

1975, he became a TV news anchor at ABC30 (KFSN) until 1987, when he joined CBS47 (KGPE) as an anchor for the evening news.

In addition to his journalism career, John's love for sports was a large part of his life. He was the public address announcer for the California League's Fresno Giants baseball team. He served on the board of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame, was president of the Fresno State Timeout Club, and spent four decades working with the Bulldog Foundation at Fresno State, serving as President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In 2014, he received the Harold S. Zinkin, Sr. Award by the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame for his contributions, and was inducted into the Clovis Centennial Hall of Fame.

John was a loyal community supporter who championed for local organizations. He was a friend and an inspiration to many, and had a contagious enthusiasm for life. He was very active in the community, serving on the board of the WestCare Foundation and volunteering with Break the Barriers and Valley Children's Hospital.

John will be missed greatly by his family, friends, and the entire community. He is survived by his wife Cheri; children Cass Dilfer, Cameron Weishaar, Paige Wise, Carson Franzman, Taylor Franzman; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues to join Mr. NUNES, Mr. VALADAO and me in paying tribute to the life and service of John Wallace, whose curiosity for recent events and passion for the community kept the Valley informed on our nation's news for more than four decades. I join the Fresno community in honoring his life and his passion for making a difference. He will be greatly missed.

JOSIAH JENSEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Josiah Jensen for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Josiah Jensen is a 12th grader at Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Josiah Jensen 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 Josiah Jensen for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA STATE
TROOPER KRESS ADAMSON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Virginia State Police Trooper Kress Adamson, for his recognition by the Rotary Club of West Springfield as an Outstanding Virginia State Trooper of the Year for 2016.

Trooper Adamson is a credit to his unit and uniform and the long tradition of our Commonwealth's State Police Force. In August of 2015 he was dispatched to a vehicle crash on the Capital Beltway. Upon arriving at the scene, he found two citizens who were trying to aid an individual lying near the wreckage on a very busy and dangerous stretch of I-495 and his fellow Trooper Steven Muller had begun special rescue breathing and CPR. A Fairfax County Rescue team then arrived and asked the two troopers to continue their life-saving efforts until the Rescue team was could apply an automated external defibrillator. After several minutes of these combined advanced life-saving techniques, they were able to regain a pulse in the victim. The victim was then transported to INOVA Alexandria Hospital where he remained in critical condition until his recovery. Due to the initial valiant efforts of both civilians and these two troopers, the victim had a better chance of recovery from this life-threatening accident.

Trooper Adamson has served the Virginia State Police for seven years. Upon graduating from the State Police Academy, he was initially assigned to Arlington (Area 45). He is currently with the Springfield office (Area 48). Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, he served in the U.S. Air Force for nine years and deployed to Iraq in 2007. His MOS was medical support, and he currently is working on completing a bachelor's degree at Thomas Edison University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Trooper Adamson and in thanking him for his years of service to Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has demonstrated exceptional dedication to public safety and the mission of law enforcement, and for that, we owe him a special debt of gratitude.

HONORING DET. SAM WINCHESTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented gentleman, Det. Sam Winchester, Warren County Sheriff Department. Det. Winchester has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Det. Sam Winchester received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Alcorn State University. He worked full time in the agricultural research department of Alcorn and received a Master's Degree in Secondary Education. He served in the United States Army Reserve for 14 years.

Det. Winchester began his career in law enforcement in Jefferson County. He started working at the Warren County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) in 2004, and became a detective in 2006. Sam has multiple interests that he uses as a detective at the Warren County Sheriff's Office in the Criminal Investigation Division.

He is one of the primary boat operators for the Sheriff's Office meaning, whenever a river or water rescue needs to take place, he is called to assist. In addition to those duties, he is a certified driving instructor for the WCSO, and he does driving instruction at the Police Academy at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. He is also trained as a hostage and crisis negotiator.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Det. Sam Winchester for his hard work, dedication and a strong desire to serve his country and community.

RECOGNIZING JOHN ALBAN FINCH

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of John Alban Finch.

Fifty years ago today, on April 5, 1967, a fire broke out at Cornell Heights Residential Club, an off-campus student dormitory in Ithaca, New York. The fire claimed the lives of eight students and one professor from Cornell University.

Mr. Finch was the professor who perished in the fire. On the night of the tragedy, he immediately took action by awakening his neighbors and calling the Cornell Safety Division. Despite heavy smoke, Mr. Finch ran back into the building to help other occupants escape to safety. A total of 62 people escaped the fire, many of whom attributed their survival to Mr. Finch's heroic and selfless actions. Tragically, Mr. Finch did not survive.

Mr. Finch gave his life to save those in need—the true definition of a hero.

Mr. Finch was an Associate Professor and Faculty Advisor for the Ph.D. Program at Cornell University. He originally came to Cornell in 1960 as a graduate student on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Mr. Finch earned a Master's Degree in 1961 and a Ph.D. in 1964. The following year, he began working as an Assistant Professor of English and an instructor in the English Honors Program. Mr. Finch was a distinguished scholar and highly valued faculty member.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of John Alban Finch and recognizing his life-long commitment to serving others.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
WOMEN IN CONGRESS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 100 years of women in Congress. Representative Jeannette Rankin of Montana was the first woman to serve in U.S. Congress in 1916.

Rankin was on the frontlines of the national suffrage fight and advocated relentlessly for the creation of a Committee on Woman Suffrage, serving on that committee once it was created. Casting an "aye" vote for the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Rankin was the only woman who ever voted to give women the right to vote.

Rankin is just one of many shining examples of women knocking down barriers. I believe the history of outstanding women and many others should be shared with all Americans to uplift and inspire them. I would like to share several outstanding women from Texas who have been several "firsts," but certainly not "lasts" of their time.

Lera Millard Thomas was the first woman elected to Congress from the state of Texas. When her husband died in February of 1966, a special election was called in March and she was elected as a Democrat to succeed her husband. Thomas served on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee where she helped to expand the Houston Ship Channel, one of the country's busiest seaports. She chose not to run for reelection and instead dedicated her time to members of the armed services in Vietnam as a special liaison to the Houston Chronicle.

Barbara Jordan was the first black woman elected to Congress and the first woman to represent Texas in her own right in the House of Representatives. Jordan was the first black woman to serve in the Texas State Senate and stayed there for eight years. Elected to the House in 1972, she served until 1979 and gained national praise for her legislative prowess and for her rhetoric and high morals. After retirement, Jordan returned to her former profession of teaching.

Unfortunately, in Texas, the number of women in Congress is historically very low. Currently, there are three women members; myself, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, and Congresswoman KAY GRANGER. In the Senate, former Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison was the first and only woman to represent Texas. In 2017, this is unacceptable. When Jeannette Rankin said that she would not be the last woman in Congress, I believe that she imagined a Congress much different from this one, a Congress that mirrored our society.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAILY CARDINAL NEWSPAPER

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of The Daily Cardinal newspaper serving the University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus since its debut on April 4, 1892.

This distinguished student newspaper has been a valued staple on the University of Wisconsin-campus since it was founded by two natives of Monroe Wisconsin, who originally distributed the newspaper on horseback. One of its founders, William Wesley Young, was the University of Wisconsin-Madison's first journalism graduate. In fact, the current home of UW-Madison's School of Journalism in Vilas Hall is built on the site of former Cardinal offices.

Thousands of students used the Daily Cardinal to pursue investigative journalism, expose corruption and develop photographic and storytelling skills. Alumni of the paper have subsequently become not only leaders in journalism, but also in politics, business, law, and medicine. Some of these students have even subsequently gone on to win Pulitzer Prizes, Emmys, Peabody awards, and Nobel prizes.

As one of the oldest college student newspapers in the United States, The Daily Cardinal has survived and thrived through decades of change at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Its editorial board has proudly been on the forefront of advocating for important issues and advancing progressive stances from women's suffrage to civil rights to marriage equality, while also fighting injustice and racism.

Today, it is my honor to commend The Daily Cardinal staff, advisors, and distinguished alumni for all they have accomplished at this venerable student newspaper for the past 125 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the 125th anniversary of The Daily Cardinal.

RECOGNIZING THE SUNY PLATTSBURGH WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and skill of the SUNY Plattsburgh Women's Hockey Team, who just ended their already impressive season by winning the NCAA Division III championship.

Led by Coach Kevin Houle, the Cardinals are the first team in Division III history to win four consecutive national championships. Seniors Jordan Lipson, Katelyn Turk, Julia Duquette, Melissa Ames, Erin Brand and Camille Leonard close out their collegiate careers with an impressive four year record of 111–5–4.

Additionally, Erin Brand was honored as the Most Outstanding Player at the NCAA Division III Championship with Camille Leonard and Melissa Sheeren also earning a spot on the All-Tournament Team. Leonard, the team's goaltender, ends her career with the most victories in NCAA Division III history, as well as the highest save percentage and the second most shutouts.

In New York's 21st District, we are incredibly proud of these women and their incredible achievements. I would like to congratulate the SUNY Plattsburgh Cardinals on their victory and hope that their hard work and dedication serve as an inspiration for generations to come.

NEYRA VALDEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Neyra Valdez for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Neyra Valdez is a 12th grader at Hinkley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Neyra Valdez 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 Neyra Valdez for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 39th Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present 125 awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories including the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze and Silver Medals of Valor.

Fourteen members of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

CERTIFICATE OF VALOR

Second Lieutenant Michael T. Withrow, Sergeant Nathan Cable, Sergeant Oliver Yard Master Deputy Sheriff Clifton Cooley, Master Deputy Sheriff Patrick McPartlin, Master Deputy Sheriff Jeffery Waple, Private First Class Jonathan Perryman, Private First Class Joshua Silver.

LIFESAVING AWARD

Master Deputy Sheriff Edward S. Fircetz, Master Deputy Sheriff Daniel Fyock, Master Deputy Sheriff Robert Knapp, Private First Class Daniel Boring, Private First Class Heather Trijo, Deputy James Grosser.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2017 Valor Award Recipients, and thank all of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.