

Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and my friend and colleague, Congressman JOHN LEWIS. Since 1996, Wade has led the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (later named The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights), and he has made it one of the most effective advocacy organizations for civil rights and human rights in America.

During my years in office, I have been proud to work with The Leadership Conference under Wade's leadership on many issues of mutual interest and concern. Under his tenure, The Leadership Conference has worked to secure the rights of women, communities of color, ex-offenders, people with disabilities, and the LGBTQ community. He has fought tirelessly to meet the needs of low-income people, recognizing that freedom from want is a human right. He believes and fights to make sure that everyone is included in the rights and benefits of our democracy, that all have a place at the table. So much of this is now possible today because of Wade, his commitment and dedication.

As the President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Wade has been a constant source of trusted leadership, an unending recipient of our admiration, and an enduring guide on our path toward making this a more just and equal nation for all. It is my honor today to recognize Wade Henderson for his dedication and skill and to thank him for all he has done on behalf of justice and on behalf of our nation. I thank him for his service, and I wish him nothing but the best in his well-deserved retirement.

IN CELEBRATION OF MAYOR
DAVID N. DINKINS 89TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 89th Birthday of Mayor David N. Dinkins. Let me congratulate my beloved Brother and partner in government and in life and colleague for his dedication and commitment to New York City and for all of his great accomplishments over the many years that I have known him. He has truly made a historic imprint on the city that we know and love today.

To speak of all his accomplishments and in recognition of his birthday on July 10, 2016, it is only right to begin with the day of his birth, on July 10, 1927, in Trenton, New Jersey. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Marine Corps at 18 and served briefly in World War II. My fellow veteran was the recipient of The Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Montford Point Marine in the United States Marine Corps, during World War II. After the war, he attended Howard University, graduating with a B.A. in Mathematics in 1950. David then moved to New York City and received a law degree from the Brooklyn Law School in 1956.

My esteemed colleague's political career began when he joined the Carver Club headed by J. Raymond Jones, known as the Harlem Fox. At that time, David befriended three up and coming New York politicians: Basil Paterson, Sr., Percy Sutton, and me. We later became known as the "Gang of Four" and to-

gether we were able to significantly shape the African-American presence in New York's political landscape.

Along his professional journey, he won his first electoral office, a seat in the New York State Assembly in 1965. Shortly afterwards, David was offered the position of Deputy Mayor of New York by then Mayor Abraham Beam. He then secured the position of City Clerk which he held for ten years from 1975 to 1985. On his third run for the office, my cherished colleague was elected as Manhattan's Borough President in 1985. In 1989, David ran for Mayor of New York and became the 106th Mayor of the City of New York.

My valued friend was the first African-American Mayor of New York City. He was truly a peacekeeper amid the racial tensions that erupted throughout the city, testing his ability as a municipal leader. He presided over a decrease in crime in the city, balanced the city budget by turning a \$1.8 billion dollar deficit into a \$200 million surplus and maintained racial peace after the Rodney King verdict sparked rioting in a number of cities across the nation. Under his watch, New York City had many great successes including the historic New York City Tribute to Nelson Mandela—"Safe Streets, Safe City: Cops and Kids," the revitalization of Times Square, and the historic agreement which has kept the US Open Tennis Championship in New York City. His administration created Fashion Week, Restaurant Week, and Broadway on Broadway, which are events that New Yorkers and tourists continue to enjoy. In 2015, The Municipal Building was renamed in his honor to the David N. Dinkins Municipal Building.

My highly respected colleague's accomplishments lie not only in politics but also through his educational career. David accepted a professorship at Columbia University's Center for Urban Research and Policy at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs in 1994 after his role as Mayor. He serves on the school's advisory board and has hosted the David N. Dinkins Leadership & Public Policy Forum for nearly 20 years. In 2003, the David N. Dinkins Professorship Chair in the Practice of Urban & Public Affairs was established at Columbia University. The David Dinkins Archives & Oral History collection was opened by Columbia University Library in December 2015 in his honor. In 2013, he released his memoir *A Mayor's Life: Governing New York's Gorgeous Mosaic*, which chronicles the life of this devoted public servant as a New Yorker who remains in love with this city.

David, my fondest comrade and greatest supporter, is also involved with many organizations and a board member of several non-profit and charitable groups. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is a founding member of the Black & Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus of New York State, the Council of Black Elected Democrats of New York State and The One Hundred Black Men. He was also vice president of the United States Conference of Mayors, and is a member-at-large of the Black Leadership Forum. David serves as Chairman Emeritus of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and the Constituency for Africa (CFA), and serves on the steering committee of the Association for a Better New York and the New York Urban League Advisory Council. He is on the board of New York City Global Partners

and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the National Advisory Board of the International African American Museum.

It is noteworthy that David's birthday celebration will take place at Ellen's Stardust Diner, formerly Ellen's Cafe, which was located across from City Hall for over 20 years and was a popular gathering place for many NYC mayors. Ellen's started a ritual where the Mayors would come in on their birthdays and Ellen's would donate their favorite pie to charity. In honor of this long-standing charitable tradition, Stardust Diner owner Ellen Hart-Sturm will be donating pies to David's favorite charity The Association to Benefit Children.

Mr. Speaker, with great love and admiration for my brother loyal friend and outstanding public servant, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 89th Birthday of David Dinkins, in recognition of all of his accomplishments.

MARWAN ALTAWHEEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marwan Altaweel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Marwan Altaweel is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Marwan Altaweel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Marwan Altaweel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5485) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of Congressman GRAYSON's amendment number 12 to the FY 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations legislation. This pro-woman amendment would strike a long-standing and unfair policy rider from the underlying legislation that restricts abortion coverage for those insured under the Federal Employees Health Benefits

Program (FEHBP). Restricting access to this constitutionally protected right sets women working for the federal government apart as a separate class.

FEHBP provides health insurance to federal employees and their dependents. Like employees in the private sector, federal employees contribute to the cost of their health insurance through co-pays and deductibles. Unlike other employees in the private sector, however, federal employees are unable to access health plans that cover abortion.

Since 1983, Congress has adopted language through the Financial Services Appropriations bill to eliminate abortion coverage from FEHBP except in narrow circumstances when the pregnancy would endanger the woman's life or the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest. I rise in support of this amendment because it is time to end this prohibition.

Every woman in the United States is entitled to access the constitutionally-protected full range of pregnancy-related care, including abortion. No employer—including the federal government—should be allowed to dictate how an employee uses health care coverage or interfere in the benefits an employee chooses to access. Congress should respect the health care decisions of each federal employee and treat women with the dignity and compassion they rightly deserve.

I urge my colleagues to support this important amendment to protect the rights of federal employees and their right to access constitutionally-protected medical services. For too long, this body has interfered with the difficult decisions women should make with their families, their doctors and whomever they choose. It's time that Congress lifts this ban and all bans on abortion coverage not just in FEHBP.

TRIBUTE TO DAWN FOUNTAIN

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dawn Fountain for the care and kindness she provides to victims of domestic violence.

Ms. Fountain is a founder of Purses and Love, a non-profit organization in aid of the victims of domestic violence; but first and foremost, she is also a survivor. Alongside her mother and other volunteers, she helps the victims and their children by providing them with essential items when they arrive at shelters after leaving their home. The sad reality exists that these victims often come to shelters empty-handed, as many have to flee their homes in a hurry. Ms. Fountain provides, among other things, clothing, kids' toys and medical supplies for the victims of abuse.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Ms. Fountain for the work she does for these survivors. I thank her for her efforts and I ask that this body join me in recognizing her for all that she provides to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMILY
RICHARDS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emily Richards of Ohio Northern University for winning the Women's 800-Meter Run in the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The National Collegiate Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn national titles since its founding in 1906. Throughout this time, the champions of NCAA national level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in the country. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody the nation's proud history of athletic success.

Emily's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Ohio Northern University can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Emily Richards on her National Championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

2016 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, the House of Representatives hosted the reception for the 2016 Congressional Art Competition. I was honored to serve as the Republican co-chair for the competition, alongside Congresswoman KYRSTEN SINEMA of Arizona.

For the past 34 years, the Congressional Art Competition has inspired and encouraged young artists around the country. The competition was very personal to me. With my mother being an artist, I understand how important it is to give proper recognition to these talents who are making a difference in society through arts.

I was grateful to invite local artist Yvonne Kinney, from North Augusta, to Washington to speak to the students about her work and highlight the importance of giving back to your community.

The winner from the Second District was Mary Afuldish from Cardinal Newman High School in the Midlands. I look forward to seeing her winning piece, America the Beautiful, every day for the next year as it hangs in the Cannon tunnel. I am humbled to represent all of the young talent in the Second Congressional District.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and may the President by his actions never forget

September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on July 6, 2016, I was unavoidably detained and missed one vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call No. 368.

DECODING DYSLEXIA GROUP VISITS CAPITOL HILL

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, on July 11 through 13th, 2016 youth leaders and families from Decoding Dyslexia will be hosting and participating in programs on Capitol Hill to raise awareness, encouraging our nation to #SayDyslexia. Congress extends a warm welcome.

POLICE SERGEANT TERESA DOUGHERTY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Federal Heights Police Sergeant Teresa (Terry) Dougherty for her decades of service to the City of Federal Heights, Colorado. For over thirty years, Sergeant Dougherty has been active within the community and the police department serving constituents of Federal Heights.

Sergeant Dougherty started her career in 1985 in the dispatch center within the Federal Heights Police Department. From there she served in various parts of the department including service in records and code enforcement. She worked her way up to a patrol officer and detective, finally ending a stellar career at her current rank of Sergeant. The police chief of Federal Heights credits her with a rare ability to bring calmness to chaos in a variety of circumstances. Sergeant Dougherty continuously brought passion to her job and made a personal investment in the employees within the police department. Her hard work and dedication each and every day to making the community of Federal Heights a great place to live and work demonstrate her exemplary work as a police officer in Federal Heights.

I extend my deepest thanks to Sergeant Dougherty for her service to the community. Thank you for your continuous dedication to serving the people and the City of Federal Heights, Colorado.