

Madam Speaker, I am honored to know Ana Maria Rodriguez and to have the opportunity to acknowledge her amazing work for Southern Florida. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

ESMERALDA ROJAS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

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

Esmeralda Rojas 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 Esmeralda Rojas 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 Esmeralda Rojas 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.

HONORING SHARON MOYER, THE  
2019 ATHENA AWARD WINNER

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Sharon Moyer for receiving the 2019 Athena Award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

The Athena award is highly coveted and is presented to the individual that represents the greatest support for the goals of professional women. Recipients of this award demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their profession and provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the lives of others in the community.

Sharon Moyer has proven worthy of this award time and again with her innovative thinking, natural leadership, and ability to meet competitive deadlines. She inspires others with her personable attitude and her willingness to work hard and invest in the growth and success of others around her. Sharon has been an active part of the Partnership for Children program and initiated "Historic Hauntings: A Ghastly Ghost Tour" to help children learn the history of Fayetteville. I have personally attended one of her annual soirees for the Partnership for Children and have seen the product of her leadership firsthand.

There are many children in our community more prepared to reach their full potential due to Sharon's philosophy "persistence beats resistance." Our community is better because of Sharon and I am thrilled she is being recognized for her talent and dedication.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Sharon Moyer on receiving the

2019 Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Athena Award.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, my return flight to Washington, D.C., was delayed due to technical difficulty, and I was unable to attend the legislative session on March 5, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 104, and "yea" on Roll Call No. 105.

SIDNY ROJAS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

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

Sidny Rojas is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sidny Rojas 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 Sidny Rojas 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.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE  
WALTER B. JONES, JR.

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERRY McNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2019*

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of our colleague, and my dear friend, Congressman Walter Jones.

Walter was a man of principle and patriotism.

Who was dedicated to serving his District and his country.

He was deeply concerned about the state of our nation's politics.

Especially the growing inequities within our campaign finance system.

I had the distinct privilege of working closely with Walter over the past three years.

As co-founders and co-chairs of the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Caucus.

And throughout our work together, I witnessed firsthand his willingness to reach across the aisle and put people before politics.

Walter was a model public servant who held tightly to his passions and his unyielding faith.

His independence in this chamber demonstrated his relentless devotion to doing what he believed was right.

It's no surprise that he was widely respected and admired throughout these halls.

My thoughts are with Walter's family and his Congressional staff at this time.

And I ask my colleagues to join me in taking a moment to celebrate the life of our friend, Walter.

And to honor his legacy of honesty and integrity.

HONORING SANDY AMMONS, THE  
2019 FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE CHAIRMAN  
AWARD WINNER

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Sandy Ammons for receiving the 2019 Chairman's Award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

Sandy has been a constant positive force in the community when it comes to the world of business development and marketing services. She currently serves as the Director of Business Development and Human Resources for Highland Construction and Restoration where she oversees marketing and communication, business development, and administrative functions including human resources and recruitment.

Sandy is a highly valued and trusted resource who is always generous in offering guidance to others. She has been conquering all aspects of this industry since 1999 and owned her own successful marketing firm for 14 years. Her ability to capture elegant and innovative design is only part of her unmatched talent. During her time with Methodist University she was able to provide unparalleled guidance as the Vice President for Advancement and University Relations. She continues to serve the community with her fierce work ethic and amazing attention to detail.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Sandy Ammons on receiving the 2019 Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Award.

JASON SENA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

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

Jason Sena 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 Jason Sena 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 Jason Sena 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.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DOUGLAS CORBIN

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Douglas Corbin for his dedication and service in the Bay Area.

Born in Rochester, New York, Douglas attended St. Lawrence University before receiving a law degree from George Washington University. After working as a patent attorney in Washington, D.C., his work brought him to San Francisco.

In San Francisco, Douglas became involved in local politics and eventually transitioned to public defense. In his new role, Douglas defended the Bay Area's LGBT community from harassment and submitted bids on houses on behalf of African American families who had seen their own bids unfairly rejected.

After meeting his wife Rosemary, the couple moved to Richmond where Douglas was named Contra Costa County's first Juvenile Court Referee. In addition to this new role, Douglas co-chaired the effort to designate Pt. Pinole as a regional park. His wife Rosemary also went on to be the first woman elected to serve as Mayor of Richmond.

In his retirement and between excursions to Spain and Mexico, Douglas continued to be active in the East Bay community. He served for decades as a board member and chairman for the Early Childhood Mental Health Program, as well as a supervisor for the development of town homes in Richmond by Habitat for Humanity.

Douglas will long be remembered for his knowledge, spirit, and commitment to the Richmond community.

RECOGNIZING PRISCILLA W. GRANNIS IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Priscilla Grannis, whose inspiring life journey and determined work ethic has had a major impact on those around her and the wider Southern Florida community.

Throughout her eventful life, Priscilla has proved that she is a strongminded and driven person who has risen to match many challenges in a multitude of areas. After receiving

her undergraduate degree in music from Florida State University and a Master's of Music from Yale University, she joined the Miami Opera and performed with them for two seasons. She then furthered her music career by moving to Germany and performed overseas. While in Germany, Priscilla joined Hewlett Packard and became the Executive Assistant to the German CEO for a number of years.

Her sheer will to achieve has constantly been displayed in her ability to adapt to any line of work. After moving back to Florida due to the unexpected death of her father, she took over the management of her family's cattle farm despite having no prior knowledge or experience in the industry. With her natural determination and enthusiasm, Priscilla turned the farm into a largely successful business centered on an ethical and responsible management style.

In the late 1980s, Priscilla made the decision to enroll in Miami's St. Thomas University's law school, where she was a high-achieving student and graduated with honors. She then became an attorney in Naples and practiced law until retiring from the legal profession in 2014. Throughout her life, she has been heavily involved in politics and remains active in public affairs today. Priscilla previously served two years as the third Vice President of the Women's Republican Club of Naples Federated until being elected President of the Club, where she honorably served for six years before becoming treasurer, a position that she still holds today. Her dedicated involvement to the Women's Republican Club of Naples cannot be understated. Under her leadership, the club grew from about seventy-five members to over two hundred. Presently, Priscilla works for Florida House Representative Bob Rommel as his District Secretary.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to know Ms. Grannis and I greatly admire her commitment to Southern Florida. Her natural motivation and determination have allowed her to make an impact everywhere she goes and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

GABE SIMON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

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

Gabe Simon 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 Gabe Simon 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 Gabe Simon 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 MILLER FAMILY

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joel Miller and his wife, Megan Bel Miller, on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Frances Miller.

Caroline was born on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at 8:25 p.m. Joel and Megan's pride and joy came into this world weighing in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces and 20 inches in length.

With Joel, my previous Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director as her father, and Megan, also a long-time Capitol Hill staffer, as her mother, I trust Caroline will have a bright and successful future ahead of her.

Joel recently went on to a new opportunity after being an integral part of the legislative operation in my office for over five and a half years. I am thrilled to witness him continue in his most important role yet, as a father. I have no doubt that Joel and Megan will be wonderful and inspiring parents, who are devoted to their daughter's well-being.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Miller and Bel families.

HONORING PASTOR FRANKLIN WOOD, SR.

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Pastor Franklin Wood, Sr., of Whittier Lane Baptist Church who has played an integral role in his community and congregation for nearly half a century. The United States of America was founded by patriots like Pastor Wood who believed that faith and freedom of religion was of paramount importance to building a strong society.

That truth is evident in our National Motto: in God We Trust.

Faith remains the bedrock of American life, and one of the reasons for that is the Church. Local churches, such as Whittier Lane Baptist Church in New Castle, IN, have always been at the forefront of service to communities large and small. As worshippers put their trust in God, they looked to Pastor Wood for guidance and counsel. I have no doubt that Pastor Wood's leadership played a vital role in the spiritual health and wellbeing of so many individuals in his congregation.

As he begins a well-deserved retirement, I want to acknowledge Pastor Wood and sincerely thank him for dedicating his life to serve God and the Church. It is a true honor to serve a Hoosier who has demonstrated such deep commitment to his community. I wish him all the best in his retirement.