

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 aural. 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 IHSAA 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 under-privileged 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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL
HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT OF
2017

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2228, the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017, which would create reports on mental health practices and services that could be adopted by law enforcement agencies. This is an important piece of legislation, and I am pleased to support it.

I understand all too well people who experience mental health problems, as I have spent time meeting with individuals during my time as a Congressman. Studies by the National Institutes of Health have shown that individuals in my home state of Georgia experience post-traumatic stress disorder and general anxiety disorder at a rate double the national average. Furthermore, law enforcement officers are placed at the forefront as they have to deal with stressful and dangerous situations every day. Currently, federal grants are awarded to states to fund studies into the social impacts of crime. However, there are no conditions in place to have these grants investigate the mental health and well-being of law enforcement, who are neglected as a part of the mental-health problem in the country. For example, data showed that officers reported more suicidal thoughts than the general population by over 10 percent. To remedy this, H.R. 2228 will expand the scope of these grants to investigate mental health practices and services that could be adopted by law enforcement agencies. The Department of Justice (DOJ) would also separately report on programs that have positive impacts on the psychological health and well-being of law enforcement officers. With these reports, the DOJ would ensure that law enforcement agencies have the appropriate resources to deal with mental health issues common to law enforcement officers.

Studies have shown that between 7 to 19 percent of police officers have symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and they are more likely to die from suicide rather than homicide. I urge my colleagues to stand with me and support law enforcement to obtain the mental-health resources they deserve.

RECOGNIZING MRS. ADDIE RUTH
FOX PARKER ON HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birthday of Mrs. Addie Ruth Fox Parker, who will be turning 100 years old on December 14, 2017.

Mrs. Parker was born on December 14, 1917 in Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama and reared in their home located on the fringe of the town square. Her father was

Cassie Fox, a businessman and landowner and her mother was Jennie Taylor Fox, a school teacher. She is a graduate of Cobb High School in Anniston, Alabama and Alabama A&M College (now Alabama A&M University) in Huntsville, Alabama, where she played tennis and sang in the choir. Divorced with a daughter, she then married Rev. (Pastor) Joseph C. Parker, Sr. on July 28, 1951, in Anniston, Alabama and remained married until his death in 1987. Her husband was a pastor, civil rights leader, teacher, principal, faculty member at the Birmingham (Alabama) Baptist College, and Church Relations Director at Bishop College in Dallas Texas. He also served as pastor of churches in Jacksonville, Anniston, Montgomery, and Birmingham, Alabama, as well as Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, where she served with him as the pastor's wife and occasional pianist, starting in 1951.

Resident of DeSoto, Mrs. Parker has been a Texas resident since 1972 and is a member of the Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. She retired from a decades-long elementary school teaching career, having taught in Alabama and Texas.

While living in Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama in the late 1950s and 1960s, she served in the Alabama Civil Rights Movement as a dedicated and hard-working confidante, partner, participant, and supporter of her husband—Rev. Joseph C. Parker, Sr.—who was a founding pastor, servant, racial justice advocate, and leader of the Alabama Civil Rights Movement, starting in 1955 with his involvement in the Montgomery Bus Boycott; Montgomery Improvement Association; Montgomery Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance (Secretary); NAACP; Selma to Montgomery Marches; the Birmingham civil rights protests; and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and alongside her husband's Morehouse college friend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King, and Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Sr. and his wife, Juanita Jones Abernathy.

Mrs. Parker's children, grandchildren, other family members, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances use these words to describe her qualities and attributes that they believe have contributed to her wonderfully successful life and career—character: strong Christian faith, integrity, commitment, and action; personality: warm, compassionate, giving, loving, determined spirit, lively, and humorous; and intelligence: has had and still possesses a keen mind.

Mr. Speaker, I ask Congressman JOHN LEWIS and Congresswoman TERRI SEWELL and all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Addie Ruth Fox Parker on this remarkable milestone. I wish her a special day shared in the company of her family and friends and all the best in the years ahead.

TRACY KRAFT-THARP

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Representative Tracy Kraft-Tharp for being honored by the West Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Tracy Kraft-Tharp has deep roots working in Jefferson County, and has an extensive background working in the areas of mental health, child welfare, and juvenile justice.

Rep. Kraft-Tharp ran the Gemini House and Women in Crisis programs with Family Tree in Jefferson County, and has run a small consulting business helping Jefferson County's small businesses and nonprofits build their capacity. In 2012, she was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives where she currently serves as the Chair of the Business Affairs and Labor Committee, the Legislative Audit committee and the Streamlining Sales tax committee. She also serves on the Appropriations committee. Her focus in the legislature has been on economic development, workforce pathways and increasing access to mental health services.

Rep. Kraft-Tharp's work in the community has included her involvement with the Jefferson County League of Women Voters, Jeffco PTA, the Northwest Business and Professional Women. She has also served as a member of the Jeffco Public Schools Strategic Advisory Committee, the City of Arvada Human Services Council and the Arvada Citizens Capital Improvement Committee. She has also been recognized for her legislative work by the Women's Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Nonprofit Association and as a Denver Business Journal Powerbook Finalist.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Representative Tracy Kraft-Tharp for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on Roll Call No. 638 and No. 639.

Had I been present to vote on Roll Call No. 638, I would have voted 'YEA'.

Had I been present to vote on Roll Call No. 639, I would have voted 'YEA'.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE
PREGERSON

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Judge Harry Pregerson—a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather—who passed away on November 25, 2017 at the age of 94. He was a United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Harry Pregerson was born on October 13, 1923 in Los Angeles, CA and attended the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law. In 1992, the UCLA Alumni Association awarded Harry the "Community Service Award" for his efforts helping homeless families to house in Salvation Army shelters. Harry was also a United States Marine