Police Officer Andrew Wong, and Metropolitan Police Department Officer Dorian DeSantis encountered the gunman and engaged in a gunfight. Officer Hiott provided cover and engaged the shooter in the final gun battle, for which he received a Medal of Honor and a Combat Medal from the U.S. Park Service, and a Medal of Merit from the Metropolitan Police Department. Though all of the details of that morning are yet to be uncovered, one thing is certain: Officer Hiott and his colleagues are true American heroes.

That fateful morning, 170 law enforcement officers responded to the call. The swift actions of these brave men and women and the courageousness they displayed saved many lives. Despite the imminent danger, Officer Hiott remained committed to his duty to protect the national parks, monuments and the White House and keep our citizens safe.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Hiott is an outstanding citizen and a proven leader in our community. We are fortunate to have brave men and women like Officer Hiott who dedicate and risk their lives as police officers for our well-being and security. I applaud Officer Hiott for his bravery, and I thank him for his heroic and selfless actions.

HOMEOWNER FLOOD INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to stress the time sensitive need for FEMA to quickly act on the provision reauthorizing home buyers to assume the existing premium rate of sellers. Section 3(b) expressly states: "Such rates shall continue with respect to the property until the implementation of subsection (a)." Our explicit intent in including this provision is to allow a home buyer to assume the policy and rate of the current home owner upon enactment of this act. We expect FEMA to issue appropriate direction to the Write-Your-Own companies in short order to allow this process to move ahead smoothly. The purpose of this provision is to shield home buyers from excessive rates by letting them assume current rates during the period while FEMA is finalizing the guidance and rate tables to implement the other provisions of this act.

JADE GOMEZ-CHAVARRIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jade Gomez-Chavarria for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jade Gomez-Chavarria is a 12th grader at Everitt Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jade Gomez-Chavarria 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 Jade Gomez-Chavarria 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.

PASTOR JAMES FAVORITE

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an inspirational leader in the

Tampa Bay community, Pastor James Favorite. I am pleased to recognize his remarkable career and years of distinguished public service. Pastor Favorite was born in Vacherie, Louisiana. He obtained a Bachelor's and Master's of Science Degree in Health, Physical Education, and Social Studies from Southern University in Baton Rouge. Pastor Favorite also holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Maryland Theological Seminary College.

Throughout his career, Pastor Favorite has been a prominent spiritual leader in the Tampa Bay community. He became an ordained minister in 1985 at Morning Star Baptist Church in Catonsville, Maryland. He then moved to Tampa where he has been a guiding force in interfaith dialogue. He is President of Pastors on Patrol, a group of ministers in the Tampa Bay area committed to bring revival to the city. He is the Chairman of both the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS Tampa Affiliate and the Board of Directors of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. He is the former President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention's Southern Region and also served as National Chair of the Progressive National Baptist Convention's HIV/AIDS Initiative.

Pastor Favorite has been a dedicated community volunteer across Tampa Bay. He is a member of the Children's Board committee looking into strategies to increase state and local funding support to vital children and family support programs. He serves as a member of the Hillsborough County Chamber of Commerce Urban Enterprise Initiative Committee for East Tampa. He previously chaired the African-American Family Support Initiative program that studies and develops ways to strengthen families in the African American community.

Since 1995, Pastor Favorite has led Beulah Baptist Institutional Church where he is now celebrating 19 years of dedicated service. Under Pastor Favorite's extraordinary leadership Beulah has received substantial growth in membership and revenue. It has become deeply integrated in the life of the Tampa Bay community. Under his leadership, Hillsborough County funded Beulah as one of only two satellite library sites in the county. He spearheaded an Outreach Ministry to Jamaica with a team of doctors and nurses which delivered more than \$100,000 in medical supplies and equipment to more than 5,000 individuals in ten years. He has developed renowned programs ranging from teaching young parents to develop parenting skills to programs on repairing credit and making sound financial investments. He has also ensured that the Beulah summer program for children has received over \$2 million dollars in funding from the Children's Board for the past five years.

Pastor Favorite's tireless, selfless service has helped to create a better and spiritually strengthened Tampa Bay community. Mr. Speaker, I join Beulah in congratulating Pastor Favorite for 19 years of outstanding service as a pastor, mentor, and tremendous community leader.

HONORING DR. NORMAN DALSTED

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Norman Dalsted, who was recently inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Dr. Dalsted was born and raised in North Dakota, and was active in FFA. He attended North Dakota State University. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served in the Panama Canal Zone and Vietnam. Dr. Dalsted's military career has always been a large part of his life, and he has shared his experiences with his students every year. His glimpses into the past have made tremendous impacts on his students. He received his Ph.D. from Colorado State University, and was immediately hired as an extension farm management specialist. He was promoted to Professor in 1992.

Dr. Dalsted is known throughout Colorado for his enterprise budgets for agriculture commodities grown in Colorado. These budgets have been updated regularly and are still in use some thirty years after first being published. During the tumultuous years of the early 1980s, Dr. Dalsted organized a series of training programs for agriculture lenders across the state. The programs provided basic training in financial statements, ratio analysis, enterprise budget and whole farm analysis, and business organizational form. Lenders used this knowledge and educated others by holding private seminars for local agriculture producers.

In the late 1980s, Dr. Dalsted spent a significant portion of his time researching new Chapter 12 Bankruptcy protection options for farming operations. He wrote several scholarly papers on the subject. He used his expertise to help local producers reorganize their struggling operations. He eventually found himself involved in many Chapter 12 cases across the state and continues to be an expert in cases today.

Dr. Dalsted was also part of the Integrated Ranch Management program at Colorado State University. He helped develop several classes that covered basic economic concepts and tolls in the context of ranch management. From this, several software programs were developed that could be used by producers to assist in making management decisions. Dr. Dalsted's research at CSU has resulted in an impressive list of publications in journals, articles, chapters in books, proceedings, software programs and university publications. He has also been recognized by students as an outstanding teacher and educator. Dr. Dalsted has had a long and distinguished career at Colorado State University and in Colorado agriculture and it is my honor to recognize him today.

ERIKA LOPEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Erika Lopez