

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 479, I was unavoidably detained to cast my vote in time. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

STEVE CAMINS**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Steve Camins for receiving the West Chamber's 2016 Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award.

Since moving to Colorado in 1970, Steve Camins has played an active role in the Jefferson County community. Steve received his bachelor's in Psychology from Colorado State University in 1968, and soon after became a certified financial planner and insurance counselor. For more than forty years, Steve has worked as an insurance agent for his self-owned and -managed company, Financial Dimensions Ltd., an Arvada business that helps Jefferson County citizens manage risk and protect assets.

Steve served on the board of the Arvada Economic Development Association for more than fifteen consecutive years, and also served on the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He played an instrumental role in the formation of the Arvada Enterprise Center which joined with the West Chamber nine years ago to create the Jefferson County Business Resource Center.

Steve's determination and passion was recognized in 1996 when he was named the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year and continues to lift the Jefferson County economy to new heights.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Steve Camins for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUNE ROBBINS

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor June Robbins, a life member of the Rosie the Riveter Association for her service during World War II.

Ms. Robbins was born into poverty during the Great Depression. She married her husband, Melvin Robbins, of 65 years, on November 27, 1947. Ms. Robbins is the mother of 7 children, grandmother of 18, and great-grandmother of 8. She comes from a family of "Rosies," as her mother and aunts were also part of the Association.

During World War II, Ms. Robbins applied for a training position at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, the first and only female in her

class. There, she gained the skills necessary to work as a draftsman in the Shipyard during the War. In addition to a full time job, Ms. Robbins volunteered for the War effort through the Red Cross and the United Service Organizations (USO). As a volunteer for the USO, she was honored by the Netherlands government for her service as a Rosie in helping save the lives of the Holland people during the War.

Wesley Enhanced Living Main Line honored Ms. Robbins for her service as a Rosie the Riveter with a celebration on September 4, 2016. The celebration included a special planting of a Pink Dogwood, which is a symbol of the Riveter movement and of women who served as Rosies.

Mr. Speaker, the United States of America owes a great debt of gratitude to Ms. Robbins. It is an honor to represent her in Congress.

IN HONOR OF BRAMBLETON'S 15TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the town of Brambleton, Virginia on its 15th birthday. Established in 2001, Brambleton has grown to become a thriving community in Loudoun County full of wonderful families and extraordinary localities.

In the span of 15 years Brambleton has gone from a newly planned community to the home of almost 10,000 people. The community has received multiple awards, including the Loudoun County Environmental Preservation Award, and in 2013 was named Community of the Year by the Great American Living Awards. In addition to the six excellent schools which already serve the community, three additional schools will be added by 2020. Its many parks, trails, and pools allow for its residents to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with their friends and family. I am proud to represent such a vibrant community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing the 15th birthday of the Brambleton community and thanking the residents who bring it to life. I know the community will continue to provide a wonderful environment for families to call home for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO EMILY ABBAS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Emily Abbas, Chief Marketing Officer and Chief of Staff at Bankers Trust Company for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree as Meredith Emerging Woman of Influence by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic

and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Abbas has devoted her life to doing so many challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or nonprofit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Emily Abbas has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does. Ms. Abbas is charged with furthering Bankers Trust's strategic focus on customers, community and employees, and solid business relationships. In all aspects of her life Emily Abbas is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Emily Abbas in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Emily Abbas on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Abbas a long and successful career.

RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Red Rocks Community College on the completion of their Arvada campus expansion. This expansion triples the size and capacity of the current campus located in Arvada, Colorado. I applaud Red Rocks Community College on this \$22.5 million expansion project as it is the largest expansion project in the history of the college. This expansion will have a lasting impact on generations to come as well as result in significant economic impact for the Kipling Corridor and Ralston Road Corridor and Arvada and Wheat Ridge communities.

The Physician's Assistant Program at Red Rocks Community College is one of the first of its kind in the country. The relocation of this program to the new Arvada Campus will allow for even more students to participate in this unique program. In addition, the new campus will house all of the college's health professions programs in one place and will host more than four times the current number of faculty and staff.

I congratulate the Red Rocks team for their success on this important expansion. I applaud the school and faculty for their dedication to this project and their leadership and commitment to helping community college students blaze a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Red Rocks Community College does every day and I look forward to celebrating future accomplishments of the school and its students in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF SHENANDOAH

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Shenandoah, which celebrated its 150th anniversary on August 27, 2016. Shenandoah is located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

The area that became Shenandoah was first settled in 1835 by Peter Kehley, who developed the land for farming. The settlement was maintained for two decades. After anthracite coal was discovered, the land was sold to the Philadelphia Land Company. Planning for the town began under Peter Schaeffer in 1862.

Shenandoah was officially incorporated on January 16, 1866. Situated in the Middle Western Coal Field, the area around Shenandoah contained rich deposits of anthracite. As mining got under way, the borough's population grew in response to the increased demand for labor. Shenandoah became a hub for business, attracting depots for three major railroad companies to ship coal to New York and Philadelphia. Immigrants came first from Wales, Ireland, and Germany. Later, immigrants from Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine and Slovakia arrived. With each new wave of immigrants, parochial schools and places of worship arose unique to their own ethnic group. By the 1920s, Shenandoah had developed a garment industry with 15 large factories at the peak of clothing production.

Today, Shenandoah is experiencing a revitalization. People are moving into the region, some in retirement and many to raise their families. Houses are being restored, businesses are being opened. Shenandoah is now home to popular brands such as Mrs. T's Pierogies, Lee's Oriental Foods, Kowalonek's Kielbasy Shop, Lucky's, and Capitol's Kielbasy.

It is an honor to recognize Shenandoah on its sesquicentennial. I am proud to represent a community so rich in history. May the people of Shenandoah be proud of their past and look forward to a bright future as they celebrate the city's 150th anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Police Department of the City of Socorro for their selfless and dedicated service to the City of Socorro. The extraordinary efforts of the 28 uniformed officers and their civilian counterparts have helped ensure that Socorro remains a safe city for residents and businesses and for the third time in three years, led to Socorro being named one of the 50 safest cities in the State of Texas. I am proud to represent a community as closely-knit and dedicated to service and safety as Socorro, TX.

I would also like to acknowledge the extraordinary leadership of Police Chief Carlos

R. Maldonado, who has used his leadership skills and intimate knowledge of community-focused law enforcement to keep Socorro safe. Chief Maldonado's work in bringing a new training facility to Socorro, his role in ensuring upper-level training for his officers, and his influence in bringing a canine unit to Socorro have benefited the City tremendously. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to the entire Socorro Police Department for their excellent work.

IN RECOGNITION OF CWO4 CHAD
ADAMS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Warrant Officer Chad Adams upon his retirement from 28 years of honorable service to the United States Army, the Kentucky National Guard, the United States Coast Guard, and this great nation.

Adams currently serves as the Coast Guard Food Service Program Manager within the Office of Work-Life, Health, Safety, and Work-Life Directorate at Coast Guard Headquarters (Commandant CG-1111). In this capacity, he is responsible for providing strategic policy and support to the entire \$175M Food Service enterprise, consisting of 1,200 Food Service Specialist (FS) members and over 370 Coast Guard Dining Facilities worldwide. The Food Service Program office is the central authority responsible for the overall technical and administrative management policy, planning, and subsistence requirements to ensure service-wide mission success.

Upon graduation from Shelby County High School in May 1988, Chief Warrant Officer Adams served with the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne Division during Operations Just Cause (Panama) and Desert Shield/Storm as a paratrooper in the Infantry. After being released from the Army, and later the Kentucky National Guard, he enlisted into the Coast Guard in March 1994 and graduated boot camp as the basic training honor graduate for Company E-144. His first assignment was CGC WHITE PINE out of Mobile, AL where he decided to become a Subsistence Specialist (SS) after only six months aboard mess cooking. He graduated SS "A" school as an SS3 in 1995 and was assigned to the CGC MADRONA in Charleston, SC. As the duty cook, he advanced to SS2 and fleeted-up into the Jack of the Dust position, responsible for developing menus and ordering supplies to feed a crew of 50 personnel. He also took over as the Food Service Officer (FSO) when the FS1 was unable to get underway. On his last day aboard the cutter, he advanced to FS1 and reported to isolated duty at LORAN Station St. Paul Island, AK where he served as FSO and was awarded runner-up for galley of the year small ashore for the entire Coast Guard. After one year in isolation, he was selected to become a Company Commander (Drill Instructor) at Cape May, NJ. He trained over 1,500 recruits and advanced to Chief Petty Officer (E-7) during this tour. He also piloted one of the first training sessions with Coast Guard Academy cadets for swab summer in 2001, where he and another Company

Commander indoctrinated 100 academy cadets from the Class of 2003. Chief Adams transferred to TRACEN Petaluma, CA in 2002 and took over as Chief of the Watch for FS "A" School, running one of the largest galleys in the Coast Guard. He led a team of three other FSs to re-open the upper galley which had been dormant for over a decade. He was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer in 2005 and transferred to ISC NOLA six weeks before Hurricane Katrina made land fall and flooded his home. In 2006, he graduated from Chief Warrant Officer professional development at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, where he was selected by his peers as the Distinguished Officer of his class. His duties included assisting the Comptroller and Logistics Branch Chief in providing support to all lower 8th Coast Guard District units. He was the D8 IMT Logistics Chief during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike and the 2008 New Orleans oil spill. He was selected to become the FS Assignment Officer in 2010, executing assignments (orders) for hundreds of FSs including the White House, DHS Secretary's Mess, Commandant and Flag Officer Special Command Aides, Instructor, and FSO positions and operational units. In 2012, he was invited to the White House to help cook for the United Kingdom State Dinner and Greek Independence Day Dinner and has assisted the White House chefs for many events since. In July 2014, he was assigned to his current position at CG-1111. In September 2016, he will assume the duties as the new Subsistence Program Manager as a civil service employee.

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HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 480, which took place Tuesday, September 6, 2016, I am not recorded because of a scheduling conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE. I stand with my colleagues in the House in support of H.R. 3881, the Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II
AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS
OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on August 10, 2016 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on August 10th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times