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IN APPRECIATION OF THE
SERVICE OF EDWARD A. BURRIER

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation for an exceptional individual who has served this House with distinction for the last 18 years, Mr. Edward A. Burrier.

Edward first started in my office interning at the Africa Subcommittee, which I then chaired. At the time, he was still in college at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Each day he would make the long commute from Fredericksburg, just to volunteer.

He then took a job in my personal office in 1133 Longworth where he met his future wife, a fellow junior staffer, Gretchen. While I may have been unaware about their early dating, I was pleased to have the opportunity to attend their memorable wedding in Adare, Ireland in 2006. They now have a young son, William, and it has been a pleasure watching them grow personally and professionally.

Edward eventually rose to the position of Committee Deputy Staff Director of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Over the years, Edward was essential in achieving so much, including efforts to prevent the proliferation of MANPADS to terrorists, and major legislation sanctioning the regimes of North Korea and Iran, which are dangerously pursuing nuclear weapons programs. He found a niche in tracking international rogues, some of who are now behind bars for gun-running and creating mayhem, in part because of Edward's efforts. He also produced important reports, including the path-breaking Gangster Regime: How North Korea Counterfeits United States Currency, still relevant today. And he wrote for me hundreds of Foreign Intrigue blog entries, some of the most captivating foreign policy writing in Washington.

Everything he worked on became better. In the last Congress, the Committee succeeded in having 24 bills become public law. That's a big number, and an impressive record. In short, Edward has been involved in all the major foreign policy issues of the day, helping to make our country safer and more prosperous.

Over my time in Congress, I have been fortunate to have had several long-serving staff members. Edward has been part of this group, central to much of what I have been able to accomplish. Most recently, he helped manage what I believe to be the best committee staff in Congress.

Edward is cool, calm, and collected. He is a genuinely good person.

Edward was one of the most talented, competent, and dedicated staff members in the

House. His skills and excellent judgment will serve him well as he transitions to a top position at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. His many friends on the Hill, both Republicans and Democrats, wish Edward continued success.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN AND TODD
AARHUS

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two brothers from the First District of Iowa on their retirement after their 31 years of service in the Iowa National Guard.

Ryan and Todd Aarhus are a shining example of citizenship and servitude to our great nation. During their 31 years of service, both brothers were deployed. Todd served as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, and both brothers served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ryan and Todd have both had distinguished careers of service—not only have they served their country and state in the Iowa National Guard, but both also serve as Iowa State Patrol Officers, volunteer firefighters, and EMTs. Additionally, Todd also served on Governors Culver and Branstad's State Security details.

It is my pleasure to honor both Ryan and Todd Aarhus on their retirement and to thank them for their dedication and service to our community, the State of Iowa, and our nation.

COMMANDER MARK COONEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Wheat Ridge Police Commander Mark Cooney for his decades of service to the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado. For thirty eight years, Commander Cooney has been active within the community and the police department serving constituents of Wheat Ridge.

Commander Cooney started his career in 1979 after graduating first in his class at the Police Academy. Mark's career has consistently shown his commitment to law enforcement and building community partnerships. His work as a Field Training Officer and later Detective showed his special acumen in investigations, being recognized by the First Judicial District Attorney's office as Investigator of the Year by solving a difficult burglary case. Mark was promoted to Sergeant, then Lieutenant, and finally serving as Commander—all the while excelling at investigations and as a leader in the department's emergency management planning. Mark has shown his thirst for learning by earning a Master's of Criminal Justice degree from the University of Colorado, graduating from the Northwestern University School of Staff and Command as well as graduating from the FBI National Academy. As the Chief of Police for the City of Wheat

Ridge noted, Mark's dedication exemplifies their vision statement of “Exceptional People Providing Exceptional Service.” His hard work and dedication every day to making the community of Wheat Ridge a great place to live and work demonstrates his exemplary work as a police officer in Wheat Ridge.

I extend my deepest thanks to Commander Cooney for his service to the community. Thank you for your continuous dedication to serving the people and the City Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 35TH ANNUAL
METRO DETROIT YOUTH
DAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the organizers and participants of the 35th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day. This annual event provides southeast Michigan youth with a day of fun, games and opportunities to engage with local officials and role models.

Originally started in 1981 to promote stronger relations between residents of Detroit and the business community, Metro Youth Day has expanded significantly and now provides approximately 35,000 Detroit-area children with a day of education and recreation on Belle Isle in the Detroit River. As the largest youth event in the State of Michigan, Metro Youth Day hosts over 360 organizations and 260 businesses from Metro Detroit to provide participants with opportunities to build connections with civic leaders and nonprofit groups. These include Grow Detroit Youth Talent, an organization that provides summer jobs for young people in Detroit, as well as educational events by local community groups. Youth Day also offers college scholarships to several dozen graduating high school students each year.

Metro Detroit Youth Day helps build a culture of civic engagement while also providing important resources and educational resources to area youth. The event has received widespread acclaim, including a Point of Light Award from President George H.W. Bush, as well as a Michigan Governor's Award on Physical Fitness for its promotion of physical activity and health. These accolades underscore the positive impact that Metro Youth Day has on the Detroit community. Additionally, the event has provided more than 1,800 college scholarships to graduating seniors since 1991, making it an important engine of opportunity for area youth. These efforts have helped create a stronger and more cohesive Detroit, and it is my hope that Metro Youth Day continues to grow and serve the Detroit area youth while promoting improved community relations in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the organizers and participants of the 35th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day. The event provides important resources and opportunities for participants.

RECOGNIZING GRANT MAY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grant May for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the Summer of 2017.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Grant plans to continue pursuing his degree at the end of this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Grant May for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th district.

ADALBERTO GARZA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

Adalberto Garza 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 Adalberto Garza 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 Adalberto Garza 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.

MORLEY NELSON SNAKE RIVER
BIRDS OF PREY NATIONAL CON-
SERVATION AREA BOUNDARY
MODIFICATION ACT OF 2017**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the following people who have worked with me to achieve the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Boundary Modification Act of 2017 which was legislation I drafted and was included in the Fiscal Year 2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act. They each played a role in their own way and because of their help, the West is building critical energy infrastructure that will

improve reliability and efficiency and also increase continuing conservation efforts while saving Idaho ratepayers money.

Let me start by thanking Brian O'Donnell and Danielle Murray from the Conservation Lands Foundation. Their solution oriented attitude helped guide the success of this effort. I would also like to thank Rick Johnson, Craig Gehrke, Will Whelan, Kai Anderson, and Amelia Jenkins from the conservation community.

I want to thank Jeff Malmen and his terrific team at Idaho Power, including Mark Stokes and Mitch Colburn who were there every step of the way to ensure the project recognizes conservation and saves Idaho ratepayers. Their friends at Rocky Mountain Power, including Pat Reiten, were also great partners.

I would also like to thank the hard working men and women at the Bureau of Land Management. Tim Murphy and his team in Idaho include Peter Ditt and Erin Curtis. Their work was instrumental throughout the entire Gateway West project and I thank them for their public service in Idaho.

Additionally, I need to thank Governor Otter and his team of John Chatburn and Scott Pugard for their diligent work. I also want to thank Senator Risch and his staff members John Sandy, Darren Parker, and Melanie Steele.

Thanks to Chairman BISHOP and the House Natural Resources Committee for their thoughtful consideration of the Gateway West legislation. Erica Rhoad and Aniela Butler were a huge help to guiding this legislation through Chairman TOM MCCLINTOCK'S subcommittee.

I want to thank Gregory Kostka, Lisa Daly, and Hank Savage at Legislative Counsel. They drafted and redrafted countless versions of this bill under tight deadlines.

I would also like to thank the Senate and House Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee Chairmen LISA MURKOWSKI and KEN CALVERT along with their ranking members TOM UDALL and BETTY MCCOLLUM. Their staff were relentless in guiding this agreement to the finish line and a special thanks is owed to Dave LesStrang, Betsy Bina, and Rita Culp for their efforts in finalizing the agreement in the Fiscal Year 2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Finally, I want to thank my staff, Lindsay Slater, Jamie Neill, Nikki Wallace, and Craig Quarterman who helped in many different ways to ensure this was the best possible deal for my constituents in Idaho.

DOROTHY A. BURLEY

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy A. Burley, a woman of strength, character and commitment, on the occasion of her 75th birthday. Ms. Burley is a friend, mentor, educator and inspiration to many across New Jersey's First Congressional District and beyond.

After receiving her Associate's Degree in Human Services at Camden County College and her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at Glassboro State College (now

Rowan University), Ms. Burley taught for 16 years at various Camden City schools, shaping young minds.

Ms. Burley's commitment to community continued beyond the classroom when, in 1993, she made history by taking the oath of office as the first African American female municipal clerk in the City of Camden.

Ms. Burley would go on to hold other positions of distinction in the community, in both appointed and elected offices, including Commissioner for the Camden County Board of Elections, Chairperson of the Housing Authority of the City of Camden, Chairperson of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, President of "Girls on the Move" Youth Foundation, and a member of the National and Camden Education Association. Ms. Burley would also serve as director of human resources at CAMcare Health Corporation until her well-deserved retirement.

Separate from her professional commitments, Ms. Burley has selflessly dedicated her time and talents to organizations that enhance the lives of Southern New Jersey constituents.

Though she's been honored and recognized for her many meaningful efforts, Ms. Burley is especially deserving of this special recognition, as she continues her mission to inspire everyone she encounters.

Mr. Speaker, for that reason and so many others, I ask you to join me in wishing this devoted mother, grandmother, public servant, and mentor, Ms. Dorothy A. Burley, a very happy 75th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 345 and 346.

RICARDO GOMEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

Ricardo Gomez 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 Ricardo Gomez 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 Ricardo Gomez 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.