

McCarrey Bohman for her 50th year in music instruction in the state of Alaska.

I would like to recognize Cam for her dedication and contributions to music education throughout her career in Tok and Anchorage. Thousands of Alaskan youths state-wide have benefitted from Cam's work. She has served in both middle school and high school as a choir teacher, community choral director, vocal coach, music adjudicator, and music director. Cam continues to serve as the Music Coordinator for the Alaska School Activities Association.

This year, Cam received the 2016 "Alaska's Mother of Achievement" award from the national organization, American Mothers. This award recognizes "those outstanding women whose positive influence, talents, and community service have made a significant impact in the lives of children and families." Cam's alumni music students nominated her for the award. I would also like to note that in 2014, Cam received the State of Alaska Governor's award for arts advocacy. These are only two examples of Cam's many honors.

Cam inspired countless students to join choir, and each school year her classes reached the all-time high of about 300 total students. Recently, students at South High School in Anchorage made a documentary titled "Unwritten Song" to highlight the importance of elective teachers and featured Cam's influence on generations of Alaskans.

I commend Cam for her 50 years of service and know she will continue to make Alaska a better place through her excellence.

SHEA BLACKMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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

Shea Blackman is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Shea Blackman 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 Shea Blackman for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on April 28 and 29, I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted

"YEA" on Numbers 173, 174, 175, 176, and 177 and "NAY" on Numbers 178 and 179.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHUCKWAGON RESTAURANT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Chuckwagon Restaurant of Adair, Iowa for winning the 2016 Iowa's Best Burger Award from the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) and the Iowa Beef Industry Council (IBIC).

ICA and IBIC have teamed up for the past seven years to award an Iowa restaurant for showcasing their great beef products. The product of choice for the nominations and selection is an Iowa favorite: the hamburger. This year's winning entrant was a local hometown café, like so many of those in Iowa. The Chuckwagon Restaurant in Adair, Iowa has all the markings of a great burger place—with extra helpings of community pride and tailor-made with private recipe seasonings a hearty slab of beef placed firmly between two homemade buns.

The Chuckwagon's owner, Kim Reha, opened the doors to the restaurant in 2008. Ms. Reha has continually made changes and improvements not only to the facility, but to the burgers as well. Every burger is made-to-order with a toasted bun and homemade house seasonings. Katie Olthoff, Director of Communications for ICA said "They do an outstanding job of showcasing the great beef project with each of their great-tasting burgers on behalf of Iowa's beef farmers."

I commend Kim Reha and the staff at The Chuckwagon Restaurant for creating an outstanding menu featuring Iowa beef. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating The Chuckwagon Restaurant for winning Iowa's Best Burger Award. I wish Kim and all of the staff continued success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGE PAGANO II

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate George Pagano II on completing the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge.

Media, Pennsylvania native George Pagano II and his partner Caitlin Miller recently completed rowing the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge, a 2,554 nautical mile race from the Canary Islands to Antigua. They are the youngest Americans and the youngest pair to ever compete.

George and Caitlin faced numerous challenges as they competed in this race—isolation, sleep deprivation, and even a tropical storm. Despite these challenges, the team completed the race in 58 days, 5 hours and 6 minutes.

I congratulate George and his partner Caitlin for their success. Their charity, the ALS Asso-

ciation of Greater Philadelphia, will benefit in its mission to find treatments and a cure for this terrible condition.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR. RONALD L. BOBO, SR. FOR HIS 30TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable Servant of God and long-time inspiring leader in St. Louis, Missouri, Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Bobo, Sr.

He is being honored for his thirty years of service to his congregation on June 12, 2016, at the 30th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration of West Side Missionary Baptist Church, "One Unified Church in Two Locations". He has set, and continues to set, a standard of excellence in spiritual leadership, social justice, and religious leadership that has been equaled by few other people.

Rev. Bobo has provided for three decades, and continues to provide, exceptional outreach services, not only to his congregation and to the citizens of St. Louis, but also to people around the world. He serves with great distinction in many capacities including as Foreign Mission Secretary for the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri and as Executive Director/Founder of Sharing Hope International Ministries.

Rev. Bobo's ministry is par excellence. God's Light continues to shine brightly on this St. Louisan who has emerged to become one of the most effective religious leaders in the nation. He has worked tirelessly to help the disadvantaged and disenfranchised as well as uplift and inspire the souls and hearts of people in twenty-nine countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, Australia, as well as both North and South America.

Rev. Dr. Bobo, Sr. is a person of great integrity, a gentleman and a scholar, and a man with a warm smile and a caring heart whose highest mission is to help others. He is a minister extraordinaire, beloved husband, father, and dedicated public servant.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members of Congress to join me in honoring Reverend Dr. Ronald Bobo, Sr. on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at West Side Missionary Baptist Church for his 30th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. I applaud this eloquent, compassionate, and dynamic Pastor for his role in being an agent for transformative change, and for his strong commitment to confront hopelessness, injustice, and inequality wherever he finds it to exist.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION CONCERT CHOIR

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding collection of talented young women and men that make up the University of Mount Union Concert Choir.

Hailing from Alliance, Ohio the University of Mount Union Concert Choir is one of the oldest collegiate choirs in the United States. It is world renowned, touring the U.S. and abroad. Last year, they traveled to Austria and had an opportunity to perform inside many historically significant churches, cathedrals, and abbeys. These remarkable young musicians are from a variety of academic disciplines such as biology, criminal justice, neuroscience, mathematics, political science, and more.

The Choir is led by Dr. Grant William Cook, III, who is a Kent State University alumni and accomplished musicologist. The Concert Choir recently visited Washington D.C. and performed at the National Cathedral on May 8th—Mother's Day. I am proud to recognize such gifted young Ohioans and welcome you to join me in celebrating their achievements.

A TRIBUTE HONORING WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE—SELMA

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a hidden jewel in Alabama's 7th Congressional District—Wallace Community College of Selma, Alabama.

Wallace Community College—Selma is a stellar two-year institution that provides incredible educational opportunities to students of Dallas County and across the Black Belt of Alabama.

Now more than ever, America needs greater innovation in our educational system to meet the increasingly demanding needs of tomorrow. Outstanding higher education institutions in the State of Alabama are producing some of our state's and nation's best and brightest who will lead us into the next era of American cutting-edge technology, research, business leadership, entrepreneurship, science and innovation.

Wallace Community College—Selma (WCCS) is leading that charge in my district through its dual-enrollment program which allows high school students to complete college courses and graduate with a high school diploma as well as an associate degree from this junior college. In 2008, Wallace Community College—Selma graduated 31 students from the Selma Early College High School (ECHS), which was the first of its kind on a college campus in the state of Alabama.

The 2016 graduation class will include 22 dual enrollment students including 20 students that participated in a special partnership with Tuskegee University. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) program with Tuskegee allowed WCCS to increase the participation of underrepresented minority students from Alabama's Black Belt counties in the important fields of science and research. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute dual enrollment program offers high school students an opportunity to take classes at WCCS and Tuskegee and graduate with their high school diploma as well as an associate degree in science.

Mr. Speaker, the dual-enrollment program at Wallace Community College-Selma is accomplishing what it set out to do—giving Dallas County high school students a head start on

college. The benefits of this important opportunity are immeasurable. Cutting the cost and time spent in College while providing high school students significant exposure to the types of classes and fields of interest that will give them an important advantage and jump start on their peers.

Collaborations like these are so critically important to our youth gaining invaluable educational experience while obtaining college credit through dual-enrollment. America must encourage more of these types of efforts as we seek to lead the world in educating our people and attracting a new generation of high-tech and high-paying jobs and careers—understanding that science and technology are critical to our nation's economic growth and sustainability.

As the Member of Congress for the 7th Congressional District, I take great pride in working to offer solutions that will help lay the foundation for creating better-paying jobs, and for our education system to thrive into the future. In order to achieve this, we need innovative approaches to education and create a pipeline with our K–12 school systems, community colleges and universities to provide the resources our students need to become the best trained workforce. Our children deserve our greatest effort and America deserves our best workforce.

I am so proud to acknowledge today the tremendous efforts and outstanding programs offered at Wallace Community College—Selma which exemplify the invaluable role our two-year institutions serve in our communities. This college's leadership and innovation in creating a 21st century learning environment is to be greatly commended. What a jewel to have serving our students in the Black Belt of Alabama. I am proud to represent a district that cares so greatly for the future of the community and the future of this great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Dr. James Mitchell for his tremendous leadership as President of WCCS. The faculty, administrators and students of the WCCS are truly outstanding.

This Friday, May 13, 2016 is graduation day at Wallace Community College—Selma. I want to congratulate the entire class of 2016 and especially acknowledge the academic achievement of the 22 dual enrollment students who will receive a special congressional commendation. HHMI Students: Lekeybriana Allen, Connor Blackmon, Ronnie Caver, Brian Crum, Shaqueria Dial, Lauren Ellis, Khamari Gibbs, Kiara Horton, Kalissa Johnson, Kaylin Jordan, Thomas Kendrick, Walter Kendrick, Will Kendrick, Brandon Oliver, LaDaria Shorts, Epiphany Simmons, Khadijah Simmons, Alexis Walker, Marketa Williams, Alanna Young. Dual Enrollment Students: Tyniquea Edwards, and Tori Hatfield.

I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous achievements of the Wallace Students who were Alabama Skills USA Winners: Joniece Collins—First Place in Masonry and was the first woman in the state of Alabama to win this honor. Other winners included Roderick Perkins—Second Place Masonry, Terrence Campbell—Third Place Masonry and Francis Phillips—Second Place Cosmetology in the Men's Hair Design Competition. I want to recognize the outstanding athletic achievements of Ki'Onna Likely who was the 2015–16 Alabama Community College Conference Player of the Year as well as NJCAA Second Team All-American.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all the accomplishments of the outstanding students and graduates of Wallace Community College—Selma and to praise the leadership of Dr. James Mitchell and the hardworking staff and faculty of WCCS.

Congratulation to the Graduating Class of 2016—I wish you the very best in all your future endeavors. We are counting on you to make difference.

JULIANA MEJIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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

Juliana Mejia is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Juliana Mejia 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 Juliana Mejia for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING OSCAR GARCIA

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Oscar M. Garcia of Willacy County, Texas. On April 20, 2016, his family gathered at the Garcia Ranch to celebrate his life and legacy, and I want to share the story of this important South Texan with my colleagues.

Oscar Garcia was born on November 4, 1930, west of Sebastian, Texas, on the Las Anacuas Ranch. At a young age, he began working in the fields of South Texas.

His wife, Hortencia Caballero, was born in 1945 near Lyford, Texas, and the couple married on June 15, 1952, in Lyford. Together they raised six children: Alma, Oscar Jr., Rolando, Armando, Reynaldo, and Elizabeth, and they had 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Garcia began operating a trucking company in 1948. The business prospered under his management, and, with the profits of the company, he was able to purchase farm land in Willacy and Cameron Counties. Over the years, he amassed thousands of acres of prime land—much of it being the same land that he and his father worked on as sharecroppers or field hands. He grew his business over time, employing many and contributing greatly to the local economy. Mr. Garcia operated his trucking company for more than 50 years and farmed for 40 years.