

KELLAN LANGFIELD

**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 Kellan Langfield for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kellan Langfield is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kellan Langfield 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 Kellan Langfield 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.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL REPORT LANGUAGE—ICE JAMS

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my report language that was included in the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill to prevent and mitigate flood damage associated with ice jams. I'd like to thank Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN and Ranking Member LOWEY, as well as Chairman SIMPSON, Ranking Member KAPTUR, and the entire subcommittee for their work on this bill.

I offer a special thank you to the Energy and Water subcommittee staff for working with me to include this necessary language to encourage the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to pursue projects to prevent and mitigate flood damage associated with ice jams in regions comprised of cities whose historic flooding has been caused predominantly by winter snowmelt and ice floes.

Every year, flooding that results from the piling up of frozen ice in rivers across the United States costs our economy millions of dollars. When free-floating ice catches on obstructions, such as bridge pilings, rocks, or logs, flooding can result upstream from the blockage and, again, downstream when the ice finally releases.

During my time in the New York State Assembly, I can remember hearing horrible stories from my colleagues in upstate New York and wondering what more could be done to prepare for these events.

In my home state of New York, the Mohawk River Basin is particularly susceptible to flooding associated with ice jams. I am pleased that the bill encourages the Army Corps to pursue projects and technologies to mitigate the damage caused by flooding associated

with ice jams in areas, like the Mohawk River Basin, that truly need this support.

I appreciate the time today to highlight this problem, and I thank my colleagues for their support on this issue.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUNG, OAKES, BROWN, & COMPANY, P.C.

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C.

Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C. is the oldest professional firm in Blair County and one of the largest independently owned accounting and consulting firms based in Central Pennsylvania. Founded in Altoona, Pennsylvania in 1917, the firm has grown to employ 30 individuals that maintain the company's reputation of Excellency in the accounting, tax preparation, and auditing profession. Throughout their 100 years, Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C. has continuously been an active community partner supporting charities, service and fraternal clubs and contributing to the 9th District of Pennsylvania.

Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C.'s current stakeholders are an outstanding example of integrity and professionalism in the workforce, and I know their founder, Robert E. Young, would be proud of the legacy they have continued.

I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C. on this historic milestone, and wishing this business nothing but continued success.

**MALACHI LAWSON****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 Malachi Lawson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Malachi Lawson is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Malachi Lawson 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 Malachi Lawson 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.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALL-EN MISSISSIPPI MARINE CORPORAL (CPL.) CLIFTON BLAKE MOUNCE

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Marine Corporal (Cpl.) Clifton Blake Mounce, who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on July 14, 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Cpl. Mounce was killed when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device while he was conducting combat operations near Trebil, Iraq. Cpl. Christopher D. Winchester was also killed.

Cpl. Mounce was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Cpl. Mounce, a Pontotoc native, graduated from North Pontotoc High School in 2000. His mother, Pat Mounce, says Blake loved playing football and baseball. In 2001 Blake enlisted in the United States Marine Corps following the terror attacks on 9/11. Pat says he joined because he wanted to protect his three younger brothers; Shea, Winston, and Nate.

"I'm real proud," Pat said. "He said he had to go over there and fight or the enemy will be on our soil. I supported him 100 percent."

Additionally, Pat says her son was close to the end of his four years in the Marine Corps when he was deployed.

An estimated 300 people came to the funeral which was held at West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc. Cpl. Mounce's father, Johnny Mounce, read letters to the crowd that he received from his son shortly before his death. In the second letter read, Cpl. Mounce addressed each family member with a special message.

Following the service, hundreds of cars were in the funeral procession. Residents lined the streets of Ecru waving American flags as some 200 cars drove by.

The American flag was presented to Cpl. Mounce's wife, Tiffany, during the graveside service at Ecru Cemetery. Cpl. Mounce's family was given the Purple Heart medal.

Cpl. Mounce is survived by his parents Johnny and Pat Mounce; wife Tiffany; brothers Shea, Winston, and Nate; and grandparents Flake and Dorothy Mounce.

In 2013, the Blake Mounce Memorial Run for the Park 5K was started in Ecru in memory of this brave soldier who gave all to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. We will always remember Cpl. Mounce's sacrifice to protect our nation.

RECOGNIZING TRINIDAD BENHAM CORPORATION ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trinidad Benham Corporation on their 100th Anniversary. This is truly a remarkable milestone which has been reached through

the hard work and innovation of their founders and employees.

Trinidad Benham is a thriving, nationwide corporation, originally founded in Colorado, with a bean and rice processing and packing facility in the 4th Congressional District. Over the last 100 years, this company has grown from a small family-owned bean and elevator business to the prosperous company it is today. They have created many jobs and made notable contributions to improve the communities near their operations as well as their employees' livelihoods.

Trinidad Benham is an excellent example of what enterprising and forward thinking businesses can accomplish in America's great economy. They should be commended for their effort to offer consumers a great product, employee ownership model, commitment to sustainability, and innovative spirit. Their inspiring success over the last century confirms that the American Dream is alive and thriving in Colorado and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Trinidad Benham Corporation for celebrating their 100th Anniversary.

RON MARQUEZ

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 the contributions of Ron Marquez during his tenure with Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (DDRC).

Ron started his career as an Assistant Principal and then as Principal of Margaret Walters School. When the school closed, Ron took on the role of Director of Community Relations at DDRC.

Ron became a key public presence for DDRC, creating dynamic connections throughout the community, including the people served by DDRC.

The work Ron has accomplished during his 36 year tenure helped to provide an enhanced quality of life for so many, and it is one of the reasons DDRC enjoys an outstanding reputation and ongoing success today.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Ron Marquez for his service and commitment to Developmental Disabilities Resource Center and the people they serve. I wish him all the best in retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW MEADOW RUN COMMUNITY IN FARMINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the New Meadow Run Community in Farmington, Pennsylvania, and submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, In July of 1957 members of the Bruderhof purchased Gorley's Lake Hotel in

Farmington, Pennsylvania calling it first Oak Lake and subsequently New Meadow Run.

Whereas, this Assembled Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the New Meadow Run Community in Farmington, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, the Bruderhof was founded in 1920 in Germany by Dr. Eberhard Arnold, and since then, has grown into an international Christian communal movement, inspired by the first century Christian church in Jerusalem; and

Whereas, the Bruderhof has been a living example of the sanctity of family life, peace, racial equality and brotherhood and has been an advocate for religious freedoms, education and welfare of children and care of the elderly and downtrodden; and

Whereas, Bruderhof members are involved in a wide range of social services on a volunteer and charitable basis which include visiting those in prison, providing food, shelter, and medical care to those in need—locally and internationally, serving as police chaplains, and volunteering on local ambulance and fire departments; and

Whereas, the Bruderhof is known for publishing quality books and a quarterly magazine through the Plough Publishing House, and working for peace and reconciliation through "Breaking the Cycle," a conflict resolution program for schools that reaches thousands of students each year; and

Whereas, since its arrival in the United States, the Bruderhof has become well-known for its businesses: Community Playthings, which manufactures quality wooden toys and durable nursery furniture; and Rifton Equipment, which produces Innovative equipment for people with motor disabilities; and

Whereas, since 1954, the Bruderhof movement has expanded to include sixteen communities in the United States, including three in Pennsylvania and ten in New York State. Internationally there are three communities in England, two in Germany and three in Australia, one in Paraguay; and

Whereas, Bruderhof members appreciate the freedoms the United States has afforded them and have participated in the political process, supporting the leadership of their representatives; and

Whereas, the Bruderhof's distinguished record of valuable, practical, economic, and spiritual contributions to Pennsylvania and the United States merit the recognition and respectful tribute of this Assembled Body; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the New Meadow Run Community in Farmington, Pennsylvania and look forward to a continuing association with the Bruderhof as it works to improve the quality of life of every person and serve the common good; and be it further.

CONGRATULATING AGA KHAN ON HIS 60TH YEAR AS IMAM OF THE ISMAILI MUSLIMS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent one of the most diverse districts in

America. Our diversity is an important part of what makes the greater Houston area such a unique example of the fabric of the American experience.

The Ismaili Muslim community is a great contributor to Texas' cultural richness and economic growth. I appreciate the Ismaili Muslim community's engagement with the community as a whole, from public affairs to business to education.

Sixty years ago today, the Aga Khan became the 49th hereditary Imam of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims. The role of the Imam is to interpret the faith to the community, as well as improve the quality and security of their daily lives. Aga Khan has accomplished this role with success and pride for many years.

The Aga Khan emphasizes the view of the religion of Islam as a thinking, spiritual faith: one that teaches compassion and tolerance, promotes the role of intellect and upholds the dignity of a man, God's noblest creation.

I congratulate the Aga Khan on his Diamond Jubilee as Imam and wish both he and the U.S. Ismaili Muslim community continued success in their efforts to improve the lives of people around the world.

CONGRATULATING HANOVER PARK

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hanover Park on being named one of the safest cities in the United States.

The Hanover Park Police Department reported that for the seventh consecutive year crime in Hanover Park has declined to a new record low. Hanover Park was also named thirty-seventh on Neighborhood Scout's list of America's 100 Safest Cities.

The Hanover Park Police Department utilizes a strong community outreach initiative, Police and Citizens Connected, which employs several social media channels for enhanced communication with residents. Working together, law enforcement, local officials, and Hanover Park residents have positioned the town as safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

Day in and day out the men and women of the Hanover Park Police Department risk their lives to protect their community. The shrinking crime rate is a direct result of their courageous leadership, which will continue to protect this wonderful community. Police Chief Michael Menough credited the hard work of his officers, neighbors, and community leaders stating, "We have made community policing the central focus of our service delivery, and this will remain our top priority." With all hands on deck I am sure Hanover Park will continue to see record lows in crime for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing the community of Hanover Park, Illinois and congratulating them on being named one of the safest cities in America.