

commitment to all of our allies in the Asia-Pacific region.

While we recognize the TRA, it is also important that we recognize the departure of Ambassador King Pu-tung who has fostered the U.S.-Taiwan relationship for the last 18 months as their chief envoy to the United States. Ambassador King will soon return to Taiwan to serve as Secretary-General. Under the guidance of Ambassador King, the U.S. and Taiwan have enjoyed a very successful era. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Ambassador King and look forward to working with his successor in the future as we continue to strengthen our unique relationship.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF KIDSFIRST

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th Anniversary of KidsFirst, an organization located in Roseville, California, dedicated to ending child abuse and neglect through prevention.

Since 1989, KidsFirst has provided services to parents and children with difficult life circumstances across the Sierra-Sacramento region. In last year alone, KidsFirst served nearly 6,000 children, teens, and adults through direct programs such as counseling, healing therapy, free education programs, and community outreach.

Their commitment and vision has served to strengthen and empower families and communities to provide an ideal environment for children to thrive and experience the benefit of happy, health, and safe childhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I commend KidsFirst for their exceptional work throughout Northern California and join them in the recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month during the month of April.

MANUEL FLORES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Manuel Flores 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 Manuel Flores 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.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANNE TIDWELL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, one of the great pleasures that I have had as an elected official has been getting to know families like that of Mr. & Mrs. Tidwell, whom I met doing what is called community organizing. Mrs. Annie Tidwell was blessed to possess one of God's greatest gifts, the ability to cook. She of course was an avid churchgoer, a wonderfully engaged Christian and churchgoer, one who looked after her husband and family, and their home was always open for civic and community activities.

Some of my best block club remembrances took place in the Tidwell home because everybody in the neighborhood knew that if you were at the Tidwells' there would be a great environment and some of the best food on this side of heaven.

The Tidwell family is a prime example of what has been the underpinning of Black development in this country, making use of whatever skills, talents, training and hard work they could produce. For many years Mr. Tidwell was my plumber and together, the two of them were stalwarts in the Austin Community and great friends to everyone. It seems as though the poet Sam Walter Foss must have had them in mind when he wrote, the House by the side of the Road.

THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze the paths
Where highways never ran—
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are bad,

As good and as bad as I.

I would not sit in the scorner's seat
Nor hurl the cynic's ban—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
I see from my house by the side of the road
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles and tears,

Both parts of an infinite plan—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,

And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon

And stretches away to the night.
And still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,

Where the race of men go by—
They are good, they are bad, they are weak,
they are strong,

Wise, foolish—so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?

Let me live in my house by the side of the road

And be a friend to man.

A COMMEMORATION OF NIKA
FLEISSIG

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the life and work of Nika Fleissig. As a young woman, Ms. Fleissig lost her entire family during the Holocaust in Poland, but she survived to tell a heroic and inspiring story.

Ms. Fleissig was born Bronislawa Felicia Kohn in 1920 and was raised by her loving family in Krakow, Poland, until Nazi anti-Jewish laws caused her father to lose his business and forced the family to move from their home. By 1942, both of Ms. Fleissig's parents and her younger brother had been killed by the Nazis. She was left completely alone. Through the goodwill of virtuous and brave friends, and with her own talent for languages, she survived on her own.

After surviving the bombing of Warsaw and near-starvation living in bombed-out buildings, Ms. Fleissig was eventually captured and incarcerated in a prisoner of war camp in Oberlangen, Germany. Throughout 1944 and 1945, Ms. Fleissig survived unthinkable hunger, abuse and deprivation until April 12, 1945, when she was freed from the concentration camp by Polish and Canadian forces.

Ms. Fleissig immediately began working with Allied forces to assist refugees and other victims of the war. As a speaker of English, French, German and Polish, Ms. Fleissig was an unrivaled contributor to this cause. Ms. Fleissig first served the British military by accompanying officers to displaced persons camps to help people rebuild their lives. She then assisted the American Army in a similar capacity. Ms. Fleissig was given an American uniform and the rank of Lieutenant.

On February 14, 1946—Valentine's Day—Ms. Fleissig arrived in New York City and for the first time saw the Statue of Liberty and America. Her new life in her new country had begun.

NEVADA'S BATTLE BORN HISTORY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, every year on March 21st we take a moment to celebrate Nevada's conception and our unique, Battle Born history. From Reno to Las Vegas, from the mountains to the desert, from the sage grouse to the neon lights, 'Home Means Nevada.'

One hundred and fifty years ago, the country was in the middle of the bloodiest war in our history, President Lincoln's re-election was in jeopardy, and the proposed 13th amendment, which would end slavery, lacked the necessary votes to pass.

With little time left in the thirty-eighth Congress, the outlook was bleak; but the Republican-dominated Nevada Territory offered an

opportunity to secure the necessary votes to pass the 13th Amendment and ensure the reelection of President Lincoln.

Anxious to gain the support of the Nevada Territory before the end of the session, Congress rushed to pass an enabling act for Nevada statehood through the legislature. On March 21, 1864, President Lincoln signed the bill to pave the way for Nevada's admission to the Union.

This unique history proves that though Nevadans rarely do things by the book, we always endure. We may be down, but we are never out. Over the past decade we have seen Nevada hit hard by the housing crisis; unemployment soared; and our economy suffered worse than most during the Great Recession. But we are coming back. New businesses are relocating to the state; gaming revenues are up; and we've been chosen as a site for the exciting new FAA Federal UAV testing program. I have no doubt that we will come back stronger than ever, because we are Battle Born.

KRITI DHUNGEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kriti Dhungel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kriti Dhungel 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 Kriti Dhungel 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 Kriti Dhungel 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. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of March 3, 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 91: H.R. 3370, "yea"; rollcall No. 92: H. Res. 488, "yea"; rollcall No. 93: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4118 and H.R. 3826, "nay"; rollcall No. 94: H. Res. 497, "no"; rollcall No. 95: H.R. 938, "yea"; rollcall No. 96: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 4118, "yea"; rollcall No. 97: H.R. 4118, "nay"; rollcall No. 98: H.R. 2126, "yea"; rollcall No. 99: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for

consideration of H.R. 2641 and H.R. 2824, "nay"; rollcall No. 100: H. Res. 501, "nay"; rollcall No. 101: Smith (TX)/Schweikert Amendment, "no"; rollcall No. 102: Capps/McNerney Amendment, "aye."

Rollcall No. 103: Schakowsky/Lowenthal Amendment "aye"; rollcall No. 104: Waxman Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 105: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 3826, "yea"; rollcall No. 106: Final Passage of H.R. 3826, "no"; rollcall No. 107: Motion to Table the Fudge Privileged Resolution, "nay"; rollcall No. 108: Jackson-Lee Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 109: McKinley Amendment, "no"; rollcall No. 110: Nadler Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 111: Johnson Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 112: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 2641, "aye"; rollcall No. 113: H.R. 2641, "no"; rollcall No. 114: H.R. 4152, "yea."

HONORING SHARON JONES

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Jones, who has been a valuable asset to Cape Girardeau County for over 28 years through her work with the Cape Girardeau County Sheriffs Office in the Communications Division. Sharon has shown her dedication and commitment to her profession by attending many hours of training on Missouri laws, supervisory training, 9–1–1 communications training and countless hours of continuing education. Sharon worked as a supervisor of the 9–1–1 emergency communications call center, answering emergency calls, as well as serving as the TAC officer for Cape Girardeau County Sheriffs Office for many years. Sharon personally implemented a number of important programs for the community, such as the Sex Offender Registration for Cape Girardeau County and the Carry Conceal Weapon program.

During her years of service, Sharon oversaw and maintained high standards for the 9–1–1 communications division for the protection of our officers and our citizens. Her community recognized her in 2001 with the Timothy J. Ruopp Award. Her dedication in serving Cape Girardeau helped countless residents, and it is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the 2014 Florida Strawberry Festival, which was held from February 27 through March 9, 2014 in the Winter Strawberry Capital of the World—Plant City, Florida. This event, which began in 1930, recognizes and celebrates the historical legacy of the Florida strawberry, and its importance to Hillsborough County.

Hillsborough County produces about 15 percent of our nation's strawberries annually—

with virtually all grown during the winter months. More than 10,000 acres of strawberries are grown in Hillsborough County, and 50,000 American jobs are impacted directly by the local strawberry industry. In total, this industry has an economic impact on our community exceeding \$700 million per year.

With attendance at the annual Florida Strawberry Festival regularly topping half a million attendees, this is one of the premiere festivals in the country, and I am proud to recognize its success.

LOVIE SCHMITTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

The dedication demonstrated by Lovie Schmitter 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 Lovie Schmitter 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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE GROUNDS OF THE U.S. CAPITOL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce a bill to permit commercial filming and photography on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. Currently, such filming and photography is only authorized on Union Square. The bill would permit commercial photography and filming outside of the Capitol and congressional office buildings by permit. In today's world, where many societies are facing upheavals, our country, with an exemplary model of democracy, should be the first to encourage commercial photography and filming to record various scenes of the legislature, which symbolizes U.S. democracy at work. The time is overdue to allow to commercial filming and photography of the exterior of the historic 19th century Capitol building. There is no good reason filming should be confined to Union Square. Specifically, my bill gives the Capitol Police the discretion, depending on the circumstances in and around the Capitol, to issue a permit authorizing commercial filming activity on any parcel of Federal property under the control of the Capitol Police with