

1319 and the many volunteers who coordinated to make this new veteran's park a reality.

The park was proposed in 2014 and since then, many groups have come together to help accomplish this project. The American Legion Post 1319 helped compile the list of veterans from Lewis that participated in each war that the United States has been involved in since the Revolution. Those names were then etched into brass plaques that will be the focal point of the park. The entire community came together to assist with the construction, fundraising and planning, with local businesses also contributing to the effort.

This is a perfect example of the community spirit that makes the North Country so special. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank all those who contributed to this amazing effort to honor our veterans. I look forward to this park being a place where future generations can come and reflect on the service and sacrifice that has kept our nation safe.

GREAT PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT 2019

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, in honor of America's heroic veterans, the Honor Flight Network conducts annual trips to Washington, D.C. This is the first ever High Plains Honor Flight, following the conclusion of the Northern Colorado Honor Flight which had taken more than 3,000 of our nation's heroes to visit and reflect at their war memorials over the past decade. On September 15, 2019, High Plains Honor Flight Northern held an Honor Flight that gave many of our courageous veterans this extraordinary opportunity. I am pleased to recognize the September 15, 2019 Honor Flight honoring World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans of Colorado.

Madam Speaker, those who participated in this flight are as follows:

World War II: Charles Assmus, Clarence Carlson, John Dutton, Gordon Norton, Willis Sibley.

Korean War: Michael Abramovich, George Edinger, James Forrest, Alan Gates, Charles Hall, Jason Laguna, Richard Lindemann, Richard McCown, James McWilliams, Gerald Mitchell, Erlis Morse, John Oliver, Bernard Pisciola, Donald Price, Earle Ridgeway, Richard Stoltzfus, Wayne Tobey, Johnny West, Benjamin Zimmerman.

Korean War & Vietnam War: Robert Davison, Gerald McDuffee, Jed Pancoast.

Vietnam War: Ronald Adams, Ronald Albers, Leon Bartholomay, Richard Belt, Hal Bennett, Kenneth Blum, Clyde Bullard, Jr., Kenneth Butcher, Jan Carlson, Allan Cazer, Terry Chandler, Spencer Chapin, Daniel Crego, James Crowell, James Davies, Robert Delva, William Dowling, Gerald Ecker, Carl England, Thomas Evans, Ricky Farrier, Markton Gadbury, Roy George, Don Gooding, Jack Hall, Calvin Hamilton, Robert Jacobson, Charles Jett, Larry Johnson, Daniel Katze, James Keeler, Gene Keys, Daniel King, Raymond Kirchner, Jr., Damian Kisner, Richard Knight, Terrence Kullborn, Dale Langholf, Noel LaRose II, Harvey Lawson, Richard Lawson,

Robert Loner, Jerald Lucas, Antonio Luna, Thomas Mason, Tony Mathias, Bobby Matthews, Charles McConnell, Timothy McGinnis, Allen Meyer, Blythe Mile, Richard Miller, Thomas Mitchell, Robert Montgomery, James Morgan, Richard Morris, Paul Niebel, Larry Odegard, Carol Jean Padilla, Theron Parlin, David Patterson, Mark Patterson, Robert Pennington, Randall Peonio, Arturo Perez, Floyd Peterson, Christopher Petroff, Linda Pickett, Gary Pitt, Donald Posselt, Richard Ranabargar, John Rasmussen, Robert Righi, Gary Schuler, Curtis Shaffer, John Shaffner, Lee Sherbenou, Donald Simmons, Jerry Skelton, Richard Smith, Richard Smith Jr., Jimmy Spence, Donald Spotanski, Roger Stocker, Thomas Tedesco, Virgil Treadway, Ted Turner, Thomas Wartella, Arthur Weidner, Mark Williamson, Garry Wilson, William Woolman, Darell Zimbelman.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

PAM FEELY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Pam Feely for receiving the 2019 Board Member of the Year Award from the West Metro Fire Protection District.

Pam has served on the Board of Directors of the West Metro Fire Protection District for 10 years. During her tenure, she has provided strong leadership through a number of significant changes, including a transition in Fire Chiefs.

During the District's merger with the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District in 2016, Pam served as the lead negotiator and initiated the idea of including former Wheat Ridge Board members on the Board for West Metro. Pam was key to ensuring a smooth transition and successful merger of the two districts for the benefit of the local community. In addition, Pam was instrumental in her foresight of the impact of the Gallagher Amendment on the financial sustainability of the District. She worked to identify a solution to a major challenge facing the District and, in 2018, helped lead the District's efforts in a successful campaign to stabilize the District's budget.

From understanding the importance of the District and its board members within the community to working to ensure all District staff feels appreciated and valued, Pam's excellent leadership and ongoing dedication is invaluable to the District and the community it serves. I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Pam Feely for her service to the West Metro Fire Protection District and to our local community. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ELIS A. BARRETO ORTIZ

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Sergeant 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz, who was killed in the line of duty earlier this month.

Sergeant Barreto Ortiz grew up in Morovis, Puerto Rico. Following in the footsteps of his father, he joined the Army in 2010 and was assigned to the 259th Transportation Battalion. In 2013, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was deployed to Afghanistan for a nine-month stint. Four years later, he graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School and was assigned to the 82nd Brigade Support Battalion of the 82 Airborne Division based out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

This past June, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz left for his third deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan. His mission was to support and operate alongside a contingent of special operations forces.

On Thursday, September 5th, Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was killed in action when his vehicle was hit by a suicide car bomber. Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was 34 years old and is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

He is described by those who knew him as a kind and compassionate leader who was proud to serve his country.

During his distinguished and decorated career Sergeant Barreto Ortiz was awarded the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Good Conduct Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Action Badge, the Basic Parachutist Badge, the Army Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Sergeant Barreto Ortiz's death is a painful reminder of the enormous sacrifices our service members and their families make to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

While Sergeant Barreto Ortiz will be dearly missed, he will not be forgotten. May he rest in peace, with the humble thanks of a grateful Nation.

HONORING HIGH PERFORMING BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA'S 39TH DISTRICT

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, Jr.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to congratulate two schools in California's 39th Congressional District. Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School have been recognized as Exemplary High Performing Schools by the Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools program. This honor is a direct reflection of the culture of academic excellence built from the combined efforts of students, faculty, parents, volunteers, and local communities.

Acacia Elementary School of Orange County's Fullerton School District owes its distinction to a myriad of innovative teaching and

learning practices. Of these practices, “Balanced Literacy” has been utilized since 2012 and combines reading, writing, listening, and speaking strategies. Complementing this approach are programs such as STEM & Robotics Lab dedicated to the mastery of 21st century applications. The foundation of Acacia’s academic principles lies in presenting real world problems and project-based learning opportunities to students. For students still establishing their first academic identities, it is vital that the materials they are presented with accurately reflect the intricacies of their own environment. Combining this hands-on pathway with personalized strategies has lent a tremendous hand in instilling confidence, agency, and understanding within Acacia’s student body.

Robert C. Fisler Elementary School, also of Orange County’s Fullerton School District, owes its distinction to an academic framework that is supported by a vision of student empowerment. As the school with the largest population of Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students in the district, Fisler School has maintained an excellent reputation in establishing a wide array of unique educational opportunities. Students at Fisler are encouraged to take risks and experiment in order to develop both academically and emotionally. By reflecting on failures and regulating thought processes, these young individuals learn flexibility, persistence, and empathy. Fisler School favors a comprehensive instructional model that includes programs for computer science, video production, performing arts, and more. Through these programs, students are encouraged to engage in and explore high school, post-secondary, and future career options for a well-rounded, personalized academic experience.

While learning is a continuous process in our children’s daily lives, it is during school that they find tools and resources necessary to root knowledge for future use. Therefore, it is imperative that the school environment is conducive to growth and development. Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School have established holistic academic philosophies that cater to this belief. They know that it is not just academic rigor or prestige, but rather a safe, collaborative environment that cultivates curiosity and determination crucial for student success. I am proud to know that my district is home to places of instruction that embody such an idea and I am more than honored to be representing them.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the teachers, parents, staff, volunteers, and—most importantly—the students of Acacia Elementary School and Robert C. Fisler Elementary School. They are well-deserving of this recognition and I am eager to welcome the next generation of leaders that will emerge from these two schools.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GROUND-
BREAKING OF KLA’S ANN ARBOR
CAMPUS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize KLA Corporation and cele-

brate the groundbreaking of its new campus in Ann Arbor.

KLA Corporation (KLA) is a leader in process control and yield management systems for the semiconductor industry and other related nanoelectronics industries. KLA develops equipment and services that facilitate innovation and tackle the world’s toughest technical challenges. With 18 global locations and over 10,000 employees worldwide, KLA’s vision hinges on collaboration, as working side by side diversifies perspectives and leads to maximized discovery and solutions. In addition, KLA invests significantly in research and development, continually striving to find new ways to drive progress and transform the industry.

The opening of KLA’s second headquarters in Ann Arbor exemplifies the corporation’s continued commitment to innovation, research, and technological advancement. The new R&D center will be home to 600 engineers, scientists, and professionals from our community and will spur future partnerships with institutions throughout Southeast Michigan, especially within our automotive industry. Furthermore, KLA’s new campus will strengthen the corporation’s relationship with the University of Michigan and enhance opportunities for technical collaborations with students in the College of Engineering. As a leader in the sciences, I am excited to welcome KLA into our driven Ann Arbor community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the opening of KLA’s new headquarters in Ann Arbor. I look forward to its positive impact on our Southeast Michigan community and wish the corporation continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING CONSOLIDATED TRIBAL
HEALTH, INC.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Consolidated Tribal Health Project, Inc. on the 35th anniversary of their founding. Formed in 1984 through a Title V compact with the Indian Health Service, Consolidated Tribal Health has served the health needs of the American Indian and Alaska Native populations in Mendocino County for three and a half decades.

Consolidated Tribal Health purchased its current location in 1998 in Redwood Valley after many years renting office space in nearby Ukiah, and then constructed an additional clinic building and Wellness Center in order to better serve its expanded population. Today, the clinic serves over 3,000 patients, a majority of whom are American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Consolidated Tribal Health Project is a 501(c)3 nonprofit ambulatory community health clinic governed by a consortium of eight federally recognized tribes, including the Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California, Guidville Rancheria of California, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Pinoleville Pomo Nation, Potter Valley Tribe, Redwood Valley or Little River Band of Pomo Indians of the Redwood Valley Rancheria California, and Sher-

wood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California. The organization is committed to providing excellent medical, dental, and behavioral health care to the people it serves, and counts among its many accolades the 2018 National Dental GPRA Award for Best Overall Performance.

Madam Speaker, Consolidated Tribal Health Project has for the past 35 years been a tireless advocate for tribal healthcare in Mendocino County, meeting the needs of indigenous Americans by honoring traditional Native American values and maintaining the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social wellbeing of the community it serves. Therefore, please join me in recognizing this vital organization and wishing them success for many more years to come.

RECOGNIZING DR. HECTOR NAVA
FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF SOL-
DIERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD
AND THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH
CANCER IN OUR COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible career and military service of Dr. Hector Nava. His story is like that of the millions of immigrants who came to America with a desire to seek a better future for themselves, and in doing so, making our nation a better place.

Upon earning his medical degree in 1967 in Mexico, Dr. Nava immigrated to the United States for training. Dr. Nava took an atypical route into the field of healthcare when he volunteered his medical expertise to the United States Army. He spent a year as a General Medical Officer in El Paso, Texas and from there he dedicated another year of his career as a Captain Battalion Surgeon in the 23rd Medical Battalion in Vietnam. For this commendable work saving the lives of American soldiers in combat, Dr. Nava earned the Bronze Star.

After leaving Vietnam, Dr. Nava continued to save the lives of others. He ventured to Western New York and spent four more years as a General Medical Officer at General Hospital in Niagara Falls while simultaneously pursuing his residency at Buffalo General Hospital. Once his residency was completed, he was employed by Roswell Park Cancer Institute as a Cancer Research Surgeon and Endoscopist, where he would spend the rest of his career.

While working at Roswell Park, Dr. Nava secured seven federal research grants, and conducted lectures around the world, from Egypt to Batavia. In academia, it is argued that the quality one’s of research is reflected in how frequently it has been published and used by other researchers. Dr. Nava’s research has been published in over one-hundred journals, has been used in seven different books, and has been referenced hundreds of times by other researchers in the field.

Throughout his career he has received many awards including the Research Surgeon Award, the Hispanic American Hall of Fame—Field of Medicine, ranked in the top 100 of WNY’s top doctors by Buffalo Spree Magazine, a Surgical Oncology Fellows Apple