

political leaders, and the continued military clashes along the border. Azerbaijan's leaders must commit to fruitful negotiations to bring lasting peace in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Madam Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to join me in condemning this violence and injustice. We must learn from this atrocity and continue to advocate for the protection of human rights for the Armenian people, and for all. I'm committed to working with my colleagues on the Armenian Caucus to always remember the victims of the pogroms in Sumgait and to ensure this history never repeats itself.

HONORING RAMOLA AND THE LATE RAMESH "BOB" MOTWANI

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today to honor Ramola and her late husband Bob Motwani for their integral contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and to congratulate them on being recognized as "Honored Founders" of Fort Lauderdale.

After hearing that the city was flourishing due to large numbers of spring breakers, Ramola and Bob moved to Fort Lauderdale and purchased the Merrimac Hotel in 1986. However, the city's crackdown on spring break that same year led to a sharp decline in business, making it difficult to support their family.

In the face of this adversity, Bob set out to find new guests from around the world and began working with local beach committees. These committees sought infrastructure and other improvements that would attract more visitors to the beach. This hard work and determination paid off, attracting more visitors, businesses, and developers to the area. Their success allowed them to purchase additional properties for redevelopment and make an even bigger impact on the city.

Following Bob's untimely passing at the age of 47, Ramola took the reins managing their properties and raising their two sons. Ramola has continued the family's active civic engagement in beach development and redevelopment issues, including securing sponsors for projects the city couldn't afford on its own.

Madam Speaker, we have only just scratched the surface of the myriad contributions the Motwanis have made to revitalize Fort Lauderdale and turn it into the thriving city we have today. Congratulations to the Motwanis on this well-deserved recognition.

BAILEE STRANG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

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

Bailee Strang is a student at Lakewood High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Bailee Strang 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 Bailee Strang 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.

RECOGNIZING THE SCHLARMAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Danville Schlarman High School girls' basketball team on winning the 2019 Illinois Class 1A championship. Schlarman defeated Lanark Eastland 62–36 in the final. The win capped a 31–2 season and the Hilltoppers' second consecutive state title.

The tremendous amount of hard work and dedication the team put forth during the season was apparent in its dominant victories during the state playoffs. A 17-point win in the semifinals was the team's smallest margin of victory in postseason play. During the past two seasons, the Hilltoppers have posted a combined 62–3 record.

Head Coach Keith Peoples molded a team with both a high-powered offense and a stingy defense. The Hilltoppers scored 80 or more points seven times and yielded 20 or fewer on seven occasions. The 2018–19 team was led by four standout seniors—Destiny Dye, Janiah Newell, Anaya Peoples, and Sydney Gouard—along with junior Capria Brown.

It gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the entire team, which also included CeCe Damilano, Tannah Ceader, Taylor Fowler, Suzette Semersheim, Lauren Barnette, McKaylee Allen, and Emma Bogen. Coach Peoples was assisted by Jerry O'Neill, David Gouard, and Ollie Harrison, and team managers were Ana Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Stima, and Molly Deboard.

Madam Speaker, the players, coaches, and entire school community should be very proud of their accomplishments. I wish the graduating seniors all the best in their future endeavors and good luck to those who will return for a chance to make it three in a row next season.

CONGRATULATING LOGAN BRINSON FOR OPENING TWO LOCATIONS OF "LOGAN'S LITTLE LIBRARY" IN ALPHA, ILLINOIS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Logan Brinson, whose love for reading and sharing books with others has led

to him opening two locations of "Logan's Little Library" in Alpha, Illinois.

Logan, a five-year old from Alpha, Illinois, noticed that his town did not have a library when he moved there in 2017. As a result, Logan decided to start one himself by building one right in his own front yard—that way, he could share his love of books and reading with others in the community. "Logan's Little Library" now stands out front of his house and serves as a space where members of the community may pick a book up that they are interested in reading and also drop books off that they would like to share with others. Logan has also included books that he has finished reading as well as some others from his collection. The success of "Logan's Little Library" has even led to the opening of a second location, which will be ready in May 2019. The second location came about after Logan made his case to the village that some children are unable to cross the busy Highway 150 and therefore cannot reach the Library. Logan's idea has even drawn the attention of those in other countries, and he has since received book donations from London and Australia.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Logan Brinson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Logan Brinson on sharing his love for books and inspiring the Alpha community.

WAIS ASLAMY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Wais Aslamy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Wais Aslamy is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Wais Aslamy 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 Wais Aslamy for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the passage of S. 47, the Natural Resources Management Act. This bipartisan

legislation demonstrates what can be accomplished when we collaborate and negotiate. As a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, it is my responsibility to help protect and manage our natural resources.

In my home state of California, national parks hold a special place in our hearts. This bill expands several national parks in California, notably Death Valley, Joshua Tree, and Mojave National Park. In addition, it expands wilderness designation, recreation and conservation areas, national monument designations, national trail system, and our national wild and scenic river system.

While I applaud extensions of our public lands for all Americans to enjoy, Congress must do its job to ensure appropriate infrastructure maintenance. California's 16th District is the gateway to the crown jewel of the Sierra Nevada, Yosemite National Park. Yosemite alone has more than \$555 million dollars in deferred maintenance. Last Congress, I cosponsored the National Park Legacy Act because I believe Congress can and should do more to ensure the legacy of our National Parks.

A critical part of this bill permanently authorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a key program that helped protect nearly 2.5 million acres and provided \$4 billion in state grants for conservation and recreation projects. As I have consistently advocated for over the years, it is imperative we turn our attention to fixing our broken water infrastructure. I applaud my colleagues in the Senate and the House for including legislation addressing the Contra Costa Canal Transfer. This project is a common-sense solution that allows the water district to complete necessary safety improvements to the canal while reducing government regulation. For California's 16th District, similar action is needed towards fixing the Friant-Kern Canal, the largest part of the Central Valley Project on the eastside of the Central Valley.

Through smart policy and prudent leadership, I am confident that we can work together and ensure generations of future Americans can access, manage, and protect their natural resources.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the passage S. 47, the Natural Resources Management Act and I urge them to vote YES.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE ALICE A. LYITLE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise to recognize the life of the Honorable Alice Athenia Lytle, who passed away on December 21, 2018 at 79 years old. Judge Lytle was not only an incredible leader as California's first African-American woman Superior Court Judge, but as a loved and respected mentor and advocate for children and families. Today, I ask my colleagues to stand with me in the memory of her remarkable legacy.

Judge Lytle was born on March 2, 1939 in Newark, New Jersey as the eighth of ten children to Lacey and Margaret Lytle; a family

that was a part of the Great Migration of African-Americans north from the Deep South. She was raised in New York's Harlem neighborhood, where her passion for advocacy and social justice was fostered. She studied at Hunter College in New York City where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Physiology. She then attended Hastings College of Law and served as the secretary and president of the Black Law Students Association and was a member of the Student Faculty Curriculum Committee and Academic Standards Committee. During her studies, she was a law clerk for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other attorneys in private practice. Ultimately, Judge Lytle worked with Governor Brown as Chief of the Industrial Relations' Division of Fair Employment Practices with the Department of Industrial Relations and later as the Secretary of the State Consumer Services Agency.

In 1983, Judge Lytle was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the Sacramento Municipal Court and later served as Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court and Master Calendar Judge for unlawful detainer matters. Some of her greatest and most memorable accomplishments are reflected by her time as the Lead Judicial Officer for juvenile dependency cases. As Lead Judicial Officer, she created a mentor program for the youth called the SacraMentor Program, she established a Healthy Teen Mothers Program, and served as a mentor for pregnant teens while working with the Birthing Project. Significant financial contributions and services to programs that benefit underprivileged youth are the direct product of her clear dedication to young people and their well-being.

Madam Speaker, today we honor the marvelous life of Judge Alice Athenia Lytle; an aunt, a sister, a leader, and beloved public servant. Alice is a true Sacramento treasure in our community. She will be remembered for her courage, kindness, and wisdom.

BRIANNA CYANN TAFoya

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

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

Brianna Cyann Tafoya is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Brianna Cyann Tafoya 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 Brianna Cyann Tafoya 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.

REMEMBERING JESSIE CHARLES MADDIX

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Jessie Charles Maddix, a World War II veteran who dedicated his life to protect his community.

Mr. Maddix was born on May 19, 1923, in Hudson, Michigan. He served along the coast of North Carolina in the U.S. Coast Guard.

One of the more memorable moments during his time in the Coast Guard happened in 1944 during an Atlantic hurricane. He participated in a mission that involved a search and rescue of the liberty ship, *George Ade*. Prior to the storm, a German submarine had torpedoed *George Ade* off the coast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

According to the survivors, the hurricane's winds reached beyond 100 miles per hour, and unfortunately, both ships disappeared amidst the colossal waves. Mr. Maddix was one of the survivors who withstood the storm after floating above the surfaces for more than 50 hours.

Later in his life, Mr. Maddix researched his Native American heritage and became a Chippewa Elder. He traveled to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Pow Wow several times in his 90s.

Mr. Maddix's friends and family will remember him for his adventures and service to our nation in the Coast Guard. My heartfelt condolences are with his loved ones during this time.

CONGRATULATING ABIT MASSEY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Abit Massey for his invaluable contributions to the poultry industry and his extraordinary impact on the state of Georgia.

Mr. Massey was recently inducted into the Poultry Industry Hall of Fame after serving as president of the Georgia Poultry Federation for 49 years. Often referred to as "a living legend" and the "dean of the poultry industry," he has worked tirelessly to improve research and advocacy in the industry for nearly five decades, making countless improvements and helping to shape poultry in Georgia and beyond. Thanks in large part to Mr. Massey's leadership, the poultry industry has continued to flourish, and Georgia remains the top producer of poultry in the entire country.

Prior to working in the poultry industry, Mr. Massey served as head of the Georgia Department of Commerce, where he founded the Department's tourist division and built the first welcome station.

Mr. Massey has been honored with numerous awards for his contributions to not only the poultry industry, but also the University of Georgia and the state of Georgia as a whole. By supporting academic programs and advanced research, Mr. Massey has inspired