

and Human Services, which helped to enable them to renovate a property to permanently house the clinic.

Over the last ten years, FernCare has served more than 1,200 patients. FernCare currently maintains the clinical care of over 300 patients a year with a small staff and more than 100 dedicated volunteers. Patients of FernCare receive primary care services including generic and over the counter medication prescription, lab testing, wellness coaching, and counseling services, as well as other vital assistance.

Mr. Speaker, FernCare continues to be an invaluable organization within Michigan's 9th District, providing essential services to those most in need. I often hear from patients and volunteers about the work FernCare does, and their stories are truly inspiring. I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the 10th Anniversary of FernCare Free Clinic, its Board, led by Ann Heler, for its dedicated leadership, and the staff and volunteers for the irreplaceable service they provide to people in need.

DAVE MURPHY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

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

Dave Murphy is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dave Murphy 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 Dave Murphy 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.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF ROBIN BATTERSHELL

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of devoted educator Robin Battershell as she retires after nearly four decades of incredible service. With her "can-do" spirit and high-minded vision, she has made Central Texas a model for innovative, child-focused education.

A native of Robinson, Texas, Robin's resume tells the story of a life devoted to education, starting as a third grade teacher in Houston and culminating with stints as superintendent of both Salado and Temple Independent School Districts. The hallmark of Robin's

career is her unwavering devotion to prioritizing children in education. "If you didn't think about a particular child today, then you have lost the reason you entered education in the first place," Robin says, noting it is the job of educators to determine "where the child needs to go, and do everything in our power to help the child . . ."

As a wife and mother of three, Robin's commitment to her community doesn't stop when the school bell rings at the end of the day. She teaches at both the University of Mary Hardin Baylor and Texas A&M University Central Texas as well as serves on the Board for the Temple Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Central Texas. Her generous activism speaks to the very best values of our nation.

Robin Battershell's retirement is the richly-deserved beginning of an exciting journey. I salute her work and commitment to ensuring the children of our beloved home state receive the education they deserve. I join her colleagues, family, and friends in honoring her career and wishing her nothing but the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING BROWARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Broward Education Foundation and its 2018 scholarship award recipients. The Broward Education Foundation continuously works to engage the broader community to make the Broward County Public School system one of the best in the State of Florida. These men and women have served Broward County with distinction through their efforts, and they have demonstrated a commitment to improving our public schools in South Florida.

The Broward Education Foundation helps to provide the students of Broward County with an exceptional education, enabling them to reach their greatest potential. The Foundation provides support for innovative teaching, educational materials for Title I schools, and Fiduciary oversight for community members who join in our educational mission by establishing Foundation agency funds.

The Foundation also provides students with scholarships that enable them to pursue higher education. These scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have exhausted all other avenues for financial aid, but still fall short of the financial means necessary to attend state or community college, university or vocational school. This year, the Foundation will provide over 200 of these scholarships to Broward County students. Congratulations to all of the 2018 Broward Education Foundation scholarship recipients.

Mr. Speaker, I express my deep appreciation for the Broward Education Foundation's work in our community. Their dedication has transformed the lives of students by providing them with the educational tools necessary to achieve. I thank them for their work and service.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW LIVERIS

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Andrew Liveris, the Chairman and CEO of The Dow Chemical Company, upon his retirement from the company.

In his more than forty years with Dow, Mr. Liveris has been a recognized business leader and a leading advocate for manufacturing worldwide. Presidential administrations of both parties have recruited Mr. Liveris to serve as an advisor and have sought his expertise; Mr. Liveris served as co-chair of the steering committee for President Barack Obama's Advanced Manufacturing Partnership and served on President Donald Trump's Manufacturing Jobs Initiative.

As Chairman and CEO, Mr. Liveris has continued The Dow Chemical Company's strong commitment to the Great Lakes Bay Region, proudly opening a new corporate headquarters in Midland. Dow's investment has helped the city grow into a vibrant community.

Leading Dow's collaborations with numerous governments on advanced manufacturing plans and steering the company's investment and industry leadership around the world, Mr. Liveris has exhibited exemplary management at the helm of Dow. Under his leadership, the company weathered challenging economic times and completed a historic, transformational merger, moving the company forward for years to come.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Andrew Liveris upon his retirement from The Dow Chemical Company and extend my appreciation for his commitment to Midland and the Great Lakes Bay Region.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SACRIFICE OF FIREMAN 2ND CLASS LOWELL EARL VALLEY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the life and sacrifice of Fireman 2nd Class Lowell Valley, who died in service to his country during the Pearl Harbor attacks in 1941. I ask that you join with me and the people of Michigan's First District in honoring the heroic sacrifices of our service men and women as Lowell's remains are returned to his home in Michigan after 77 years.

Lowell Earl Valley was born on July 20, 1922, in Ontonagon, Michigan. Following his high school graduation, Lowell enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the USS *Oklahoma*. On December 7, 1941, the *Oklahoma* was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS *Oklahoma* sustained multiple torpedo hits, causing it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Lowell. Following the attack, 394 of the lost service members were unable to be identified and were laid to rest in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific,

known as the "Punchbowl," in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In 2015, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency exhumed remains from the Punchbowl, with the goal of returning identified service members to their families. After two years of work, Lowell was identified in January of 2018 by using DNA from his brother Bob and other family members. He is the last of three Upper Peninsula men who were killed in the Pearl Harbor attack to be identified.

Lowell's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl Cemetery, along with the others who are missing from World War II. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for. Following his death Lowell was honored with a Purple Heart, the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. An interment ceremony for Lowell will be held on July 14, 2018, at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Ontonagon. His remains will be escorted by a full Honor Guard and rifle squad, as well as by Veterans from across the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Lowell Valley for making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country. On behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join with me in honoring an American hero as he returns home.

HONORING WILLIAM S. LYONS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 1st Lieutenant William S. Lyons, also known as 'Tiger Lyons.' Mr. Lyons was part of the 355th Fighter Group. Mr. Lyons became a flight leader with 63 missions and completed his 300 combat hours in March 1945.

The 355th Fighter Group, which Mr. Lyons served in, had pioneered ground strafing techniques and it was the 355th Fighter Group who destroyed more enemy aircraft by ground strafing than any other Eighth Air Force Group. Based at Steeple Morden from July 1943 to July 1945, the Group flew Thunderbolts and Mustangs as escorts for bombers and in area patrols and fighter sweeps.

For his service he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 8 Oak Leaf Cluster, 5 European Theater Operation Battle Stars, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and 2 Presidential Unit Citations.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Lyons for his service to the country and to express our gratitude for all that his team did during their war to protect the freedoms we all enjoy today.

JERRY PIFER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jerry Pifer for

her hard work and dedication to the people of the 7th Congressional District.

Since I met Jerry in 2003, she has become a great friend and an instrumental member of my team. For more than 10 years, she has worked in my congressional office as part of the constituent services team and handled the issues of healthcare, Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security, labor and postal. Her wealth of experience with labor issues and in customer service made her a tremendous asset to our team and to the constituents we serve. Her relationships with local officials, liaisons at federal agencies, and within the community helped ensure she was always able to help answer questions, direct folks to the appropriate resources, and at times even secure money or benefits that were owed.

Prior to serving in my congressional office, Jerry worked as a Flight Attendant for United Airlines for 30 years. After retiring from United Airlines, she got involved in the Colorado Democratic Party and helped run the Colorado campaign for John Kerry's presidential bid from 2003–2004. From there, she helped make my first congressional campaign a success and went on to help open my first congressional office in 2007.

Jerry has a true gift for working with people, always able to make them feel comfortable and welcome with her good nature and sense of humor. I extend my deepest appreciation to Jerry Pifer for the difference she made in the lives of many people in our community. I will forever be grateful for her service to our team, the district, and the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMBASSADOR ROBERTA S. JACOBSON

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the career and service of Roberta S. Jacobson, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico.

Ambassador Jacobson represented the best interests of the United States and showed exceptional poise while dealing with a variety of complex issues as a diplomat. I personally want to thank her for her years of strong leadership, dedication to service, and unyielding commitment to improving relations with Mexico. I would also like to recognize her for being outspoken on countless issues including violence against women, human rights, and journalist safety.

Ambassador Jacobson served in a variety of important roles throughout her career, including Director of the Office of Policy Planning and Coordination in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru, Director of the Office of Mexican Affairs, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Canada, Mexico, and NAFTA issues in the Bureau. She would soon serve as Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs where she is noted for leading the U.S. delegation in historic talks with the government of Cuba to normalize relations. Eventually she would be confirmed and sworn in as the first female U.S. ambassador to Mexico.

She received a Bachelor of Arts from Brown University and received her Master of Arts in

Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. She would then go on to a long and successful career in the service of our country.

In addition to her diplomatic work, she is the author of several articles including "The Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women" in the United Nations and Human Rights and "Liberation Theology as a Revolutionary Ideology."

For these reasons and more, Ambassador Jacobson will be remembered for her work and leadership, for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the career of Ambassador Jacobson.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT MAJOR JUAN J. MARTINEZ

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to celebrate and recognize the heroic work of an exceptional citizen of our district, Sergeant Major Juan J. Martinez, USMC, Retired. Throughout his extraordinary military career and beyond, he has dedicated himself to a life of service to both Central Texas and this remarkable country.

SgtMaj Martinez 1972 enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1972. Since then he has spent every waking day displaying Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment as he worked his way up to the rank of Sergeant Major in 1997. Throughout his thirty years with the USMC, SgtMaj Martinez displayed outstanding leadership and selflessness, resulting in numerous awards and commendations, including the prestigious Meritorious Service and Marine Corp Commendation Medals.

SgtMaj Martinez's work was not limited to military service alone as he took it upon himself to be a role model and instructor in Texas schools. Central Texas has been blessed to have SgtMaj Martinez teach the MCJROTC at Round Rock High School for the past ten years. His encouragement and passion for the Marine Corps has instilled in our youth a sense of duty and shown them the fruits of a lifetime of service.

SgtMaj Martinez has gone above and beyond the expected duties of a Marine and has led our youth to new heights. We are grateful for each year he has dedicated to our country. He has blessed Central Texas with his hard work, valor, and I am proud here to congratulate him on his retirement after decades of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to travel back to Washington due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 181; YEA on Roll Call No. 182; and YEA on Roll Call No. 183.