

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.

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RICK CRANDALL

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**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.

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

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**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.

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SERGEANT DONALD KEITH SPANN

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**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.

CELEBRATING THE FIGHTING  
IRISH NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAM-  
PIONSHIP TITLE

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fighting Irish Notre Dame women's basketball team on winning its second National Championship after completing the largest comeback in NCAA championship history.

Each year, 64 teams compete for a shot at the NCAA National Championship. The Notre Dame women played relentless defense and showed unstoppable skill, taking it one game at a time until they reached the top.

All season long, the Fighting Irish showed sheer determination and refused to give up. The players, coaches, and staff have shown incredible commitment of their time and talent toward this impressive basketball program. I am so proud of the Fighting Irish Notre Dame women's basketball team for winning this much-deserved championship title. Thank you to head coach Muffet McGraw for her distinguished leadership and amazing ability to connect with her players and inspire them to strive for greatness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fighting Irish Notre Dame women's basketball program on winning the NCAA National Championship. Their positive impact reaches Hoosiers in our community both on and off the court. I look forward to the great things to come in their future.

HONORING JENNIFER GONZALEZ

**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 Dr. Jennifer Gonzalez and remember her life, which was tragically cut short on March 9, 2018.

Ms. Gonzalez grew up in Mountain View, California where she was raised with her three brothers. She attended St. Martin of Tours School and graduated from Saint Francis High School. She continued her education at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and earned her Doctor of Psychology from Palo Alto University. When she returned to the South Bay she helped establish the Veterans Resource Center at San Jose State University, which provided direct Veterans Affairs services for our transitioning men and women.

Social work was Ms. Gonzalez's calling. She was committed to treating veterans with post-traumatic stress through her work at The Pathway Home and PsychArmor. Her father, Mike Gonzalez, said she had empathy and compassion for the veterans she worked with and "wanted to be in the weeds with them." Local veterans described her as dedicated to her cause and warm and friendly to all she met. She was a giving person who was always trying to help other people.

On March 18, 2017, Ms. Gonzalez married T.J. Shushereba in Sacramento. Mr. Shushereba said that five hours into their first date he was smitten. Ms. Gonzalez was six months pregnant and she and her husband were excited to meet their first child, whose gender was to be a surprise.

Her father lovingly described her as "the Halley's Comet of great daughters." She was a devoted granddaughter. She visited her grandmother every other week and would sing to her and care for her.

Mr. Speaker, Jennifer Gonzalez was a compassionate and altruistic person who was dedicated to social justice and helping veterans build positive lives. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

THE FIRST IN FREEDOM—AO2  
NAVY SEAL MARC ALAN LEE

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Fallen American hero, Marc Alan Lee, who was KIA August 2, 2006. He inspired his Brother In Arms Chris Kyle to write his book *American Sniper*. March 20th would have been Marc's 40th birthday. The graveyards are filled with magnificent selfless heroes like Marc. The ones who have given That Last Full Measure for all of us over the years. He was the first Navy SEAL to die in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His Brothers In Arms knew him as a strong patriot, a fierce competitor, a loving husband, and a faithful Christian. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE FIRST IN FREEDOM  
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

The First  
The First In Freedom  
The First in light  
In every war,  
in every battle,  
in every fight,  
there are always those who must be the first  
to die  
Which brings such heartache and tears of  
sorrow to loved ones' eyes  
Whose brave hearts must burn bright  
Who we all need this night  
So all at speed, so all in sight  
Those brave hearts who fight the fight  
Who bring their light  
Who evil must fight  
Who leave all they love to over evil rise  
above  
And lie down their most precious lives.  
As up in Heaven the Angels cry  
And don't ask why?  
All in their most patriotic hearts comprised  
And for all their Brothers In Arms ready to  
die  
As did you Marc all in your most magnifi-  
cent heart comprised  
As realized  
Was such a heart of gold  
To all our children must be told  
To carry with us as we grow old  
And for you Marc,  
Heaven a place so holds  
When, in that moment of truth be told  
As it was you Marc who gave us the proof  
with your lessons of gold

All in what is in a hero's heart to know  
And so, made up of so  
As into the line of fire you'd go  
All in that Selfless Book of America's Who's  
Who to know  
Who but for the greater good gave all they  
could  
That last full measure,  
for surely there can be no greater treasure  
As you became the first Navy SEAL in this  
war to lose your life,  
And oh how Marc your loved ones and Broth-  
ers will miss you so,  
But, they will hear you on the wind  
And when they awake they will feel your  
presence next to them,  
as overnight watching over you they have  
been.  
And when there comes a gentle rain,  
you will feel our Lord's tear wash down upon  
you to ease your pain  
Until, one day up in Heaven together you  
will all again  
And you won't have to cry no more  
The first to fight  
The first to die  
With tears in eyes we now ask why?  
As like you Marc its upon our faith we must  
rely  
Sadly, because Freedom is not Free  
But, only bought and paid for by you and all  
of these  
Who are the first to die  
Could we?  
Would we?  
In the moment of truth would we up to new  
heights so rise?  
SEAled with a kiss  
And now we lay your sacred body down to  
rest  
We pray for you and your family our Lord to  
bless.  
At Ease my son,  
for you are one of America's Best  
Who are The First In Freedom,  
who all of us bless.  
Amen.

DENVER WEST PARTNERS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denver West Partners for being recognized as the 2017 Chairman's Choice Award winner by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation (Jeffco EDC).

The Chairman's Choice Award is a special recognition from the Jeffco EDC chairman of a company that has had a substantial impact to Jefferson County. As Managing Principal of Denver West Partners, Greg Stevinson has devoted the past 40 years to the development of the 500+ acre Denver West community. He was instrumental in the creation of the Denver West Business Park which includes a vibrant retail district that spans Colorado Mills/Denver West Village, the Promenade Shops and the Denver West Automotive District. Greg's leadership and business acumen have been instrumental in helping to develop Lakewood and Jefferson County.

Congratulations to Greg Stevinson and Denver West Partners for this well-deserved award, and I thank them for their contribution to our community.