

As a history teacher at Dunjee High School in Spencer Oklahoma, she instilled those principles into her students. Her steadfast commitment to ending racism and systemic discrimination inspired her to organize America's first sit in.

In August 1958, she and 14 of her NAACP walked up to a lunch counter they knew would refuse them, and they ordered a hamburger and a Coke. They were denied, but they did not waver. They knew what was on the line. In Ms. Luper's words, "within that hamburger was the whole essence of democracy."

At their own personal peril, they returned each day with more people until they broke the barrier. It was never easy. The protestors were verbally and physically assaulted. Ms. Luper received death threats.

Because of Ms. Luper and her students' fearlessness and determination, Katz Drug Stores integrated their lunch counters not just in Oklahoma City, but in Missouri, Kansas, and Iowa too. When the 1958 sit-in happened in Oklahoma City, a group of college students were inspired by what had taken place in Oklahoma City and took note. So in 1961 the students launched the Greensboro, N.C. sit-in at the Woolworth lunch counter—which fueled momentum within the civil rights movement.

It didn't end there. For years, Ms. Luper and others continued their fight. The sacrifices continued too. Authorities arrested Luper 26 times during her fight for freedom.

Clara Luper empowered young people to imagine a future brighter than their present and taught them how to make that future a reality. She changed lives and planted seeds of ethical leadership into those who were lucky to be mentored by her. Each of her former students talks about the pivotal role Ms. Luper played in instilling confidence, character, and dignity in them.

Generations reap the benefits of her sacrifice and the efforts to integrate not only businesses in Oklahoma City, but educational spaces. Ms. Luper integrated the History department at the University of Oklahoma, becoming the first Black graduate of that Master's program.

Her contributions are reflected across our state: in a namesake scholarship program at Oklahoma City University, a Corridor on the northeast side of Oklahoma City, a classroom at the University of Central Oklahoma, designating the Oklahoma City Public Schools District building as the Clara Luper Center, and naming the African American studies department at the University of Oklahoma after her.

As a lifelong Oklahoman, the representative of the fifth Congressional District, and as an American, I recognize how we are beneficiaries of Clara Luper's efforts to create a more just and equitable place to live. I cannot and will not take that history and her impact for granted.

Although we've come so far because of her sacrifices and the sacrifices of other heroes during the Civil Rights Era, there's still so much work left to do. Even with the numerous accolades given to her, the best way that we can honor Ms. Clara Luper is to uphold her legacy through a commitment to justice and equality in the policies that we propose. She knew that democracy isn't a spectator sport. It is our duty as a Congress and as Americans to make good on the constitutional promise of establishing justice and ensuring domestic tranquility. So we must continue to work for an

inclusive, equitable place for everyone to live and feel safe as well as build an economy where every American has the opportunity to thrive. I thank the sit-inners and I thank Clara Luper, for their resilience and giving us the torch to carry.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDWARD P.
CHAPMAN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Edward P. Chapman, a decorated war veteran and Captain in the Springfield Police Department.

Mr. Chapman was born in Brattleboro, Vermont. In 1942 he enlisted in the United States Marines and served in the 5th Marine Division, 27th Marine Regiment. He defended our country during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946 and awarded the Purple Heart following his service fighting in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Upon returning home, Mr. Chapman joined the Springfield Police Department, where he served the people of Springfield for thirty years. He received his degree in criminal justice from Western New England College and later retired in the early 1980's as a Captain in the police department. After retiring, Mr. Chapman remained an active member of his community, attending mass at St. Patrick's Church in Springfield and belonging to American Legion Post No. 452, as well as fishing and golfing in his free time.

Surrounded by family, Mr. Chapman passed away on February 22, 2019, at the age of ninety-four. His dedication to serving both his country and his community will long be remembered by his growing family and all those who had the great privilege of knowing Mr. Chapman.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Edward P. Chapman. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his many years of dedication to his community.

KAYLEE MARONE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kaylee Marone for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kaylee Marone is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kaylee Marone is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kaylee Marone for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I had to return to my district unexpectedly for a family medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted: "nay" on Roll Call No. 90; "nay" on Roll Call No. 91; "nay" on Roll Call No. 92; "nay" on Roll Call No. 93; "nay" on Roll Call No. 94; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 95.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NON-DISCRIMINATION HOME RULE ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Non-Discrimination Home Rule Act of 2019 to end the unique applicability of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) to the District of Columbia. My bill would protect the District's right to self-government, ensuring the District is treated the same as states, and defend LGBTQ and reproductive rights in D.C.

RFRA, which provides more protection for religious exercise than the First Amendment requires, applies to the federal government, the D.C. government and the territorial governments, but not to state governments. As RFRA does not apply to the states, under the principles of home rule, it should likewise not apply to the District.

While RFRA was designed to be a shield to protect religious freedom, it is being used, as evidenced by the Supreme Court's 2014 Hobby Lobby decision, as a sword to discriminate against the LGBTQ community and women. Members of Congress have used RFRA as a justification for trying—but failing—to overturn D.C. antidiscrimination laws. House Republicans have repeatedly tried since 2015 to nullify or block the District's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act (RHNDNA), which prohibits employers from discriminating against employees and their families based on reproductive health decisions, claiming, in part, that it violates RFRA. However, it appears that no one has challenged RHNDNA's legality under RFRA in court.

My bill ensures that District residents are treated the same as residents of the states under RFRA. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

KRYSTLE MCCOMB

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Krystle

McComb for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Krystle McComb is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Krystle McComb is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Krystle McComb for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

DENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Children's Dental Health Month. Each February, the American Dental Association unifies members of our healthcare community to recognize the importance of good oral health for our children and many others. As a former dentist, I know that quality dental care impacts your overall well-being. Proper Oral Health starts with the very first tooth as baby teeth are the building blocks to a healthy smile.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, almost 50 percent of children between the ages of 6 to 11 are affected by tooth decay. Tooth decay also happens to be the most common chronic disease in children. When a child suffers from dental pain, the impact is far reaching and can affect critical developmental stages including speaking, eating and learning.

Although tooth decay is widespread, it is preventable. It is important to brush your children's teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste. This year's slogan for National Children's Dental Health Month is "Brush and clean in between to build a healthy smile." If we as a society take these preventative measures to keep our children healthy, we can ultimately reduce healthcare costs and give our future generations the confidence they need in life. Please join me in raising awareness about the importance of oral health.

RECOGNIZING DALLAS GAY, GAINESVILLE ROTARY CLUB'S MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Dallas Gay, a fellow Northeast Georgian who was recently named Man of the Year by the Gainesville Rotary Club in recognition of his work to combat the opioid epidemic in Georgia.

Each year, thousands of Americans lose their lives to opioids. Mr. Gay understands the

severity of this issue better than most, as he lost his grandson to a drug overdose in 2012. This tragic loss inspired him to join the fight and ultimately save countless lives throughout the state of Georgia.

Mr. Gay has spearheaded several drug-related campaigns, some of which have led to new legislation. In May 2017, the Jeffrey Dallas Gay Jr. Act was signed into law, making naloxone—a life-saving antidote for drug overdoses—available over the counter. He also co-founded the "Think About It" campaign, which raised awareness of addiction to opioids and prescription drugs, and ultimately raised over \$400,000.

Mr. Gay was previously recognized by the Medical Association of Georgia and St. Jude's Children's Hospital for his work on the opioid epidemic.

In his Man of the Year acceptance speech, he encouraged others to continue to "be a soldier" in combating this crisis and to question and safeguard the drugs which are prescribed to them.

I thank Mr. Gay for his steadfast commitment to fighting this epidemic, and I look forward to witnessing his continued impact on countless lives across the state of Georgia.

EVA MORENO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eva Moreno for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Eva Moreno is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Eva Moreno is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Eva Moreno for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF LTC (RET.) JERRY "JAY" WHITE II

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated husband, father, community servant, and soldier, LTC (Ret.) Jerry "Jay" White II. Sadly, LTC White passed away on September 20, 2018. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at Old Post Chapel at Fort Myer and will be followed by a burial via caisson at Arlington National Cemetery.

LTC White was born on September 23, 1966, to the union of U.S. Army Major General (Ret.) Jerry and Linda (Pickens) White in St. Mary's, West Virginia. As a member of a military family, LTC White attended several schools before graduating from Leilehua High School in Wahiawa, Hawaii, and going on to receive a bachelor's degree in Business from the University of Hawaii, where he also attended ROTC. He later continued his studies and earned a masters degree in International Affairs from The Georgia Institute of Technology.

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." LTC White paid his rent and he paid it well. His distinguished military career officially commenced when he entered the Army as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry after graduating from the University of Hawaii. Over the course of his career, LTC White distinguished himself as a great soldier. After graduating from the demanding Airborne, Ranger, and Air Assault Courses, he reported for duty at the legendary 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. There he served in the 1/327 Infantry Battalion, the same unit where his father had served during the Vietnam War. He also excelled in leadership positions and was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman's Badge for his service during the First Gulf War. His later assignments included duty at Fort Lewis, Washington; Paris, France, and Brussels, Belgium, where he trained as an Army European Foreign Area Officer; and Washington, D.C., where he served as a liaison officer for United States Southern Command and later as an advisor to the Washington, D.C. National Guard.

Even after honorably serving his country, he continued to give of himself in service to his community. As an avid Washington, D.C. sports fan, he enjoyed attending Redskins and Nationals games as well as working with youth by volunteering as the Braddock Road Youth Club softball commissioner and a team coach for many years.

LTC White achieved much in his life but none of it would have been possible without the love and support of his loving parents, Jerry and Linda; his wife Jennifer; his children, Juliania and Jameson; and a host of family and friends that will miss him deeply.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian; and the more than 730,000 constituents of the Second Congressional District in recognizing LTC (Ret.) Jerry "Jay" White II for his dedicated service to our country and his community and in extending our condolences to his family and friends. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

HONORING THE PLATTSBURGH NOON KIWANIS CLUB FOR THEIR 90 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Ms. STEFANI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Plattsburgh Noon Kiwanis Club.