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I extend my deepest congratulations to Griffin Cross for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JORDAN VALLEY INNOVATION CENTER

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Jordan Valley Innovation Center on 10 years of dedication to new and innovative ideas.

The Jordan Valley Innovation Center is a place where students at Missouri State University and the private sector come together and work towards creating and researching the development of new technologies. As technology continues to change, it's important to have hands-on opportunities like the ones provided by the Jordan Valley Innovation Center.

Construction began for the center in 2005 and two years later, construction was completed. Since then the Jordan Valley Innovation Center has been a vital part of southwest Missouri and its success.

I am honored to recognize Jordan Valley Innovation Center on its 10-year anniversary. I look forward to watching this center grow as it continues to be a place of learning and creating. On behalf of Missouri's 7th Congressional District, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Jordan Valley Innovation Center on all its success.

GEORGE R. DUNLAP

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. George R. Dunlap, a U.S. Navy and Coast Guard veteran from Kansas City who served in both World War II and the Korean War. As one of four brothers to serve in active duty, George enlisted right after high school graduation on his eighteenth birthday in 1945. After his years of service, George moved to Kansas City where he devoted twenty-five years of his life to the Kansas City Police Department.

George's example of lifelong service to his country and community deserves our utmost appreciation. I am honored to share my gratitude and respect for this wonderful Missourian

and applaud George for his dedication to serve and protect our country. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Dunlap and all those who serve our great nation.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SENATE SHOULD GIVE ITS ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the sense of the House of Representatives that the Senate should give its advice and consent to the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

CEDAW is a landmark international agreement that calls on governments to take appropriate measures to end discrimination against women in all areas of life. The Convention seeks to develop women's equality in legal status, human rights, political participation, employment, education and healthcare, while committing countries to change or eradicate discriminatory laws, customs, and practices.

Despite 189 countries ratifying CEDAW, the United States is the only industrialized country in the world that has not ratified the treaty, even though its fundamental principles of equality and nondiscrimination are paramount to the ideals of our nation. Other nations that have not ratified CEDAW include Somalia and Iran.

CEDAW is not self-executing, but would be a powerful statement uniting the U.S. with most of the world in its commitment to women's rights and equality. Any legislation the United States might adopt to comply with the treaty would have to go through the normal Congressional process.

Ratification of CEDAW would continue our nation's proud bipartisan tradition of promoting and protecting human rights. Senate action in favor of ratification of CEDAW would strengthen our standing as a global leader for the rights of women and girls. I hope my colleagues will cosponsor this important resolution that will benefit women in the U.S. and around the world.

HONORING CYNTHIA LEON

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate A. Cynthia Leon on her reappointment as Chairman of the Texas Public Safety Commission.

On March 8, 2017, Governor Greg Abbott reappointed Cynthia to the Texas Public Safety Commission. Originally appointed in 2011

by then Governor Rick Perry, Cynthia served as the Commission's chairman from April 2012 to March 2017. Prior to serving on the Texas Public Safety Commission, Cynthia served as regional director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Cynthia also served our country for 25 years in the U.S. Navy Reserves, retiring with the rank of captain.

Outside of her work on the Texas Public Safety Commission, Cynthia is an active member of her community. She is a member of the International Women's Forum and Leadership Texas, previously chairing the Dallas-Fort Worth and San Antonio Federal Executive Boards. Cynthia is also a life member of the Naval Reserve Association, Navy League, U.S. Naval Institute and the Reserve Officers Association.

Mr. Speaker, I again congratulate Cynthia on her well-deserved reappointment. I know that she will continue to lead the Texas Public Safety Commission in the right direction.

JOSIAH DOMINGUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

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

Josiah Dominguez is a student at Arvada K-8 School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Josiah Dominguez 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 Dominguez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING GROVER HOLMES HORTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Mrs. Grover Holmes Horton.

Mrs. Horton, born June 15, 1938, left to be with the Lord on May 7, 2016. She was a great mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend.

Mrs. Horton was a God-fearing member of Goodman Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Christian. She was a very dedicated member who served in the choir and was the Secretary in her church.

Mrs. Horton was very active and became the founder of Goodman Male Chorus and a member of Tri-City Gospel Choir.

Mrs. Horton served with the John L. Webb Grand High Court, Prince Hall Affiliation—F&AM as the Most Ancient Matron of Goodman Court No. 91 in Goodman, MS; the 7th District Lecturer; and the 7th District past Most Ancient Matron.

Mrs. Horton enjoyed working as a home liaison for the Holmes County School District and was also a Certified Election Poll Worker for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mrs. Grover Holmes Horton.

CHRISTOPHER TRAPANI

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Christopher Trapani as a member of the United States Merchant Marine Academy Class of 2017.

Christopher will graduate from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on June 17, 2017, with a Bachelor of Science and he will be commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy Reserve.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Christopher's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Christopher and his accomplishments. We look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Navy Reserve officer.

As Christopher embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Merchant Marine Academy.

I would like to send Christopher my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF DR. DORIS MITCHELL OLIVEIRA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Dr. Doris Mitchell Oliveira who passed away on May 10, 2017.

Dr. Oliveira was born February 9, 1934 to the late Dr. Joseph Mitchell, Sr., M.D., and Mrs. Vivian J. Mitchell. Her father was an obstetrician-gynecologist physician in Macon County, Alabama, and her mother was known for her work with the American Red Cross.

Dr. Oliveira graduated from Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine and was still working at the age of 83 when her health began to decline.

She was a member of the Alabama New South Coalition, Tuskegee Chapter of Links, Inc., the Republican Party of Macon County

and a past member of the Board of Trustees at the University of West Alabama.

She is survived by her son Manuel Joseph Oliveira and brother, Dr. Joseph Mitchell, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the life of Dr. Oliveira. She will be greatly missed.

JUAN FLORES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

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

Juan Flores is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Juan Flores 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 Juan Flores for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 268 (Probation Officer Protection Act of 2017), I inadvertently voted Yea. My intention was to vote Nay.

CONGRATULATING LEON J. ZIMMERMAN

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is our honor to congratulate Leon J. Zimmerman of Trenton, New Jersey on his retirement after a 50 year career spanning governmental affairs, public relations, journalism, and communications.

Operating his own consulting firm for 44 years, Mr. Zimmerman was a highly regarded veteran of the New Jersey state lobbying corps. During his career, he represented several clients, including government agencies, businesses, private corporations, and trade associations. He also represented clients from industries like insurance, harness racing, and security alarms. One of these was the Professional Insurance Agents of New Jersey (PIANJ), which he represented for 43 years. PIANJ will be honoring Mr. Zimmerman at

their convention in June 2017. Moreover, prior to starting his own public relations firm, Mr. Zimmerman was a national award-winning journalist for more than 12 years with the *Bergen Record*.

Throughout his career, Mr. Zimmerman held several positions and received numerous accolades. From his service to the insurance industry, he was recognized with the PIANJ Legislative Award in 1990 and received PIANJ's Distinguished Insurance Service Award in 1998—the first time this award was presented to an individual who was not an insurance industry official. During his work on harness racing, he served as President of the North American Harness Publicists Association, President and Chairman of the U.S. Harness Writers Association, and the founding President of the Association's New Jersey Chapter. He also received the Harness Horsemen International Media Award in 2006, North American Harness Publicists Golden Pen Award in 2000, and the U.S. Harness Writers Member of the Year Award in 1998 and 2011. In addition, for his work in the security alarm industry, Mr. Zimmerman was recognized with the NJ Burglar and Fire Alarm Association President's Award in 1992 and 2004, and he was honored with the National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association Executive Director of the Year Award in 1992.

Mr. Zimmerman was also involved in other professional and civic activities. For example, he served as President of the New Jersey Legislative Correspondents Club, and he was a speaker for courses and seminars in high schools and universities. In addition, Mr. Zimmerman was an advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He served on the Governor's Council on the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities, and he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Bancroft, a leading nonprofit, and of the Association for the Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped, Mercer County Chapter. He was also Executive Committee member and Chairman of Committees on Legislation and Advocacy for the New Jersey State Developmental Disabilities Council.

Mr. Speaker, we sincerely hope that our colleagues will join us in congratulating Mr. Zimmerman on his retirement after his illustrious career and thanking him for his service to the public and his community in New Jersey.

HONORING REVEREND MANNEY MURPHY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented God-fearing man, Reverend Manney Murphy. Reverend Manney Murphy has been many things in his life: A star athlete at Vicksburg High School, executive with General Motors, business owner and for 3½ years the pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church, and chaplain for the Alcorn State University Braves football team during Jay Hopson's tenure as head coach. But his biggest role has been working with Central Mississippi Prevention Services helping young people make it to a better life through the program's summer camps and tutoring programs.