

and members of Sterling Women as they celebrate their 10th anniversary.

Sterling Women was founded in 2008 to provide a new networking opportunity for business women in the Sterling, Virginia area. The organization focuses on enhancing opportunities for women in business and creating fellowship among women by empowering, celebrating, and supporting women in their professional and personal endeavors.

Mrs. Bouweiri's legacy of fostering a positive environment for women is remarkable. She encourages each member to develop leadership skills and discover new paths toward self-enrichment, having often been a mentor and bringing women out of their comfort zones. Through her leadership, Sterling Women elevates the standard for working women to actively build and maintain relationships between fellow members and within the community.

Women of all ages with diverse life experiences have combined their skills to make the Loudoun County community a better place. The Sterling Women is a true testament to the dedication to our community and their passion toward helping others. Under Kristina's leadership, the club has raised \$250,000 for local charities.

I am impressed by the Sterling Women and how in just a decade they have transformed Northern Virginia. From 80 women at their first meeting, to 150 today, they have made a tremendous impact upon many.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Sterling Women as they celebrate their 10th anniversary. I look forward to their ongoing contributions to the community and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI ROTC FIGHTING MULES BATTALION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the University of Central Missouri Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Fighting Mules Battalion's 50th Anniversary. Since its creation in 1968, over 800 cadets have graduated and obtained the rank of second lieutenant. Also known as the University of Central Missouri's Military Science and Leadership Department, the program combines scholarly learning with military training to prepare students from across the country to become officers in the U.S. military.

Through the ROTC program, cadets get hands-on experience with platoon movement and tactical training. They help support local High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and assist with recruiting events. Not only will these cadets be graduating with a commission in the U.S. Army, but they will also leave this program with a sense of honor and pride.

Across the nation the battalion has performed with distinction at events including the Ranger Challenge, Ranger Buddy, and Bataan Memorial Death March. Additionally, the Fighting Mules will be traveling for the first time to Washington, D.C. for the second largest 10-

mile race, the Army Ten-Miler in October. Our community takes great pride in the work of the Battalion and cadets like Da'Vontae Hair. Da'Vontae is a constituent, previous intern, and graduate from the historic Truman High School in Independence. Da'Vontae and his fellow cadets raised funds to help the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2513 in Warrensburg, MO by creating the Annual Patriot 5k Run/Walk.

This program is responsible for the commission of hundreds of distinguished military graduates and is recognized both locally and nationally as a top ROTC Battalion. The Fighting Mules Battalion has produced seven general staff officers. Those who hold this rank represent the top one percent of those who serve in our nation's Armed Forces.

For the past 50 years, the mission of the "Fighting Mules" ROTC Battalion has been to select, train, and commission future leaders for the U.S. Army. With over 275 ROTC programs in the United States, I am honored to note that the University of Central Missouri Fighting Mules Battalion is now ranked seventh in the nation. After being ranked 230 just four years ago, this tremendous accomplishment is a great example of the type of transformational leadership provided by Lieutenant Colonel Jason C. Christenson and his cadre team.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating and recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Fighting Mules Battalion at the University of Central Missouri. I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation of the Battalion's accomplishments and service.

HONORING WILLIAM HAWTHORNE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Hawthorne, CEO and president of the consulting firm D/I Solutions. Over the course of his remarkable career, Mr. Hawthorne has made invaluable contributions to advancing corporate diversity and the wellbeing of his community.

Prior to his current position, he held the posts of senior vice president, chief diversity officer, and vice chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Business Council at Macy's, Inc. In this capacity, Mr. Hawthorne implemented and oversaw an expansive diversity and inclusion strategy, spanning many of the organization's functions.

Mr. Hawthorne's distinguished career has also included stints as deputy general counsel and national practice leader at Macy's Inc. attorney for the City of the Atlanta Solicitor's Office, trial attorney for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, and instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at Emory University School of Law.

Mr. Hawthorne's commitment to values of inclusion, diversity, and expanded opportunity extends beyond the boardroom and is reflected in his involvement with numerous community-based organizations. He serves as a board member and committee chair of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, sits on the steering committee for the New York City

Center for Youth Employment, and serves as a mentor in the 5000 Role Model of Excellence Project.

I founded the 5000 Role Models program in response to a pattern of young men of color being incarcerated or dropping out of school in my home county of Miami-Dade and am grateful for the outstanding example that Mr. Hawthorne sets.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the extraordinary achievements of William Hawthorne, a dynamic and hardworking leader who has made his impact felt at each stage of his career.

RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week as Malnutrition Awareness Week. Every 60 seconds, ten hospitalized patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed, and many of these patients are older adults.

Malnutrition Awareness Week is a multi-organization, multi-pronged campaign created by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition to educate healthcare professionals to identify and treat malnutrition earlier, educate consumers to discuss their nutrition status with their healthcare providers, and increase awareness of nutrition's role in patient recovery. There are common-sense solutions that can help close the malnutrition care gap.

We currently do not know the full extent of the malnutrition problem plaguing the senior population. Screening measures for malnutrition are not a part of our national health surveys, and malnutrition is not included in the national health indicators and goals for older Americans that help shape public health programs and guide healthcare professionals.

We cannot expect older adults and their families to take steps to address malnutrition if we don't give guidance on identification of and interventions for the problem as well. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture nutritional guidelines have never addressed the issue of older adult malnutrition. We also cannot advance malnutrition care and promote improved patient recovery if we don't align the identification of and interventions for malnutrition with healthcare quality incentive programs. Malnutrition can lead to greater risk of chronic disease, fragility, disability, and increased healthcare costs, yet nutrition status is rarely evaluated and managed as individuals transition across care settings.

Therefore, this Malnutrition Awareness week, I call upon the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to routinely include malnutrition screening measures in national health surveys of older adults, and to include malnutrition among national key health indicators and Healthy People 2030 goals for older adults. I call upon HHS and the USDA to include dietary guidance for the prevention and treatment of older adult malnutrition and the closely-aligned problem of age-related sarcopenia (loss of strength and muscles) in the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Finally, I call on the Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services to include malnutrition electronic clinical quality measures in Medicare quality programs as well as include measures related to malnutrition in care transition programs.

I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in commemoration of Malnutrition Awareness Week. I wish to also salute the many groups and organizations who are involved on a daily basis in the fight against malnutrition, especially the bipartisan Defeat Malnutrition Today coalition and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

RECOGNIZING ALEX BARRIO

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, today, we honor Mr. Alex Barrio, the District Director of Flor-

ida's Ninth Congressional District. Alex is a dedicated public servant who has committed his life to the betterment of others. For over a decade, Alex has been at the forefront of fighting for Florida's constituents and the injustices they face. As District Director, Alex has continuously found ways to advocate for Florida's most vulnerable communities.

After the Trump administration implemented the "Muslim ban" barring citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States, Alex immediately went to the Orlando International Airport to defend the rights of Central Florida's Muslim community and ensure their safe return to Florida.

In late September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria destroyed areas of Puerto Rico, forcing tens of thousands of families to flee the island and move to Florida's Ninth Congressional District. Without hesitation, Alex united local community leaders to provide the necessary support for the victims of these natural disasters. For over a year, Alex has led

the charge to guarantee that recent arrivals from Puerto Rico had the resources they needed to find affordable housing, helping thousands easily transition into the Central Florida community.

In April 2018, the Trump administration launched a "zero tolerance" policy on America's southwest border causing thousands of children to be separated from their parents. In the face of this devastating impact on families, Alex's persistence prevailed when he demanded answers from the Department of Health and Human Services and successfully urged them to comply with a federal judge's order to reunify these children with their parents.

Alex has proven time and again that he will not hesitate to fight for what is right. His hard work and dedication are a testament to his values and commitment to improving the lives of others. I thank Alex for his continued service to Florida's Ninth Congressional District.