

deserved honor is given annually by the Congressional Fire Services Institute and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to organizations for their outstanding contributions to the health and safety of firefighters.

This award is a true testament to the ISFSI's success in improving firefighter training.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I'd like to thank the International Society of Fire Service Instructors for their outstanding training and education for firefighters everywhere.

BANDIMERE SPEEDWAY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bandimere Speedway for being recognized as the 2017 Genesis Award winner by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation (Jeffco EDC).

The Genesis Award honors an individual, elected official, city, company or organization that has contributed to the economic vitality of Jefferson County through leadership, innovation, facilitation, and collaboration. A quarter-mile dragstrip located in Morrison, Colorado, Bandimere Speedway opened in 1958 and hosts the NHRA's Mile-High Nationals. Bandimere Speedway has shown their commitment to the community, families and education through its "Race to Read" program reaching more than 35,000 elementary age children each year. The program is now in its 22nd year and continues to find new and innovative ways to grow with support from racers and businesses.

Congratulations to Bandimere Speedway for this well-deserved award, and I thank them for their contribution to our community.

HONORING NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Napa Valley College on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

Napa Valley College is an important institution in our community. The college has educated thousands of Napa Valley residents and issues certificates and degrees to hundreds of students annually. It has provided students with job training and preparation for four-year universities. Napa Valley College is essential to our region, in part, as the largest wine school in the United States. There are more than 400 students in the Viticulture and Winery Technology Program and dozens of graduates have gone on to establish and run wineries.

In 2015 and 2016, BestColleges.com named Napa Valley College the best community college in California, weighing the rates of graduation, student retention, transfers to four-year universities, and dropouts. In addition to educating many Napa Valley residents, the col-

lege also provides venues for events such as community discussions, performances, debates and naturalization ceremonies.

In 1942, the founder, Dr. Harry McPherson saw the need for a local college and cultivated the public support necessary to establish a successful institution. With his leadership, a bond issue for Napa Valley College passed with 90 percent support.

I attended Napa Valley College on the GI Bill and am proud to have this exceptional institution in our district. It is an honor to be an advocate and supporter for the college and its role in providing access to higher education to people in the Napa Valley.

Mr. Speaker, Napa Valley College is an essential institution in Napa Valley and in Northern California. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the college on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN RICHARD SCHMIDHAUSER

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of John Richard Schmidhauser. Mr. Schmidhauser was born in the Bronx, NY. He lost his father when he was a teenager and lived through the Great Depression with his mother in Maryland, an experience that shaped his work ethic and created a lifelong support for issues related to social justice.

Following his high school graduation, Mr. Schmidhauser enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the outbreak of WWII. He worked as a Communications Officer and French hornist in the ship's band and, following VJ-Day, as a member of the occupying force in Japan.

He later enrolled in college under the GI Bill and earned a BA from the University of Delaware and a MA and PhD from the University of Virginia, in Political Science, with honors. Mr. Schmidhauser also served as a professor at the University of Iowa, where he was highly respected and admired amongst students.

Mr. Schmidhauser produced groundbreaking scholarly work on the U.S. Supreme Court. He authored numerous books and articles on the judiciary and public and constitutional law. He was active in politics and public service throughout his life and was known by many as a pioneer in his field.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the nation and the Schmidhauser family in celebrating this special life, which ended peacefully on February 21, 2018.

REMEMBERING GAINESVILLE'S WALT SNELLING

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of "Gainesville High School's biggest fan," Walt Snelling, who recently passed away at the age of 81.

For over 30 years, Walt announced ball games for his alma mater, Gainesville High

School. Having played for the Red Elephants as an offensive lineman, he fostered a passion for sports early in life.

Before Walt became "the voice of the Red Elephants," he graduated from the University of North Georgia with honors in 1959. He later enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as an officer for 12 years before returning home to manage the Gainesville Parks and Recreation Department.

The children in the community were the ones who inspired him to participate in the local sports scene. He proudly announced games from the loud speaker because he wanted each player to hear his or her name called and understand how special they are.

Walt's memory will endure in the hearts of Gainesville residents. I stand with many others today to mourn the loss of this legend, and I ask us all to remember the Snelling family in the weeks ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF SALLY ANNE CONVIRS JAMES

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sally Anne Convirs James who is receiving the 2018 Community Care Award from the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough for her exemplary involvement in the school district and the community at large.

Sally started as a parent volunteer in the classroom and at events while her children attended South School and Crocker Middle School and became the librarian at South in 2008. Sally's creativity is boundless. She developed several library programs and educational practices that bring classroom learning to life and instill a love of reading in all South students. South's Reading Tiger, her best-known literacy program, earned the California Gold Ribbon Award in 2016. Sally also created the Summer Reading Challenge and the Long-Term Reading Challenge and she continues the Birthday Book Club tradition.

Sally is a staunch advocate of hands-on learning. She walks students through history in programs such as Colonial Day, A Walk Through the American Revolution, Gold Rush Day or Ohlone Day. She has brought numerous authors to the library and works closely with parents and teachers to come up with the most fun and beneficial activities for her students. She also maintains the website and social media pages. Sally is truly a multitasking gem.

Before becoming the librarian, Sally served as a member of the Citizen's Oversight Committee and on the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough Little League. She was an inaugural member of the school district's HTV team and started a Girl Scout troop.

In addition to her library responsibilities, Sally is passionate about the environment and green initiatives. She helped set up trash sorting facilities and has participated in creek clean ups. She also helped establish a partnership between South and Samaritan House which teaches students about public service and social justice. Nurturing students to become our leaders of tomorrow, Sally helped revamp the student council format and process. Sally is all about helping others—she is

an amazing teacher, librarian, listener and mentor. Her hard work, which she always makes look effortless, has earned her the admiration and adoration of her students, their parents and her colleagues.

Originally from Los Angeles, Sally earned her BA in Psychology in 1984 and her JD in 1987 from UCLA. In 2008, she received a teaching credential from Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont and in 2012, she received a teacher librarian services credential from Fresno Pacific University.

Sally and Robert Michael James, her husband for 24 years, have three children; Katharine, Philip and Henry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the members of the House of Representatives to rise with me to recognize a remarkable community leader, teacher and human being. Many at South School fittingly say that as the library has become the core of South School, Sally has become its heart. The town of Hillsborough is truly fortunate to call Sally James one of their own.

RICK CRANDALL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rick Crandall, United States Air Force veteran and radio host of the "Breakfast Club" on KEZW 1430 AM, for his service to our country.

Rick made his radio debut while serving in the United States Air Force at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam before moving to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Rick is a dedicated champion of veterans and veterans' issues. He has served as the emcee for many veteran's events, created an annual Veterans Fair, Valentines for Veterans drive for the Denver VA Medical Center, worked with Regis University in their "Stories from Wartime" classes, and established the Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation. The Colorado Freedom Memorial is the first of its kind honoring all Colorado military members killed or missing in military action from the Spanish American War to the present.

Rick interviewed each of the Spann brothers about their military service as part of our Vietnam War 50th Commemoration series. The stories of the Spann brothers will be submitted to the Library of Congress (LOC) Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans.

Rick's courageous service to our state and nation has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military and civilian community. I extend my deepest appreciation to Rick Crandall for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING CHRISTINE M. LOEBER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Christine Loeber and remember her life, which was tragically cut short on March 9, 2018.

Ms. Loeber was born in Boston, Massachusetts and raised in Easton, Massachusetts. She graduated from Oliver Ames High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of New Hampshire. After working in sales, Ms. Loeber realized social work was her calling and obtained a Master of Arts in Social Work from Boston College, while also working for Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

Over the last decade, Ms. Loeber dedicated her career to veterans and providing them with the care they needed. She first began working with veterans through the VA Boston Healthcare System in Brockton, Massachusetts, where she primarily worked with female veterans and focused on trauma and substance abuse. She earned yoga teaching credentials in order to integrate yoga into her care for veterans who were coping with trauma.

After working at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System and the Santa Rosa VA Clinic, she was recruited as the Executive Director of The Pathway Home, where she continued to integrate yoga into the care she gave veterans. She was dedicated to connecting with and providing clinical, professional and educational support to the veterans as they continued their education after leaving the military. She loved her work and was proud that she was able to help others, especially veterans coping with post-traumatic stress as they continued their education.

Ms. Loeber was outgoing, intelligent, and empathetic. She is remembered by friends and family for her ability to make people feel special and for her love of the outdoors and travel. Our community has lost a kind and caring soul.

Mr. Speaker, Christine Loeber was a generous and empathetic person who was devoted to helping people in need. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING VICTOR M. RIVERA-COLLAZO FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE PUERTO RICO HALL OF FAME

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Command Sergeant Major Victor M. Rivera-Collazo (Ret.) on his induction into the Puerto Rico Hall of Fame.

Victor is receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his major contributions to both Puerto Rico and the United States as a whole. Recipients of this prestigious award must have been born and raised in Puerto Rico, served with the United States Armed

Forces, taken an active role in community service, and positively impacted the citizens of Puerto Rico, all while promoting Puerto Rican culture. Victor is the first living enlisted member of the Army to receive this award.

Born in Naguabo, Puerto Rico, Victor enlisted in the U.S. Army in October of 1977. His 33-year career with the Field Artillery Branch included deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, and Kosovo, as well as overseas service in Germany. Victor retired from the 10th Mountain Division of Fort Drum in August 2010 and was awarded the Legion of Merit in recognition of his exceptional conduct. Additionally, from 2003 to 2015, Victor served as coach of the All-Army Softball Team, leading the team to seven gold medals at the Armed Forces Championship Games.

After retirement, Victor served as the Baseball Chaplain for the Syracuse Chiefs and on the coaching staff of the SUNY Canton baseball team. Currently the Assistant Head Coach of the SUNY Canton Roos, Victor has been extensively involved with the Clemente Foundation, supporting Puerto Rico by organizing baseball clinics, comedy shows, and reconstruction efforts in the wake of Hurricane Maria. In particular, Victor worked to plan the inaugural Clemente Cup, which brought 10 collegiate baseball teams to compete in Puerto Rico and raised over \$2 million.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Command Sergeant Major Rivera-Collazo for his years of hard work and dedication to his community and to his country, and congratulate him on his well-deserved induction into the Puerto Rico Hall of Fame.

SERGEANT DONALD KEITH SPANN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sergeant Donald Keith Spann, United States Marine Corps for his service to our country.

Sergeant Spann served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968, serving for one year, two months and twenty-three days in-country, in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Spann's military awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal with one device, the Vietnamese Campaign Medal with the 60 device, and the Rifle Qualification Badges for the M-14 and 202 MM.

My office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Sergeant Spann and hearing about his experiences during a Vietnam War 50th Commemoration pinning ceremony in August 2017. In addition, Sergeant Spann's stories and that of his brothers will be submitted to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans.

Sergeant Spann's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant Spann for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.