

birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Phyllis O'Brien on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

RILEY NEARY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

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

Riley Neary is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Riley Neary 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 Riley Neary for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE INSPIRING LIFE  
OF ELSIE HEIDENREICH

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elsie Heidenreich, who lived an inspiring life as one of the first women to serve as a Red Cross nurse in World War I.

Ms. Heidenreich was born into a family of nine in Woodbine Township in 1893. She put herself through nursing school, and at age 25 completed the nursing program at the Presbyterian School of Nursing in Chicago. After enlisting in the military, she sailed overseas on assignment to France and worked tirelessly with the sick and wounded. Ms. Heidenreich returned to the United States after the Armistice was signed and served as a Red Cross nurse until 1921, when she left the service to become a missionary in China.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Elsie Heidenreich that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Elsie Heidenreich's life and her service to this great country.

THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Colorado

Freedom Memorial, its President and Founder, Rick Crandall, and his wife, and its cofounder, Diane Crandall. This monument to our fallen heroes, located in Aurora, Colorado, provides all Coloradans the opportunity to come and pay their respects for the greatest sacrifice that our men and women in uniform can give.

The Colorado Freedom Memorial, which holds over 6,000 names, first opened in 2013 and is the first memorial in the United States that pays respect to members of the military who have served in any of America's wars from the State of Colorado. For this year's fifth anniversary, the memorial will be dedicating a new flag pole, holding a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, and unveiling a new exhibit which contains soil from eight American cemeteries overseas where Coloradans lie who never made it home.

The anniversary of the memorial is especially fitting as we observe Memorial Day and pay homage to the men and women who have sacrificed their lives on behalf of our nation. I am proud to have this memorial located in my district and would like to recognize cofounders Rick and Diane Crandall. Their leadership and dedication to our veterans is truly admirable, and I thank them for all of their work.

Mr. Speaker, it is, and always will be an honor to pay homage to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our nation and our American freedoms, and I salute the Colorado Freedom Memorial for allowing all to visit and pay their respects.

RECOGNITION OF AZERBAIJAN'S  
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of Azerbaijan, known as Republic Day.

On May 28, 1918, the National Assembly of Azerbaijan adopted a Declaration of Independence, and formed the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, the first secular parliamentary democracy in the Muslim world.

For over 50 years (1920–1971), Azerbaijan suffered under the weight of the Soviet regime. As they rebuilt from the wreckage of the failed communist empire, Azerbaijan grew into a strong and reliable ally of the United States.

Today, the Republic of Azerbaijan is not only a valuable partner of the United States, but also plays a critical role in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Azerbaijan was one of the first countries to render unconditional assistance to the United States after the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. It also has a strong friendship and partnership with Israel, one of the closest allies of the United States.

Azerbaijan continues to play a key role in energy security and diversification for U.S. allies in Europe and Israel, including leadership on the Southern Gas Corridor.

On this 100th anniversary of the founding of Azerbaijan, the United States remains grateful for the strategic relationship and abiding friendship between our two countries.

HONORING MISSISSIPPI NAVY  
WWII VETERAN, PAUL SONNIER

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Sonnier, a resident in my district and a United States Navy WWII Veteran.

Paul Sonnier was born on January 13th, 1926, in Delcambre, Louisiana, near Lafayette. As the fifth oldest of ten children, Paul's ability to serve as a role model and leader has been evident throughout his life. Sonnier's father died when he was young, and Paul felt it was his duty to help his mother provide and care for his younger siblings.

On December 7th, 1941, the bombing of Pearl Harbor sparked a fire inside of Paul, and he knew "joining up" would help provide for his family as well as honor his country. Paul enlisted in the U.S. Navy, in January of 1944, and served our country until May of 1946, when he was honorably discharged.

In the Navy, he served aboard the USS *LCI (G) 458* and was found worthy of membership in The Ancient and Sacred Order of the Golden Dragon as well as the Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep. He received two battle stars as well as a Presidential Unit Citation.

After his military service Paul worked for Freeport Sulphur Company in Port Sulphur, Louisiana, and later became a tugboat captain, until he retired.

Paul was married and has six children and fifteen grandchildren. He moved from Louisiana to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and has lived in the fourth Congressional District ever since.

World War II veteran, Paul Sonnier, lives his life with honor and bravery, leaving behind a legacy that must be remembered as one of America's Greatest Generation.

On April 23rd, the Phi Mu Women's Fraternity at the University of Southern Mississippi honored Mr. Sonnier by granting one of his last wishes—dancing with a beautiful woman. That he did, several times over. He said that it was wonderful to see that today's young people remember those who fought in World War II and would be kind enough to shower him with love on that day.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Paul Sonnier today, and express the gratitude of our district to him for his service and dedication to our country by answering the call and serving honorably and bravely in World War II.

RECOGNIZING THE INSPIRING LIFE  
OF LUELLA WILLIAMS ELLIOTT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Luella Williams Elliott, who lived an inspiring life serving in the United States Army from 1943–1945 during World War II.

Ms. Elliott was born in 1908 in rural Stockton, Illinois. She enlisted in the Army in 1943 and was stationed with the Women's Army

Corps (WAC) in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Ms. Elliott drove an Army ambulance and was assigned to Nichols General Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. She achieved the rank of Sergeant by 1945, when she left the Army. While Ms. Elliott was in the service, she received the WAC Service Medal and the WAC Good Conduct Medal.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Luella Williams Elliott that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Luella Williams Elliott's life and her service to this great country.

MIGUEL OLIVAS MALDONADO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

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

Miguel Olivas Maldonado 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 Miguel Olivas Maldonado 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 Miguel Olivas Maldonado 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.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LYNN E.  
WOLAVER

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a respected community leader, and a dear friend from my congressional district, for his lifetime of service to our country and to the people of Southwest Ohio.

Dr. Lynn E. Wolaver, age 94 of Fairborn, passed away Monday May 7, 2018 at the Hospice of Dayton. He was born March 10, 1924 in Springfield, IL, the son of the late Lindie and Esther (Skooog) Wolaver.

Lynn is the former Mayor of the City of Fairborn, Ohio and Dean for Research Emeritus at the Air Force Institute of Technology located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is a charter member of the Federal Senior Executive Service and was first appointed to super grade status in 1967 at the age of 43 at the USAF Aerospace Research Laboratories where he was one of the Directors. His civilian protocol status was DV-5 equivalent to a Major General.

His academic life includes time with the University of Illinois, (BSEE 1949, MSEE 1950),

The Ohio State University extension at Wright Field (1951-1956) and the University of Michigan where he obtained the Ph.D. degree (1964) in a program called Computers, Information and Control Engineering.

Lynn was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and flew in C-47 aircraft in the European Theater of Operations with the IX Troop Carrier Command Pathfinder Group.

The former Mayor started employment at Wright-Patterson in 1950 and retired in 1988. He did research in the areas of navigation, guidance and control, systems analysis, astrodynamics and bioengineering. In addition to his job as Dean, he also served as Chairman of the System Engineering Program and as a research Professor of Engineering Science. Prior to joining AFIT in 1970, he was one of the directors of the Aerospace Research Laboratories. He was a Project Engineer on the Navigation System for the B-58, helped develop the release envelopes for the Sidewinder Missile, and was a pioneer in precision trajectory analysis. Lynn also served as Adjunct Professor in mathematics at Wright State University for seven years starting with the first day it opened its doors, and taught at the Ohio State Extension at Wright Field, and at the Engineering and Science Institute of Dayton. He also lectured at a number of management workshops including the Brookings Institute, Federal Executive Institute, American Management Association and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Lynn belongs to the standard set of honoraria including Eta Kappa Nu (Electrical Engineering Honorary), Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honorary), and Sigma Xi (Research Honorary). Among his honors and awards are Senior Executive Bonus Awards, Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, Exceptional Service Medal, University of Illinois Distinguished Alumnus Award, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce Ed Duncan Distinguished Citizen Award, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce Presidents Award, Fairborn Ministerial Association Peace Maker Award, and induction into his Springfield (Illinois) High School Hall of Fame and in 2006 he was selected as Grand Marshal of the Fairborn Fourth of July Parade. Lynn was selected as the Outstanding Senior Citizen in Greene County for 2009 by the Agency on Aging PSA2. He also received the prestigious E. J. Nutter Award as outstanding Greene County Citizen for 2010. He was inducted into the Ohio Seniors Hall of Fame in 2010 and a the Ohio Veteran Hall of Fame in 2015. Lynn and his wife Arah-Dean were selected as King and Queen of the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival. He is a member of the New York Academy of Science, the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Biofeedback Society, Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society, Midwestern Simulation Council, charter member of the Astrodynamics Committee of the American Rocket Society, member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society for Engineering Education. The former Mayor was listed in American Men and Women of Science, Who's Who in Midwest (12th-16th edition), Who's Who in Government, Directory of International Biography, Leaders in American Science, World Space Directory, Outstanding Leaders in Education and the Dayton, Ohio telephone directory.

Dr. Wolaver is the author of over 60 technical papers in the fields of navigation, astrodynamics and nonlinear systems analysis and physiological systems modeling. He has a textbook in Astrodynamics and is a reviewer of technical articles for a number of journals, an editor of the Brazilian Engenharia International Journal and served as reviewer and consultant to the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, National Science Foundation, and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

He is also active in civic affairs being a member of the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce, Fairborn Rotary Club and the American Legion. He served six years on the City Planning Board, two years on the Zoning Board of Appeals, eight years on City Council, two of those years as Deputy Mayor and four years as Mayor. He was one of ten Dayton corporate leaders on the Dayton Development Council's Science and Technology Task Force that inventoried the area's technological assets and made recommendations for strategies to expand jobs in technology. He served on the Steering Committee of Challenge '95 and as representative on the Miami Valley Research Park and on the Board of Directors of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, member of the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association and was a former Chairman of the Board of Toward Independence.

He was a charter member of the Board of Trustees of the 2003 Committee, served as a Commissioner of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park, Commissioner of the Ohio Wright-Dunbar State Park, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fairborn Senior Citizens Center, and a member of the Board of Greene County Career Center Adult Education Scholarship Endowment Fund. He helped start Kids Voting in Greene County, was Co-Chairman of the Senior Citizens Levy Campaign, served as Fairborn Rep on the Greene County Combined Health District Board including a term as Chairman of the Board and served as a volunteer for SAYUS Walkathon.

He was a member of the City of Fairborn Tax Incentive Review Council, member of the Greene County Bar Association Ethics and Grievance Committee, Vice-President of the Greene County Library Board of Trustees, Vice-President of the Greene County Library Board of Trustees, Congressman Hobson's Military Advisory Committee, and his Academy Selection Advisory Committee. He was active with the Fairborn Area Chamber of Commerce where he served on the Ambassadors Club. He was a Presiding Precinct Judge with the Greene County Board of Elections and was on the Board of Directors of the Fairborn Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Wolaver represented Fairborn on the County Advisory Board of the Greene County Council on Aging, and was then appointed to the Board of the Greene County Council on Aging.

He was a member of the AFIT Foundation Board and was a member of the Wright State University College of Liberal Arts Community Advisory Board. He was also a charter member of the Fairborn Education Foundation.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Donna Wolaver. Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Arah-Dean; two sons, Judge Stephen (Gayla Sue) Wolaver, Rick Wolaver; two grandchildren, Scott (Kerri) Wolaver, Lindy Wolaver; and two great-grandsons, Carter and Connor.