

United Airlines as an Aircraft Jet Engine Mechanic in Journeyman status. The following year he started his service in the U.S. Naval Reserve which he continued for six years, ably serving his country. While working for United, he earned an Associate Degree in Aeronautics and began his remarkable union career with Machinist Local Lodge 1781. He was the Union Shop Steward for 15 years fighting for the rights of his coworkers. He was elected to the Local's Executive Board, IAM Legislative Committee, and the Building Corporation. Bill was one of the people who founded a highly effective coalition between the machinists, flight attendants and pilots.

In 1987, Bill became the Assistant Business Manager for the Santa Clara and San Benito counties Central Labor Council. He developed and implemented a public policy program for 100 affiliated unions.

In 1989, he became Deputy Executive Officer for the Santa Clara and San Benito Building and Construction Trades Council where he was responsible for public policy, corporate research, and the monitoring of construction contractors and projects. Within a year, he was tapped for the top position at the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County and became Business Manager/Executive Officer. He was ideally qualified to advocate for environmentally and socially responsible projects utilizing top-quality labor, materials and construction methods. He led a vibrant council of 26 unions and 14,000 justifiably proud, middle-class workers.

In addition to his impressive achievements at the council, Bill is a man of enormous compassion and empathy, a fact demonstrated by his extensive community engagement. He serves on a long list of boards, including the Boy Scouts of America, United Way, Rebuilding Together, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Advisory Council, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Advisory Council, and the San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council. Bill is passionate about housing people, recognizing that the dignity of a person is nurtured by housing. It is sometimes said of a generous person that he would give someone the shirt off his back. Bill Nack has likely done that many times, and in addition he's directly and indirectly helped to place a roof over the heads of tens of thousands of people.

Bill was also appointed by the Governor to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and to the Board of Directors of the Cow Palace.

As you may surmise from the diversity of issues that Bill is engaged in, he cares deeply about helping others and improving the quality of life for everyone. I can say without hesitation that his heart is in the right place and he gives of himself generously and freely. He is a devoted husband to Rayna Lehman, another great labor leader in San Mateo County. They raised two wonderful sons, Patrick and Benjamin, their most important life achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor my friend and colleague of over 30 years William A. Nack on the occasion of his retirement as the leader of the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County. He leaves behind an impressive legacy of construction projects, compassion, and a ready smile that welcomes every honest man or woman to work with him in pursuit of a better America.

## FBISD SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stacy Vinson of Baines Middle School on being named Fort Bend Independent School District's 2015 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Vinson has been a teacher for the past eight years. She is committed to helping her students find their passion and believes a keen interest in a subject leads to success in the classroom. Beyond the classroom, she takes interest in her students' lives and teaches them that no matter their circumstances, they have the power to create a fruitful future for themselves. I wish Ms. Vinson the best of luck in her teaching career and am thankful for teachers like her that truly have a passion for her students and profession. Great teachers help develop future leaders.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Stacy Vinson for her commitment to teaching and for earning the Fort Bend ISD 2015 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

### PAUL PROUTY

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Paul Prouty for his accomplishments and distinguished career with the General Services Administration (GSA).

Paul began his 42-year career with the GSA in 1971 as a real estate intern and has since risen through the organization to become one of the most respected leaders. Paul's accomplishments include providing key strategic direction regarding design, construction, management and maintenance of federal and leased properties, including 18 million square feet of office, laboratory and warehouse space.

A key property in his portfolio is the Denver Federal Center located in Lakewood, Colorado—one of the largest concentrations of federal real estate property outside Washington D.C. Paul's vision for a more inclusive federal community led to major changes at the Denver Federal Center. Through Paul's leadership, the Denver Federal Center evolved into one of the most exciting campuses in the Denver metro area. The campus hosts the new St. Anthony's hospital, intermodal transportation hub and a focus on the campus becoming a sustainable federal and community center.

I extend my deepest congratulations on your retirement from federal service. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

## IN HONOR OF RONALD HERBERT PORTER

### HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronald H. Porter of Pomona, California, who passed away peacefully on April 18, 2015, at the age of 82.

Ron served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. He graduated from Claremont Men's College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, and was a successful businessman with real estate offices in Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, and Pomona.

An active member of St. Joseph's Church in Pomona, he served as the President of the Legion of Mary. As a devout Catholic, Ron could always be depended upon to help those in need and assist the Church in its efforts to serve the community.

A former lifeguard, long distance cyclist, and golfer, Ron would regularly visit nursing homes to take residents out for lunch in Pomona. He could often be spotted at the deli spending time with those in need of companionship and a friend.

Ron had a great sense of humor, and was always positive. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Barbara, daughter Marie Royce and son-in-law Edward, son David Porter and daughter-in-law Samantha, daughter Sheila Taylor and son-in-law Daniel, and son Sean Porter. He will also be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Laurel, Charlie, and Sean.

### HONORING MAKENNA SCHWAB

### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a young girl, only 12 years old, who went above and beyond the call of duty for public service. Makenna Schwab, from East Wenatchee, Washington, set out to make a difference in her community by collecting toys and donations for kids at Seattle Children's Hospital. Last October, with the help of her friends at Wenatchee Pediatric Dentistry, she collected enough donations for 33 Radio Flyer wagons, 36 portable DVD players, and more than 1,300 toys and other goods for young boys and girls courageously battling disease at Seattle Children's.

Even more remarkable, Makenna was born with Larsen syndrome, a rare connective tissue disorder, and is a frequent patient herself at Seattle Children's Hospital. It was this experience that inspired her to want to give back to other kids going through similar experiences, and she did not let her disease stand in her way. This is Makenna's third Make a Difference Day campaign, and she is proving that one 12 year-old girl can make a lasting impact on the lives of her friends, family, and community members. On May 6th, Makenna will be recognized in Washington, D.C., as a National Make a Difference Day award recipient. She will receive a \$10,000 grant to further enable her passion for public service and

charitable work. Makenna's selfless actions and commitment to public service is an inspiration to all of us, and for that we honor her.

ETHAN CRANSTON

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ethan Cranston for earning third place in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community. Ethan and his project, 'Marijuana in Colorado—The Road to Ruin or Reward', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Ethan on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERWIN GAINES

### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Erwin Gaines—father, husband, grandfather, businessman and inventor—who passed away on April 12, 2015, at the age of 79.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Erwin was a graduate of Von Steuben High School where he was a star soccer player. He went on to serve in the United States Army in Europe and after receiving an Honorable Discharge, he moved to Los Angeles, California. He was a businessman and inventor who received numerous patents for medical supply products. During his business career he worked internationally in Mexico, China and throughout Europe. Erwin volunteered in the community serving as a coach and as President of the Victory National Little League.

Erwin was an avid fisherman and a Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Knot Tying Champion. He was a devoted fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers and longtime season ticket holder. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Arlene, his sons, Calabasas City Councilmember Fred Gaines and Jeffrey Gaines, his daughters-in-law, Las Virgenes Unified School District Board Member Jill Gaines and Vivian Gaines, and his five granddaughters.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Erwin Gaines.

OUTSTANDING LEADER

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Julie Diaz for being named the

new principal of Travis High School in Richmond, TX by the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD).

After completing her education at the University of Houston and the University of Iowa, Principal Diaz began her 30 year career as an elementary school teacher. She has worked with FBISD for the past 23 years. Her exemplary efforts have led to her two nominations as a campus Teacher of the Year, and also as a District Elementary Teacher of the year finalist. Our community is lucky to have outstanding educators like Principal Diaz.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Julie Diaz on being named the new principal of Travis High School. We know that you will continue to be an outstanding leader, and we wish you the best of luck at Travis High School.

ALEXA VANSCHAARDENBURG

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alexa VanSchaardenburg for earning third place in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community. Alexa and her project, 'Marijuana in Colorado—The Road to Ruin or Reward', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Alexa on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on H.R. 373 but had I been present, I would have voted "yes." The Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act would allow volunteer search groups faster access to public lands to conduct searches for missing persons. This legislation will help first responders as well as victims and families in difficult situations and I support its enactment.

I was absent for the vote on H.R. 1324 but had I been present, I would have voted "yes." The Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015 will adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest in Colorado to incorporate additional land.

HONORING EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS

### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board's el Día de los Niños festival.

Since 1925, Día del niño, or the Day of the Child, has been celebrated throughout Latin America. In 2001, the City of Aurora's Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board started the annual tradition of celebrating el Día de los Niños, a festival recognizing children and their importance in society.

The Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board, along with local school districts, uses the festival to promote learning among children through literacy programs, educational activities, and live entertainment. El Día de los Niños is a celebration of our community's diverse heritage, as well as a celebration of the bright future that lies ahead for these children.

I would like to thank the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board for their commitment to promoting literacy for children and diversity in our community through el Día de los Niños.

JAKE FETTIG

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jake Fettig on his honorable mention in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community. Jake and his project, 'Should Space Exploration and Travel be Publicly Funded?', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Jake on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN MATEO PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 90th anniversary of San Mateo Park Elementary School, the oldest continuing elementary school in the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

Park School has educated over 20,000 students and serves a diverse student body. The school community can only be characterized as open, enriching and striving for excellence. The comprehensive curriculum aims at supporting each student to reach his or her fullest potential.