

WEST METRO CHAMBER 2019
JOYRIDE BREWING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joyride Brewing Company for receiving the 2019 Medium Business of the Year Award from the West Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Located in Edgewater right across from Sloan's Lake, Joyride Brewing is a small craft brewery focused on producing great quality brews with a fun atmosphere. Along with their majestic views, they have a 10-barrel brewhouse with eight serving tanks and six fermenters. Currently, their taproom holds around 95 people and they have plans to open a rooftop this spring.

When they first opened, their goal was to put the word "neighbor back in to neighborhoods" and they have done just that, helping bring together residents and neighbors to share ideas and good beer. This is also demonstrated with their annual anniversary street party.

Another story that embodies their fun-loving spirit is their mascot, Roger. Roger was the first elephant ever used by Barnum and Bailey's Circus. Barnum would keep Roger and the other elephants at Sloan's Lake during the winters while they weren't touring, providing daily entertainment to the surrounding community. To that end, they felt like Roger embodied their motto: "Life is about enjoying the journey, not always the destination."

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joyride Brewing Company for this well-deserved recognition.

COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, this February we recognize and celebrate the 41st commemoration of Black History Month.

This month we celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the history of our great nation, and pay tribute to trailblazers, pioneers, heroes, and leaders like the 44th President of the United States and First Lady, Barack Obama and Michelle Obama, respectively; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; U.S. Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce; U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland; Astronauts Dr. Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr. and Mae C. Jemison; activists, intellectuals, authors, artists, and entrepreneurs like Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, James Baldwin, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Gwendolyn Brooks, Shonda Rhimes, Ava Duvernay, and Oprah Winfrey, just to name a few of the countless number of well-known and unsung heroes whose contributions have helped our nation become a more perfect union.

The history of the United States has been marked by the great contributions of African American activist, leaders, writers, and artists.

As a member of Congress, I know that I stand on the shoulders of giants whose struggles and triumphs made it possible for me to stand here today and continue the fight for equality, justice, and progress for all, regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

The greatest of these giants to me are Mrs. Ivalita "Ivy" Jackson, a vocational nurse, and Mr. Ezra A. Jackson, one of the first African Americans to succeed in the comic book publishing business.

They were my beloved parents and they taught me the value of education, hard work, discipline, perseverance, and caring for others.

And I am continually inspired by Dr. Elwyn Lee, my husband and the first tenured African American law professor at the University of Houston.

Madam Speaker, I particularly wish to acknowledge the contributions of African American veterans in defending from foreign aggressors and who by their courageous examples helped transform our nation from a segregated society to a nation committed to the never-ending challenge of perfecting our union.

A few years ago about this time, I was honored to join my colleagues, Congressman JOHN LEWIS and Congressman Charles Rangel, a Korean War veteran, in paying tribute to surviving members of the Tuskegee Airmen and the 555th Parachute Infantry, the famed "Triple Nickels" at a moving ceremony sponsored by the U.S. Army commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The success of the Tuskegee Airmen in escorting bombers during World War II—achieving one of the lowest loss records of all the escort fighter groups, and being in constant demand for their services by the allied bomber units—is a record unmatched by any other fighter group.

So impressive and astounding were the feats of the Tuskegee Airmen that in 1948, it helped persuade President Harry Truman to issue his famous Executive Order No. 9981, which directed equality of treatment and opportunity in all of the United States Armed Forces and led to the end of racial segregation in the U.S. military forces.

It is a source of enormous and enduring pride that my father-in-law, Phillip Ferguson Lee, was one of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Clearly, what began as an experiment to determine whether "colored" soldiers' were capable of operating expensive and complex combat aircraft ended as an unqualified success based on the experience of the Tuskegee Airmen, whose record included 261 aircraft destroyed, 148 aircraft damaged, 15,553 combat sorties and 1,578 missions over Italy and North Africa.

They also destroyed or damaged over 950 units of ground transportation and escorted more than 200 bombing missions.

They proved that "the antidote to racism is excellence in performance," as retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter once remarked.

Madam Speaker, Black History Month is also a time to remember many pioneering women like U.S. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; activists Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks; astronaut Mae C. Jemison; mathematicians like Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson authors Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks; all of whom have each in their own way, whether through courageous activism,

cultural or intellectual contributions, or artistic creativity, forged social and political change, and forever changed our great Nation for the better.

It is also fitting, Madam Speaker, that in addition to those national leaders whose contributions have made our nation better, we honor also those who have and are making a difference in their local communities.

In my home city of Houston, there are numerous men and women who are great because they have heeded the counsel of Dr. King who said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By that measure, I wish to pay tribute to some of the great men and women who helped to make Houston the wonderful, dynamic, vibrant, inclusive, and progressive city that it is:

1. Mayor Sylvester Turner
2. Rev. F.N. Williams, Sr.
3. Rev. Dr. S.J. Gilbert, Sr.
4. Rev. Eldridge Stanley Branch
5. Rev. William A. Lawson
6. Mr. John Brand
7. Ms. Ruby Moseley
8. Ms. Dorothy Hubbard
9. Ms. Doris Hubbard
10. Ms. Willie Bell Boone
11. Ms. Holly HogoBrooks
12. Mr. Deloyd Parker

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us pay tribute to those who have come before us, and pay forward to future generations by addressing what is the number one issue for African American families, and all American families today: preserving the American promise of economic opportunity for all.

Our immediate focus must be job creation, and enacting legislation that will foster and lay the foundation for today's and tomorrow's generation of groundbreaking activists, leaders, scientists, writers and artists to continue contributing to the greatness of America.

We must continue to preserve the American Dream for all.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to stand here in celebration of the heroic and historic acts of African Americans and their indispensable contributions to this great Nation.

It is through our work in creating possibilities for today and future generations that we best honor the accomplishments and legacy of our predecessors.

TRIBUTE TO PV. 2 GARY JOHN BORBA, II

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Pv. 2 Gary John Borba, II who lost his life too soon at the age of 23. Born in Hanford on July 6, 1995, Gary joined the United States Army on October 20, 2017 and was stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Gary was a young man full of life, hope and aspirations. He was someone full of character who enjoyed spending time with his family and making people smile.

Above all Gary was someone who brought joy to the lives of those he surrounded. He

had a passion for the outdoors, guns, hunting and aspired to become a police officer upon completing his service in the Army.

Gary tragically lost his life on January 19, 2019 at the Fort Campbell base in Kentucky serving our nation. His dedication to the United States and willingness to serve is something we shall never forget.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Araceli Borba, his mother Carol Elliot, father Gary J. Borba, Sr., stepfather Corey Elliot, sister Madison Borba, brother Mathew Borba, his half-brothers Branden Borba and Jacob Borba, and half-sister Brigitte Borba.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service and life of Gary John Borba, II. May he rest in peace and may we always remember the sacrifice he made for our country.

McKAY RUSSELL MARBLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize McKay Russell Marble. McKay is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

McKay has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years McKay has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, McKay organized his troop to nail 600 metal plates to the power poles in Gallatin Missouri, so the city could slide in numbers to help them identify different power poles.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending McKay Russell Marble for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES J.
DiMATTEO

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Mr. Charles DiMatteo, who will be celebrating his 100th Birthday on February 8.

The son of a produce store owner father and a seamstress mother from Sicily, Charles lived the American Dream. He was born at home and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, as one of nine children. His parents were well-known in the area as co-founders of Sacred Heart Church on North Street in the North End. Charles went to school and helped out in the family store.

Charles received a draft notice and entered the Army Air Corps in 1942, serving as a radio operator and marksman. He was in 16 missions under fire in places like Burma, China

and India. He suffered serious injury while unloading a cargo plane and was hospitalized. Charles continued his service until 1946, when he was honorably discharged with many service medals and honors.

Following his military service, Charles worked as a railroad claims agent and ran a wholesale produce business. His fruit baskets were legendary in the area and he was referred to as the "Basket King." He is a lifelong member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and the DAV (Disabled American Veterans). After retiring at age 70 and relocating to Florida, he joined DAV Chapter 133 in Pompano Beach.

Charles is known as a generous man who has supported many charities over the years. Charles is also a family man with a loving wife Anita, two children, 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Despite knee replacement and back surgeries, Charles still gets around quite well at age 99. Not surprisingly, he is a fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots, and enjoys watching their games on television. His other hobbies include following the stock market, swimming and dining out.

Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to honor Mr. Charles DiMatteo and his service to his country and his community. Happy Birthday, Charles.

WEST METRO CHAMBER 2019 SPAY
TODAY, NEUTER NOW

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Spay Today, Neuter Now for receiving the 2019 Nonprofit of the Year Award from the West Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Angelina Piccoli brought her vision to help pets and pet owners in need to life and founded Spay Today in 2009. Over the last ten years, the company has grown from two employees to 20, serving over 10,000 pets each year. To date, the company has spayed and neutered more than 65,000 cats, dogs and rabbits and provided low-cost vaccines, microchips and other veterinary care to thousands more.

Under the leadership of our Executive Director, Cassie Tanner, and the Board of Directors, Spay Today purchased a building at the end of 2017 and renovations are nearly complete on the new clinic in the Eiber neighborhood in Lakewood. Their relocation will allow them to expand the safety net for pets in need by adding much needed basic wellness services along with a community outreach program.

Spay Today works with community partners like The Action Center and Colorado Pet Pantry to provide free veterinary care to pet owners struggling financially. In 2016, they launched Healthy Paws, a voucher program which has provided nearly 1,000 free spays and neuters to pets in need.

Thank you to Spay Today, Neuter Now for their commitment to providing high-quality, accessible and affordable spay, neuter and basic veterinary care to our community. I extend my deepest congratulations to Spay Today, Neuter Now for this well-deserved recognition.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL SCHOOL
COUNSELING WEEK AND
VANESSA IQUINTA

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National School Counseling Week, and to honor a treasured member of my community and school counselor at Norwalk High School, Vanessa Iaquinta. Ms. Iaquinta has dedicated over 20 years to empowering students and serving as a role model, mentor, and advocate to students and their families in our community. She always goes above and beyond what is expected of her to serve the students at Norwalk High School.

In addition to her role as a counselor, she has taken on many leadership roles. Ms. Iaquinta leads the AVID program, which serves over 200 students and has been immensely successful under her guidance, achieving an inspiring 100 percent college acceptance rate. She also serves as the counselor for the Project Lead the Way, which offers students interested in the medical field the opportunity to take classes and field trips to help them achieve their college and career dreams.

Ms. Iaquinta developed class presentations to help students create four-year plans, discuss graduation and college requirements, and provide other resources to support students in planning for post-secondary school. She also organized the other counselors to provide evening appointments for parents who otherwise would not be able to meet with counselors to discuss their child's academic performance and progress. Ms. Iaquinta truly cares about students and wants them to succeed. She has contributed to Norwalk in many ways, and works hard to bring new ideas and programs to the school that will benefit the students.

Norwalk High School is a special place because of dedicated professionals like Ms. Iaquinta, and I couldn't be more proud to honor her today. If more people were like Ms. Iaquinta, the world would be a much nicer place. In honor of National School Counseling Week, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking all the school counselors who are making a positive impact in the lives of our students.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD L.
WATTENBARGER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Donald Wattenbarger of London, Kentucky, a retired Laurel County Sheriff's Deputy who dedicated more than 20 years as a bailiff for district and circuit courts.

In addition to his commitment to serve and protect the people of Laurel County, Don had a generous heart for local youth. He was a former chairman and avid supporter of the