

At 91 years young, Evelyn remains active in the university, serving as Chairwoman of the Board of Advisors. Ms. Keiser is still the first to arrive at the main campus in Fort Lauderdale each morning.

In honor of her dedication and service to South Florida, I am pleased to recognize Evelyn Keiser's legacy of achievement and I wish her continued success.

SUREFIRE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and applaud Surefire for their leadership and commitment to utilizing new and advanced technologies.

Surefire relocated and expanded its manufacturing and headquarter operations to a 20,840 square-foot facility. New to Jefferson County in Westminster, the move brought 39 high-paying jobs to the county over the next five years. New capital investment from the relocation is expected to be \$3.9 million.

Surefire's expansion consisted of relocating from the Adams county portion of Westminster to the Jefferson county portion of Westminster in 2014. This expansion was also a consolidation of operations. This took place by relocating the manufacturing operations from Florida to the new Jefferson county facility.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Surefire for their well-deserved Innovative Technology Award and their continued contribution to Jefferson County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on rollcall votes cast on March 16, 2015.

On Rollcall Vote Number 113, on consideration of H.R. 647 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "yea."

On Rollcall Vote Number 114, on consideration of H.R. 648 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "yea."

On Rollcall Vote Number 115, on consideration of H.R. 876 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "yea."

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. BOGAARD

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William J. Bogaard, who is retiring from his position as Mayor of the City of Pasadena, California. Well-known and well-respected on a local, state and national level as an outstanding leader and a man of great civility, impeccable character and immense integrity, Mayor Bogaard is the city's first directly elect-

ed mayor and has skillfully led Pasadena with distinction for over two decades.

Born in 1938, William Joseph "Bill" Bogaard was born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa. He majored in English at Loyola University, now Loyola Marymount University in California, and after serving as a Captain in the United States Air Force, he graduated from Michigan Law School. In 1961, Mr. Bogaard married Claire Whalen of San Francisco, and after residing in Morocco, Michigan and Los Angeles for nearly a decade, they moved with their family in the early 1970's to Pasadena, fully immersing themselves in the community, joining their neighborhood association and the local Parent Teacher Association. In 1978, Bill ran for the Pasadena City Council where he served for eight years, including a rotation into the mayoral position for two years.

Mayor Bogaard's many accomplishments include guiding the city through a major recession, overseeing the establishment of new arts institutions, investment in new housing, and major capital improvement projects at the Rose Bowl, Pasadena City Hall and the Colorado Street Bridge, and the construction of a new convention center. Mr. Bogaard was instrumental in leading the Gold Line light rail transit project, the preservation of Old Pasadena into a national role model for redevelopment and walkable live/work urban planning, making crucial investments in city personnel and police and fire resources, and establishing partnerships with Pasadena's schools, businesses, and arts organizations. In addition, Bill represented the city in many organizations, including the California League of Cities, where he served as President. With an impressive record of past community service, Mayor Bogaard is currently a member of the Gold Line Foothill Construction Authority and the Urban Land Institute, is Chair of the Pasadena Bioscience Collaborative, and serves on the President's Advisory Council for California State University Los Angeles and the Leadership Advisory Council of the Pasadena Educational Foundation. Mr. Bogaard has received the City of Pasadena's highest honor, the Arthur Noble Award, the University of Michigan's David B. Hermelin Volunteer Fundraising Leadership Award, and Loyola Marymount University's Distinguished Alumni Award.

In his professional career, Mr. Bogaard was in private law practice, served as Executive Vice President of First Interstate Bancorp and taught law at USC Law School and the University of Michigan. Married for fifty-four years, Bill and his wife Claire have four children, Michele, Jeannine, Joseph, and Matthew, and seven grandchildren.

Mayor Bill Bogaard has been an invaluable asset to the City of Pasadena and its residents. I ask all Members to join me in thanking Bill Bogaard for over two decades of dedicated public service.

RECOGNIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD & THE LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC EDUCATION AWARD

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the School District of South Or-

ange and Maplewood and the Linden Public Schools for receiving recognition as one of the Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM). This association only recognized 388 school districts around the nation this year and I am very proud of each district's achievement.

The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) gives its distinction for outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders to emphasize the importance and accessibility that every child have to music education. The BCME program evaluates districts and schools based on funding, staffing of highly qualified teachers, commitment to standards, and access to music instruction.

Music education helps develop educational, cognitive, and social skills. Listening to music strengthens the ability to perceive speech within noise, pay attention, and develop memory abilities. Music exposure reveals different aspects of brain function and addresses language and learning difficulties, such as the neural timing precision between speech syllables.

The School District of South Orange and Maplewood and the Linden Public Schools have done an excellent job in promoting music education and in successfully exceeding any challenges and barriers that may have appeared along their pathway. I hope they continue empowering the community with their leadership and enthusiasm in music education.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,064,358,207.58. We've added \$7,525,187,309,294.50 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

SENIORS' RESOURCE CENTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and applaud Seniors' Resource Center for being honored with the 2014 Excellence in Not-for-Profit Leadership award.

According to LeadingAge, an organization focused on education, advocacy, and applied research in the field of aging, who awarded Seniors' Resource Center, the award recognizes organizations that are models of excellence in not-for-profit leadership and exemplify to the highest degree the seven key attributes that characterize high-performing nonprofits and distinguish the sector from any other. The

seven attributes are: Productive, Empowering, Effective, Enriching, Reliable, Responsive and Caring. The Seniors' Resource Center embodies all of these attributes with their dedication to the community and their high-quality programs.

The Seniors' Resource Center, located in Jefferson County, Colorado, is an important community partner that provides services to enhance independence, dignity and quality of life for senior citizens in our community. Seniors' Resource Center ensures all of their customers receive outstanding care in the adult day and respite program.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Seniors' Resource Center for this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for everything you do in our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF VERA MEDLY FOSTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Vera Medley Foster, who passed away on February 25, 2015 at the age of 90. A selfless servant to the underprivileged youth in Western New York, Mrs. Foster was a prominent member of the community.

Vera Medley Foster was born on November 3, 1924 in Helena, Arkansas. During her early life she lived on expansive land with her family, where she was brought up learning wholesome values from her family and schooling. She went on to marry her high school sweetheart, the late Bernard Austin and moved to St. Louis in the 1940's to open her own ice cream parlor and sandwich shop.

After Ms. Foster's endeavors, she found herself settling in Buffalo where she met her life partner Mr. Clinton Modis Foster. Together they had three children whom she devoted her life and love to. While raising her children she returned to her entrepreneurial roots and opened a beauty salon in her home. Her salon became a staple of the community and the influence of her kind heart began to touch more people. As her children grew older she became more involved in the community with the Parent Teachers Association of Buffalo Public School #23; the Delavan-Moselle Community Center and the Wider Horizons Tutoring and Enrichment Program.

Ms. Foster's influence did not stop there; later she became involved with the City of Buffalo's leadership and served on mayoral cabinets. She served as an advocate for the youth of the City and set up many for success through the Mayors Summer Youth program. Ms. Foster served on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Steering Committee, as well as on the board of directors for the Masten Boys and Girls club for 32 years. Her passion for business never faded, as time went on Ms. Foster founded and served as president of the North Fillmore Business Association.

Ms. Foster was beloved by the community she served. She has been honored by over one hundred proclamations and awards from the City of Buffalo and organizations. Ms. Foster also has been honored with a day in her name, August 3, 2013 was proclaimed as

Vera Medley Foster Day, and shall always be remembered as such. Her name is also engraved in the streets of Buffalo with Vera Medley Foster Way in the heart of the city.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor the life of Vera Medley Foster. I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the Foster family, and to celebrate the exemplary work she did to enrich the communities of Western New York.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO VFW POST 101 IN DOWNTOWN COLORADO SPRINGS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to VFW Post 101 in downtown Colorado Springs on the occasion of their 95th Anniversary.

As the oldest and friendliest post in the city, Post 101 has positively impacted the lives of tens of thousands of local veterans and their families.

The post helps welcome home troops, attends memorial services, hosts retirement and promotion parties, provides scholarships to local students, advocates for our veterans, promotes patriotism, and supports family members during difficult deployments.

Please join me in wishing VFW Post 101 a happy anniversary and thanking them for the tremendously important services they provide to our military community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EDWARD L. KEYTON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Minister Edward L. Keyton is celebrating thirty-four (34) years in ministry this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Minister Edward L. Keyton, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained the Church of Christ at Bouldercrest as Senior Evangelist, he has enhanced the church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Minister Edward L. Keyton is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his church, but with our district and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Minister Edward L. Keyton as he celebrates thirty-four years in

ministry and to salute him as he retires from ministerial leadership; A true Man of Excellence; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 17, 2015 as Minister Edward L. Keyton Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 17th day of April, 2015.

45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROLLA AREA SHELTERED WORK- SHOP

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 45th anniversary of the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop in Rolla, Missouri. It is a place that empowers individuals to use their skills working in a sheltered environment with caring staff. Since its establishment in 1970, the workshop has provided quality employment for individuals with disabilities of all kinds.

Beginning in January 1969, the mother of a disabled son saw a need for a sheltered work environment for those who were too old for a State Training School. Together, the mother and two women who were involved with the Jaycettes, developed the idea for a sheltered workshop in Rolla. With the help and support of the entire community, the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop opened its doors a little over a year later. Today, the workshop has 75 disabled employees who have found an environment where they can work productively and independently. Alongside a supportive staff of eight, the employees work on printed material, collating, sorting the different kinds, packing and labeling bags, among other projects.

For the many years of service and commitment to helping others, it is my pleasure to recognize the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop before the United States House of Representatives.

LUTHERAN MEDICAL CENTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 13, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and applaud Lutheran Medical Center for their community leadership and economic contribution to Jefferson County.

What began in 1905 as the Evangelical Lutheran Sanitarium for patients suffering from tuberculosis continues today as one of the busiest and most respected hospitals in the nation. Exempla Lutheran provides a wide range of medical services as well as community programs.

Lutheran started as the first senior emergence room in the region and in Colorado, but later built a larger and more spacious Senior ER to meet and increased need for specialized services for elderly patients. The new Senior ER opened with 14 specially-designed, private patient rooms and a 40 percent increase in space.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lutheran Medical Center for their well-deserved Business Recognition Award.