

Entrants are judged on the originality and creativity of their science research projects.

I am inspired by the passion Kathy, Esha, and Emily have shown for their science projects, which highlight not only their intellect, but also their drive and determination to help solve today's most difficult problems. Kathy researched and built inexpensive optical tweezers using a low power laser and generic microscope; Esha developed a mathematical simulator to predict the distribution of secondary tumors in cancer patients; and Emily researched immune protein receptors critical to the growth and suppression of tumors for cancer therapies.

Kathy, Esha, and Emily's exceptional work show that we have the best and brightest among us in the East Bay.

Congratulations again to Kathy, Esha, and Emily. I hope you will continue your efforts, and I look forward to hearing about your future successes.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OF SARA SHAW

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Sara Shaw. Sara is a City Commissioner and the owner of a small flooring business in her hometown of Kissimmee, Florida. She is also a lifelong resident of Osceola County where she began volunteering in her youth with Civil Air Patrol specializing in search and rescue.

Sara Shaw currently serves as the Director of several boards: the Tr-County League of Cities, the Education Foundation, the Transition House, and ESAH 360. Her memberships include the Osceola County Bar Association, Tr-County League of Cities Legislative Advocacy Team, and Florida League of Cities Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Prior to being elected, Sara served as a volunteer board member for Kissimmee's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She is very proud of Kissimmee's state of the art Lakefront Park. Her volunteer activities include Kissimmee Relay for Life, Kissimmee 5K, and serving as a Guardian Ad Litem to protect the rights of foster children. She has advocated to change Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA) policies and to change the KUA Board of Directors appointment process.

Sara engages the community on a personal basis. She actively seeks out the concerns and opinions of the citizens and business owners and encourages everyone to get involved civically. She has even been known to help push a disabled vehicle out of the street or give rides to citizens in need.

Growing up in poverty, Sara feels that she must give back to the community that helped her so much. She is a hard worker and a fierce defender of those who cannot defend themselves. She tries to lead by example and serve her city, ever mindful of the Athenian Oath:

We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice; nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the

ranks, we will fight for the ideal and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus, in all these ways we will transmit this city not only, not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

I am happy to honor Sara Shaw, during Women's History Month, for her service to her hometown of Kissimmee, Florida.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF COMMISSIONER DAISY WILLIAMS LYNUM

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Commissioner Daisy Williams Lynam. Commissioner Lynam was elected to the Orlando City Council on April 14, 1998. Born and raised in Leesburg, Florida, Ms. Lynam earned an undergraduate degree in Sociology at Bethune-Cookman College and a graduate degree in clinical Social Work from Florida State University.

As a Rockefeller Foundation Scholar recipient, she completed her post-baccalaureate studies at Haverford and Bryn Mawr colleges in Pennsylvania. She then completed her teaching certification at the University of Central Florida. Following her election, Commissioner Lynam completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Executives at Harvard University in 2000. In 2005, Florida Metropolitan University awarded Commissioner Lynam an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Commissioner Lynam joined the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in 1966 and Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. in December 2008.

After more than 30 years of employment, Commissioner Lynam retired in 2002. She began her career as a fifth grade teacher then became a social worker and administrator for the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services and a Special Services Social Worker for Orange County Public Schools.

Commissioner Lynam's primary focus has been increasing quality of life through sustainable neighborhoods for residents in District 5 and the City of Orlando. Her community and civic involvement has included numerous organizations, boards, committees, and taskforces: Florida League of Cities Board of Directors; Board of Directors for the National League of Cities; Vice Chair BBIF Board of Directors; President of the National League of Cities Women In Municipal Government; President of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; President of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Foundation Board; President of the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; African American Women's Technology Caucus; Chairman of MetroPlan Orlando Transportation Board; Secretary of the Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance; Orange County Voter's League; Life Member of the NAACP; and Member of the Nemours Advisory Council.

For two years, Commissioner Lynam worked on constructing the Blueprint, adopted by Orlando City Council, which created over 1,000 jobs for the homeless, ex-felons and residents in the Parramore community. Commissioner Lynam also created the Orlando Medical Careers Partnership. The partnership takes a comprehensive approach to engage at-risk residents from elementary school

through adulthood, with a four-tier system focusing on breaking barriers, youth engagement, advancing adults, and careers in science and healthcare related fields. The program launched on September 6, 2013.

Commissioner Lynam has also represented Orlando and the U.S. in Japan, Africa, and China through her participation in business exchanges like the US-China Exchange Association's US Business Matchmaking Conference. In addition, she has visited many Caribbean and European countries as a visitor. She enjoys reading, traveling, and gardening and is a member of the New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando.

I am happy to honor Commissioner Daisy Lynam, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSEPHINE MERCADO

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Josephine Mercado. A native New Yorker, of Puerto Rican descent, she was raised in Spanish Harlem. After 18 years as a homemaker, she enrolled in college, as an urban legal scholar. Six years later, she graduated from law school, with a Juris Doctor. She practiced law for 17 years, devoting much of her time to Latino health issues, among other volunteer and community involvement.

Throughout her career, Josephine has formed and directed nonprofits which implement programs that have provided access to health care, education, and wellness services to tens of thousands of people, first in New York City and now in Central Florida.

Josephine is the Founder and Executive Director of Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc. (HHI), a private, non-profit, health education, prevention, and referral organization focused on chronic diseases impacting the medically underserved. HHI serves the communities of Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties.

Ms. Mercado was one of the first in her field to launch language-specific, culturally-competent health campaigns on early detection, preventive medicine, and screening. HHI's programs provide access (Abriendo Caminos) to existing health care services and medical "homes."

HHI's work includes: disproving myths preventing people from seeking care; reducing barriers and disparities; and enhancing health literacy among low-income, uninsured, and underserved populations.

Josephine is a staunch advocate of the community involvement. She is a member of a variety of entities serving the medically underserved in Central Florida, the state, and the nation. She has won local and national recognition for her innovative "Take It to the Community" health and wellness initiatives. These initiatives offer welcoming, informal settings for risk assessments, wellness, and prevention education.

Both Josephine and HHI have received numerous recognitions, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation "Community Health Leader" award, the FamiliesUSA "Consumer Health Advocate" award, and the Intercultural Cancer Council "National HOPE" award. Josephine has also been profiled many times, in both English and Spanish media, as HHI is considered the "Voice" of Hispanic health in Central Florida.

I am happy to honor Josephine Mercado, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the health and wellness of the community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATE
REPRESENTATIVE LINDA STEWART

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize State Representative Linda Stewart. Elected in 2012, Linda currently serves in the Florida House of Representatives representing District 47. She sits on the Regulatory Affairs Committee, Select Committee on Claims Bills, State Affairs Committee, Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, and Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee.

Prior to her election to the Florida Legislature, Linda served as Orange County Commissioner for District 4 from 2002 to 2010. Her other public service includes serving on the City of Orlando Parks Board, the Library Governance Board, and the Orange County Canvassing Board.

An active member of her community, Linda has served as Chairwoman and Member of Metroplan Orlando, Orange County Vice Mayor, a Member of the Saint Johns River Restoration Group, and Vice Chairman for Phase II Housing Component for Mentally Ill.

Linda is an advocate for women and for equality. She is a member of the Harvey Milk Foundation Advisory Board and the Rainbow Democrats. In 2010, Equality Florida honored her with the "Voice of Equality Award" and in 2004 she was Women's Executive Council's "Downtown Woman of the Year." She also received the "Commissioner Leadership Award" (FLERA) from the Sierra Club in 2011.

I am happy to honor State Representative Linda Stewart, during Women's History Month, for her leadership and service to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MARTHA OGDEN HAYNIE

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Martha Ogden Haynie, CPA. Haynie graduated with honors from the University of West Florida in 1973 with a degree in accounting. She worked at Walt Disney World, Ernst and Young (previously Ernst and Whinney), her own accounting practice, and the Florida Symphony Orchestra before being elected as the Orange County Comptroller in 1988.

In her capacity as Comptroller, Haynie made improving citizens' trust in local government her top priority. Using her experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors, she emphasized providing quality service and accountability. By presenting audit reports directly to citizens through public presentations and the media, Haynie emphasized her role as a watchdog and the value of her independence as an elected official who answers to the public, not to other County officers.

In 1992, Haynie undertook an initiative to gain authority to collect and audit Orange County's resort tax. Her proactive measure has since produced more than \$20 million in added revenues for the County. In 1996, Haynie's auditing authority was expanded by a Charter amendment, allowing her to audit other offices in the County in addition to the Board of County Commissioners and the Comptroller's Office.

The Florida Institute of CPAs named Haynie the 1998 Outstanding CPA in Government for her efforts to promote the CPA designation as the premier professional credential for govern-

ment accounting, auditing, and finance professionals.

Between 2007 and 2011, Haynie saved Orange County nearly \$77 million. She took action to prevent a \$57 million loss in county funds that were invested with the state investment pool, and saved \$20 million after identifying errors made in the state of Florida's Medicaid billing process.

Haynie is professionally affiliated with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Florida Court Clerks and Comptroller Association, Florida Executive Women, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, and the National Association of Local Government Auditors.

Always civically engaged, Haynie has been a board member to several community institutions such as the Women's Resource Center, Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando, Hamilton Holt School of Rollins College, the Mental Health Association of Central Florida, the Florida Symphony Orchestra, and WEEKENDS of Greater Orlando.

Haynie's public engagement helped facilitate the passage of the Orange County Domestic Partner Registry in 2012, earning her Equality Florida's "Voice for Equality" award. In addition, the Orlando Business Journal named Haynie the 2013 "Executive of the Year."

I am happy to honor Martha Haynie, during Women's History Month, for her service to Orange County and the Central Florida community.

KOHLTON PRIBBLE

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 Kohlton Pribble for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kohlton Pribble is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kohlton Pribble 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 Kohlton Pribble 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.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE 2014 REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL COMPETITION

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University Preparatory School

from Redding for winning first place in the 2014 Regional Science Bowl competition.

The National Science Bowl is an annual competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy that brings together some of the best and brightest students from across our country. Teams compete in a face-off competition featuring questions on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, energy, and math. The event, while very competitive, also promotes and encourages discovery, innovation, and teamwork and a commitment to bettering our Nation's future.

We are very proud of all the north State teams that competed against dozens of California high schools for a chance to represent California at the National Science Bowl. Their interest and diligent studies in math and science are a testament to the outstanding work from our students, educators, and parents across our region.

Best of luck to Joban, Christian, Leo, Logan, and Melia who will be traveling to Washington, DC, next month to compete against teams from across the country in the National Science Bowl. I know you will make us proud. Good luck.

HONORING RICK ALLEN JAUERT

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to honor the life of Ricky "Rick" Allen Jauert. Mr. Jauert passed away before his time at the age of 59 on June 2, 2013, after a brave battle with Multiple Systems Atrophy. Tuesday, March 18, 2014, would have been his 60th birthday.

Mr. Jauert was born on March 18, 1954, to Russell and Norma (Olson) Jauert in Luverne, Minnesota. The fourth of seven children, he was raised on a dairy farm outside of Luverne. He lost his father at age twelve. Mr. Jauert was active in 4-H and began his political career while still in high school. After graduating from Luverne High School in 1972, Mr. Jauert was a foreign exchange student in the Philippines. He returned and became the first person in his family to attend college.

While at the University of Minnesota-Morris, he served in a wide variety of leadership capacities including as resident assistant, dorm director and serving as Chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee. He was a vociferous lobbyist for students' rights and student involvement in the decision making of the campus. He graduated with honors from the university in 1976. Soon after, Mr. Jauert moved to Washington, DC to intern in Rep. Rick Nolan's congressional office.

Over the next three decades, Mr. Jauert worked for ten members of Congress in various capacities including chief of staff, legislative director and communications director. He is part of an elite group of people to have worked in so many congressional offices and the only person from Minnesota to have done so. In addition to being a savvy political operative, Mr. Jauert was a great story teller. He always had a witty, wise, and anecdotal story to tell of his childhood or early years on the Hill.

Rick lived on Capitol Hill during his time in Washington, maintaining a three-story townhouse just blocks from the U.S. Capitol. Rick's