

CELEBRATING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARIZONA PBS

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions made by Arizona PBS and to celebrate its long history of service to the children of the City of Phoenix and the State of Arizona.

Arizona PBS is dedicated to supporting students, families and educators with content focused on national, common core and state standards.

Since 2010, the Arizona PBS Educational Outreach team has reached nearly 750,000 families and more than 60,000 teachers and teachers-in-training across the state through large-scale events and special community development workshops.

In addition, Arizona PBS provides educational assets through the Arizona PBS LearningMedia online portal in English, Spanish and Navajo, as well as professional development services to help guide individuals into careers in early childhood education.

I am especially grateful for PBS's efforts to help families from diverse backgrounds to prepare their children to enter kindergarten by providing free online apps and games as well as off-screen activities for early learning.

Last month, Arizona PBS launched a 24/7 children's channel, Arizona PBS KIDS, featuring an array of programming to help young children master important skills, ranging from reading and basic math and science to problem solving and emotional skills. This new channel is available over the air and online to educate, entertain and inspire children of all backgrounds across Arizona.

In closing, I want to recognize an event held in my district on February 17, 2018 in which PBS invited children and families to the heart of downtown to celebrate education, community and exploration.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to once again pay tribute to the outstanding work of Arizona PBS in helping to mold the young minds and future leaders of our great state.

L.G. EVERIST, INC.

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud L.G. Everist, Inc. for receiving the 2018 Commerce City Business of the Year Award.

The Business of the Year Award is given to a Commerce City company with a pioneer spirit that has shown a history of leadership within its industry and the community. L.G. Everist has demonstrated longevity and sustained growth within the Commerce City community for over 26 years and just celebrated its 140th year in business. This family owned company provides construction aggregates, transload/bulk services, dimensional stone, decorative stone, rail services, and water storage. The business has spanned five generations of owners and has employed other several multi-generation families.

In 2016, L.G. Everist expanded its facility and is now well-positioned to accommodate the next phase of growth to meet the growing needs for transloading bulk construction products across the Denver metro region. L.G. Everist values every opportunity to contribute to its community through economic development and enhancing the lives of employees, families, and the community as a whole.

I extend my deepest congratulations to L.G. Everist, Inc. for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

HONORING MARK VAN EYCK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mark Van Eyck. Mark is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 522, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mark has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mark has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Mark has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Mark remodeled a youth area at his church, Harmony Vineyard, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mark for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF FRANCISCO CHARGUALAF
MENO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Francisco C. Meno. Francisco was a proud son of Guam, faithful public servant, and a dear friend. He was born on November 28, 1939 to Felipe Q. and Fidela Chargualaf Meno, and he passed away on February 6, 2018 at the age of 78.

Francisco graduated from George Washington High School and went on to marry the love of his life, Rosa Rivera Meno. Together with Rosa, Francisco cared for his children and provided for his family. He was a member of Guam's greatest generation who survived the occupation of Guam during World War II. Francisco went on to serve our local community as a fire fighter with the Guam Fire Department. He was fondly known as "Chief," served in the Guam Fire Department for thirty years, retiring in 1988 as the department's Fire Chief.

In addition to his career as a fire fighter, Francisco was a skilled carpenter, mason, and fisherman. He was recognized by the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency as

a Master of Chamorro Tradition as a "Master Kakahat Sagualle" or "Master Hut Builder." Francisco's huts were a part of many special celebrations throughout the island. He also graciously passed on his knowledge of hut building to all those who were willing to learn. Francisco was a firm believer of the need to pass down the traditions and culture of the Chamorro people. He also gave his time and talent to build many things for his village parish of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Inarajan.

Francisco's true passion in life was fishing. Francisco was known as a skilled fisherman and always shared his catch with family and friends. His involvement in village events and service in public safety were testaments of his leadership and commitment to the community of Guam.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Francisco C. Meno, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones and friends. I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life and remembering his many contributions to our island and his village of Inarajan. I extend my condolences to his wife Rosa, their children Frank, Joseph, Rosanne, Kurt, Brian, Dorinda, Melanie, Roderick, Vanessa, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be deeply missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

RECOGNIZING MS. KRISTY BAXTER
FOR HER INTERNSHIP WITH THE
UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON IN-
TERNSHIP PROGRAMME

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young Australian who is currently interning in my Washington D.C. office. Kristy Baxter came to our office as part of the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme (UCWIP) and has been a valuable contributor to our efforts on behalf of New York's Tenth Congressional District.

UCWIP has worked with congressional offices to foster strong ties and understanding between the United States and Australian governments by bringing the best and the brightest from top Australian universities to intern on Capitol Hill. I am proud to have personally hosted 14 Australians since 2003—each bringing their own unique outlooks on policy and desire to contribute.

Kristy, a student from Deakin University, studying a Bachelor of International Studies, has interned in our office since January and has quickly proved herself to be a highly valuable member of our team. Over the past weeks, it has been a pleasure to see her swiftly develop into an increasingly confident and pro-active individual. Her innate curiosity to learn, matched with her willingness to work hard, saw her tasked with researching Medicare and the healthcare industry, tax havens and financial secrecy as well as attending foreign affairs briefings on difficulties with post-conflict transition in Colombia and the involvement of the U.S. intelligence community in Sudan. Kristy is an exceptionally calm and affable presence in the office and encounters everyone she meets with respect. Through

hard work, dedication and ability to learn from those around her, Kristy became a tremendous asset to our office and the Tenth Congressional District.

My team has learned a great deal about the current political situation in Australia as Kristy's fascination with America continues to grow. She is an absolute pleasure to have in the office and I offer her my thanks for a job well done. I wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

BASF CORPORATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud BASF Corporation for receiving the 2018 Commerce City Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales, or new capital investment to Commerce City. BASF currently employs 17,500 people across North America and 114,000 worldwide, and operates across five segments—Chemicals, Performance Products, Functional Materials & Solutions, Agricultural Solutions and Oil and Gas. These segments create chemistry for a sustainable future in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. In Commerce City, BASF Corporation's local focus is in the area of construction chemicals. The company operates out of a 150,000 square-foot facility with almost 150 employees including the addition of 30 new employees in 2017.

BASF is extremely involved in the community where their employees engage in BASF Kids Lab, Site Safety Day, Boy & Girl Scouts, and Engineer's Without Borders.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the BASF for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

HONORING IAN McDONALD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ian McDonald. Ian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 255, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ian built and delivered a dozen wooden duck houses to the Missouri Department of conservation for distribution and installation on both public and private waters in western Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ian for his accomplishments with

the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**RECOGNIZING MR. TRENTON
"TRENT" JEROME McCLUSKEY**

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Mr. Trenton "Trent" Jerome McCluskey on the occasion of his retirement as the Jail Administrator for Walker County, Alabama back on February 1, 2018. I am proud to recognize Mr. McCluskey for his many years of public service to our area. He is truly a man who embodies the American principles of hard work and devotion to one's community, state and nation.

Mr. Trent McCluskey is a native of Jasper, Alabama and a graduate of Walker High School. After graduating high school, he attended Walker State Technical College and then earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from International Bible College in 1985. He received a Criminal Justice Certificate from the University of Alabama in 1997 and his Juris Doctorate from the Birmingham School of Law in 2000.

Trent began his career in corrections in 1991 working for the State of Alabama Department of Corrections. His career could have ended prematurely in 1993 when he was stabbed by an inmate and thrown from the second tier of the William E. Donaldson Correctional Facility. However, after an 18-month recovery period, he returned to work at the Walker County Jail in 1995. In 1999, one year after the completion of the new jail, he was named as the Jail Administrator where he served until January, 2018. As Administrator, he supervised the daily operations including up to 290 inmates, 43 full-time employees and a \$2.5 million dollar budget.

Trent was also very active in his community and received a certificate of appreciation in 1997 from the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was also named Volunteer of the Year in 1994 from the Daybreak Spousal Abuse Shelter and received their Community Service Award in 1996. He was very active in the Jasper Chapter of the Lions Club International, serving as president from 2001 to 2002, Zone Chairman for District 34-L from 2002 to 2003 and District Governor for District 34-L from 2004 to 2005.

Trent has one daughter, Terina Michelle Preston, and four grandchildren, Peyton, Conner, Grayson and Ryland. He is highly respected by the people of Walker County for his honesty, hard work and dedication, and I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with him over the years.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize and honor Trenton "Trent" Jerome McCluskey on his many accomplishments and for his enduring impact on his community. I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him God's richest blessings in the next chapter of his life in retirement.

**RECOGNIZING JUDY BLAND FOR
OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Judy Bland and her selfless contributions to the residents of Kane County, Illinois. For nearly 20 years, Ms. Bland has worked as a Victim Advocate for the Kane County State's Attorney's office.

In 1996, Ms. Bland joined the office as an intern and soon after was offered a full-time position as Administrative Assistant. Less than two years later, she began working as a Victim Advocate and was recently named as the Director of the Victims' Rights Unit. Early in her career, she was asked to advocate for a mother whose 20-month-old daughter was a murder victim. Ms. Bland was there every step of the way and her persistence encouraged the mother to seek her own career as a paralegal.

When the death sentence of Luther Casteel, who killed two and wounded 16 in Elgin, Illinois in 2001 was commuted, Ms. Bland personally called the families of the victims and survivors informing them of what the Governor's action meant. From Ms. Bland's perspective, everyone who witnessed the shooting deserved a phone call. Ms. Bland helped coordinate crisis and grief counselors in the aftermath of the Northern Illinois University attack that killed five and wounded 17. Name a major crime or crisis in the last two decades and it is likely Ms. Bland helped people deal with the aftermath through her comfort, advocacy, and good counsel. It's not an easy nor a glamorous job, but the important work that Ms. Bland has done has changed the lives of people when they were in the greatest need of support.

Mr. Speaker, and distinguished colleagues; please join me in recognizing and thanking Ms. Judy Bland for her selfless contributions to the residents of Kane County, Illinois and her excellent example of public service.

GALLERY ON THE GO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gallery on The Go, Inc. for receiving the 2018 Commerce City Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award recognizes a company or entrepreneur that demonstrates a pioneering spirit and development of a business start-up, new product development, or a company/product with growth in new markets. In October 2011, Maria Borrego, a Commerce City resident and Adams City High School graduate, co-founded the mobile painting planning party, Gallery on The Go. She was joined by Mandy Thomas in 2014 and today are a staff of four full-time and two part time employees. They have now expanded to over 160 Independent Gallery Guides in 30 states, serving over 35,000 painters in 2017.

In addition to expanding across the country, Gallery on The Go is also committed to giving