

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

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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."

Just before his passing, Dr. Dyer had returned from Australia and New Zealand, where he lectured in front of thousands of people. As a father to eight children and nine grandchildren, he was back home in Maui looking forward to spending time with his family, while gearing up for the launch of his upcoming book.

While he had struggled with leukemia, Dr. Dyer was the healthiest he had been in years, keeping a very active schedule. His death has officially been attributed to heart failure.

Dr. Dyer was a man dedicated to the betterment of others. His work touched countless lives, and his influence will certainly be missed.

DENNIS MEYER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dennis Meyer of Das Meyer Fine Pastry Chalet for receiving the Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award from the Arvada Economic Development Association.

This prestigious business award, named after the founder of King Soopers in Olde Town Arvada, is presented to an individual with characteristics of an exemplary entrepreneur. Dennis Meyer has been baking since 1965 and is renowned as a Certified Executive Pastry Chef, Master Baker. A member of the American Academy of Chefs, Dennis was named "Chef of the Year" in 1987 and has won numerous gold medals in culinary competitions, including "People's Choice" and "Best of Show." He started his family owned business in 1985 in Arvada, Colorado. In 2006, he was inducted into the Colorado Chefs Hall of Fame.

The spirit behind Das Meyer Fine Pastry Chalet is led by the vision, creativity, kindness and generosity of the founder Dennis Meyer. His commitment to making his clients' special occasions memorable is remarkable and a tribute to his success.

I congratulate Dennis Meyer and all of the employees of Das Meyer Fine Pastry Chalet for this well-deserved honor from the Arvada Economic Development Association. I thank him for his commitment to excellence and his continued service to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S MAXINE IVEY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Maxine Ivey on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of Northwest Florida Rural Health Network. For twenty years, Ms. Ivey has dedicated her life to serving the Gulf Coast community, and I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

Northwest Florida Rural Health Network, which serves Escambia, Santa Rosa,

Okaloosa and Walton Counties, is one of nine health networks in the State of Florida created to improve health care services and access in rural communities. Ms. Ivey has worked tirelessly with the Network since it was first established in 1995 and has held various leadership roles. While as Director of Purchasing and Volunteers for Jay Hospital prior to her husband's passing, Ms. Ivey, along with her husband, Don, who was the Jay Hospital Administrator at the time, worked together as a team to help keep the hospital open and to ensure that their community's health care needs were properly met. As a result of her leadership and continued dedication to service before self, Ms. Ivey eventually became Executive Director of the Northwest Florida Rural Health Network.

Ms. Ivey's service to Northwest Florida, however, is not limited to her work with the Network. She sits on the Jay Town Council and is the President of the Northwest Florida Area Agency on Aging. In this capacity Maxine works closely with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and other local, state and national agencies to facilitate the needs of the elderly so they can age safely and with dignity in their own homes. Ms. Ivey is also an active member of Jay First Baptist Church and is a loving mother of three.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf the Gulf Coast community, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Maxine Ivey on her well-earned retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish her and her three sons all the best for continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the House chamber for certain roll call votes. Had I been present on October 7th and 8th, I would have voted 'nay' on roll calls 536, 537, 538, and 544. I would have voted 'yea' on roll calls 539, 540, and 543.

HONORING VIETNAM WAR MOVING WALL MEMORIAL

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Vietnam Memorial Wall opening ceremony in the City of Coral Springs, Florida. The servicemembers whose names are written on the Wall fought valiantly to protect our Nation, and they rightfully deserve our recognition and admiration.

The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC, which stands as a testament to the loss endured in the Vietnam War. This display is coming to my district thanks to the dedication of Commissioner Lou Cimaglia, who served in the Army Reserve for eight years and made it his goal to bring the Wall to Coral Springs.

The Moving Wall will be on display in Coral Springs, Florida from October 22 to 26, 2015.

This event allows area residents to experience the Vietnam War Memorial and to reflect on the sacrifice of the men and women who fought in this conflict. Participants will also have the opportunity to leave mementos at the Wall, which will later be included at The Moving Wall Museum in Washington, DC.

I thank the Veterans Coalition for their help bringing the Wall to Coral Springs and John Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver for building the Wall. I also thank Commissioner Cimaglia, and all Vietnam veteran volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event possible. I am proud to honor them and this event, and express deep appreciation for all Vietnam War veterans' service to our Nation.

RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Red Rocks Community College's (RRCC) Health Sciences Campus for receiving the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) Community Partnership Award.

The Community Partnership Award recognizes organizations and businesses that represent new investment and economic opportunities in Arvada. The award is being given to Red Rocks Community College for their capital investment in the new Health Sciences Campus in Arvada.

The Arvada campus is already home to RRCC's health programs as well as associate degree and general education courses that transfer to four-year institutions. The campus is currently undergoing a large expansion to help meet the needs of the growing health care needs of the community. Expected to be completed by fall of 2016, the new building will provide state-of-the-art instructional space for health sciences, enhanced curriculum for healthcare programs, accommodate additional students, and help develop new programs in line with industry demands.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Red Rocks Community College's (RRCC) Health Sciences Campus for being honored by the Arvada Economic Development Association. I am proud of their contribution to our community and look forward to their new completed campus and future expansion.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF MILLARD FILLMORE ADAMS, JR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with both profound sadness and deep gratitude that I rise to honor Millard Fillmore Adams, Jr., of Santa Rosa County, who died suddenly on October 7, 2015.

Born and raised in Northwest Florida and a native of Santa Rosa County, Mr. Adams graduated from Milton High School in 1963. He earned his undergraduate degree from