

IN RECOGNITION OF CINDY ESTRADA FOR RECEIVING THE ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS' ROLE MODEL AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cindy Estrada, Vice President of the United Auto Workers and recipient of the Alternatives for Girls' 2017 Role Model award. Ms. Estrada has fought tirelessly for working Americans for her entire career and spearheaded many community programs to benefit working men and women.

Ms. Estrada began her career as labor organizer after graduating from the University of Michigan. After successful assignments as an organizer for Detroit-based Mexican Industries and the United Farm Workers, Ms. Estrada was appointed to the UAW International Union's organizing staff in 2000. After overseeing development and implementation of UAW organizing strategy for several years, Ms. Estrada was elected as UAW vice president in 2010 and reelected to a second term in 2014. She currently leads the General Motors Department of UAW, negotiating on behalf of approximately 48,500 union workers. Ms. Estrada has brought a lifetime of experience championing working families to this role, as well as a deep understanding of the challenges workers face in competing in a global marketplace.

Ms. Estrada's efforts have led to better pay and working conditions for tens of thousands of American workers. In addition to leading the contract negotiations with major automotive suppliers like Johnson Controls and Dana Incorporated, Ms. Estrada has also worked on behalf of the 17,000 UAW-represented workers employed by the State of Michigan. These campaigns have resulted in real gains for workers, including providing for increased pay and robust health benefits. Ms. Estrada is known for her tough negotiating ability, and her tenacity has served as a model for labor relations in the automotive industry. She is dedicated to ensuring workers' voices are represented at the negotiating table and forging consensus that protect their interests. It is my hope that Ms. Estrada is able to continue to lead the UAW in working constructively to ensure that American workers and manufacturing prosper in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Cindy Estrada for receiving the Alternatives for Girls' 2017 Role Model Award. Ms. Estrada has dedicated her career to championing social justice for all people and is deserving of this prestigious award.

FEDERAL EXPRESS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Federal Express for winning the 2016 Business Recognition Award from the Jeffco EDC.

Founded in 1965, Federal Express—or FedEx—is a leader in e-commerce and busi-

ness solutions. The company has air, ground and sea networks covering more than 220 countries and territories, linking more than 99 percent of the world's GDP.

Recently, FedEx became the first company to locate to the Verve Innovation Park at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (RMMA). The 216,000 square foot build-to-suit distribution center occupies 26 acres and will bring more than \$16 million in new capital investment and 144 jobs to unincorporated Jefferson County.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Federal Express for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND INAUGURATION

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of ambitious students from Central High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since Central High School was chartered in 1836 and opened in 1838, it has established a reputation and a rich history that sets it apart from other high schools in Pennsylvania and throughout the United States.

Central High School offers many prestigious academic opportunities for their students, including the International Baccalaureate Program, Advanced Placement courses, and dual enrollment programs. They value curiosity, high academic achievement, inclusive extracurricular activities and service, which are essential to cultivating a student's overall positive experience. The school's dedication to building a cohesive path for their students is, in part, why I was grateful for the privilege to provide several Central High School students with the unique opportunity to attend the presidential inauguration on January 20, 2017.

The inauguration welcomed Avery Adeshigbin, Romie Azor, David Bango, Chris Bruch, Monet Bunch, Jasmine Duong, Sh-Mya Durham, Darnell Faison, Michael Granovskiy, Lindsay Holmes, Kayla Jaquay-Davis, Morgan Mifflin, Tamika Miles, Han Nguyen, Sorya Noun, Aliyah Quattara, Sundus Pervez, Aniyah Pinkney, Kristian Rhim, Bruno Sauli, Kejsi Shahaj, Sahmir Thompson, Krystal Torres, Tiffany Tran, David Weihe, Marguerite Faison, William Graham, Michael Horwitz, Ashley Zeserman, and Patrick Elgert.

The hard work these students put towards their academics and their unwavering commitment to civic engagement is inspiring. I hope their curiosity and tenacity persists in future endeavors and they continue to make an important difference throughout my home state of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1249, THE DHS MULTIYEAR ACQUISITION STRATEGY ACT OF 2017

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate from the Congress-

sional Budget Office regarding H.R. 1249. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the filing of the Committee report.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 22, 2017.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1249, the DHS Multiyear Acquisition Strategy Act of 2017.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

MARK P. HADLEY,
(For Keith Hall, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 1249—DHS Multiyear Acquisition Strategy Act of 2017

H.R. 1249 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), within one year of enactment, to submit to the Congress a report on the department's comprehensive strategy for acquisitions. The act would direct the Government Accountability Office to review that report within 180 days of its submission. Based on information from DHS and the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that the reports required by H.R. 1249 would cost about \$1 million in fiscal year 2018 and less than \$500,000 in 2019; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1249 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1249 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

METRO WEST HOUSING SOLUTIONS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Metro West Housing Solutions for winning the 2016 Chairman's Choice Award from the Jeffco EDC.

Metro West Housing Solutions (MWHs) was established in 1974 as the Lakewood Housing Authority (LHA) to address the community's shortage of sufficient, decent, safe, affordable and sanitary homes for its residents. During the 1970s and 1980s, the LHA developed affordable housing programs for Lakewood residents including: implementation and management of the Section 8 program, purchase of dilapidated property and rehabilitation for sale to first time home buyers, and acquisition of affordable rental options.

In the late 1990s and 2000s, the organization continued to grow into a multi-faceted developer, property manager, and service producer. LHA began managing its own properties, acquiring and rehabbing apartment complexes, and developing its own newly constructed apartment communities.

In 2008, LHA rebranded as Metro West Housing Solutions to reflect its evolving mission. Today, MWHS remains a fiscally responsible, well respected non-profit and is known locally and nationally for its housing and service delivery. Current projects include the City-Scape at Belmar, Lamar Station Crossing and 5800 W. Alameda.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Metro West Housing Solutions for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN GILCREST O'ROURKE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of the Honorable John Gilcrest O'Rourke, a former judge and active member of the community in Hanford, California, who sadly passed away on March 9, 2017 at the age of 82.

Mr. O'Rourke was born January 11, 1935 in Hanford, California. After graduating from Lemoore High School, he went on to attend the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. While a student at Notre Dame, Mr. O'Rourke met his wife, Joan, and the couple married January 3, 1959. The couple had five children, Peggy, John, Katie, Ellen, and Thomas.

In 1956, after graduating from the University of Notre Dame, Mr. O'Rourke was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. While in the U.S. Navy, he served as a Fuel Quality Control Officer in Guam, sailed on a destroyer in the Pacific during Eniwetok atomic testing, and conducted patrol operations in the Strait of Formosa in Taiwan. After twenty-seven dedicated years of service, Mr. O'Rourke retired from the U.S. Navy as Captain, U.S. Navy Reserves.

John's successful legal career began at the University of California Hastings College of Law, San Francisco in 1960. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1965 and began his law practice as an attorney with Clawson and Jennings in Hanford and Lemoore. He was appointed and elected District Attorney, County of Kings in 1966, and served until 1979. Mr. O'Rourke left his judgeship to serve in private practice until 1985, when he was later sworn in as a Judge of the Municipal Court for the County of Kings. He was later sworn in as a judge in the Superior Court in 2001 for the county and state. While serving as a Judge, Mr. O'Rourke was known for his strong belief in the law, the Constitution and personal responsibility. In 2003, he retired the only way he knew how, and immediately began participating in the California Retired Judge Program, having last sat on the bench in December of 2016.

John was truly a staple of the community and was known for his visibility and activity in Hanford. He felt his status as a judge gave him a greater obligation to give back to his community, and he was often seen scrubbing pots, making pancakes, and cleaning up at events and fundraisers. John held leadership positions across the community, where he was a Minister and lector for St. Brigid's Parish, a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a

Rotarian, school parent volunteer for McCarthy School, Hanford High volunteer, and a member of the YMCA Board, among many others. Despite his many great achievements and long list of volunteer work, above all Mr. O'Rourke was known for being humble.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and achievements of Mr. John Gilcrest O'Rourke. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER MARINE CORPS FIRST LIEUTENANT (1LT) THERREL SHANE CHILDERS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Marine Corps First Lieutenant (1LT) Therrel Shane Childers who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on March 21, 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom III. 1LT Childers was killed during an assault on a pumping station in Iraq. He was the first American casualty in Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

1LT Childers grew up in a military family in Harrison County, Mississippi. After high school, 1LT Childers enrolled in the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. Seven months after his death, a memorial service and parade were held there. 1LT Childers' family members donated money from the Shane Childers Memorial Fund to the university that day.

1LT Childers was described as a born leader. 1LT Childers also served in the 1991 Gulf War. At the time of his death, 1LT Childers was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

1LT Childers devoted his life to the defense of our country. His leadership on the battlefield will always be remembered.

FIREARM RISK PROTECTION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Firearm Risk Protection Act, innovative legislation to promote safe gun ownership I first introduced in 2013.

Too often, our communities are left looking for answers after horrific tragedies inflicted with dangerous firearms. Every day, 48 children and teens die from gun violence, and too often because of preventable accidents.

A requirement to carry liability insurance is a market-based solution that would hold gun owners responsible for the risk their firearms present, and create incentives for responsible gun safety practices.

The Firearm Risk Protection Act would harness the power of insurance markets to allow

professional actuaries to determine the risk presented by each gun and gun owner. Just as with car insurance, higher-risk owners or firearms would face higher premiums, while responsible owners could qualify for reduced rates.

As gun violence continues to claim lives across the country, Congress should look for new ways to promote gun safety and prevent future tragedies. I hope my colleagues will join me to support this forward-thinking legislation.

GUNSLINGER CUSTOM PAINT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gunslinger Custom Paint for winning the 2016 Business Recognition Award from the Jeffco EDC.

In 2003, Gunslinger Custom Paint was founded by Jeff Theisen and Dave Call as a sister company to Pearl Auto Body. Theisen and Call founded Gunslinger with the purpose of creating impressive, eye-catching designs that combine custom paint with unique fabrication concepts to meet the needs and desires of motorcyclists. Using nationally known designers, airbrush artists and pin strippers, Gunslinger ensures excellence and creativity and can range from innovative, wild designs to more mild designs with custom colors and effects. The company is known for its cutting-edge artwork and is a Tier 1 supplier for the largest motorcycle company in the United States. Recently, Gunslinger added a third facility on Pine Ridge Road in Golden.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Gunslinger Custom Paint for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL PEREZ JR.

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Deputy Chief Daniel Perez Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Salinas' Sheriff office after serving the public for 32 years. An outstanding officer and citizen, Deputy Chief Daniel Perez Jr. has dedicated much of his life to safeguarding the community of Salinas County. In addition to his time as an officer of the law, Daniel Perez is a strong voice in many nonprofit organizations and within his own community.

Dan was born and raised in Salinas and is a graduate of Alisal High School. He has a degree from Hartnell College in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco, and a Master's Degree in Human Resources from Chapman University. He is a graduate of the POST Supervisory Leadership Institute and POST Command College. He's received several awards and recognitions throughout his 32-year career.

Deputy Chief Dan Perez began his law enforcement career in 1984 with the Monterey