

to our local governments in Napa County. These tax dollars supported and benefitted our community in many ways, including improving infrastructure and public safety.

National Travel and Tourism Week recognizes the important impact travel and tourism have on our economy and celebrates our community and the people that work in this important sector. Through their customer service and positive interactions with visitors they promote Napa County as a world-class destination. This week is a chance to commemorate members of the hospitality and related industries and acknowledge the work they do and the important role they play in our economy and community.

Mr. Speaker, travel and tourism are essential to our region in terms of our economy and our community's character. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we recognize May 6 through 12, 2018 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Napa County, California.

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TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CYRUS M.  
JOLLIVETTE

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**HON. AL LAWSON, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cyrus M. Jollivette, who passed away suddenly a few days ago, at the age of 72. Russ, as he was affectionately known, embodied the very best of the American spirit and ideals. With his passing, Florida, and indeed, our nation has lost a beloved leader and a cherished friend.

Russ was a great friend to this institution and well known to many of us here in the House, from his many years representing Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, and the University of Miami in Washington. I speak for all of us when I say that our thoughts and prayers go out to his family especially his sister Regina, Cleo, his daughter Lynn and grandkids Richard and Lauren.

Russ loved his community and always worked tirelessly to make life better for someone else. He embodied the axiom of Mary McLeod Bethune that former U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek taught us: "service is the price you pay for the space that God lets you occupy."

In that tradition, Russ left his mark in so many ways. At the University of Miami where he helped to expand the University's research and biomedical mission, as well as the campus footprint in Miami. In the arts, his work with the Ritz Chamber Players is legendary.

Russ was a man of faith. He had faith in God. Faith in his family. Faith in his community. And, faith in his country.

His loss will be deeply felt across Florida and this nation. May it be a source of comfort to you Lynn, Cleo, and Regina, and all of his family and friends that so many in our community, our state, and our country mourn with you.

MEANINGFUL WORK AND  
MENTORSHIP GIVE VETERANS A  
FUTURE, NOT JUST A JOB

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the work of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and include in the RECORD an article by P. Barry Butler on its program.

Joseph Scanlan left for Marine boot camp the day after his 18th birthday. At 23, he was ending his service as a platoon sergeant. Unlike many veterans, he knew where he was going next: Microsoft.

Although the veteran unemployment rate hit its lowest point in more than a decade in December 2017, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics experts say the data do not reflect underemployment. Many are trapped in minimum-wage jobs that only add to the pressure of transitioning to civilian life.

Today, Scanlan is a Microsoft Premier Field Engineer based in Boulder, Colo. He entered the skilled workforce through the Microsoft Software & Systems Academy (MSSA) program, available through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is now pursuing a degree in Technical Management from Embry-Riddle and hopes to work on artificial intelligence or cloud computing.

Microsoft launched the MSSA program in November 2013 at Joint Base-Lewis McChord. The reskilling program is now accessible to military personnel across the country. Enrollment is open to transitioning service members within six months of separation and honorably discharged veterans who recently transitioned from the military.

The two-term, 18-week program available through Embry-Riddle prepares graduates to launch careers as server and cloud administrators, cloud applications developers and cybersecurity administrators. Graduates are guaranteed an interview for a full-time job at one of the more than 280 industry hiring companies.

They enjoy a 92 percent placement rate in the IT industry at an average starting salary of more than \$70,000. For the 80 percent who enter the program without a degree, this triples their earning potential.

By 2020, Microsoft estimates they will graduate approximately 1,000 students annually from the MSSA program.

"Along the way, we've learned valuable lessons about the importance of mentorship, communication, interpersonal training, and dedicated one-on-one career support—and I believe this model is ripe for expansion," said USMC Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Chris Cortez, Vice President of Microsoft Military Affairs.

Scanlan is part of that one-on-one equation. After his graduation, he mentored the first MSSA cohort at Fort Carson, Colo. He had no IT background going into MSSA, so he can speak directly to the anxieties of veterans with minimal technical skills as they tackle a challenging mix of theory, practice, virtual labs and certification testing. He cites his work ethic and willingness to learn as qualities that now make him successful at Microsoft.

Corporations and universities have a strong incentive to reach out to veterans like Scanlan. Bringing them into technology fields such as IT fills a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills gap and promotes diversity in the workforce.

The United States invests in military personnel and entrusts them with the highest level of responsibility. We can benefit from this investment by welcoming veterans as

skilled employees with demonstrated potential as leaders and mentors.

We cannot afford to squander talents just because a person's active service has ended. A job allows them to survive. A career—with the opportunity to mentor others—gives them back a future.

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JAYDEKAI HANH

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

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

Jaydekai Hanh is a student at Arvada K–8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jaydekai Hanh 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 Jaydekai Hanh for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Call vote 167 and 168 on May 7, 2018. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call vote 167, and Yea on Roll Call vote 168.

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IN HONOR OF TYLER MILLER  
BEING NAMED THE 2018 BUSI-  
NESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR  
THE STATE OF WYOMING

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**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tyler Miller for being named the 2018 Business Person of the Year for the State of Wyoming.

Small businesses are the foundation of our economy. Every year, the Small Business Administration recognizes one business person from each state who exemplifies the values and dedication of those businesses around the country. This year, Tyler Miller was selected for this honor for the state of Wyoming.

Mr. Miller is the president of Earth Work Solutions in Gillette, Wyoming. Earth Work Solutions is a construction company whose employees pride themselves on their

craftmanship, dedication to their clients, and commitment to environmental stewardship. It has been a staple in the community for over forty years, and continues to strive to improve our state and its services. Mr. Miller and his employees embody the hard work, skill, and grit that is embedded in our Wyoming way of life. I thank Mr. Miller for the excellent example he has set for businesses across the state and country.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Tyler Miller on being named the 2018 Business Person of the Year for the State of Wyoming, and thank him for his hard work and contributions to our community. He and his family should be very proud.

#### HONORING EVANGELIST DR. LENA BELL TYLER

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of the community, Evangelist Dr. Lena Bell Tyler.

Growing up in Raymond, Mississippi Lena was swayed by the teaching of her parents, Will and Pearl Singleton. Her Mother was very much involved in community activities. Lena learned very early in life, that if you want to make a difference in life you must be involved.

Lena Tyler's professional occupation was in the Human Service field as a file clerk, in 1975 at Hinds County Public Welfare, now called Hinds County Department of Human Service. While working in the File Room, Lena would read cases involving neglect and abuse of children, causing the State system involvement, which motivated her to enroll in night school at JSU to work toward a Degree in Social Work. She retired as a Plans Grants Manager with the City of Jackson.

A greater contribution to humanity was made in 1997, when Ms. Tyler was elected President of the Mississippi A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI), becoming the first woman elected to serve in this position, under her leadership the Organization grew in membership and (4) four new Chapters were established.

In 1980 Ms. Tyler got involved in Voter Registration, Voter Education Programs offered by Mississippi A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) and became a registered voter and quickly became involved in encouraging youth to get involved in the political process.

Being actively involved in workshops and conferences taught her to always be in touch with the leadership that could make positive impacts on lives of people she served and by going the "Extra Mile" she created positive change in the lives of so many citizens throughout the community.

Founder, President of New Way Proverbs Ministry since 2011, Lena shares the gospel at Community Stewpot, Baptist Adult Day Health Services in Clinton, MS., Magnolia Nursing Home, Ruth Refuge Ministry for Women, and through the Kairos Prison Ministry. She also provides a healing and comforting ministry to patients at Baptist Medical Center, St. Dominic's Hospital and University of Mississippi Medical Center. Lena's ministerial outreach activities also include visiting individuals

at their homes. Messages are delivered with printed materials, pamphlets and small gifts acknowledging birthdays and holidays. These Ministries are supported via personal financial donations from family, friends and colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Evangelist Dr. Lena Bell Tyler for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

#### NATHAN HANNAH

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

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

Nathan Hannah is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nathan Hannah 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 Nathan Hannah for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### POEM IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF CONGRESSWOMAN LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

#### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in memory of a wonderful former Chairwoman from Western New York, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter who blazed new trails and touched many lives. I would like this poem penned in her honor by Albert Carey Caswell be included in the RECORD.

#### HER GOLDEN YEARS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Her Golden Years

As all through here,  
'oh how she persevered

As a public servant,  
serving her Nation and District here  
Walking the Halls of Congress in her Golden Years

While, most people would have been content  
To rest and relax and enjoy their remaining  
days upon this earth as spent

But, that was not her intent  
While, into her Golden Years she spent  
working ever harder here

As she was just reaching her stride so clear  
As to new heights she'd climb without fear  
As The First Chairwoman of The Rules Committee,

becoming a pioneer  
Geez Louise as it all seems clear  
How you gave your heart and soul my dear  
For Woman's Rights and all that you held dear

As you came into Congress in 1986  
with John Lewis that great Civil Rights pioneer

And for America as Frank would say,  
"it was a very good year"

Like Henry, Abraham, and Muhammad Ali,  
you were born of that Kentucky clay  
And as them too,

to greatness you made your way  
While, onto that Empire State you'd stay  
Falling in love with a great man named Bob,  
and three beautiful daughters, Robin, Amy,

Megan together you made  
And one day in the Halls of Congress,  
everyone knew you were a Who's Who  
Because, of the way you carried yourself for  
all to view

A kind warm woman of character and class,  
who stood by her principles steadfast

And when fighting for your legislation you  
could be as tough as could be,  
maybe because you came from that Hatfield's and McCoy's battle between families

As you left behind a lot of gold in your legacy

In her Golden Years for all to see  
Your lessons about life and what we can be  
That you're never too old to make a difference,

and give back to all of humanity  
Or to embark upon a journey to make history

There are Rules to learn about her life,  
work long and hard and giving back and you  
will burn bright

Rise up to heaven my child,  
where your husband Robert awaits with open  
arms for you and smiles

And now we lay your fine body down to rest  
the while  
Her Golden years.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHUCK HALL

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Chuck Hall, a close friend and longtime leader in the UAW, who is retiring after 46 years of dedicated service to the union and to his fellow members.

Chuck Hall worked his way up the ranks on behalf of workers and their families. He joined the UAW in 1972 as a member of Local 3, when he worked for Chrysler's Winfield Foundry on the east side of Detroit, Michigan. In 2005, Chuck became a UAW staff member, and in June of 2010, he was elected Director of Region 1 at the UAW's 35th Constitutional Convention. UAW Region 1 has the largest membership of any UAW region, including 52,000 active employees and approximately 100,000 retirees.

As Director of Region 1, Chuck oversees 40 local unions covering 8 counties in Michigan as well as Canada. Throughout his tenure as Director, Chuck has been an energetic and attentive leader committed to ensuring that his brothers and sisters in the UAW are fully represented while training local union officers to be successful leaders themselves. He has hosted hundreds of training programs and conferences to give local union officers the tools they need to effectively conduct strategic planning, enforce health and safety of their members, handle grievances, and run their local unions.

Chuck's leadership extends broadly throughout the community. He serves on the boards