

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANGELINA APODACA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Angelina Apodaca is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Angelina Apodaca 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 Angelina Apodaca for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of Carbon County as that county celebrates its 175th Anniversary of incorporation. On March 13, 1843, Carbon County was created by combining parts of Northampton and Monroe Counties. The County was named for the vast abundance of anthracite coal found in the region.

Carbon County consists of land originally obtained from the Delaware Tribe during the Walking Purchase of 1737. The first settlement established in the area was Gnadenhutten. Set up by twelve German monks of the Moravian order in 1745, today, the town of Lehigh stands in its place. During the Industrial Revolution, Carbon County was the home of the first railroad in America that was built on any large scale, known as "The Switchback." Carbon County is also the location of the trials and executions of the infamous Molly Maguires, a secret organization whose members were accused of targeting mine company representatives with violence during early struggles over the treatment of miners.

Carbon County spans over 500 square miles in the Pocono Mountain region of Pennsylvania. Over two-thirds of the county is state game and park land. Because of its strategic location in the Poconos, its natural beauty, and its rich history, the county attracts many

hikers, cyclists, history buffs, and people seeking adventure. With its seat located in Jim Thorpe, Carbon County has twenty-three municipalities, several unincorporated communities, and close to 64,000 residents. The county is generally considered a bellwether county for statewide elections.

It is an honor to recognize Carbon County as its residents observe the 175th Anniversary of incorporation. I take great joy in joining celebration of such an important milestone. I wish everyone in the county all the best as they continue to make history.

USS "COLORADO" COMMISSIONING

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's 4th Congressional District I am delighted to recognize the commissioning of the USS *Colorado* (SSN-788.)

Since the time of the Civil War, U.S. Navy vessels named after the magnificent state of Colorado have proudly served our great nation. The commissioning ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 17th, which will be a special day for Coloradans as the United States Navy officially welcomes the fourth U.S. Navy vessel to bear the Colorado name.

We rest assured in the knowledge that the crew of the USS *Colorado*, part of the Virginia-class of attack submarines, is equipped with the most advanced capabilities and sophisticated technology needed to maintain the strength of the U.S. Navy and the security of America's shores. Coloradans are proud as USS *Colorado* and her crew joins forces in the endeavor to ensure security for all Americans.

A relationship will be established between the USS *Colorado* and her remarkable service men and women. May that bond reach far beyond Saturday's ceremony and remain throughout the span of the USS *Colorado*'s lifetime of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to return from my home district in time for votes on Monday, March 5 or Tuesday, March 6.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 092; YEA on Roll Call No. 093; NAY on Roll Call No. 094; and YEA on Roll Call No. 095.

JALISSA ARCHULETA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Jalissa Archuleta is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jalissa Archuleta 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 Jalissa Archuleta for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOE G. WRIGHT, JR.

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe G. Wright, Jr. of Raleigh, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of North Carolina, I would like to thank Mr. Wright for almost 30 years of service to our communities and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement.

Joe Wright began his career in emergency management as an Emergency Services Director for Caswell County in 1990. He began working with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management as an Area Coordinator in 2004, became a Central Branch Manager in 2009, and rose to the position of Deputy Director in 2013. Over the course of his career, Mr. Wright has aided in twenty-two FEMA disaster declarations, including deploying to New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina and assisting the state during Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Wright was instrumental in the development of a Field Standard Operational Guide that received a national best practice during accreditation inspections. He also chairs the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Leaders Advisory Group.

Mr. Wright is the 2010 recipient of the Colonel William A. Thompson Award for Outstanding Achievement in Emergency Management. Over the course of his career, Mr. Wright has successfully led local and state operational responses to disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, winter storms, wildfires,

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public disturbances, and hazardous material events.

Joe Wright has earned the respect and friendship of the people of North Carolina through his hard work and wide-ranging involvement throughout the state. For his service to North Carolina, I am honored to express to Mr. Wright the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE OKAWVILLE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2018 Class 1A Illinois basketball champions the Okawville boys' basketball team.

Okawville won the title game 59–48 thanks to a record breaking barrage of three-point shots, with Okawville making eight out of their 14 attempts. Behind the shooting of junior guard Wyatt Krohne, who scored 18 points to lead the team, Okawville seized its first ever state basketball title. With the game deadlocked at halftime, Okawville broke it open with a 19–point third quarter blitz that decided the outcome. Just as impressive as the team's third quarter offensive output was its stingy defense, which yielded a scant six points during the deciding stanza.

I would like to congratulate the entire Okawville boys' basketball team on their victory: Payten Harre, Lucas Frederking, Caleb Frederking, Will Aubel, Jordan Green, Wyatt Krohne, Luke Hensler, Carter Killion, Drew Riechmann, Tyler Parsley, Tyler Roesener, Payton Riechmann, Lane Schilling, Tom Segelhorst, and Jackson Heckert, as well as Head Coach Jon Kraus, on a superb end to a great season.

Mr. Speaker, today it is an honor for me to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Okawville boys' basketball team in winning the 2018 boys' basketball championship, and I wish the team, and their coach, all the best in the future.

EMILY BISHOP

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Emily Bishop is a student at Everitt Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emily Bishop 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 Emily Bishop for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING DAVID, JIMMY AND SUSAN SCOTTON

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the release of the short documentary film, *I Lived On Parker Avenue*, and recognize adoptee David Scotton and his family, and to celebrate their inspirational story highlighting adoption.

I Lived on Parker Avenue follows the story of David Scotton, currently a law student at Louisiana State University, on his journey to meet his birth parents for the first time and thank them for the gift of his life. Through God's grace, David's birth mother walked out of an Indianapolis abortion facility at the last moment and lovingly placed David up for adoption, answering the prayers of Jimmy and Susan Scotton who adopted David at birth.

To honor them for their work to better the lives of Louisiana children through adoption, David, Jimmy and Susan Scotton were awarded by the Louisiana Institute for Children in Families as a Louisiana Angel in Adoption. I ask that my colleagues join me today in celebrating their story and recognizing their contribution to promoting the blessing of adoption.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF COLONEL DWIGHT LAWRENCE TAYLOR

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Colonel Dwight Lawrence Taylor. Colonel Taylor served the nation as a bombardier in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war, Colonel Taylor entered the Air Force Reserves, retiring in 1984 as a Colonel.

Colonel Taylor took great pride in his involvement in the community. He was a member of Coan Baptist Church in Heathsville, VA where he was a past Deacon. Additionally, he served as a past Master Mason of Heathsville Masonic Lodge number 109 AF and AM and was a member of Westmoreland Royal Arch Chapter number 41. He belonged to many civic organizations including the Northumberland Lions Club and Historical Society. Colonel Taylor had a deep love of the Northern Neck and spent many years at his beloved home, "Wheatland," where he loved to garden and work on preserving the historic antebellum home. Colonel Taylor typified a genuine Virginia Gentleman in his character and charity to others. Colonel Taylor continued to serve his community as Chairman of the Northumberland County Republican Committee and as a member of the First Congressional District Committee. Colonel Taylor is a graduate of The College of William and Mary.

I had the pleasure of knowing Colonel Taylor for many years and witnessed his contribu-

tions to the community. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in extending thoughts and prayers to his wife, Catherine; daughters Mary Catherine and Jennifer; five grandchildren; and their families during this difficult time.

ISABELLA BROWN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Isabella Brown is a student at Arvada K–8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isabella Brown 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 Isabella Brown for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF CARBON COUNTY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to join the residents of Carbon County, Pennsylvania in celebrating the county's 175th anniversary of its incorporation.

The last 175 years have proven transformative for the county, demonstrating its vitality and strong sense of community. Located in the northeastern corner of the state, approximately 90 miles west of New York City and 90 miles northeast of Philadelphia, Carbon County covers over 500 square miles and is known for its scenic mountains and rivers. It truly carved out its place in the Commonwealth's history when it became the home of the first railroad in America built on a large scale, called the Switchback. Construction of the Switchback railroad helped bring a thriving coal industry to Pennsylvania, which in turn brought businesses, schools, and a growing population to the region.

While the Switchback railroad was retired in the 1920s, Carbon County still attracts thousands of visitors each year due to its attractive rural landscape that is rich in heritage and history. With the northern and eastern portions of the county being part of the Pocono Mountain region, and over two thirds of the county being State Game Land and State Park Land, there is no shortage of families and businesses attracted to Carbon County's quality of life. I am truly honored to represent this county in Pennsylvania and take great pride in its history, success, and sense of community.