

tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Likewise, Mrs. Porter did so well in her life because she never forgot where she came from and always she treated people with dignity and respect. She used her God given talents to help babies enter the world and to help all people from all walks of life. The scripture tells us that the race of life "isn't given to the swift nor to the strong, but to those that endure until the end." Mrs. Porter ran the race of her life with dignity and respect and she has now claimed her greatest reward.

On a personal note, Mrs. Porter and the Porter family have been cherished friends to my wife, Vivian, and me, and we have been truly blessed by their friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, along with the almost 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in extending our deepest condolences to Mrs. Porter's family, friends, and the Columbus, Georgia community during this difficult time. We pray that they will be comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

OATH OF CITIZENSHIP ON JUNE 8,
2018

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on June 8, 2018. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On June 8, 2018, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Hua Lin, Elvira Garcilazo, Mayra Medina Alvarado, Jaime Francisco Osorio Perdomo, Rosaelin Garcilazo Mendoza, Gladys Wanjiru Muchemi, Jocelyn Cappello, Hector Castellanos, Marijana Celakoski, Sonia Chavez, Daniel Garcia, Paulina Gonzalez, Marilyn Rose Hoang, Pablo Lara, Sandip Singh Lidhar, Guillermo Artemio Lopez, Jose Martinez, Bertha Medina, Benson Kingori Muchemi, Daniel Bapfutwabo, Devote Niyondiko, Francis Kwateng Oduro, Shirley Oduro-Nkansah, Maria E. Palmerin, Ly Pham, Aisha Usman Qadeer, Engracia Rangel, Mina Franklin Roosevelt, Lizzy Salazar Strantz, and Janet A. Vazquez.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupa-

tion, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on June 8, 2018. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

RECOGNIZING ALLEN GRAFFAM
FOR HIS 43 YEARS OF SERVICE
IN MAINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding educator from my District who has spent the past 43 years working as a band director in Maine's public schools.

Allen C. Graffam graduated from the University of Maine in 1975 and soon after, took a job at Brunswick High School. After eight years of service in Brunswick, Allen became band director at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham, Maine. Since becoming band director in 1983, Allen has been an inspiration to his students and is greatly admired for his ability to listen, to advise, and to teach. Allen's leadership and dedication to educating in the classroom has prepared countless students to become important leaders in their communities.

In addition to his role as band director, Allen has also served as the Coach of the Girls' Softball team at Mt. Ararat High School. Allen's ability to fill multiple roles perfectly exemplifies his life long commitment to Maine students.

This June, Allen is retiring after 43 years of incredible service in Maine's public schools. Allen's nearly half a century as a band director and leader in our schools makes me very proud to represent him and the State of Maine in Congress. I wish Allen and his family the best in his retirement, and I wholeheartedly thank him for his many years as an educator in Maine's schools.

YADIRA TISCARENO ESCALERA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yadira Tiscareno Escalera for receiving the Arvada

Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Yadira Tiscareno Escalera is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yadira Tiscareno Escalera 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 Yadira Tiscareno Escalera 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE
JAMES REDDINGTON, LANCE
CORPORAL UNITED STATES MA-
RINE CORPS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late James Reddington, Lance Corporal USMC. A medal presentation at Lackawanna County Courthouse and memorial service at Cathedral Cemetery was held in his honor conducted by Lieutenant General Ron Christmas, Colonel Terry Ebbert, the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard, and the Greater Scranton Black Diamonds Pipe Band over Memorial Day Weekend 2018.

Jimmy was a Lance Corporal with Echo Company 2nd Battalion 5th Marines and served his country during the Vietnam War. On March 23, 1967, nineteen year old Lance Corporal Reddington charged an enemy position to draw fire away from the rescue and recovery from the field of a wounded fellow Marine. He was fatally wounded during this exchange.

Because of his actions, Jimmy was posthumously awarded two Purple Hearts. He also received ten additional medals and awards for his service. However, because his family was deceased, these medals had gone unclaimed for fifty-one years. Lance Corporal Reddington's medals will be presented to the Marine Corps League, N.E. Detachment, where they will be held in repose and displayed.

It is a solemn honor to recognize the memory of Lance Corporal James Reddington, USMC. I am grateful to him for his service in defense of his country and his willingness to sacrifice his life so a fellow Marine might live. We shall never forget his selfless actions that day and we are thankful for his service and the service of all who served in Vietnam. May he rest in peace.

HONORING ROBERT KILLIP

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Killip, a leader and integral part

of the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale (CSAIR) community.

A father of three, Robert often experiences CSAIR through the eyes of his children. That is why it felt natural for him to accept the challenge of leading the Young Family Children's Program. For two years he planned weekly Shabbat and annual High Holiday services for CSAIR's large and owing under five set and their families. Robert's leadership role in YFCP helped offer parents a meaningful way to connect with one another, while their children participated in spirited services filled with prayer, song, stories and dancing. Through Robert's commitment to the success of YFCP, so many young CSAIR families have felt welcome in shul and integral members of our synagogue community.

Robert grew up in Atlanta, where he and his family attended a Reform synagogue. He attended Jewish day school in Atlanta where he met his future wife, Avi, in high school. Fast forward to five years ago when, after graduating with a JD and an MBA from Boston University, Robert settled in Riverdale with now Rabbi Avi Killip and their 6-month-old. Looking for an observant and committed egalitarian community, the young family found a home at CSAIR. Here they have celebrated two more life cycle events—one naming and one bris—with our congregation. Now all three children, Judah, Dasi, and Gabe, call CSAIR "our shul." The Killip family has indeed become part of the CSAIR family and Robert's leadership role in YFCP has helped make the shul even more welcoming to young children and their parents.

This year, CSAIR is celebrating Robert at their annual Gala Celebration as one of their distinguished honorees. They have chosen a terrific individual to honor. I would like to send my personal congratulations to Robert on the occasion, and thank him for all his hard work on behalf of the community.

RALPH O. FRANG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Private First Class Ralph O. Frang, United States Army, for his service to our country.

Private First Class Frang served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1945, serving in Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe during World War II. Private First Class Frang's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 4 bronze battle stars and the Bronze Service Arrowhead, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Private First Class Frang started his military career training with the 10th Mountain Division in Colorado before transferring to the 101st Airborne Division as a paratrooper where he participated in the D-Day landing at Normandy Beach on June 6, 1944.

Private First Class Frang's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Private

Frang for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS J.
MIDDLETON

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Thomas J. Middleton on his retirement from the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) after 27 years of service. Since June of 1991, Mr. Middleton has held INL positions of increasing responsibility: physical security officer, physical security manager, safeguards and personnel security manager, protective force manager, Security and Emergency Services Division director, Facilities and Site Services deputy director and Laboratory Protection director.

A graduate of Virginia Tech, Mr. Middleton received a Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts and science and is a martial artist with a third-degree black belt in Taekwondo. Prior to working at INL, he served six years as a special agent with the U.S. State Department Bureau of Diplomatic Security. Before moving to Idaho, he was the assistant regional security officer for the American Embassy in Guatemala.

Mr. Middleton completed his service to the Laboratory as the Director of Laboratory Protection, to which he had oversight of programs that secure critical national research facilities, and the development and deployment of applied nuclear science research assets. He also managed 550-plus employees and a \$110 million annual budget.

Mr. Middleton's greatest joys are spending time in Idaho's great outdoors and with family. One of his greatest accomplishments was climbing the Grand Teton when he turned 50 years old.

Mr. Middleton exemplifies qualities in knowledge and skills that have been essential to keeping the nation and INL strong and secure, and I thank him for his service.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING
THE LIFE OF RONALD L.
REHNER, SR.

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Ronald L. Rehner, Sr. Ronald Rehner was a family man and known to many as a school teacher, who taught in the New York communities of Rochester and Elmira, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and even as far away as Moshi, Tanzania, teaching geography at Mawenzi Secondary School. Ever concerned with current affairs, Ron would bring real world issues to the classroom to give context to his lessons. Beyond his work in the classroom, during his time in Tanzania, Ron was an active member of the United States Peace Corps. After applying his gifts abroad, Ron returned to the United States to teach history at Thomas Edison High School in Elmira, New York.

After retiring from being a school teacher, Ron worked at Chemung County RSVP and in the garden department at Chase Pitkin. During his free time Ron enjoyed going camping, hiking, cooking, and gardening.

Ron's interest in politics was put to good use as the legislative chair of AARP Chapter 276. Ron and his entourage of red shirted colleagues were familiar faces in my office and were frequent attendees at my town hall meetings. Ron was an effective communicator and a tireless advocate. He was never shy about standing up for what he felt was right.

When Ron was not working, he would volunteer his time to give back and improve the community. Ron volunteered with many organizations in his community. Ron shared his time with Senior Notebook, the Department of Aging Advocacy, Age Friendly Coalition, Creating Healthy Schools and Communities, Poverty Coalition, Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Health Priorities Squared, and First Presbyterian Church. No matter where he went or what he was doing he always had a smile to give and welcomed all.

Throughout his life, Ron earned many accolades for his hard work and dedication to his community. Ron was recognized with the Mildred Parfitt Award, the Jefferson Award, and named the Chemung County Department of Aging and Long Term Care's Distinguished Volunteer of the Year. He was also nominated for the coveted AARP Andrus Award.

Ron will be missed by the many communities and countless individuals he made an impact on over a lifetime of good will and service to his fellow man. I will certainly miss his presence.

I ask that this legislative body join me to remember the life of Ronald L. Rehner, Sr.

WARREN SPAULDING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Colonel Warren A. Spaulding, United States Army, Retired, for his service to our country.

Colonel Spaulding graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1952. Upon his commissioning as a Second Lieutenant, he served in the Air Defense Artillery branch, and later transferred to the Field Artillery branch of the United States Army. Colonel Spaulding served multiple tours of duty in both the continental U.S. and international tours in Japan, Korea, the Republic of Vietnam and Germany.

Colonel Spaulding's dedication to military education led him to serve as a professor of military science at the University of Colorado—Boulder, in the "Golden Buffalo Battalion" from 1973 to 1975. Colonel Spaulding was recently inducted into the University of Colorado's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Golden Buffalo Battalion Hall of Fame for his untiring efforts as a military educator. Following his military retirement, Colonel Spaulding continued his work in education at the Colorado School of Mines—working to keep the ROTC detachment on the Colorado School of Mines campus.