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JIM RIZZUTO RETIREMENT FROM  
OTERO JUNIOR COLLEGE

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Otero Junior College (OJC) President Jim Rizzuto in La Junta, Colorado.

Mr. Rizzuto will be retiring after serving over 17 years as the president of OJC. Under his leadership, OJC has achieved numerous milestones including becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution and being awarded several million dollars in grants in areas such as STEM, affordable housing, business, healthcare, and various technical training programs. During his tenure, OJC also built many four-year degree partnerships to increase transfer opportunities for students and became one of the first rural community colleges in Colorado to develop online and hybrid courses.

It is also important to acknowledge Mr. Rizzuto's years of service, not only in higher education, but in the public sector as well. Previously he had served in the Colorado State Senate for 16 years, 12 of those years on the Joint Budget Committee. As a state senator, Mr. Rizzuto worked extensively on education policy and was a strong supporter of the community college system. For his efforts, Mr. Rizzuto was given honors such as induction into the Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System Alumni Hall of Fame and was named "Legislator of the Year" by 12 different organizations during his political tenure.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I applaud Mr. Rizzuto for his career of service, and thank him for leaving a lasting legacy at Otero Junior College. It is an honor to celebrate his impact on our community and state, and I wish him well in his retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday I missed two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 269—YES; and Roll Call No. 270—YES.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2018, I was unavoidably detained due to a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 277 and YEA on Roll Call 278.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MINOR J. ALLEN, SR., OUTSTANDING BUSINESSMAN AND SOCIAL/POLITICAL ACTIVIST

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, having grown up in the state of Arkansas, when I meet people from Arkansas I am generally glad to meet them, when I discovered that Mr. Minor Allen was from Blytheville I was ecstatic and we became great friends and we often would talk about Harrison High School. In addition to having a wonderful family and being a great friend, he was one of the smoothest and greatest business people that I have ever known. He exuded friendship and was as much of a social activist as I have known. I did not know that he was so closely connected to Bishop Willie James Campbell and his family. Bishop Campbell preached my ordination service when I became a deacon at a Baptist church (smile). Mr. Minor Allen was a true servant of God and of the people. May he continue to rest in peace. He and Bishop Campbell must have been cut from the same cloth, both are great humanitarians.

#### WELD COUNTY FAIR

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Weld County Fair. Growing as an annual event since 1918, the Weld County Fair has fulfilled its mission well, which states in part that the fair serves as a source of community pride among county residents by providing an educational showcase for 4-H and FFA members, members of other youth groups, and residents to exhibit their accomplishments in the areas of agriculture, general and natural sciences, family consumer sciences, and county projects.

The Weld County Fair is supported by countless businesses and local organizations that recognize the profound impact the fair has, not only on the participants and families, but on the community and the economy as a whole. Weld County is the largest Agricultural producing county in the state and ranks among the highest in the country. It is imperative that the young people of today have a greater understanding of the role of agriculture and the economy in day-to-day life.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I applaud the Weld County Fair for the dedication to preserving the rich history of Weld County. We look forward to their success as they keep this important tradition alive. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to celebrate the centennial celebration of the Weld County Fair.

CONGRATULATING THE LIBERTY LADY PANTHERS FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Liberty Lady Panther Softball Team for winning the 2018 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 4A High School Softball State Championship. This is the first championship for girl's athletics at Liberty High School.

The Lady Panthers amassed a record of 31–14 during their historic season with playoff wins against: Houston Yates, Bridge City, Hudson, Robinson, Lorena, and Beeville A.C. Jones high schools. On June 2, 2018, the Lady Panthers defeated the Vernon Lady Lions by a score of 3–1 at the University of Texas' McCombs Field. Coaching, preparation, calm under pressure, and teamwork propelled the Lady Panthers to victory.

Four players were named to the All-Tournament Team: Jaylen Prichard, Baylee Chandler, Mikaelah Burkland, and Abby Phillips. Kaci West was named the Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Jaylen Prichard, Baylee Chandler, and Kaci West were also named to the All-State Team. These young ladies have shown incredible persistence, hard work, passion and commitment to accomplish this feat. I applaud each and every one of them.

I would like to personally recognize each student and their coaches. Players: Jo McGinnis, Jaylen Prichard, Karli Beam, Baylee Chandler, Sarah Lopez, Kara Cannon, Harley Davis, Abby Phillips, Kaci West, Mikaelah Burkland, Bailey Webb, Kennedy Evans, Kamryn Turner, Abbie Knepper, and Molly Barnette. Head Coach: Karen Slack. Assistant Coaches: Joe Slack and Katherine McAdams. Manager: Claire Bond. Trainer: Tish Hooper. Athletic Director: Chad Taylor. Principal: Dr. Chad Barrett. Superintendent: Dr. Cody Abshier.

I wish each one of them continued success on and off the softball field. Go Lady Panthers.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2018*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 40th Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's

ceremony will present ninety-one awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories, including the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medal of Valor.

Fourteen awards will be bestowed upon first responders who serve with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, in recognition of their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Gold Medal of Valor:  
Virginia Task Force 1  
Silver Medal of Valor:  
Chief (Ret.) Tyrone Harrington  
Lieutenant Jay Smith  
Bronze Medal of Valor:  
Cpt. Barry J. Rathbone  
Lieutenant Scott Kraut  
Master Technician Daniel Thompson  
Firefighter Jeffrey W. Cockey  
Certificate of Valor:  
Master Technician David J. Higgins  
Acting Fire Technician James A. Wellig  
Firefighter David P. Eimers  
Firefighter Jacob C. Brendel  
Investigator Timothy Nicholson  
Fire Inspector LaTycia Tanks  
Fire Inspector Raymond Figueroa

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2018 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

#### TRIBUTE TO CARSON FISHER

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carson Fisher of Panorama High School. Carson was recently honored for outstanding academic achievement at the Sixteenth Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition on April 29, 2018.

This statewide program is sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Farm Bureau. Each Iowa High School was invited to select a senior with the highest academic ranking. Not only are they academically gifted, but the selected students are often the youth who are successful in extra-curricular activities and community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Carson Fisher in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to reach her goals. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Carson on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, due to flight complications, I was unable to arrive in Washington in time to cast my vote on June 19, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 269; YEA on Roll Call No. 270; and YEA on Roll Call No. 271.

#### IN HONOR OF SENATOR BETTE LASKY

### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Senator Bette Lasky, who will retire from the New Hampshire Senate after nearly two decades of service to her hometown of Nashua.

During her time at the Legislature, Senator Lasky has been a leading champion for voting rights, marriage equality, and the fight to bring commuter rail to New Hampshire. She has been a friend to local business and labor, assisted students and schools, and worked to ensure equal pay for women. In addition, she has been an active volunteer in her hometown community, serving as the Chair of the Nashua City Planning Board, a member of the Nashua City Selectboard, a board member of the New Hampshire Association for the Blind, and so much more.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Senator Lasky for her many years of service and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so special. Her legacy will continue through the work she has been able to accomplish as a representative. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Senator Lasky on her retirement and I wish her the best of luck in the years ahead.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Thursday, June 14, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call vote 265 and "nay" on Roll Call vote 266.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2018 DALE CITY MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the recipients of the thirty-fourth

annual Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards & Scholarship Banquet hosted by the Dale City Christian Church. The 2018 banquet theme is, "This is your Season for Favor and Increase," highlights the continued emphasis placed on educational advancement in fostering personal autonomy and success.

Under the leadership of Bishop Patrick O. Thomas and Mrs. Rhonda Pittman, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Foundation has provided more than \$320,000 in scholarship funds. In addition to providing financial resources, the foundation celebrates the achievements of community activists for their efforts to improve the lives of area residents while serving as positive role models leading by example and encouraging students to seek out educational enrichment opportunities under the core mission of educating the youth of today to become engaged citizens of tomorrow.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD, the following names of the recipients of the 2018 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards & Scholarship Fund:

Pastoral Leadership Award:  
Pastors Sam & Valena Metacalfe  
Religious Leadership Award:  
Rev. Naomi Gibson  
Educational Leadership Award:  
Mrs. Dorothy Passawe  
Mrs. LaVonda Wortham  
Professional Leadership Award:  
Mr. Corey Holeman  
Community Service Award:  
Mrs. Vielka Gary  
Ms. Ashley Johnson  
Business Achievement Award:  
Jewelry by Design, Mrs. Jenny Caro  
Mr. Adrian Vaughn  
Youth Christian Service Award:  
Mr. Carlos Chavez  
Mr. Andrew Reese  
Mrs. Beverly Scott  
Christian Service Award:  
Mr. Carlos Chavez  
Mr. Andrew Reese  
Mrs. Beverly Scott  
Faithfulness Award:  
Mr. Errol & Mrs. Maudine Graham  
Mrs. Astrid Inabinet  
Mrs. Athena Powell  
Dedicated Christian Family Award:  
Mr. & Mrs. Maverick Powell & Family  
Distinguished Senior Leadership Award:  
Miss Troi Stubblefield  
2018 High School Scholarship Recipient:  
Mr. Joshua Curtis  
Mr. Cameron Harris  
Miss Karina Jackson  
Miss Troi Stubblefield  
Mr. Riley Mitchell

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the 2018 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards & Scholarship recipients, and in thanking them for their individual efforts to ensure we each maintain a quality life and live a better tomorrow.

#### SHOWING SUPPORT FOR DEDE PHILLIPS AFTER BOBCAT ENCOUNTER

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the courage of Ms. DeDe Phillips of Hart County. On June 7, Ms.