

In addition to his distinguished career in journalism and foreign affairs, John was a well-known and active member of his community in Washington. A lifelong advocate for conservation and environmental issues, John chaired Connecticut's Council on Environmental Quality during Governor Weicker's administration and was an instrumental champion of the campaign to protect the Shepaug River. Locally, he served as a board member of the Washington Community Housing Trust. The Town of Washington recognized John's tremendous contributions and passion for service in 2014 with the Stephen Reich award, the town's highest honor for citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, John Millington led a remarkable career and enthusiastically lent his talents to improve Washington, Connecticut, and our country. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his life and memory here today. John Millington was a friend and a mentor, and I miss his wise counsel. My condolences go out to his wife, Edwina, and to his children and grandchildren. Those of us who knew John will cherish his memory, and his legacy will live on in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG MEN'S
AND YOUNG WOMEN'S HEBREW
ASSOCIATION

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Young Men's & Young Women's Hebrew Association (YM&YWA)—colloquially known as the “Y”—of Washington Heights and Inwood. On this agency's centennial anniversary, I want to highlight the indelible impact this institution has impressed upon our children and adults in our community of all backgrounds over several generations in New York's 13th district.

Since its founding in 1917 the mission of the “Y” has never wavered. The tradition of *tikkun olam*—literally “repairing the world”—has been exemplified by the “Y” in its acts of kindness and community service. Staff and lifelong volunteers have always looked to their neighbors to evaluate the most pressing needs and find out the best way to serve the needs of the community. Over the last century, Washington Heights & Inwood has seen multiple changes to its composition and outward face. Each year, a group of Jewish and Dominican students work together to study the history of the Dominican Republic's immigration policies prior to WWII, making the country one of a few safe harbors for Jews fortunate enough to escape Germany.

What binds these diverse populations to New York's 13th district is the “Y” embracing the mantle of the Mother of Exiles as Emma Lazarus wrote in *The New Colossus*. In its early years, the “Y” dealt with the aftermath of World War I and World War II resettling refugees from abroad here in our community. During the 1970s, the “Y” aided Jewish refugees from Russia with the same urgency and compassion afforded earlier in the century. This is emblematic of its mission to meet the needs of the time and people which has never wavered.

Over the last 100 years that has included providing access to social services; offering

English classes and citizenship tutoring; assisting those with mental health concerns; launching the first day camp for neighborhood children; developing a thriving nursery school; opening a center for new parents; building a 100-unit independent living facility for older adults and the mobility impaired and providing services to support older adults to age in place.

Today, the “Y” has embraced the diverse and multicultural tableau of New York's 13th district. All staff are trained in cultural diversity and services all offered in English, Spanish, and Russian. The commitment of the “Y” remains steadfast by expanding its after school program, senior center services, and establishment of a new Camp Twelve Trails program. Over the last century, the “Y” has continued to innovate and serve the needs of New York's 13th district.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate and commemorate the centennial anniversary of the YM&YWA of Washington Heights and Inwood. I sincerely hope that all Members of Congress will have the benefit of such an institution to one day laud and commemorate 100 years of service as I do today.

REINA GUTIERREZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

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

Reina Gutierrez is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Reina Gutierrez 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 Reina Gutierrez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

FORT BEND SOFTBALL TEAM
WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Bend Christian Academy (FBCA) softball team of Sugar Land for winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) State Championship.

The FBCA softball team beat Dallas Christian 6–2 in the Division II final, concluding an incredible 24–8 season. Their season included an undefeated District 7 championship, along with complete domination in their four playoff games, outscoring opponents 37–2. The

FBCA softball team isn't a stranger to winning though. Over the past 11 years, the FBCA softball team has won six TAPPS State Championships, including last year's 2016 title. That's great.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the FBCA softball team for winning (again) the TAPPS State Championship. We are so proud of all their hard work and look forward to next year's state championship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday evening June 6 I was not present for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 287, and YEA on Roll Call No. 286.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CON-
GREGATIONAL CHURCH OF
SOUTH DENNIS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the Congregational Church of South Dennis in Massachusetts.

Founded in 1817 by a collection of sea captains, the Congregational Church of South Dennis today remains widely renowned as the Sea Captains' Church. Prior to its foundation, since 1795, a house of worship was built at the very location upon which the current building stands. From 1795 to 1817 the people of South Dennis shared ministers with North Dennis and Harwich. In 1817, the church received its first full-time minister, Reverend John Sanford, and was formally organized into the Congregational Church of South Dennis. Construction of the current building used by the church was completed in 1837.

The Congregational Church is further recognized for its unique feature—the oldest working organ in the United States. Built in 1762 by Swiss organ builder John Snetzler in London, England, very little is known regarding its journey to the United States. Historians confirm that it was acquired by the Congregational Church of South Dennis on September 22, 1854 for \$600—where it has remained for over 160 years and delights and moves listeners through its chords and music every Sunday.

Today, the Congregational Church is made up of an intimate, dedicated community of loving, caring, and welcoming neighbors. Part of the United Church of Christ, the church is led by Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the Congregational Church has organized a concert and guided tours of the meetinghouse and cemetery, which will showcase the church's fascinating history and ties to seafaring.

Mr. Speaker, the 200th Anniversary of the Congregational Church of South Dennis is testament to the culture of acceptance and grace

exhibited by this community. I ask that you join me in recognizing this historic anniversary.

HONORING TYLER HORTON AS HE RECEIVES THE YOUTH AWARD FROM THE BUFFALO BRANCH OF THE NAACP

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the accomplishments of this year's recipient of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Buffalo Branch Youth Award, Tyler Horton.

Tyler was born and raised in Buffalo, and has always been a contributor to his community. At an early age Tyler displayed signs of leadership by becoming the Vice President of the National Junior Honors Society while attending Westminster Community Charter School, where he achieved the title of Valedictorian. At the age of 12 he became a Boy Scout, and later, an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 237, where he earned many merit awards and badges.

The lessons Tyler learned in his Boy Scouts troops truly molded him into an outstanding citizen. In 2012 he was a Chaplain and Assistant Patrol Leader at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, where he was able to share his Scout experience, serving as a mentor to other young men. In 2016 Tyler supervised and assisted renovations of the Macedonia Baptist Church's food pantry. Through his example of volunteerism and leadership, Tyler eventually became an Eagle Scout and a Member of the Order of the Arrow. Tyler now attends Bethesda World Harvest International Church and contributes to the youth group and Cinematography Team.

This year, Tyler is graduating from Health Science Charter School, where he is the Salutatorian, a member of the National Honors Society, a winner of the Jesse Ketchum Memorial Fund Bronze winner, and a Student Ambassador.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor this impressive young man as he is recognized by the NAACP. I wish him the best in all his future endeavors and look forward to seeing him continue to do good for others.

IN RECOGNITION OF JONATHAN ALLEN'S FIRST ROUND SELECTION BY THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS IN THE 2017 NFL DRAFT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Mr. Jonathan Allen, who was recently drafted in the first round of the 2017 National Football League draft by his hometown team, the Washington Redskins.

Mr. Allen is from Leesburg, Virginia and played football at Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn, Virginia. Under the leadership of his

coach and mentor, Mickey Thompson, the team finished with winning seasons each year he was there, and after graduating in 2013, Mr. Allen attended the University of Alabama as a five-star recruit, where he was named to the first team All-Southeastern Conference during his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Additionally in 2016, as a junior, he was instrumental in Alabama's National Championship, in which they defeated the Clemson Tigers.

Mr. Allen has also won a number of individual accolades, including being named the Washington Post All-Met Player twice in high school, being selected as the 2012 Virginia Gatorade Player of the Year, and lastly being recognized as a 2013 U.S. Army All-American. At the University of Alabama Mr. Allen's football career blossomed. He was named the 2016 SEC Defensive Player of the Year and was also the recipient of the Bronko Nagurski Trophy and the Chuck Bednarik Award, which are given to the best defensive player in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

With Mr. Allen signing a four year contract with the Redskins, he is truly returning home. The team's practice facility is located in Ashburn, Virginia, and Mr. Allen is especially ready to give back to his community through the local mentorship of Coach Thompson's Bulldogs at Stone Bridge High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Jonathan Allen on becoming a Washington Redskins player. I commend him for his impressive accomplishments, and I am proud to represent him and wish him all the best in his NFL career.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (SFC) CLARENCE DOUGLAS MCSWAIN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Sergeant First Class (SFC) Clarence Douglas McSwain who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on June 8, 2006, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SFC McSwain died from injuries he sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle during combat operations in Baghdad.

SFC McSwain, of Meridian, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

SFC McSwain was a proud soldier on his third tour in Iraq when he was killed. He met his 4-month-old son, Kenneth, only once. SFC McSwain's Sister, Ashley McSwain, said her brother put his family first. She said it was bad that the world had to lose him because he was one of the good guys.

SFC McSwain's father, Reverend Theodis McSwain, recently reflected on his son's service.

"I was very proud of him," Rev. McSwain said. "He wanted to serve his country."

SFC McSwain, a 1993 Meridian High School graduate, played high school football and graduated with honors. After high school,

he attended the University of Southern Mississippi according to the Associated Press article.

"I was a medic that worked with him in his first two rotations and I just found out about his death," Troy Criddle said. "I am hurt by his passing. He was a great soldier and will always be a paratrooper."

"Clarence and I had the opportunity of spending a lot of time together in the 1st PLT Company C 2nd Battalion 237th," Staff Sergeant (SSG) Shannon Corbin said. "I believe that he was a shaping catalyst in me both professionally and personally."

SFC McSwain is survived by his father and mother; Theodis and Sandra Lee McSwain; wife, Kendrah; children; Jasmin, Krista and Kenneth McSwain; and siblings; David, Ashley, Kimberly, and Christopher McSwain.

SFC McSwain proudly served our nation to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY KATZ AND MARGO DICHELTMILLER FOR THEIR LIFETIME OF ADVOCACY FOR LGBT RIGHTS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Katz and Margo Dichtelmiller for being recognized by the American Civil Liberties Union's LGBT Project for their advocacy and efforts on behalf of LGBT rights. Ms. Katz and Dr. Dichtelmiller have played an important role in supporting the LGBT community through their engagement at the state and local level.

In a committed relationship for over 30 years, Ms. Katz and Dr. Dichtelmiller have been consistent champions for LGBT rights and have played a crucial role in achieving victories at the state and local level. Both have been strong supporters of Affirmations, the LGBT community center in Ferndale, Michigan, that offers services and support to individuals throughout southeast Michigan, having served as co-chairs for its capital campaign to raise funds for a new facility. Additionally, Ms. Katz and Dr. Dichtelmiller have worked with nonprofits and advocacy groups to improve protections for same-sex couples and ensure that they receive the benefits and protections that they deserve. They are well-known in the Michigan civil rights community for their commitment to justice and long record of leadership on these issues.

Ms. Katz and Dr. Dichtelmiller have been at the forefront of the battle for LGBT rights throughout their lives, and their work has helped pave the way for progress at the federal, state and local level in providing equal rights for all. The past decade has seen dramatic progress in strengthening LGBT rights and protections, as well as a transformation in attitudes among the wider public, and this progress would not have been possible without Ms. Katz and Dr. Dichtelmiller's tireless activism and support of local organizations committed to this cause. Their visionary efforts have helped break down barriers and improve the lives of LGBT Americans, and the significant accomplishments underscore the impact of their actions.