

her studies. They quizzed her with flash cards and even served as her mock jury. A family that practices law together, stays together.

We are all faced with challenges and choices, some more difficult than others, but the understanding that each person is responsible for their actions and their own pursuit of the American dream is the best building blocks we can give to our children.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I want to congratulate Ms. Champs for setting an example to her children and giving hope to other women who are facing similar challenges.

And that's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF CEDAR FALLS HIGH
SCHOOL ROCKET CLUB

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor an accomplished group of students from Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Cedar Falls High School Rocket Club has a six-member team, consisting of Ryan Ritter, Will Burken, Erik Walther, Andre Bryan, Randev Gooneseker, and Duncan Myer.

As a result of their performance in a 2017 national student rocket competition, the Cedar Falls High School team was one of only 15 high school teams chosen to participate in a NASA-hosted student launch this past April.

With the guidance of University of Northern Iowa student Ryan Holzaphel, mentor Tyler Sorenson, and High School teacher and advisor Zeb Nicholson, the team spent many hours preparing to launch their 8-foot-tall, high-powered fiberglass rocket from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. In addition to the student rocket launch, these students heard from a number of speakers, toured the Marshall Space Flight Center, and underwent a series of rocketry reviews to ensure their rocket was ready for flight.

The Cedar Falls High School Rocket Club team consists of intelligent and motivated students who deserve recognition for their efforts, ingenuity, and interest in science. This group of young men exemplifies the incredible talent and innovation that students in Iowa's First District have to offer.

KULANI MARTIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kulani Martin for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Kulani Martin received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kulani Martin 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 Kulani Martin for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING THE
KEESEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT ON THE GRAND
OPENING OF ITS NEW FIRE STA-
TION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department on the grand opening of its new fire station.

The Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department has been providing firefighting and EMS services for the Towns of Chesterfield and AuSable since it was first established in 1878. For the past 140 years, the Fire Department has fought to protect and serve the people of these communities. Most recently, Keeseville's volunteer firefighters provided excellent first-response services to hundreds of families who lost power from a windstorm. As a member of the Clinton County and Essex County Mutual Aid Systems, the Fire Department also assists with emergencies throughout both counties.

In late 2015, the public voted in a referendum to renovate and expand the Fire Department's outdated fire station. The project added four new bays, creating enough room to fit all the Fire Department's vehicles inside the station. Additionally, the structural foundation was reinforced and the parking lot expanded and repaved. With these improvements, our dedicated firefighters will be better suited to continue to serve their community.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate the Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department as it opens its new fire station. We are grateful for the firefighters' service, and hope that this new station will serve as a suitable home for many years to come.

SUPPORTING ROBUST RELATIONS
WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL BI-
LATERALLY AND IN MULTILAT-
ERAL FORA UPON SEVENTY
YEARS OF STATEHOOD

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS STEWART

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to add my voice along with my colleagues' to congratulate the state of Israel on its 70th anniversary. From its humble beginnings, Israel has faced insurmountable odds but has prevailed.

Israel is a light in the region and an example of democracy and opportunity. From its technological advances to its cultural wonders,

Israel continue to improve and impress the world.

Since the United States formally recognized the state of Israel in 1948, the US-Israeli relationship has only strengthened. Israel has proven itself to be a key ally politically, militarily, and economically.

Ultimately, I have had the opportunity to personally visit Israel many times and can sincerely say that its greatest asset is its people.

My sincerest well wishes on this special occasion.

YOSSELIN SILVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yosselin Silva for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Yosselin Silva received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yosselin Silva 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 Yosselin Silva for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PROTECTING OUR ANGELS
ABROAD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Representative KENNEDY and I introduced the Sam Farr Peace Corps Enhancement Act to protect our Peace Corps volunteers, our angels abroad.

This bill builds on and extends protections for volunteers that became law as the result of the Kate Puzey Act which I introduced and finally became law in 2011. H.R. 2259 protects volunteers at every stage of their service with the Peace Corps: the onboarding process, their time in country, and when they return home.

Before they make a decision regarding where to serve, many potential volunteers are not fully aware of critical information like health risks and crime rates in various countries. This bill requires the Peace Corps to provide this information to volunteers upfront so that they can make an informed decision regarding where to serve.

While they are deployed in country, the bill requires that the Peace Corps ensures volunteers have access to qualified medical doctors. These doctors must consult with outside experts and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) on best practices, particularly on mental health and malaria medications that can

have serious long-term side effects. We also added important provisions on protection from sexual assault and harassment recommended by the Office of Special Counsel report released earlier this year.

When volunteers return home from their service with debilitating injuries and illnesses, they should not have to spend months dealing with bureaucratic red tape at the Department of Labor before receiving care. This bill will ensure they immediately receive the care they need and deserve.

These common sense changes will make a big difference in ensuring the safety and security of our volunteers. But this bill is just a first step in protecting our volunteers.

I fought long and hard for a provision that unfortunately did not make it into the legislation that passed out of the House Foreign Affairs Committee today: to increase the disability payment provided to disabled returned volunteers so they can make ends meet. This important provision enjoyed broad support from Peace Corps volunteer groups, including Health Justice for Peace Corps and the National Peace Corps Association. I hope that this provision will one day become law. However, until then, the improvements in this bill are essential and valuable for our angels abroad.

A crucial provision that did make it in here was the extension of the authorization of the Sexual Assault Advisory Council for an additional 5 years. The Council was initially authorized by the Kate Puzey Act and serves to advise the Peace Corps on agency wide sexual assault policy. Without this important bill, the council's authority would lapse this year.

Peace Corps volunteers selflessly sacrifice years of their lives to help people they have never even met. Often in some of the most desolate, even dangerous, places of the world. They are the face of our country in places where America's shining beacon of hope and liberty may not always shine so bright. Their service to our country should not turn into a nightmare that ruins, or even ends their lives.

As a former judge, I can tell you that it is our duty to do everything within our power to protect our angels abroad. It's time to stand up and take action for our volunteers. They are some of the very best we have.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING TEMPLE SHOLOM

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Temple Sholom in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago, IL. Temple Sholom plays a critical role in the Reform movement in my home city of Chicago and throughout the world.

Founded in 1867, Temple Sholom is one of the oldest synagogues in the city. At the time, most Jewish institutions were located on the south side of Chicago, and Temple Sholom filled that neighborhood void by establishing a new community on the North Side. Having faced the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and endured moves to several other locations over the years, the beautiful lakeside plot that is

home to the synagogue today proves that this institution is so much more than one building or address.

During the Civil Rights movement, Temple Sholom joined forces with a variety of religious groups to stand strong in defense of equal rights for all people—regardless of race. On October 21, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to Chicago and the world from the sanctuary at Temple Sholom, which drew crowds from people of all denominations and backgrounds. Temple Sholom actively supports the same ideals of inclusion, diversity, and opportunity for all to this day.

The success of this congregation and its positive impact on the community is the direct result of the commitment and passion of its clergy, staff, and members. For 150 years, Temple Sholom has provided a place of comfort during painful times, a place of celebration during momentous occasions, and always, a safe, hospitable place for reflection and prayer. This institution continues to advance the vibrancy of the 5th Congressional District's diverse community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Temple Sholom. I offer my sincere congratulations to Rabbi Edwin Goldberg, Rabbi Scott Gellman, Associate Rabbi Shoshanah Conover, Cantor Sheera Ben-David, and Board President Marc Kaufman, the congregation's past and present staff, and the congregates who are celebrating this important milestone. I wish all the best in the years ahead and hope for another 150 years of important work for Temple Sholom.

RACHELLE KARDISCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rachelle Kardisco for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Rachelle Kardisco received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rachelle Kardisco 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 Rachelle Kardisco for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER'S 2018 PULITZER PRIZE

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the staff of the Cincinnati Enquirer for their coverage of the opioid epi-

demic in Greater Cincinnati, a story which earned them the 2018 Pulitzer Prize in Local Reporting.

Their remarkable coverage of the opioid epidemic brought the severity of our region's plight to the nation's attention. The wide-ranging scope of the Enquirer's story—encompassing addiction, arrests, overdose, even pregnancy and birth—demonstrates just how pervasive and troubling the consequences of the opioid crisis are for millions of Americans.

A call to attention can often be a first step toward solving a problem like the opioid epidemic. In fact, resources for law enforcement, health care professionals, and mental health counselors to fight this epidemic have become more readily available than ever.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you'll join me in congratulating the Cincinnati Enquirer.

CELEBRATING LUNDBERG FAMILY FARMS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lundberg Family Farms on the celebration of its 80th anniversary.

Since its founding in 1937 by Albert and Frances Lundberg, the rice-growing company has expanded substantially, now producing 18 different varieties of rice and many other rice products. Lundberg has become a national leader in the marketplace, and is growing quickly internationally.

This third-generation family business has strengthened our region's vibrant agricultural sector and created jobs throughout the Sacramento Valley. Even through substantial growth, Lundberg has continued using sustainable practices, ensuring that generations to come can further its rich farming tradition.

On behalf of the people of California's Third District, I congratulate Lundberg Family Farms on its 80th anniversary, and I know that our entire region joins me in wishing them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING SPC. MICHAEL LIMA ON BEING NAMED 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Spc. Michael Lima on being named the 10th Mountain Division Soldier of the Year at Fort Drum, New York.

Each year, Fort Drum holds a competition for the prestigious title of Soldier of the Year. The competition features an Army Physical Fitness Test, land navigation, marksmanship competition, an obstacle course, a six-mile road march and other strategy and endurance tests. This year, the title goes to Spc. Michael Lima, an infantryman for the 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team in the 10th Mountain Division.

On behalf of the 21st District of New York, I would like to congratulate Spc. Michael Lima