

local Shop with a Cop program, providing children in need with the opportunity to go shopping during the holidays with an officer or first responder from the Sheriff's Department. He and his wife, Virginia, were instrumental in bringing the program to London in 1996. As a result of their perseverance and fundraising efforts over the last two decades, Shop with a Cop has continued to grow and give hope to children who need it the most. Don was also a board member of the London-Laurel County DARE program for many years, where he tirelessly worked to prevent drug abuse through school education programs.

Don was a faithful member of the Calvary Baptist Church and a member of the C.D. Ward Masonic Lodge and Oleika Shriners Temple in Lexington, Kentucky. He was also named a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Paul Patton. In fact, Don was so beloved by his hometown, he was voted a "London Living Treasure" in 2018, an award presented to those who have given a lifetime of service to London and Laurel County.

Don's commitment to Laurel County is a testament to the impact one person can have on a community. My wife, Cynthia, and I send our heartfelt condolences to Virginia and the host of family, friends and community members whose lives were affected by this great man. We deeply appreciate the compassion he shared and the service he gave to his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Don Wattenbarger for a lifetime of dedicated service in southern Kentucky.

**CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANILO BURGOS**

**HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2019*

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, the Honorable Danilo Burgos is the State Representative for Pennsylvania's 197th State House district and is the first Dominican-American to represent the neighborhoods in North Philadelphia of Fairhill, Kensington, Hunting Park, Glenwood, and Feltonville in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; and elected in 2018 as the first Dominican-American to hold that seat in the legislature.

Representative Burgos and his family have strong ties to Huntington Park and where Representative Burgos first became interested in social justice and community activism that led him to be a co-founder of the Philadelphia Dominican Grocers' Association to support and galvanize Philadelphia-area grocery and bodega owners like his family to engage with their communities and become informed and involved in American politics.

Representative Burgos works with business and community leaders to create economic stability and safer communities in North Philadelphia, serving on the boards of the Eastern Pennsylvania Organizing Project, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Visitation Community Center, and Proyectos Sin Fronteras, among others.

Representative Burgos has made political engagement a priority placing an emphasis on

highlighting and supporting political engagement; "Get involved in what you care about—as a community, as a human being," Burgos said. "Don't let others dictate your future."

**WEST METRO CHAMBER 2019 GALA FOOD FOR THOUGHT CATERING**

**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 Food For Thought Catering for receiving the 2019 Small Business of the Year Award from the West Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Forty years ago, Wheat Ridge native Suzanne Smith, and another parent thought the 420 students at the parochial school their children were attending deserved more than a cold sack lunch every day. For six years, the two mothers came to the school once a month to prepare a hot lunch for the students. Several years later, Suzanne was asked if she could prepare food for a rehearsal dinner. Food For Thought Catering was born and today the company caters everything from small intimate dinners for two to events for 250 people as well as breakfast, lunch, dinner, business meetings special events, and afternoon teas. "Food with thought" has been their guiding principle and motto ever since.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Food For Thought Catering for this well-deserved recognition.

**IN RECOGNITION OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. PINK GOES RED DAY FOR HEART HEALTH**

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for the extraordinary work it does all throughout the nation.

On January 15, 1908, nine college students on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. founded Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

As a member of the Xi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, I take great pride in my sorority's tradition of service and the many programs that it has established to serve our communities.

One of the founders, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, dreamed of creating a support network for like-minded women coming together for mutual uplift, and coalescing their talents and strengths for the benefit of others.

What began as a small band of sisters in 1908, transformed over the ensuing 111 years into a globally-impactful organization of nearly 300,000 college-trained members, bound by the bonds of sisterhood and empowered by a commitment to servant-leadership that is both domestic and international in scope.

As Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has grown, it has maintained its focus in two key arenas: the lifelong personal and professional develop-

ment of each of its members; and galvanizing its membership into an organization of formidable power and influence, consistently at the forefront of effective advocacy and social change that results in equality and equity for all citizens of the world.

In order to maintain its commitment to servant-leadership, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority hosts an international conference every two years.

On July 6–July 12, 2018, my fellow Sorors from all around the world came to my hometown in Houston to launch "New Dimensions of Service by Celebrating a Legacy of Leadership and Service."

At this conference Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority decided on new targets of focus for the next two years, which include: HBCU for Life: A Call to Action; Women's Healthcare and Wellness; Building Your Economic Legacy; The Arts! and Global Impact.

February 2019 is Women's Healthcare and Wellness month.

To kick off Women's Healthcare and Wellness month, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has joined with the American Heart Association in the fight against heart disease in order to improve the health of all women.

On February 1, Alpha Kappa Alpha women all over the world took off their pink and wore red for the day to raise awareness of this deadly disease for their "Pink Goes Red Impact Day."

Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters are bringing awareness to the devastating effects of heart disease in communities around this country.

My chapter, Xi Alpha Omega hosted a Zumba and Line Dancing Class at our Houston Texans YMCA to promote a fun and healthy way to stay heart healthy.

As we observe Pink Goes Red Impact Day and Heart Health month on the international level, here are some unsettling truths about heart disease and high blood pressure and undeniable truths about prevention that can help to stem the tide of this dreadful disease.

Cardiovascular diseases kill nearly 50,000 African-American women annually.

Forty-nine percent of African-American women 20 years of age and older have heart disease.

Only one in five African-American women believes she is personally at risk.

Only 52 percent of African-American women are aware of the signs and symptoms of a heart attack.

Only 36 percent of African-American women know that heart disease is their greatest health risk.

These unsettling truths are the reason that Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has made Heart Health and Wellness Month one of its most important initiatives.

Although there is nothing that will 100 percent guarantee a life without high blood pressure and heart disease, there are several things women can do every day to take steps towards a healthier life.

Be honest about their health. There are several things that can be done to reduce the risk of heart disease: exercise regularly; eat healthy; know your family medical history; and monitor and treat pre-existing health conditions.

Moderate salt and sodium intake and read the label and be knowledgeable about what is contained in the food consumed.

Commit to improving eating habits by developing a healthy diet and healthy cooking skills,

eating more fruits and vegetable and staying hydrated.

Get moving. Live an active lifestyle and eliminate sedentary practices from daily routine.

Schedule regular check-ups with their physician to monitor their health.

During the Women's Healthcare and Wellness month, I encourage all women to join me in walking, running, exercising, and educating ourselves and our communities on heart health.

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RECOGNIZING ALANNA ROHLING AS THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY 2019-2020 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise recognize Alanna Rohling 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year for Escambia County, Florida. Ms. Rohling is a kindergarten teacher at Lincoln Park Elementary School in Pensacola, FL. Throughout her tenure as an educator, Ms. Rohling has served the Escambia County School District with a deep and unwavering commitment to educational excellence.

It is recognized that the teaching profession is one of the most difficult professions—yet also one of the most rewarding. Ms. Rohling continues to prove her devotion to her profession in a multitude of ways.

Her support and outreach extend far beyond the walls of her kindergarten class. Even with the demanding responsibilities of maintaining a classroom, she also contributes to her school and community. She is the Grade Level Co-Chair, a member of school's Leadership Team, the STEM Committee Co-Chair, and still makes time to be a Mentor Teacher and a Student Mentor. She shares her time and talents generously with all her students.

Generations of Ms. Rohling's family have also served as educators. A quote that holds special meaning for her is: "A good education is your child's strongest tool for success"—and in her actions, Ms. Rohlings has certainly helped equip all children with the educational tools they need to succeed.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Alanna Rohling for her tremendous accomplishments, and her many contributions to education in the Escambia County School District.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude for her service. I wish her all the best for her continued success.

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WEST METRO CHAMBER 2019  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REAGENTS

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**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 Rocky Mountain Reagents for receiving the 2019 West Metro Chamber of Commerce's Chairman's Award for Minority and Woman-Owned Business of the Year.

Started in 1951 as S & K Reagents, Rocky Mountain Reagents is a small but vital supplier of chemical products to the medical and healthcare community in the Denver Metro area. Phyllis Sordelet purchased the company in 1988 and rebranded it as Rocky Mountain Reagents in 1996. During that time, it went from a basement business to occupying a 20,000 sq. ft. facility and a preeminent supplier of thousands of high-quality and custom chemical products to industry sectors, including aerospace, healthcare, law enforcement, education, industrial laboratories, water treatment, and bioscience.

This, of course, didn't all happen by accident. It happened due to hard work and long hours by Phyllis and her daughter, Elizabeth. They worked tirelessly to cultivate lasting relationships with vendors, customers, and the local business community. They have operated with the principles of integrity, teamwork, and empowerment to become a resource partner and ally in pursuit of each of their clients' unique visions. They continue to grow and thrive and are soon-to-break ground on a 26,000 sq. ft. expansion. Their commitment to offering quality products, exceptional customer service, and community-building philanthropy has already made a different and will continue to be felt in the years to come.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Rocky Mountain Reagents for this well-deserved recognition.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, I missed votes in the House due to inclement weather in Illinois. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 60, NAY on Roll Call No. 61, NAY on Roll Call No. 62, YEA on Roll Call No. 63, NAY on Roll Call No. 64, and NAY on Roll Call No. 65.

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CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION  
OF JUSTICE ROLANDO T. ACOSTA

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**HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, Justice Rolando T. Acosta serves as Presiding Justice of the New York Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Judicial Division.

Justice Rolando T. Acosta over his many years of community service in Washington Heights and Inwood where Justice Acosta helped found the Latino Commission on AIDS, a leader in creating the Harlem Community Justice Center, and long-time supporter of Alianza Dominicana.

Justice Rolando T. Acosta and his family as immigrants to the U.S. relied on the generosity and availability of community services and has made a commitment to working for groups including the Legal Aid Society where his judicial knowledge and personal experience resonate with members of the community seeking to better their lives.

Judge Rolando T. Acosta is a proud graduate of Columbia College and Columbia University Law School and recipient of Columbia University's Medal for Excellence and Wien Prize for Social Responsibility, as well as the Latino Judges Association's John Carro Award for Judicial Excellence and previously been selected as Judge of the Year by the National Hispanic Bar Association.

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INTRODUCTION OF EASTERSEALS  
100TH ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTION

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**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce today a resolution honoring the 100th anniversary of the Easterseals. On April 22, 2019, the Easterseals will celebrate 100 years as America's first non-profit organization to serve individuals with disabilities and other special needs.

Once only focused on serving children with special needs, Easterseals expanded its mission in the 1940s to serve children and adults. For decades now, their innovative services opened the doors to assist seniors, veterans and individuals with autism.

The Easterseals had a tragic beginning. In 1907, a streetcar accident in Elyria, Ohio, took the lives of eight people because there was no local hospital to treat their injuries. One of the deceased was the 18-year-old son of Edgar F. Allen, who in his sorrow was inspired to raise the funds necessary to build a local hospital. 18 months later, the Elyria Memorial Hospital was built and opened with 32 beds.

Eight years after that, another Elyria hospital opened for "crippled children." On April 22, 1919, Mr. Allen organized with civic leaders from Elyria, Cleveland, Sandusky, and Toledo, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan to form the Ohio Society for Crippled Children, the original name of the Easterseals.

May the festivities of this 100th anniversary year bring renewed faith and opportunity to those aided by Easterseal services. Through rehabilitation services, new and fulfilling life opportunities become possible.

Let us all take inspiration in the words of founder, Edgar F. Allen: "Your life and mine shall be valued not by what we take . . . but by what we give." Congratulations to all associated with such an important organization.

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WEST METRO CHAMBER 2019  
VILLAGE AT BELMAR

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**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 Village at Belmar for receiving the 2019 Large Business of the Year Award from the West Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Village at Belmar is a locally owned and operated community designed to provide an unparalleled lifestyle experience for seniors. Our innovative Village, with more than 300 residents, was conceived and inspired by Phil