

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

welcoming and generous spirit, as well as hundreds of pieces of political memorabilia, drew roommates ranging from members of Congress to college interns from Luverne and Morris, and everyone in between. Rick had no children, but referred to many of his renters as "his kids."

I had the honor of working with Mr. Jauert for the last three years of his career. He served as my communications director, senior advisor and dear friend. Mr. Jauert practiced the idea that politics is about improving people's lives—he would always go the extra mile to help someone. He ended every e-mail with this quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Not only will we have to repent for the sins of bad people; but we also will have to repent for the appalling silence of good people." I have fond memories of Mr. Jauert pushing everyone around him to do whatever they could to make the world a better place, or to at least put a smile on someone's face.

Mr. Jauert moved to back Luverne in 2012 after his diagnosis, but continued to be deeply involved with politics. He was proud to be able to travel to Washington one last time on January 3, 2013, for Rep. Nolan's swearing in ceremony. We are all better off because of his life of service. Mr. Jauert, thank you for your service and the wonderful legacy you left for us to continue fulfilling.

RECOGNIZING THE NOMINEES FOR  
THE AGNES MEYER OUT-  
STANDING TEACHER AWARD FOR  
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUB-  
LIC SCHOOLS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award for Prince William County Public Schools.

The Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award program was established by The Washington Post to "recognize excellence in teaching, to encourage creative and quality instruction, and to contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area."

The annual recipients include one representative from each of the nineteen metropolitan public school systems and a single representative from the area private schools. The winner selected from Prince William County Public Schools will also be named the Prince William County Teacher of the Year. Teachers who meet the criteria for the award are those who instill in students a desire to learn and achieve, understand the individual needs of students, and demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter and have the ability to share it effectively with students.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the 2013–2014 Prince William County nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award:

Peter Alouise—Battlefield High School, Barbara Babauta—Graham Park Middle School, Kimberly Black—Henderson Elementary School, Janine Byers—Patriot High School, Matthew Carbo—Brentsville District High School, Carlos Castro—Woodbridge High

School, Dina DaSilva—Stonewall Jackson High School, Robert Donaldson—Stonewall Jackson High School, Frank Dunn—Potomac High School, Gerald Fowkes—Gar-Field High School, Frances Gabor—New Dominion Alternative Center, Sara Gill—Osborn Park High School, Scott Howard—Hylton High School, Lynn Maletick—Bristow Run Elementary School.

Ashley Meyer—King Elementary School, Jeanine Mitchell—Buckland Mills Elementary School, Donna Notarantonio—Pennington Traditional School, Matthew Plette—Ronald Wilson Reagan Middle School, Kristen Putman—T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Jennifer Ramsey—T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Ramona Richardson—Coles Elementary School, Paul Rischard—Hylton High School, Bethany Robbins—Battlefield High School, Amanda Taylor—Gainesville Middle School, Alyssa Tice—Bel Air Elementary School, William Watts—PACE West School, Nancy Weaver—T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Dorothy Wright—Bel Air Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award in Prince William County and in thanking them for their dedication to our children. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County students are provided with a world class education in a more vibrant learning community.

CONGRESSWOMAN CELEBRATES  
AVISTA'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Avista Corporation of Spokane, Washington as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. I take great pride in representing this company which has diligently sought to capture the character of Eastern Washington and the entire Pacific Northwest.

Avista is a company that seeks to reflect the community in which it does business. In fact, during its 125 years, Avista has not only been enriched by the people and landscape that surround it but it has enriched all of Eastern Washington. In 1889, faced with increasing demand for electricity in the booming young city of Spokane Falls, Washington, trustees of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company sought funding from their backers in New York to build a power station on the Spokane Falls. Their request was denied because, as they were told, water power held little or no value. Not so easily dissuaded, ten stakeholders founded The Washington Water Power Company, now known as Avista, who opted to proceed with the project themselves. Since The Washington Water Power Company forged ahead in proving the value of what today we called "hydropower", hydropower has become the most prominent form of electricity generation in Washington State. The decision of few investors in Spokane began a long tradition of a company and community joining forces to advance the economy, care for the Eastern Washington's natural resources, and promote a lifestyle that we enjoin in the Pacific Northwest. Avista has repeatedly been honored for

its environmental stewardship. The company also contributes more than \$1 million per year to non-profit organizations throughout its service territory, and it has been named in the top 25 in the Puget Sound Business Journal's list of top Washington philanthropists for the past four years.

In its early years, The Washington Water Power Company built six hydroelectric facilities, contributing to an era of growth for the company. Fast forward 125 years, hydropower continues to bring countless opportunities to the Pacific Northwest with Washington State getting over 70% of its power from this clean and renewable energy source. Seeking to further diversify and expand, in 1983, Avista's Kettle Falls generating station commenced operation as the first utility-owned electric generating station of its kind in the United States constructed for the sole purpose of producing electricity from wood waste, or biomass. The award-winning plant, combined with Avista's legacy hydroelectric power projects, has contributed to Avista being listed among the greenest investor-owned utilities in the country. That facility produces up to 52 megawatts of electricity—enough to power 46,000 homes. Supporting over 100 jobs in the region where I grew-up, the Kettle Falls is generating station also greatly contributes to the economy in Northeastern Washington and continues to add to a vibrant community.

Avista currently serves their 680,000 customers in a service territory of more than 30,000 square miles with a mix of hydro, natural gas, wind, biomass, and coal generation delivered over 2,200 miles of transmission line, 18,000 miles of distribution line, and 7,600 miles of natural gas distribution mains. While a Spokane-based company, Avista's electric and natural gas services support community's in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and, soon, we expect, Alaska.

I am also proud of the Avista's close ties with the Spokane community which have remained steadfast for the last 125 years. Avista is the City of Spokane's eighth largest non-government employer, employing more than 1,600 people. So today, I recognize Avista for achieving this historic 125-year milestone and applaud the entire community for the contributions they have made to Eastern Washington throughout the years.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LUCILLE  
ROBINSON FAULKNER

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 13, 2014*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Lucille Robinson Faulkner was born in August of 1930 in Portland, Arkansas in the Mississippi Delta, eight miles from Parkdale, Arkansas where I was born and lived until I was nineteen years old. Mrs. Faulkner moved with her grandmother and family to Chicago where she attended Waller High School and graduated in 1948, which made her one of the more educated Black persons in her community at that time.

Mrs. Faulkner married her husband Mr. Derrell Faulkner in 1949, and to this union, thirteen children were born. Mrs. Faulkner worked as a seamstress, took care of her children and eventually was hired by Samuel