

Teaching Award, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Nava also invented a treatment for Barrett's Esophagus, a condition that can lead to cancer of the esophagus.

Madam Speaker, I recognize Dr. Hector Nava. From teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at local universities on surgical oncology and gastroenterology, to working and partnering with other WNY hospitals, and participating in local service events like the Mexican Musical Performance, Dr. Nava has made his mark on our community.

CELEBRATING POLK COUNTY'S
175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 175th anniversary of Polk County, Arkansas. This county, set right on the border of Arkansas and Oklahoma, is named after former President James Polk and is currently home to more than 20,000 people.

Almost half of Polk County lies in the Ouachita National Forest, and as a forester by trade, I've seen how important this forest is to our state's ecosystem and wildlife habitats. I'm grateful to the land managers that live in Polk County and steward our resources well.

In addition to the beautiful landscapes and fertile valleys, Polk County is home to many incredible people that I am privileged to know. I'm honored to recognize Polk County and its history today, and I hope this legacy is passed down for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING BANNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Banner Elementary School, in Dunlap, Illinois, as a recipient of the 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. This recognition is a testament to the hard work both the faculty and students have put into making their school one of the safest and healthiest learning environments in the country.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was started by the United States Department of Education to serve as a way to highlight schools across the country that meet a high standard for educational excellence. The Department of Education chooses the winning schools each year based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

At Banner Elementary School, the level of hard work and dedication the staff, administration, and students all exhibit is unparalleled. Again, Congratulations to Banner Elementary School on receiving the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. I am proud to represent this shining example of educational excellence.

MARY (MO) LUKENS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize and honor Mary (Mo) Lukens, a great Coloradan and wife, mother and grandmother.

Mo was a lifelong resident of Colorado and a proud resident of Golden. For over 20 years she dedicated her time to the Golden community serving many different organizations including the Golden Rotary Club, Applewood, Denver, Golden and West Jefferson County Chambers of Commerce and others. Additionally, she ran a successful business, Mo's Family Portraits, which helped capture many wonderful memories for families in Jefferson County and across Colorado.

Mo was also very involved with the Cancer Action Network and served as the 7th Congressional District Ambassador. She was a tireless advocate for cancer research and funding. For the last decade, she chaired and co-chaired the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society to honor those battling cancer, including her own struggle as well as that of her mother and grandmother.

I was privileged to know Mo for many years, and her vibrance and good work in our community will never be forgotten. Her passion for her community, her good nature and sense of humor was a true delight. On behalf of the people of Jefferson County and Colorado, I honor Mary (Mo) Lukens for a life well-lived and extend my deepest appreciation for her contribution to our community.

RECOGNIZING JOHN J. DAY, JR.
AND HIS NOMINATION FOR THE
FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

HON. TROY BALDERSO

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. BALDERSO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of John J. Day, Jr., in honor of his nomination and confirmation of France's highest distinction of military and civil merits, the French Legion of Honor.

In October of 1942, during the height of World War II, John answered his nation's call and joined the United States Army as a member of the 90th Infantry Division, a regiment that later earned the title of "Tough Hombres." Deployed to Europe two years later, the Tough Hombres arrived on English soil on Easter Sunday, 1944. Soon after their arrival, John, along with his regiment, boarded a ship for Normandy. At the young age of 21, John courageously defended his country two days after D-Day in the Battle of the Seves River. Taken off the front line on July 22, 1944, John completed his assignment at a Postal Unit in Avon, France. John was finally discharged from the Army in November 1945, six months after World War II ended.

John returned to civilian life and to his work with the Pennsylvania Central Railroad system in New York. Following his retirement, John and his late wife, Mary Ann, enjoyed traveling

across the country, visiting children and grandchildren. John currently resides in Galena, Ohio, where he is an active member of the Westerville Chapter of the VFW.

A decorated veteran, John has been awarded numerous awards such as the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge, just to name a few. The French Legion of Honor adds to the extensive list of awards and recognitions John received throughout his distinguished career, though it does not scratch the surface of the number of reasons we owe a debt of gratitude to John for his service to our country.

Consul General of France will officially present John with his medal on October 8 in Westerville, Ohio. I am confident that John's impact will be an enduring one, and that this ceremony will be cherished by his family and friends. I thank John for his service, and I am proud to join in recognizing John J. Day, Jr., as he receives this distinguished and well-deserved honor.

DICK SCHWEERS

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard "Dick" Schweers of Estero. Dick is a staple of the Estero Community and has served on the Board of Commissioners of the Estero Fire Rescue Department since 1997 and is the current Chairman. In 1997, the Board of Commissioners was facing many challenges. It was down to only two members and needed a third member to form a quorum to conduct business. In addition, Estero Fire Rescue was deeply in debt and struggling to remain solvent. While it took some convincing at the time by then Governor Lawton Chiles, Dick eventually agreed to be appointed as a fire commissioner to restructure the department. With Dick's hard work, leadership, and guidance, Estero Fire Rescue was completely turned around.

Today, Estero Fire Rescue has four buildings, state of the art equipment, and a large crew of firefighters and paramedics. It is now one of the premier fire districts in our area. After 22 years with the Estero Fire Rescue Department, volunteering to help raise thousands of dollars for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, serving on the Estero Council of Community Leaders and the Estero Historical Society, and being an active member in the Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida, Dick is retiring.

I thank Dick for his decades of service to our community and our citizens, and hope he enjoys a well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF HENRY S.
BARBOSA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Henry S. Barbosa for his outstanding

and impactful work in the community. Mr. Barbosa has invested tremendous time, talent, and passion to his community and OCCC has honored Mr. Barbosa with their prestigious Legacy Award. Mr. Barbosa serves as a long-time board chair for the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC), which provides a safety net and career pathway for at-risk adults residing in Orange County by offering both career and workforce development programs.

Mr. Barbosa began his young professional career by earning his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California Los Angeles and his Juris Doctor from UCLA School of Law in 1973. He then began his legal career as the Deputy District Attorney for the City of Los Angeles. His passion for public service is known by the community and for 27 years, Mr. Barbosa practiced private law primarily representing local cities as a city attorney. He also served as Special Counsel for public agencies like the LA Unified School District.

Most recently, Mr. Barbosa served as Assistant General Counsel to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and within two years of serving as Vice-Chairman of the Board, Mr. Barbosa was also Chairman of the Engineering, Operations and Real Property Committee, as well as many others. Mr. Barbosa was very effective and influential while serving on the negotiations team that set key terms for the historic Quantifications Settlement Agreement, resulting in the first major agricultural to urban water transfer within the Law of the Colorado River.

Mr. Barbosa's areas of expertise include land use and zoning, public works and condemnation, environmental law, water resources, civil rights, including election law, political campaigns, and CATV. Notably, his expertise in land use and environmental law was recognized by former Speaker of the California State Assembly, Willie Brown, who appointed Mr. Barbosa to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee that developed statewide regulations for landfills management.

Furthermore, Mr. Barbosa has been instrumental as lead counsel in several published appellate decisions including *Salazar v. City of Montebello* 1987, an election law challenge to the candidacy of a homeless person in a municipal election.

Mr. Barbosa's receipt of the "Legacy Award" from OCCC is a true testament of his dedication and service to his community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Barbosa on his lifelong accomplishments.

THANKING KEVIN MILLER

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Kevin Miller of Star, Idaho. Kevin is a dear friend, beloved colleague, humble inspiration, and profound joy to the multitudes of people that know him. Kevin is quiet about the work he has done to enhance our communities, improving the lives of countless Idahoans. You may not know it, but Kevin spends two weeks a year living in a trailer, broadcasting his radio show at Walmart to raise

money for a local homeless shelter. He may not tell you, but Kevin has been visiting public and private schools for years to help draw attention to their events and fundraisers. Kevin might not mention it, but his faith in action to promote the life of the unborn has been felt in the hearts of those affected by abortion. Quietly, off the air, Kevin is the local hero that we celebrate today. Kevin fights for the average Joe and highlights the challenges and champions of our great state, our home, Idaho. Kevin, your work means so much to the people of Idaho. It is my pleasure to honor Kevin Miller for the dedication, commitment, and love he has for Idaho.

REMEMBERING JAMAL KHASHOGGI, RESPECTED AND HEROIC JOURNALIST, LOVING FATHER, AND RELENTLESS PURSUER OF TRUTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jamal Khashoggi, an American national and resilient journalist who was murdered by members of the Saudi Arabian government on October 2, 2018.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution grants freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

I would like to note that the press is the only commercial enterprise enshrined in the Constitution, giving Americans an independent press.

This is something that is often taken for granted, freedom of the press is not given to citizens in many parts of the world.

Jamal Khashoggi was born on October 13, 1958, in Medina, Saudi Arabia.

Jamal Khashoggi attended Indiana State University and received his BA in business administration in 1983.

Jamal Khashoggi did not dream of becoming a Saudi Arabian dissident, he did not want to be forced into a self-imposed exile; however, it was what he had to do to continue to live.

As a journalist, Jamal Khashoggi wanted to report on the facts and truths, not to dismiss the injustice that occurred, especially in his home nation.

Jamal Khashoggi wrote for and edited newspapers in Saudi Arabia and served as an aide in Saudi embassies in Washington and London.

After leaving Saudi Arabia, Jamal Khashoggi published his first op-ed in the Washington Post in September 2017, explaining why he and others had gone into self-imposed exile out of fear of being arrested in Saudi Arabia.

For the next year, Jamal Khashoggi continued writing articles criticizing Saudi Arabian involvement in the war in Yemen, the imprisonment of women who campaigned for women's rights, and revealed the strict control of the Saudi Arabian government on news and social media.

On October 2, 2018, Jamal Khashoggi was enticed into entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul for an appointment to obtain a document he needed to marry his Turkish fiancée.

Knowing Jamal Khashoggi was scheduled to arrive at the consulate, 15 Saudi agents who had flown in hours earlier met him, killed, dismembered, and disposed of his body which has yet to be found.

Journalists must be protected, the right to a free press must be protected.

However, Trump and his allies have blocked attempts in Congress to hold the Saudi Arabian regime accountable for their actions.

The United States House of Representatives passed H. Res. 2037 for which I voted, condemning the Saudi Arabian government for the murder and execution, but the current administration continues to steer clear of assigning blame and bringing the killers to justice.

The impotent reaction from our Administration signals to strongmen everywhere that they can terrorize their people—and mock the United States—with impunity.

The citizens of the world have not forgotten what happened to Jamal Khashoggi, and they will never forget.

Jamal Khashoggi was a loving father of four to Salah, Abdullah, Noha, and Razan Jamal, and a fiancée to Hatice Cengiz, the woman who waited outside of the consulate that fateful day.

We will forever be deprived of the stories Jamal Khashoggi would have written, and so there will inevitably be a delay in learning about the corruption he might have exposed, heroism he might have praised, and insights he might have offered.

America stands in support of American nationals.

I encourage all journalists to be fearless and persistent; democracy depends on it.

HONORING JENNIE ADSIT FOR HER CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennie Adsit on the occasion of her retirement from the Jefferson County Board of Legislators.

Jennie was first elected to the County Board of Supervisors in 1977. She has served on the board of legislators since its inception in 1996 until 1999 and then from 2006 to the present. During her tenure on the board, she has served as the Chair of the Finance and Rules Committee from 1996 through 1997 and served on the committee a total of sixteen years. Additionally, she served as the Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee between 2002 and 2003 and has served on that committee since 2006. She has also been a member of the Planning and Development Committee and is currently a member of the General Services Committee. In all of these roles, Jennie has consistently worked to better the lives of her fellow residents of Jefferson County.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank Jennie for her lifetime of dedicated public service. She has made a lasting positive impact on Jefferson County