

to Mr. Jim Allison for his work in the medical field. His earning of the Nobel Prize speaks volumes for the work ethic and innovation of our community.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND PAUL
RILEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Helen and Paul Riley of Essex, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 4, 2018.

Helen and Paul's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together, and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING IS
FUELING TOURISM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are only two Northern White Rhinos left in the world. These two remarkable creatures live under constant armed security because poachers and terrorists are determined to kill them for their horns. Guarding these rhinos is like protecting the Mona Lisa or some other priceless piece of art in a war zone. Along with the sale of elephant tusks, black market wildlife traffickers have hunted many of Africa's great animals to extinction. This must end now before it is too late and these animals are lost forever.

Today, Rhino horns go for \$65,000 per kilogram on the black market. At such a high price the illegal poaching of these rare animals contributes a sizeable portion of the estimated \$19 billion a year wildlife trafficking industry. Terrorists and other extremist groups have noticed this lucrative business as a source of funding for their own evil deeds. Terrorist organizations such as al-Shabaab and the Lord's Resistance Army desperate for money use the illegal rhino horn and ivory trade to raise millions of dollars for their violent causes. We may often look at wildlife trafficking as a conservation issue, but it is also a major national security concern that is not being taken as seriously as other terrorist financing schemes.

Unfortunately, wildlife trafficking and the illegal ivory trade exists in large part because corrupt governments like China and Vietnam permit a market for these illicit goods. These governments have pledged to support anti-

trafficking measures but have failed to enforce existing laws or target consumers. Even North Korea has gotten in on the illegal trade with its diplomats caught multiple times shipping horns and tusks in diplomatic pouches to East Asia. Without action by these governments to stop the rhino horn and elephant tusk markets in their countries, it will be nearly impossible to prevent poaching in Africa.

China, Vietnam, and other governments around the world must understand that allowing wildlife trafficking in their borders is contributing to the financing of terrorism and instability in Africa. Overall, more must be done to stop the poachers, traffickers, terrorists, and corrupt foreign authorities that allow this illegal business to thrive. With dozens of rhinos and elephants killed each day for their horns and tusks, time is running out.

And that's just the way it is.

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE YWCA GREAT-
ER LOS ANGELES

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the YWCA Greater Los Angeles (YWCA GLA) as it celebrates its 125th anniversary.

In September 1894, the YWCA GLA opened its doors to serve the needs of women and their families. The organization's mission was to create pathways for growth, for eliminating racism, and for empowering women. Its educational offerings included classes in cooking, languages, stenography, and elocution. From those modest beginnings, the YWCA GLA has grown into a local colossus, and has provided an astonishing array of services to generations of Southern Californians.

From Downtown L.A. to Watts, from Boyle Heights to the San Fernando Valley, the YWCA GLA has given help and hope to local residents. It has been an active force for racial justice, HIV/AIDS education, infant learning, and the prevention of sexual assault and sex trafficking. Young people have been able to access affordable housing thanks to YWCA GLA residence buildings. Even amid the heart-breaking relocation of Japanese Americans by the U.S. government in World War II, the YWCA GLA was offering help to those in need, assisting Japanese American women and girls at ten relocation sites.

Today, the YWCA GLA continues to inspire us with its determination to better our communities. It impacts more than 100,000 individuals each year through services including affordable child care, after-school youth programs, economic empowerment, job training and housing, senior engagement, and sexual assault crisis services. In addition, the YWCA GLA engages in advocacy, working with community members to communicate loud, clear, effective messages on important legislation.

One of its largest programs, YWCA GLA Job Corps Services, provides a second chance in life to young students who are at risk, are previously homeless, or are emancipated foster children. Job Corps Services has been an amazing resource for helping these youth become self-sufficient and gainfully em-

ployed members of our society. The program, which has been co-ed since 1977, assists them with housing, medical costs, meals, life skills, and educational services including job training and online degrees.

The YWCA GLA's activities span many locations across the Los Angeles area, including its seven-story Urban Campus in Downtown L.A., which was funded in part by an \$82 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. I was privileged to sign a beam of the building at its topping-off ceremony. Dedicated just six years ago, this campus features a state-of-the-art library, residential units, modernized health facilities, indoor lounges, classrooms, an amphitheater, and more. With locations like this Urban Campus, the YWCA GLA will stay at the forefront of the fight to make sure L.A. residents are safe, smart, and well-prepared for the wonders and challenges that the 21st century will continue to bring.

As the YWCA GLA celebrates its 125th anniversary, its accomplishments are far too numerous to list here. Its long list of successes is due, in no small part, to the fearless and stalwart leadership of CEO Faye Washington and the YWCA GLA staff. Faye and her team provide their clients with the best training and counseling possible, and constantly raise the bar to ensure their clients' success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the YWCA-Greater Los Angeles for all it does for women, children and youth. Let us congratulate it on 125 years of fighting to better our communities and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
DANCE TEAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Colorado School of Mines Dance Team for receiving the Golden Mayor's Goldmine Award for Excellence.

The Colorado School of Mines Dance Team's contribution to the Golden community while representing Mines is truly inspiring. With their hard work and dedication, the Mines Dance team has brought their spirit into all that they do. Not only are they involved with athletic events and campus appearances, they also participate in community events such as the Buffalo Bill Days parade and the Night-mare on Greek Street.

I congratulate the Colorado School of Mines Dance Team for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan. I thank them for their contributions to our community.

TUSTIN POLICE CHIEF CHARLES
CELANO RETIREMENT

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Charles

Celano's retirement from the Tustin Police Department.

Over the twenty-seven years Chief Celano has served the City of Tustin, he has been an outstanding leader during his four years as Chief of Police.

During his tenure, Chief Celano oversaw the creation of the award-winning Neighborhood Improvement Task Force, and led the department through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies national accreditation process, making Tustin Police Department the eleventh in the State of California to hold such a distinction.

Chief Celano is one of the finest members of our Orange County community and I am confident he will find success in the next chapter of his life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Chief Celano on an outstanding career serving the City of Tustin. I wish him the absolute best.

TRIBUTE TO LOU AND ALVIN BARKER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lou and Alvin Barker of Bedford, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary.

Lou and Alvin's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together, and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE LAO VETERANS OF AMERICA

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America, Inc. (WLVA), an organization founded in 1991 to serve the Lao Veteran community in Wisconsin by advancing the opportunities and recognition for those who fought in the CIA's secret war in Laos.

This organization has been instrumental in helping the Hmong-Lao veterans to adjust to life in the United States, and has shaped their experience here in Wisconsin through assistance in assimilation, recognition, and societal advancement.

WLVA was founded in 1991 by General Yang Pao, who was the commander of the "Secret Army" which was conscripted by the CIA to fight against the People's Army of Vietnam. He was the only ethnic Hmong to be ele-

vated to the position of General in the Royal Lao Army.

Currently, Captain Nao Shoua Xiong of Wausau, WI leads the WLVA as their president, and has been at the forefront of assisting the Hmong community in all aspects of life in Wisconsin.

On behalf of the residents of Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District, I would like to thank the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America for their service to our country and our community.

HONORING TREVINO'S AUTO MART

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trevino's Auto Mart, a family owned business in McAllen that, for thirty years, has been a model small business. Throughout its tenure, Trevino's Auto Mart has survived periods of economic instability and fierce competition.

In 1988, Trevino's Auto Mart had just two cars on its lot. Now, after years of hard work and providing quality service, Trevino's Auto Mart has nearly eighty cars and has earned the respect of many in the Rio Grande Valley and across the state of Texas.

As a member of the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association, Trevino's Auto Mart has demonstrated its commitment to upholding an unparalleled standard of ethics. Finally, as the only independent dealer with a partnership with BBVA Compass, Trevino's Auto Mart has shown that it too can compete for more business and clients.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to represent the hardworking individuals at Trevino's Auto Mart and recognize this second-generation family owned business for its three decades of success in the 15th District of Texas.

LUNCH AND LIFE PROGRAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Lunch and Life Program for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

From its humble beginnings of about six students in 2000, the Lunch and Life Program has grown to become one of the primary connections between Mines students, Calvary Episcopal Church, and the Golden community. During the fall and spring semesters, several hundred students and members of the Golden community from different countries and walks of life, come together to enjoy a homemade meal and great hospitality. To date, more than 26,000 meals have been served to students, thanks to the ongoing contributions of about 20 hardworking volunteers in the community.

I congratulate the Lunch and Life Program for receiving this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan. I thank them for their contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF MR. CHARLES SHAW

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today and recognize the achievements of Mr. Charles "Chuck" Shaw, an educator, public servant, community leader, and distinguished resident of Palm Beach County, Florida. Mr. Shaw has dedicated 55 years of service to his community and has played a pivotal role in the success it enjoys today. For his outstanding work, the Kiwanis Club of Westside, West Palm Beach will be presenting Mr. Shaw with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Shaw is originally from Martinsburg, West Virginia, but moved to Florida with his family when he was five years old. He graduated from Forest Hill High School in 1966 and later earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in Education from Florida Atlantic University.

In 1970, Mr. Shaw began his career in education as a teacher at Berkshire Elementary School, where he served for six years before becoming Assistant Principal at North Grade Elementary and then Principal of Westward Elementary. He also served as Principal of Northboro Elementary, Okechee Middle School, and the new Greenacres—Liberty Park Elementary school, where he was the first person ever to serve as Principal. Mr. Shaw was later appointed at the district level as Area Superintendent, Department Head, and Director of Governmental Relations. During his tenure in these important positions, he lobbied at the state and federal levels for adult and community education.

Mr. Shaw's dedication to youth development extended beyond school administration. He served for 25 years as the President of the Palm Beach County Youth Football League, the Palm Springs Athletic Association, and the Lake Worth Bronco and Pony League. For his contributions, he was nominated and inducted into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame. In 1988, Mr. Shaw was elected to the City Council for the Town of Greenacres, Florida. He served 22 years and was appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor. Mr. Shaw also served on the board of Trustees Florida Education Investment Trust, the Florida Labor Relations Board, and the Palm Beach County Safety Patrol Board. In 2012, he was elected to the Palm Beach County School Board and re-elected in 2016; he currently serves as Chairman.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and thank Mr. Charles "Chuck" Shaw for his dedication to the education, mentoring, and personal development for the youth of Palm Beach County. I wish him many more years of continued success.

ASKING NICELY WILL NOT MAKE RUSSIA COMPLY WITH THE INF TREATY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, since 2014, the Russian Federation has been in violation