

NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL
MONTH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, October is National Farm to School Month, an important opportunity to celebrate the close connection between local schools and local food in communities throughout the country. Farm to School initiatives play an important role in growing that connection, improving child nutrition, supporting local jobs and economies, and educating the next generation about the sources of their food.

Many of our rural communities are struggling. Meanwhile, access to affordable, nutritious food continues to be a challenge for many inner city communities. With these trends at work, it will be especially important to grow our Farm to School initiatives. One such initiative in Sandusky, Ohio connects students and their families with fresh, healthy food and local food producers. These programs are vitally important because they bridge the gap between rural and urban communities and help build local food systems that provide food security and independence.

It is no wonder that Farm to School programs are cropping up all over the country, today reaching more than 40,000 schools and over 25.5 million students. Here are the outcomes:

For Farmers: Growing sales opportunities. Reliable demand. Expanded community interest in local foods.

For Schools: Reduction in child obesity; fresh and local food options that increase participation rates in school food programs, thereby boosting revenues.

For the Community: Keeps food dollars in the community; ensures healthy local farms that provide jobs, pay taxes, and protect working agricultural land.

Mr. Speaker, America's Farm to School programs are a win-win-win scenario.

So as we conclude this month long celebration, I urge my colleagues in the House to support H.R. 1061, The Farm To School Act of 2015 introduced by Congressman FORTENBERRY, which reauthorizes Farm to School programs through FY 2021 and allows land grant colleges and universities to participate as well.

Connecting our nation's schools to locally produced nutritious foods is not a partisan issue. It affects both Democratic and Republican districts. The House has an opportunity to act on this pressing matter with dispatch today. I suggest we take it.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
FORMER WASHINGTON STATE
SENATOR SCOTT BARR

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my close mentor and friend, former Washington State Senator Scott Barr, who passed away in his Colville, Wash-

ington home last week at the age of ninety-nine. It is especially sad that we will not be able to celebrate his 100th birthday at Edwall Park in August. Washington State lost a passionate leader, one who faithfully served his community and the people of Northeastern Washington.

Before serving in the state legislature, Senator Barr grew wheat and raised cattle near Edwall, Washington. His experience as a farmer encouraged him to become more involved in his local community, culminating in his run for a seat in Washington's 7th Legislative District. In 1976, Senator Barr was elected to the Washington State House of Representatives where he served for seven years before being elected to the Washington State Senate. In the Senate, Senator Barr was a tireless champion for Northeastern Washington, focusing on issues closest to his constituents, agriculture and natural resources. It was often said that if three people were gathered at a meeting in the 7th Legislative District, Senator Barr would be one of them.

Throughout his career, Senator Barr served as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force, co-chaired the Joint Select Committee on Water Resource Policy, and served as the Ranking Republican Member on the Agriculture and Ecology and the Parks committees. In December 1993, Senator Scott Barr announced his retirement from the Washington State Senate, at the age of seventy-seven. Even after his retirement, Senator Barr continued to be a champion for the 7th Legislative District, working to preserve the way of life that those in his community enjoy.

Senator Barr served as the president of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers, headed up the Expo Food and Soil Association, and supported youth development through local 4-H programs. Senator Barr was also instrumental in ensuring 4-H programs continued to function and thrive throughout Washington State. Before running for the state legislature, Senator Barr was also a key advocate on behalf of the Lincoln County Conservation District.

On a personal level, Scott was a friend and a role model, not only to me but to everyone serving in Eastern Washington and across our state. Scott desired to better the lives of those around him and to support young people in order that they may reach their full potential. Even in his late nineties, Scott had a contagious energy and excitement for life—he was committed to giving back and remained active in his community.

I rise to thank Senator Scott Barr for his years of service to Northeastern Washington. He leaves behind a legacy in leadership and devotion to his community and will be remembered for his commitment to issues close to the hearts of the people of Washington State. My thoughts and prayers remain with his wife, Dollie Mae, his children, and other family members and friends. Washington State lost a truly dedicated and passionate leader. He will be missed.

CONGRATULATING DAVIS &
ELKINS COLLEGE

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia for their recent acceptance into the Museum Assessment Program (MAP). This program will help develop and improve the College's already outstanding collection, which includes pieces from Native American history, to traditional Appalachian culture, and showcases West Virginia's rich history. This accomplishment required the hard work and dedication of the students, faculty, and staff of Davis & Elkins College. It makes me proud to see colleges like Davis & Elkins thriving. I wish everyone involved with this great achievement the best in their future studies and careers.

HONORING MR. RONALD S.
MOULTRIE

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Ronald S. Moultrie, a United States Intelligence Officer for the National Security Agency (NSA), on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Moultrie has honorably served our country for over 36 years, including time spent in the United States Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Moultrie's most notable position was his tenure as Director of the Signals Intelligence Directorate (SIGINT) program at NSA. As Director, he led a civilian and military workforce, while effectively guiding the integration and transformation of SIGINT reporting, dissemination, and collection capabilities.

His duties at NSA led him to be a key voice in global operational activities of critical importance to the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community. He is considered to be one of NSA's foremost active senior executives, with a strong focus on diversity efforts.

Throughout Mr. Moultrie's career he has been awarded numerous honors including, the USAF Meritorious Service Medal (1983), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1986), NSA Meritorious Civilian Service Award (1996, 1998), NSA Exceptional Civilian Service Award (2000, 2001, 2015), NSA Director's Distinguished Service Medal (2004), National Intelligence Superior Service Medal (2008), Presidential Rank Award: Meritorious Executive (2011), and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal (2014).

Mr. Moultrie graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts. He then attended the Defense Intelligence College, where he earned a Master's of Science. Subsequently, he enrolled at the Federal Executive Institute and later became an Intelligence Fellow at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Business.

Mr. Moultrie is married and lives with his wife near Annapolis, Maryland where they are

notable philanthropists. Mr. Moultrie is also a blood donor and a proud member of NSA's Red Cross 10-Gallon Club.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Moultrie and his lifelong dedicated service to the United States government and the Intelligence Community. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Moultrie on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOWN
SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased today to recognize October as Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Down syndrome is a congenital disorder arising from a chromosome defect, likely a full or partial copy of chromosome 21. This defect causes intellectual impairment and physical abnormalities.

Approximately 1 in 700 babies in the United States are born with Down syndrome. Infants with Down syndrome are more likely to have other medical issues such as hearing loss, heart defects, and various eye diseases. Furthermore, African American infants born with Down syndrome have a lower chance of surviving past the first year of life than infants with Down syndrome from other racial and ethnic backgrounds.

The economic impacts on the families of those with Down syndrome are also staggering. Medical care costs for children in their first four years are twelve times higher than the costs associated with a child without Down syndrome. Nearly 40 percent of families have suffered a financial setback or have forced a family member to stop working because of the child's condition.

Progress has been made in some areas that impact individuals with Down syndrome. The life expectancy for individuals with this disability has greatly increased. The 21st Century Cures Act, a bipartisan bill that passed the House of Representatives earlier this session, provides additional funding to the National Institute of Health for medical research that one day may move the needle of innovation in research and treatment forward enough to improve the lives of individuals with Down syndrome.

I am pleased to recognize the 400,000 Americans with Down syndrome and the families who have sacrificed so that these individuals can live their lives to the fullest.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEEP
LOSS BEING EXPERIENCED BY
NEW MEXICAN COMMUNITIES
DUE TO THE DEATH OF LILLY
GARCIA

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the sorrow and profound loss that is being felt in communities across New Mexico following a heinous act of violence that took the life of an innocent young girl.

Four year-old Lilly Garcia was in the back seat of her car with her family, when in a case of road rage, a bullet that was fired at her car, hit her, and killed her. This senseless violence was shocking and heartbreaking. It has shaken our community to its core. We cannot turn a blind eye to violence like this. Sadly this story of violence is not unique.

In Rio Rancho we lost Officer Gregg Benner who was shot and killed in the line of duty, and in Albuquerque, Officer Daniel Webster died this week after he too was shot in the line of duty. We must have a real discussion about how we address the violence that has taken the lives of too many loved ones, and only by coming together as a community can we make a change.

My heart goes out to the family of Lilly Garcia and all those who have lost someone they love to violence.