

John attended Oregon State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree at the School of Pharmacy in 1966. While at Oregon State, he married Beverly Jean (Wyatt) Tack from Portland, Oregon. Together, John and Beverly raised two children, Kristin and Mike.

After college, Mr. Dayton moved back to California and worked as a pharmacist in the Modesto area. In 1971, John and his business partner, Harold Copp opened Oakdale Village Pharmacy in the city's first shopping center. The independently owned and operated drug store thrived and competed with the larger retail chains. Eventually, John and Harold opened additional pharmacies in Escalon and Modesto.

Mr. Dayton was later remarried to Susan Thorpe in 1985. Together they raised two children, Kevin Cooper and Tasha Poslaniec of Modesto.

Throughout more than four decades of business in the Oakdale area, he earned a reputation as a knowledgeable, personable, easy-going, dependable, helpful and trustworthy pharmacist. John enjoyed every aspect of business and working with people.

In November 2012, John was diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer. At the time, he was in the midst of starting a new compounding pharmacy in Sonora and building a home on Horseshoe Road outside of Oakdale. He told his family that the new compounding pharmacy would provide him with the means to eventually re-open a pharmacy in downtown Oakdale, where he would once again enjoy the camaraderie of long-time patrons and employees.

Despite the grim prognosis and a marital separation, John remained optimistic, kind-hearted, and faithful. In sickness, his family rallied around him. His grace, courage and faith left an indelible mark on his loving family.

Mr. John Henry Dayton is survived by his mother, Mrs. Charles Dayton; daughter, Kristin (Debra Bingham) Dayton; son, Mike (Alanna) Dayton; sister, Cheryl (Jim) Harlan; and brothers, Lonn (Pam) Dayton, and Paul Dayton. John was grandfather to six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Dayton; and stepson, Kevin Cooper.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the life of Mr. John Henry Dayton and all of his excellent contributions to his family and community.

#### HELINA THOMA

#### 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 Helina Thoma for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Helina Thoma is a 7th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Helina Thoma 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 edu-

cation and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Helina Thoma 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 THE INAUGURAL CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inaugural celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week. National Catholic Sisters Week is a worthy addition to National Women's History Month and will be recognized each year during the second week of March.

National Catholic Sisters Week is being launched by the Sisters of Saint Joseph at Saint Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The week is intended to recognize the many contributions made by Catholic sisters around the world, past and present, to support and advance children, education, health care and anti-poverty efforts.

In the 1800s, many Catholic nuns moved to the American West with the frontier, settling into dangerous territories to build hospitals and schools for immigrant communities. They provided aid during the Chicago fire, cared for orphans during the California Gold Rush and brought professional nursing skills to field hospitals during the Civil War.

In the 1900s, American nuns opened thousands more hospitals, built the Nation's largest private school system, and brought the Catholic Church into the Civil Rights movement with courage and vision.

The good works of our Catholic sisters continue to be a saving grace. Today they press the frontlines of social change, gathering in chapels, at kitchen tables and at the steps of cathedrals and capitols. They shelter homeless families, aid immigrants, tutor students, guide pregnant teens, launch nonprofits, care for the environment and fight human trafficking. Their blood, sweat and prayers are a powerful force providing peace, comfort and justice to so many throughout our Nation, and indeed the world.

I am grateful that the Sisters of Saint Joseph were part of my own education and mentorship as I pursued my higher education at Saint Catherine's. Their great generosity of spirit and wise leadership continue to help to guide my own commitment in Congress to excellence in education, protecting the environment and expanding health care access for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the very first of many National Catholic Sisters Weeks. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Catholic sisters who sustain our great Nation day in and day out.

#### HONORING MR. JOHN ADENT

#### HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Adent who was recently inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. Mr. Adent was awarded the Rising Star in Agriculture award for 2014. He grew up on a fruit orchard and hog farm in southwestern Michigan. There, he developed a love for agriculture. He graduated from DePaul University with a double major in Economics and Chinese.

After graduation, Mr. Adent joined Ralston Purina management training program and was given the opportunity to spend time in Canada, Korea, and Taiwan. That training eventually paid off, as he was named Director of Business Development of several international markets, including China and the Philippines. He was promoted to vice president of operations for Europe in 1998. He eventually became the Managing Director for Agribrands Europe Hungary, the number one executive position in the company's fastest growing region.

John then made a change and joined the team at Lextron, Inc., a Colorado-based company. Lextron, now Animal Health International, has grown under his leadership by leaps and bounds. His vision and direction along with his strategic planning has grown the company to over 150 employees in Colorado and over 1400 across the United States and Canada. In 2012, Mr. Adent served as the chairman of the National FFA Foundation Sponsors Board. He is currently working with a team to expand the number of secondary agriculture education programs in Larimer County, Colorado.

His leadership of one of North America's premier companies based in Colorado, his strong support for youth, and his passion for agriculture make Mr. Adent a rising star in Colorado agriculture. I am honored to recognize him today.

#### HONORING WILLIAM RICHARD (DICK) COOLEY

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last month, Portland lost an extraordinary citizen with the passing of William Richard (Dick) Cooley. It was my honor to know and work with Dick Cooley for most of our professional lives. My friend was first and foremost a planner. It ran in his blood, he came by it honestly.

His father, Bill Cooley, was a big picture guy, a successful developer who served on the Multnomah County planning commission and was someone who was extraordinarily helpful to me when I was a new county commissioner. He had great depth of understanding about what was then Oregon's second largest city: unincorporated mid-Multnomah County. Bill Cooley played a significant role as a developer in an area where homes spring up rapidly, but he didn't just help build

the community, he located his family in the middle of it, and then helped lead it.

Dick Cooley grew up in the midst of this dramatic change in the region. I had a connection being in an adjacent high school district, Centennial, next door to him. His high school alma mater was David Douglas, which was then the largest high school in the state of Oregon. It was then a symbol of excellence and Dick Cooley fit right in. It's where he developed the characteristics and skills that would serve him so well later in life. He was far more than a planner; he was a successful developer and builder who also had a career in banking and later, was in key business positions in the real estate arm of Pacific Power and Light, Pacific Development. This company took the audacious step of buying a huge tract of urban central city property known as the Lloyd district, well over 100 acres of opportunity that has continued to be a source of developmental activity, to be a key new district now blossoming within the central city. Dick Cooley was an investor who made strategic property purchases not just on the highest rate of return or the fastest rate of return, but working to put the pieces together to create long-term value.

It was this combination of the instincts of planner and an investor that made him a natural choice to follow in his father's footsteps to become a member of the Multnomah county planning commission.

I was pleased to appoint him to the Portland Planning Commission where he was an extraordinarily valuable leader in the important activities of the late 1980s and 1990s. He provided leadership not just as the chair of the planning commission, but understanding how to help people come together to create value. He played a vital role in helping shape and guide my Albina community plan, which was perhaps the high water mark in Portland's planning for people. This lead to the revitalization of some of Portland's most troubled neighborhoods. Streets you wouldn't feel comfortable driving down then, you can now stroll with visitors to show Portland at its best. Dick was essential in bringing fellow planning commissioners, citizens and the city council together to make it happen.

Yet his planning, patience and investment strategies were most compelling when it came to people. It started with his circle of family and friends, especially his loving 20 year relationship with his wife Leslie. It was a joy to be around them both. No one worked harder at being a parent than my friend Dick, and his children, Sarah and Alex were never far from his thoughts.

Whether Dick was planning, being a father, husband, friend, he was always giving of himself. He never forgot that he was a kid from mid-Multnomah County, David Douglas High School, and he would return to his community roots time and time again. Most notably and recently, the countless hours he spent trying to assist his former neighbors contend with a community that is now fighting decline. He worked with them helping realize their vision for the gateway area, long after he left the planning commission.

He could not keep himself from providing leadership. He provided leadership until last year for the Portland street car, another Dick Cooley contribution to revitalizing our community and inspiring cities across America. Dick's values blended seamlessly. Friendship, family,

business, community; they were all part of a broader sense for the greater good. It is trite to say, but he was truly a unique human being. I've never seen anyone tie together those pieces the same way in such shy, quiet, unassuming fashion. He was smart as a whip and credentialed, but he didn't care about status and credentials, for himself or anyone else. He was still the kid from David Douglas, who just happened to be student body president, an athlete, an actor, a successful scholar who went off to Harvard. He didn't just wear this well, he disguised it. What he cared about was the human connection. If you knew Dick well, that was what you expected; you almost took it for granted. If you went on an early morning walk, he was the guy with the flashlight for you, maybe an extra bottle of water wondering if you're going to be late for your next appointment. He was always asking how you were. It was a detailed sort of checking in, about how you were really doing, your family, what you were thinking, who you were connected with.

His men's group was a critical part of who Dick was for two decades, but he wanted to share and understand that type of experience. He encouraged others to stake out their own circles to have the same connection. Dick will always be connected to us. Truly an extraordinary human being, who left us too soon, but who lived an amazingly rich and full life. We're all richer for that connection with him today, which continues every evening at 6:30 as his friends pause to remember Dick and what he meant to us all.

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JACOB BACK

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**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 Jacob Back for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jacob Back is a 9th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jacob Back 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 Back 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.

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RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF MOLLY K. MORRISON

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**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Molly K. Morrison on the occa-

sion of being honored with the Eighth Annual Rebecca Lukens Award by The Greystone Society of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania. As an outstanding candidate for this recognition, Molly was chosen for this honor for the same love of community she has as the award's namesake, Rebecca Lukens.

A Chester County native, Molly Morrison learned to appreciate the importance of land preservation by spending time on her grandparents' farm in northern Chester County, a place where her German immigrant ancestors had been farming since the early 1700s.

After pursuing an English degree at Ursinus College and Masters in Communications at Syracuse University, Molly worked at the Brandywine Valley Association and then for Chester County, where she served in a variety of positions over a 21-year period, most recently as Director of Policy and Planning. In that role, she oversaw the development and implementation of the County's nationally recognized open space program, as well as the policy development of and program implementation for planning, parks, water resources, and community development.

As President of Natural Lands Trust, she has been instrumental in creating conservation strategies for complex land transactions, including the acquisition of the 1,263-acre ChesLen Preserve in Newlin Township. In addition to providing strategic leadership and fundraising for a staff of 60, Molly oversees a network of 42 nature preserves and 361 conservation easements, totaling more than 44,000 acres. Molly has also served on a variety of boards, including the YMCA of Greater West Chester, the Chester County Art Association, and the Chester County United Way, among others.

Mr. Speaker, in light of her years of immeasurable contributions to the community and litany of outstanding accomplishments, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Molly K. Morrison on the occasion of her being honored with The Greystone Society's Rebecca Lukens Award.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE KAREN CASTOR DENTEL

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize State Representative Karen Castor Dentel. Karen is a third-generation Floridian raised in Tampa. She earned a degree in Elementary Education from Vanderbilt University, a Masters from UNC Chapel Hill, and a PhD from the University of Florida.

Karen taught in a number of local elementary schools before her passion for teaching led her to become a voice for education in Tallahassee. When state policies regarding teacher evaluations and an increasing emphasis on testing began affecting her students, children, and colleagues, Karen sought election to the Florida House of Representatives in order to make an impact on education policies. In 2012 she was elected as State Representative for District 30 covering parts of Orange and Seminole counties.