

Murphy for his decades of service to the City of Federal Heights, Colorado.

For over thirty years, Commander Murphy has been active within the Federal Heights community and police department.

Commander Murphy started at the Federal Heights Police Department in 1980. He served in various roles at the department and worked his way up to a Commander, retiring from his extraordinary career on March 23, 2018. For nearly 40 years, Commander Murphy brought passion to his job and made a personal investment to the employees within the police department and the Federal Heights community. His hard work and dedication helped make Federal Heights a great place to live and work.

I extend my deepest thanks to Commander Murphy for his service to the community. I thank him for his continuous dedication to serving the people and the City of Federal Heights.

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HONORING SERGEANT DAVE  
BEYER

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**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism and bravery of Douglas County Sheriffs Sergeant Dave Beyer. On December 31st, 2017, Sergeant Beyer responded with fellow law enforcement officers to a domestic disturbance call where he was wounded in the line of duty. On behalf of myself and the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for Sergeant Beyer's service to our community. I admire his courage and willingness to stand in harm's way so that the innocent may be protected.

Sergeant Beyer has committed his life to protecting Americans through his service in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps, as a Reserve Deputy with the University of Colorado, with the City of Lafayette Police Department, and then with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office for nearly 20 years.

During the incident on December 31st, Sergeant Beyer sustained injuries while providing cover during a shootout with a barricaded gunman. He also helped place a tourniquet on his colleague, Deputy Michael Doyle, during the exchange of shots. As Sergeant Beyer now confronts his own physical and emotional healing, he will also carry the burden of knowing that one of his fellow deputies didn't make it away from the incident alive. For a profession that treats each other like family, the loss of a colleague is especially painful.

We must never forget the sacrifices paid by our men and women in uniform. Our nation's law enforcers are vital to the safety of Colorado communities. On behalf of the citizens of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and deepest gratitude to Sergeant Beyer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for Roll Call votes 173 and 174 on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

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MICHELLE THOMAS TEACHER LI-  
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**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michelle Thomas, a teacher with the Independence Academy Charter School in Grand Junction, Colorado, for her recent selection as a Teacher Liaison Officer for the Space Foundation. The Space Foundation chose Michelle for her active promotion of space and science education in her school and community.

Michelle was chosen for this position following a rigorous selection process conducted by a panel of space industry experts. She was one of 31 people across the globe who were nominated for this position, and she will join 250 other active Teacher Liaisons.

As a Teacher Liaison Officer she will receive Space Foundation training and resources, take part in specialized NASA workshops, and take on more educational responsibility. This opportunity will allow Michelle to expand her institutional space-based knowledge, further implement space education into her classroom, and in turn elevate her student's education.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Michelle for her accomplishment. Her talent, hard work, and commitment, has led to her selection as a Teacher Liaison Officer and I have no doubt she will take what she learns from the Space Foundation and give back to her students and the Grand Junction community. I stand with the people of the Colorado's Third Congressional District in commending her for her achievement.

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TYLER PITERA

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

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

Tyler Pitera 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 Tyler Pitera 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 Tyler Pitera 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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HONORING CANTOR EMERITA  
HELENE REPS

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**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a spiritual leader in the New Rochelle community, Cantor Emerita Helene Reps, who this year is being honored for her 17 years of dedicated service to Temple Israel in New Rochelle at their 110th Anniversary Gala.

Born and raised in the Pittsburgh area to a musical family, Cantor Helene Reps entered Carnegie Institute of Technology—now Carnegie Mellon—as a piano major. Encouraged by the faculty to switch to the vocal department, she received a double major in music and education.

Her first professional opportunity came in 1956, the Mozart bicentennial year, when William Steinberg, conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony, engaged her as the alto soloist in the Mozart Requiem. Helene called that moment a dream, which was followed by several more roles with the Pittsburgh Opera.

Upon graduation from Carnegie, she moved to New York, teaching in a Harlem junior high school. In 1958, Helene returned to Pittsburgh to marry David Reps, and Tamara, Aaron, and twins Steven and Jennifer arrived for the happy couple soon thereafter. When Davis' work moved the family to New York City, the Cantor at JCC persuaded Helene to enter the five-year cantorial program at the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music. Helene called the move a perfect fit, and in 1979 she graduated as one of the very first woman cantors to serve a major pulpit. Helene joined the clergy at Temple Israel in New Rochelle in 1980, where she served the growing congregation until 1997. She conducted services with Rabbi Amiel Wohl and prepared, on average, 40 to 50 children each year for their bar and bat mitzvahs.

These days, Helene spends her time with her husband, now of almost 60 years, enjoying their four grown children and seven brilliant grandchildren. The mark Helene has left on Temple Israel and indeed the entire New Rochelle community cannot be understated. The Temple has chosen an outstanding honoree for this year's Gala, and I'd like to congratulate Helene on this well-deserved recognition.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF HUGH  
KENDALL

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**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, the Fort Walton Beach/Destin community, the place that I call

home, recently lost a truly remarkable man. I rise to recognize and pay tribute to the life of Mr. Hugh Kendall.

I was lucky enough to call Hugh a dear friend, as were many in our community. Hugh was such an open and genuinely caring person, that whoever had the privilege to meet him instantly felt like they'd known him for years. He had a contagious positive attitude that he spread with ease wherever he went.

Hugh's life of service began in the United States Air Force in 1963. He was a Vietnam War Veteran, but even though his health suffered due to his exposure to Agent Orange, Hugh always remained positive and proud regarding his service; he once said "I served my country. I did what I was supposed to do."

After retirement from Civil Service, Hugh continued to give freely of his time. He volunteered serving on the Board of Directors for many organizations including Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers, AML Kids Emerald Coast, Sunset Vettes, and the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

He was well known throughout the civic community as a dedicated volunteer giving back to his community, which earned him Ambassador of the Year for the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and Volunteer of the Year for Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers.

Hugh's incredible spirit will live on through his beautiful family and the many lives he impacted so greatly.

We lost an amazing father, a loving husband, a devoted friend, and a true gentleman. We will miss the joy Hugh shared but will always remember his smile, his kindness, and his impact on our community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I'd like to recognize and honor the life and sacrifices of Mr. Hugh Kendall.

I am thankful for the blessing of his compassionate and virtuous soul and for the time that we were able to spend with him here on Earth. I offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends; may they all find peace and comfort in knowing how loved and revered Hugh was by so many. People die only when we forget them, if we remember Hugh, he will be with us always.

#### CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINERAL WELLS AIRPORT

#### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Mineral Wells Airport as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary on May 19, 2018. Since 1943, the Mineral Wells Airport has been a major part of the community and has a long history of supporting our country in times of war.

Originally established as Camp Wolters in 1925, the land that the airport now sits on was utilized as a training site for the 56th Brigade of the National Guard under the command of Brigadier General Jacob F. Wolters. During WWII, Camp Wolters expanded to include an airfield that trained pilots in the United States Army Air Force. The base became an instrumental post for the Army and trained thousands of troops to support the war efforts.

During the Cold War, the base fell under the control of the United States Air Force and was renamed Wolters Air Force Base. The renamed installation became a training post for Aviation Engineers throughout the Korean War. In 1956, the base was reverted back to the Army and housed the United States Army Primary Helicopter School. The base was later re-designated as Fr. Wolters in 1963, where it continued training helicopter pilots until its deactivation in 1973.

Since its deactivation, the airfield was converted for public use, which established Mineral Wells Airport. Over the years, the airport averages over 10,000 flights a year and has become a vital component of the local economy. The airport has developed a superb reputation and was even recognized as "Airport of the Year" in 2007 by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The rich history of the Mineral Wells Airport has engrained itself into the identity of Palo Pinto County. I want to congratulate the airport on their anniversary and wish them continued success.

#### SUTTON SPARR

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

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

Sutton Sparr 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 Sutton Sparr 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 Sutton Sparr 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.

#### CONGRATULATING JOANNA DYE ON HER RETIREMENT

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. JoAnna Dye, who is retiring from Blackhawk College. Ms. Dye has become a pillar of the Blackhawk community, and she will be greatly missed.

Ms. Dye has worked at Blackhawk College for 34 years, serving as the Financial Aid Director for the last 12 years. She has always gone above and beyond, and received the 2010 Sustained Service Award from the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (ILASFAA) in recognition of her notable contributions to Blackhawk College. Addition-

ally, Ms. Dye has worked to deliver professional development, leadership and educational opportunities to colleagues and students throughout Illinois by serving as the Executive Vice President and later the President of the ILASFAA. Her dedication to ensuring all our children have the opportunity to succeed has undoubtedly enriched our community and the lives of those she has touched.

It is because of dedicated and selfless leaders such as Ms. JoAnna Dye that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Ms. JoAnna Dye on her well-earned retirement and thank her for all of her contributions and service to our community.

#### HONORING DEPUTY JEFF PELLE

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism and bravery of Douglas County Sheriffs Deputy Jeff Pelle. On December 31, 2017, Deputy Pelle responded with fellow law enforcement officers to a domestic disturbance call where he was severely wounded in the line of duty. On behalf of myself and the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for Deputy Pelle's service to our community. I admire his courage and willingness to stand in harm's way so that the innocent may be protected.

Deputy Pelle has committed his life to protecting Coloradans through his service with the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office and then the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

During the incident on December 31st, Deputy Pelle received gunshot wounds from a gunman who had barricaded himself inside an apartment complex. As Deputy Pelle confronts his own physical and emotional healing, he will also carry the burden of knowing that one of his fellow deputies didn't make it away from the incident alive. For a profession that treats each other like family, the loss of a colleague is especially painful.

We must never forget the sacrifices paid by our men and women in uniform. Our nation's law enforcers are vital to the safety of Colorado communities. On behalf of the citizens in the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and deepest gratitude to Deputy Pelle.

#### HONORING KATHY SALOM

#### HON. ELIOT ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, as a former classroom teacher I hold a special affinity for fellow educators, especially those who give so selflessly of themselves in service to their community. In the Rye community, no one better exemplifies that selfless commitment than Kathy Salom, and I want to take a moment to honor Kathy the fine recognition she deserves.

Kathy was born Estell Kathleen Millard in Dunsuir, California in 1945. She attended