

INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, SIMPLY STORAGE, AND 5280 ARMORY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Industrial Chemical Corporation, Simply Storage and 5280 Armory for receiving the Business Collaboration Award from the Arvada Economic Development Association.

The Business Collaboration Award was created to honor a one-of-a-kind partnership between three private Arvada businesses who overcame the challenges of growing their companies.

Industrial Chemical Corporation needed a small piece of land to be able to expand their rail capability. 5280 Armory needed to find larger space to expand their operation, and Simply Storage wanted to bring their storage facility to Arvada. The collaboration between these companies resulted in finding a suitable solution for each of these expanding companies to stay and grow in Arvada—a big win for the community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Industrial Chemical Corporation, Simply Storage and 5280 Armory for this well-deserved honor from the Arvada Economic Development Association. I am proud of your collaboration and commitment to the community.

OCTOBER 20, 2015 EASTERN IOWA
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over eighty Iowa veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War will travel to our nation's capital. Together, they will visit the monuments that were built in their honor by a grateful nation.

For many, today will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. I can think of no greater honor than to be able to thank Iowa's and our nation's heroes for their service to our country.

We owe these heroes a debt of gratitude, and the Honor Flight demonstrates that we as a state and as a country will never forget the debt we owe those who have worn our nation's uniform. As a reminder of the service and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation, I am proud to have a piece of marble in my office from the quarry that was used to build the World War II Memorial. Our World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and

the Vietnam War to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to celebrate the valiant contributions of individuals with disabilities in the workplace. Twenty-five years ago America took an enormous stride as a nation when enacting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This legislation was monumental in promoting equal opportunity for those with a disability seeking employment, yet nearly a quarter century later discrimination still exists.

Over forty-eight million Americans have a disability, but are unemployed at a rate that is twice that of people without disabilities. Despite the courageous effort of those with disabilities to change beliefs of employers they still face grave challenges in the workplace. We must come together as a nation to support those here in the United States suffering from employment discrimination because of a disability. America can become a stronger nation when we utilize the talents of and celebrate the gifts of all of our people. During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, we recognize Americans with disabilities that strengthen our workforce, communities, and country.

Many great organizations such as People Inc. in Western New York strive to promote equality for those with disabilities. People Inc. was founded in 1986 with a goal to give individuals with disabling conditions or other special needs support they need to participate and succeed in an accepting society. People Inc. is working toward a future where all persons whose needs limit their integration into the community can reach their highest level of human potential as responsible members of society.

I will continue to fight for the equal employment opportunity for those with disabilities. It is time that we put people with disabilities on a level playing field with every other American. I have supported and cosponsored the Fair Wages for Workers with Disabilities Act, a bill that overturns 75-year-old provisions that allow individuals with disabilities to be employed at subminimum wage rates.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month. I ask that my colleagues join me in support for those with disabilities in the workplace and encourage them to spread awareness across the United States this October.

RECOGNIZING THE NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who took their oath of citizenship on Friday, October 16, 2015. This memorable occasion, presided over by Judge Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On October 16, 2015, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Mary Ann Quinesio Caduco, Ruel Tafalla Caduco, Vanessa Elizabeth Ochoa Gonzalez, Ana Martins Murta, Heloisa Bezerra Martins, Lewelyn Estrera Arevalo, Paulius Junokas, Roxana Mendoza Diaz, Osvaldo Fonseca Hernandez, Nelia Rieza Aragon, Edenia Floriselda Fley Centeno, Seungyup Sun, Thuy Thi Hong Le, Yamylen Anne Almanzor Hartsough, Mei Wang, Evelyn Leanos Mota, Henry Kavolu Ndisya, Yen Ngoc Nguyen, Veena Jhamandas Prithyani, Luz Cruz, Karina Gomez, Nestor Hodgson, Judith Adanely Hunt, Orawan Yooplao Krizman, Jeff Nguefack Mbeleke, Pedro Raygoza, Joanna Reyna, Maria del Rosario Serrano, Chantal Emefa Vigbedor, and Pinar Zorlutuna Vural.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on October 16, 2015. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

COSTCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Costco for receiving the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) Outstanding Large Business Award.

The Outstanding Large Business Award is given to a large business in the community for their commitment to the local economy and job creation, particularly through their investment in the community and corporate culture.

Costco is the second largest global retailer with more than 80 million members. They have won many awards including being named the "Most Admired Company" by Fortune Magazine two years in a row. More importantly, Costco maintains a code of ethics that speak to the culture of respect they have for their members, employees and suppliers.

Costco opened their location in Arvada on September 19, 2001. Over the past 14 years they have grown to 250 employees, added several suppliers, and are a huge economic engine for the city of Arvada.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Costco for this well-deserved honor from the Arvada Economic Development Association. I am proud of the service they provide our community and am certain their products and services will continue to benefit the community for decades to come.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF MR.
DON WICK

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the great work of a constituent of mine, Mr. Don Wick. Throughout his 28 years as Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, Don has been critical to supporting businesses throughout the county and region.

From the many business workshops and seminars to the outreach and mentorship programs, Don's tenure at EDASC has expanded and diversified the access to opportunity in Skagit County. One such program, the Leadership Skagit program, was recognized by the 2004 Governor's Leadership Award and strengthens the community by developing leaders who are informed, inclusive and connected through shared learning experiences.

Don understands that the engine of our economy is driven by our people and communities. His success at EDASC is due in part to his ability to engage with people and build relationships with them.

His leadership and commitment to the Skagit County community has allowed EDASC to build successful partnerships with local businesses and foster job growth that will continue to sustain the quality of life in our region for years to come.

It has always been a pleasure working with Don who is always enthusiastic and upbeat. It's contagious. Whether through radio broadcasting or economic development, he has left

a lasting positive impact, and I wish him the very best in whatever his next venture may be. He has dedicated the past 28 years to helping Skagit County grow and prosper, ensuring it's better off than when he started, and I have no doubt he'll continue giving back to the community in his retirement.

HONORING PASO PACÍFICO**HON. JULIA BROWNLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Paso Pacífico, an organization wholeheartedly dedicated to the restoration and conservation of the natural ecosystem of Central America's Pacific Slope, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Headquartered in Ventura County, California, Paso Pacífico transcends distance by committing itself to an ecological mission and vision that is shared by the Nicaraguan communities that it serves.

Beginning as a collaborative dream of Sarah Otterstrom and Liza Gonzalez, Paso Pacífico has grown into an exceptional organization that strives to rescue, save, and rehabilitate the natural wonders and resources of Central America, and specifically Nicaragua. Paso Pacífico has worked diligently to collaborate with private landowners, local businesses, government agencies, local and international non-governmental organizations, schoolchildren, and conservation scientists to protect Nicaragua's fragile ecosystem.

For the past decade, Paso Pacífico has empowered local communities and economies by creating and managing community programs throughout the region. These programs have ranged from mitigating climate change to rebuilding forests in order to positively affect the future of the global ecology. Paso Pacífico has developed conservation programs to address the issues that impact the local coastal and marine ecosystems. The organization's efforts include beach cleanup projects that have been comprised of over 6,000 people spanning across 80 beaches in Nicaragua, removing over 330,000 pounds of trash. Since 2005, Paso Pacífico has had a profound impact and has saved the habitats of the local endangered wildlife, including four species of sea turtles, the black-handed spider monkey, and the yellow-naped Amazon parrot.

Due to an outstanding and remarkable team including a dedicated staff, active Board of Directors, and numerous scientists, professionals, and volunteers, Paso Pacífico has achieved notable success through its unique programs and initiatives. Paso Pacífico has received the Emil M. Mrak International Award from the University of California, Davis, as well as the Gold Level Validation by the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance. Paso Pacífico has also been honored and recognized by National Geographic, the United States Forest Service, and the Disney Conservation Fund.

For their significant and critical efforts to protect the environment along the Pacific Coast of Central America, I am honored to recognize Paso Pacífico for 10 years of service. It is with sincere gratitude that I congratulate Paso Pacífico on reaching this momen-

tous milestone and I wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
WAYNE DYER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Wayne Dyer. Dr. Dyer was an internationally renowned author and speaker in the field of self-development and spiritual growth. Over the span of his four-decade career, he wrote 42 books, 21 of which became New York Times bestsellers, and this wide readership earned him the affectionate nickname of "the father of motivation" among his fans.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Dyer earned his doctorate in educational counseling from Wayne State University before serving as a professor at St. John's University in New York. Through his early work as a college educator, and as a clinical psychologist, he discovered the need to make the principles of self-discovery and personal growth available to the general public.

After publishing a string of best-selling books on the practical psychology of self-improvement, Dr. Dyer felt a shift in his thinking that led him to explore the spiritual aspects of human experience. "My purpose is to help people look at themselves and begin to shift their concepts," Dr. Dyer said at the time. "Remember, we are not our country, our race, or religion. We are eternal spirits. Seeing ourselves as spiritual beings without label is a way to transform the world and reach a sacred place for all of humanity."

Dr. Dyer created several audio programs and videos, and appeared on thousands of television and radio shows over the course of his career. Many of his books have been featured as PBS specials, raising over \$200 million for public television stations nationwide and making Dr. Dyer one of PBS's most successful fund-raisers. This philanthropic spirit was intrinsic to Dr. Dyer, as illustrated by his charitable contributions to his alma mater, Wayne State University, which totaled more than \$1 million.

Dr. Dyer's first feature film, *The Shift*, was released in 2009, followed in 2012 by the autobiographical film, *My Greatest Teacher*. The second film dramatized a defining moment in Dyer's life, when he had visited the grave of his father, who had abandoned him as a young boy. While the intention that day had been to exact some form of vengeance on the man Dyer felt had sent him down a dark path of rage and alcoholism, at the gravesite Dr. Dyer was overcome by inexplicable feelings of love and forgiveness. He credited this experience with changing the trajectory of his life. The date of this experience was August 30, 1974. On the exact same day, 41 years later, Dr. Dyer passed on.

Beyond this formative experience with his father, Dr. Dyer counted among his teachers St. Francis of Assisi, Lao Tzu, Rumi, Carl Jung, and Abraham Maslow.

Despite a childhood spent in orphanages and foster homes, Dr. Dyer made his dreams come true. He lived to teach others to overcome their perceived limits and engage in their "Highest Self."