

Currently, Julia is Secretary of the Colorado Companies to Watch Board of Directors and an advisor with the Entrepreneurs Consortium of Colorado as well as Blackstone Entrepreneurs Network, Colorado.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Julia Hill-Nichols for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 638, and YEA on Roll Call No. 639.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT TRACY DARYL CORNETT

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Tracy Daryl Cornett of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Lt. Cornett for 20 years of exemplary service to our communities as a member of the police force and congratulate him on his recent retirement.

Daryl Cornett began his decorated career in the public safety field as an employee of the Emergency Management Services in 1988. He went on to work for the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office in 1990 and served on active duty with the United States Air Force in 1991 before joining the Lenoir Police Department in 1998. Throughout his tenure with the Lenoir Police Department, Lt. Cornett served in various capacities including as a Crime Prevention and Public Information Officer, Special Response Team Negotiator, Detective Sergeant, and Patrol Lieutenant as well as in the Honor Guard. Simultaneously, Lt. Cornett re-enlisted in 2003 and continued to serve honorably as a member of the Air Force Reserve. His military service included operations Desert Storm and Northern Watch. In 2011, he was called to assist with Operation Enduring Freedom. All told, Lt. Cornett has devoted his entire professional career to serving his country and his community with integrity and bravery.

Over the course of his career, Lt. Cornett has been honored with numerous meritorious service awards including the Air Force Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. Additionally, he was awarded the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He also received special recognition as First Sergeant of the Year, 440th Air Wing in 2012.

Daryl Cornett has earned the respect and friendship of the people of the City of Lenoir through his hard work and selflessness. For

his service to Western North Carolina, I am honored to express to Lt. Cornett the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina on his retirement.

MAYOR JOYCE JAY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Joyce Jay for being honored by the West Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Joyce Jay has called Wheat Ridge home for the past 32 years. It's where she raised her daughter, Ginger, who graduated from Wheat Ridge High School.

Politics was never Mayor Jay's intended career. With a communications degree from Loretto Heights College, she enjoyed a long profession as a commercial photographer working for clients such as Allstate, Belco, Excel, Primedia, ReMax, Pinkard and the State of Colorado.

Mayor Jay retired after she sold her photography business but then became a Jefferson County Diversion Officer. She then joined and chaired the Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission. From there, she was elected to City Council from 2009–2013 and elected as Mayor of Wheat Ridge in November 2013.

Currently Mayor Jay serves on the DRCOG Board, Urban Drainage and Flood Control Board, Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation and the Metro Mayor's Caucus. Past and present participation in community boards includes the Wheat Ridge Business Association, Wheat Ridge Business District and the Wheat Ridge Education Alliance.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mayor Joyce Jay for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 638, and YEA on Roll Call No. 639.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL WILLIAM DAVID BARTON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Colonel (COL) William David Barton's thirty-one years of service in the Mississippi Army National Guard (MSARNG). COL Barton began his military career on August 13, 1986, when he enlisted as a Cannon Crewman in Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery in his hometown of Kosciusko, Mississippi. He later received his commission through the ROTC program at

the University of Mississippi, where he graduated with a degree in marketing in 1990.

COL Barton has served the MSARNG in staff positions at the battalion, brigade and state staff levels, and held command positions at the platoon, company and battalion levels. In 2005, he was deployed to Iraq with the 155th Brigade Combat Team (BCT) where he first served as Brigade Personnel Officer for the 155th BCT, and then served as the Battalion Operations Officer for 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery. He has held the position of Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel since February 1, 2015.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with one Silver and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), the National Defense Service Medal (with one Star), the Iraq Campaign Medal (with two Campaign Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass, M Device, and Numeral 2), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the National Guard Basic Recruiter Badge, the Mississippi Magnolia Cross (with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Mississippi Magnolia Medal (with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Mississippi Commendation Medal, the Mississippi War Medal (with one Star), the Mississippi Emergency Service Medal, the Mississippi Service School Ribbon (with one Silver and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Mississippi Longevity Medal (with one Silver and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Mississippi Recruiting Medal.

When asked about his years in the MSARNG, COL Barton said, "I have been blessed to serve with some of the finest people in the world over the last 31 years. It has been an amazing experience and I am glad to have been able to serve my country and my state in both peacetime and during war. The service members I have served with truly embody the National Guard motto of 'Always Ready, Always There' and I could not be more proud of my service alongside them."

Throughout his career and in preparation for his upcoming retirement, Colonel Barton has been supported by his loving family, including his parents, Gerald and Peggy Barton; his four sisters; his wife, Jennifer Barton; and his four daughters, Brittany Burnham, Ashley Smith, Kelly Barton and Hannah Kelly.

I am thankful for Colonel Barton's many years of military service, and I am proud to call him my friend. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

NORTHGLENN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud students from Northglenn High School for their creative and unique mobile applications (apps) entered in the 2017 Congressional App Challenge.

Two student teams from Northglenn High School participated in the challenge. The winning app allows blind students to have a better experience using computers through an audial. The other team developed an app that allows for emergency response teams to locate people in an emergency situation. Each team spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding, further advancing their STEM education. Each team built their app in less than three months which shows their perseverance and dedication to this project.

I am proud of these students at Northglenn High School for their dedication in this endeavor, and I wish them the best in all of their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ARKANSAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWELLEN

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my distinguished colleague from Arkansas, Mr. FRENCH HILL, to honor the memory of a great public servant, beloved husband, father, and grandfather;

A distinguished educator, who inspired thousands of students;

A dedicated public servant who served in the Arkansas Department of Human Services for three decades;

A member of the Little Rock, Arkansas City Board and the Pulaski County Quorum Court;

And a former Arkansas State Representative who founded the Democratic Black Caucus in the Arkansas legislature;

My late father-in-law, the Honorable John M. Lewellen, who died last week at the age of 87.

State Representative Lewellen was married to the love of his life, Wilhelmina Epps Lewellen for 61-years. A loving father and grandfather, Mr. Lewellen is also survived by two wonderful daughters, Cornelia Lewellen Biddle of Little Rock, Arkansas; and Ivie Lewellen Clay of St. Louis, Missouri; four grandchildren; and three cherished sisters.

Mr. Speaker, John Lewellen was a champion for minority-owned and women-owned businesses across the State of Arkansas. He was also a passionate defender of the Right to Vote.

He saw the value of saving our history, particularly the historic Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. His entire life was spent serving others, and his legacy will endure. Our family has suffered a great loss, but we are strengthened by our faith which entrusts his spirit to a loving God who promises that we shall see him again.

We give thanks for his remarkable life, and I ask for prayers for his widow, our family, and all his many friends who are mourning the loss of this good and decent man. May God grant him perfect peace, and may he send us courage and healing as we remember John Lewellen's exceptional life.

DR. CHERRI PARKS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Cherri Parks for being honored by the West Chamber of Commerce.

Over the last 25 years, Dr. Cherri Parks has maintained a successful career at Colorado Christian University. She has served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs for the College of Undergraduate Studies for the past 12 years. Prior to that, she was a Professor of psychology for 13 years.

Dr. Parks said that her students have brought her much joy over the years. She has enjoyed cooking for them, getting to know them and sharing in their lives.

In her early career, Dr. Parks spent time working with women on many issues such as finding one's identity, specifically college-aged women. She has a strong desire to help people work through challenges in their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dr. Cherri Parks for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the East Central High School football team on winning the 2017 IHSA Class 4A State Championship.

The Trojans faced off against the undefeated Lowell Red Devils at Lucas Oil Stadium, on Saturday, November 25, 2017. East Central came from behind to win 14-7, securing their second state title in school history.

I am proud of these young men for this remarkable achievement and for the sportsmanship they displayed throughout this exciting season. I want to commend Coach Justin Roden as well as all of the assistant coaches who led these young men to victory.

Congrats, Trojans.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THOMAS MCINERNEY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Thomas (Tom) McInerney for his 8 years of dedicated service as a member and Mayor of the San Anselmo Town Council.

Graduating from UC Berkeley in 1986, Tom went to work for Michael Dukakis's presidential campaign as a field director a year later. By 1989, Mr. McInerney went back to school to get his law degree from the University of Santa Clara, but this did not dull his passion for political action. In fact, the same year he graduated from law school, Mr.

McInerney became a campaign organizer for the Clinton-Gore Campaign.

Following his early political work and education, Mr. McInerney became a partner at the law firm of Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner in 1992. By 1998, he moved to San Anselmo with his family and in 2008, Mr. McInerney transitioned professionally to a shareholder at the San Francisco office of the Ogletree Deakens law firm, all while maintaining his involvement in politics and government.

Mr. McInerney was elected to the San Anselmo Town Council in 2009. Over the course of his eight-year tenure, he would serve as the city's mayor for two years and on a wide array of community boards and organizations, including the Marin County Flood Control District 9. Advisory Board, the San Anselmo School Advisory Board, the Central Marin Police Council, and many others. Known for his active leadership, the strength of his convictions, his commitment to public service, as well as his good sense of humor, Tom's enduring contributions to the town and Marin County will be felt for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, Tom McInerney's service has left many lasting and positive impacts on his community, and I am certain he will continue his community service in a variety of ways in the days ahead. It is therefore fitting and appropriate that we honor him on the occasion of his final town council meeting, and extend to him our appreciation for his past—and future—civic engagement.

JENNIFER RYAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jennifer Ryan for being honored by the West Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer Ryan has worked in healthcare and insurance for 30 years where she has been able to collaborate with wonderful people and organizations with diverse business practices and philosophies. After growing up in Colorado, she left and later returned in late 2016 to the Denver Metro area. She is currently the Sales & Marketing Director of Foothills Integrated Health.

Jennifer has been a featured speaker, educator and trainer in occupational medicine and compliance. She has been featured on The Story Project, StoryCorps with NPR, and was awarded 2017 Colorado Mother of The Year for American Mothers, Inc. She also has a passion for adoption, and served as a board member and treasurer for Families of Russian and Ukrainian Adoption in Southern Colorado for five years.

In 2013, Jennifer started a nonprofit art organization, The Mural Project, that works with at-risk kids and underprivileged community members to create one-of-a-kind murals. To date, they have completed 20 projects in El Paso County, Pueblo County and Denver County, and are looking forward to projects in Jefferson County.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jennifer Ryan for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.