

I am encouraged that S. 47 passed the House, and I look forward to its implementation.

DANIEL BURNETTE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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

Daniel Burnette is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daniel Burnette 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 Daniel Burnette 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
EDWARD ZIGLER

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Ms. DELAUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary life of Dr. Edward Zigler. Dr. Zigler, often called the “Father of Head Start” was a legendary figure, and a force for good. He was also a dear friend whose counsel I relied on over the years to inform my work in Congress.

He was a giant in the field of psychology and social policy, conducting some of the most important research in developmental science and creating the “whole child” approach to education. Dr. Zigler helped to create the Head Start program, which has served over 35 million children and families across the country. He was a teacher, researcher, scholar, and mentor who helped to shape some of the most important family and child legislation considered in Congress.

Dr. Zigler believed that science should serve the public interest. His contributions are without parallel, from serving as the first director of the U.S. Office of Child Development—which would later become the U.S. Administration for Children and Families—to advising on child and family policy to officials in nine consecutive White House administrations. At every step, he strived and succeeded in making the lives of countless children better because he understood that their wellbeing was directly linked to their family and community. Dr. Zigler will live on in those he prepared to carry on his work, and in the children whose lives he helped to shape.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating the life of Dr.

Edward Zigler. Through boundless wisdom, he charted a vision for how to best help children and families that shaped child nutrition, health, injury prevention, and so much more. His impact spanned decades, and will last well into the future. He will be dearly missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BAYARD RUSTIN STAMP ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Bayard Rustin Stamp Act. This bill would direct the United States Postmaster General to issue a forever stamp to commemorate the life and work of Bayard Rustin.

Born March 17, 1912, Bayard Rustin became one of the most important leaders in the 20th century civil rights movement. At a young age, Rustin learned the values of nonviolence and peacekeeping from his grandparents’ Quaker faith, and he would continue to build these values into his life as a civil rights movement leader.

Rustin attended City College of New York, where he joined a progressive club that aimed to remedy racial issues during turbulent times. His time with the club was short lived, but it inspired him to join the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an organization that became a champion for labor rights, equity and world peace.

His time with the Fellowship of Reconciliation led Rustin to become a leader in the 1947 “Journey to Reconciliation,” where white and black people across the South rode buses together to challenge segregation laws, a precursor to the Freedom Rides.

Rustin was an advisor in Martin Luther King, Jr.’s inner circle as he advocated pacifism and nonviolence for achieving equal treatment for African Americans. He applied his brilliant strategic mind to the use of aggressive, peaceful action in the civil rights movement and throughout his life as an activist.

His most important role was as the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, D.C., the largest demonstration ever organized at the time, in which a quarter of a million people turned out to demand civil rights for African Americans.

In the years after the civil rights movement, Rustin used his background as a gay man to inspire others to advocate for and to achieve LGBT rights. He remained a strategist and public speaker for workers’ rights movements, including co-founding the A. Philip Randolph Institute for black trade union members. Rustin committed to promoting social good, and advocating for the disenfranchised, until his death, in 1987.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

CHRISTIAN CASTILLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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

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

Christian Castillo is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christian Castillo 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 Christian Castillo 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.

RECOGNIZING CAROLINE BUECHNER AS THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Caroline Buechner as the Teacher of the Year for Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Ms. Buechner is the Choral Music Educator at Navarre High School. She has served the Santa Rosa County School District with exceptional passion and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

It is recognized that the teaching profession is one of the most difficult yet rewarding professions in existence. Ms. Buechner has continued to exceed all expectations and proves her devotion to her profession in a multitude of ways.

During Ms. Buechner’s 9 years at Navarre High School, she has impressively grown the choral program from 80 members, to over 200 members.

Ms. Buechner exhibits her passion every day in her actions. Her unmistakable love for her job provides a strong foundation for her ability to successfully engage and encourage her students.

Ms. Buechner instills a love of music in each and every one of her students. She sets high expectations yet provides the necessary tools and support for her students to successfully meet those expectations. She encourages students to challenge themselves and enables them to attain their fullest potential.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Caroline Buechner for her accomplishments and her profound commitment to the Santa Rosa County School District. I offer my gratitude for her service and wish her all the best for continued success.

COMMEMORATING THE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AWARE-
NESS FOR CYCLIC VOMITING
SYNDROME

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the International Day of Awareness for Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome (CVS).

CVS is a rare condition that impacts both children and adults, causing severe nausea attacks that can last between several hours and several days. The cause of CVS is still unknown. Through research and education in the United States and in over thirty other countries, the Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association (CVSA) is working to develop a cure for those affected by CVS. Founded in 1993, CVSA started modestly with eighteen families and a few medical professionals. All those involved were dedicated to working towards a cure for the debilitating condition and through their hard work the organization has grown into an international coalition fostering research and providing resources and support for families suffering with CVS.

The Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association advocates tirelessly to make others aware of how challenging CVS can be, and how important it is to find a cure. With assistance from the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition and the American Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society, the CVSA produced the necessary guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of both pediatric and adult CVS and in 2012, supported a breakthrough in treating CVS with the establishment of the first emergency room protocol model.

As we recognize the International Day of Awareness for CVS, I know they will continue to advocate for the advancement of medical procedures, continued research and public awareness for this disease and the patient community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be on the House floor on February 25, 2019 for the vote on H.R. 539. My flight from Oregon was delayed because of weather conditions. If I had been present for the vote, I would have voted in favor of the Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act. This bill would expand the National Science Foundation's Innovation Corps program to give scientists and engineers the tools to commercialize their research. I support this effort to help researchers bring their innovations to market, and I commend the House on the bill's passage.

JUAN CONTRERAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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

Juan Contreras is a student at Lakewood High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Juan Contreras 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 Juan Contreras 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.

CONGRATULATING SUGAR LAND'S
NEW FIRE CHIEF

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Doug Boeker for his recent promotion to the position of Fire Chief of the Sugar Land Fire Department.

Chief Boeker has admirably served the Sugar Land community for the past 27 years, joining the Sugar Land Fire Department after graduating from a fire academy in 1992. He helped establish the Sugar Land Fired Up 5K and leads youth outreach programs through Shattered Dreams, Decisions Matter and Crud Wars. In addition Boeker implemented the Senior Fires and Falls safety prevention program and a critical ambulance service established after our Sugar Land population rapidly grew. While these accomplishments are unparalleled by most, Boeker didn't stop there. He has also served as the chief executive officer of NexGen Group, the general manager of Intercare Health Services and as the fire commissioner for the Harris-Fort Bend Emergency Services District No. 100. His service to our community is exceptional.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Fire Chief Doug Boeker on his promotion. We thank him for his dedication to keeping Sugar Land safe.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 31ST AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE SUMGAIT
POGROMS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, today, we commemorate the 31st anniversary of the

Sumgait pogroms, which saw the murder, abuse, and eventual expulsion of Armenian Christians living in Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh solely based on their Armenian identity. The Azeri government cannot be allowed to continue denying its role in instigating these atrocities and allowing them to continue, especially in light of similar efforts to target Armenians by Azerbaijan today. I hold memories of the Sumgait victims close to my heart, they motivate me to fight for the rights for Armenians and all people.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION
HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Zoning Commission Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint all members of the D.C. Zoning Commission (Commission). Currently, the Commission consists of two federal officials (the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) and the Director of the National Park Service (NPS), or their designees), and three mayoral appointees, subject to D.C. Council approval. The federal officials are members even though the Commission has no authority over federal property.

Land use is a quintessential local matter in our country. Despite the D.C. Home Rule Act, which gave the District jurisdiction over its local matters, 40 percent of the members of the Commission are federal officials, who are unaccountable to the more than 700,000 residents who live in the District. The federal government would lose nothing as a result of this bill because the federal government's land-use interests in the nation's capital are protected by federal law and federal agencies.

The Commission creates the zoning maps and regulations, which must "not be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan for the national capital." The mayor is responsible for the local elements of the comprehensive plan, subject to Council approval. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), which is the central federal planning agency for the federal government in D.C. and approves federal projects here, is responsible for the federal elements of the comprehensive plan. This bill would not alter the comprehensive plan process or the authority of NCPC and the Commission.

This bill would immediately remove the AOC and the Director of the NPS from the Commission, and the Commission would, at least initially, consist solely of the three mayoral appointees. The District would have the authority to reconstitute the membership of the Commission through local legislation.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.