

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Assad for his distinguished service to our country and in wishing him a fulfilling and enjoyable retirement.

GABE SIMON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE DAY PASHINSKI, THE WILKES-BARRE FRIENDLY SONS' MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pennsylvania State Representative Eddie Day Pashinski, who will receive the Man of the Year Award at the Wilkes-Barre Friendly Sons' annual St. Patrick's Day celebration on Friday, March 15, 2019. Eddie has been a dedicated public servant for more than four decades, first as a music teacher, then as a state representative.

Eddie is a native Northeastern Pennsylvanian. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in music education from Wilkes University and has a master's equivalency. For 38 years, Eddie served as music teacher and choral director in the Greater Nanticoke Area School District. He was an active member of the union, the GNA Education Association, where he advanced the profession of teaching and ensured that students receive a quality education from highly qualified and equitably treated educators. Always motivated to serve at the highest level, Eddie took on leadership roles such as chief spokesperson, vice president, and president.

Driven by his civic minded sensibility, outgoing personality, and desire to create sustainable change for the community at large, Eddie ran for the 121st Legislative District seat to represent Wilkes-Barre City, Fairview Township, Wilkes-Barre Township, Ashley Borough, Hanover Township, and Laurel Run Borough

in the state house in Harrisburg. He handily won the 2006 election and has held the office since.

Eddie found great success as a state legislator. He is an ardent supporter of health care reform and has spearheaded a task force of regional experts to offer recommendations to improve our health care system to make it more affordable and accessible. In the wake of the devastating flooding in 2011, Eddie introduced a legislative package to help homeowners and small businesses rebuild and recover. His exceptional efforts on behalf of Pennsylvanians have earned him the title of Legislator of the Year from several organizations.

Though no longer a music teacher, Eddie Day continues to bring the joy of music to the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania with his band, The Starfires. With his late wife, Millie, Eddie is the proud father of four children and grandfather to seven grandchildren.

It is an honor to recognize State Representative Eddie Day Pashinski as he accepts the Man of the Year Award from the Wilkes-Barre Friendly Sons. His public service career is admirable and unparalleled, and I thank him for his leadership in our community and in Harrisburg. May he continue to be extraordinarily successful in his work for greater good of our commonwealth.

CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNUAL HARRIET TUBMAN DAY HOSTED BY THE NEW YORK STATE EQUAL RIGHTS CENTER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the first annual Harriet Tubman Day hosted by the New York State Equal Rights Center (NYS Equal Rights Center) in Auburn, New York. Harriet Tubman is an American icon, whose courageous activism helped strengthen civil and women's rights. Her legacy runs deep in Central New York and still influences the local community today.

Born a slave in Dorchester County, Maryland, Harriet Tubman escaped to freedom in 1849. She arrived in Philadelphia but quickly returned to Maryland to rescue the rest of her family. Successful in guiding her family and many other slaves to their freedom, Harriet Tubman became a well known figure on the Underground Railroad. Notably, she never lost an escaped slave she was guiding to freedom during her service as a conductor on the Underground Railroad.

Harriet Tubman joined the Union when the Civil War broke out in 1861, first serving as a nurse and then as a scout. She possessed knowledge of stealth travel from her time on the Underground Railroad, a skill she passed along to Union scouts to evade detection by Confederate forces. This skill proved extremely helpful during the Combahee River Raid, when she and her fellow Union scouts sabotaged Confederate supplies. This raid was also significant because Harriet Tubman became the first woman to lead an armed assault during the Civil War. After the war, Harriet Tubman moved to Auburn to care for her family who settled there.

Women's suffrage became a priority for Harriet Tubman during her later life. She became very active in the movement, traveling throughout the northeast to participate in demonstrations and working alongside suffragist leaders like Susan B. Anthony and Emily Howland. While Harriet Tubman passed away in 1913, her role in the suffrage movement helped pave the way for full women's voting rights in 1920.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating the first annual Harriet Tubman Day hosted by the NYS Equal Rights Center. Harriet Tubman's contributions to civil and women's rights in our society is unparalleled. The NYS Equal Rights Center pays tribute to her activism, serving as a reminder for Central New Yorkers to treat everyone in the community equally and respectfully. I ask my fellow Representatives to honor Harriet Tubman's legacy and never forget her role in creating a more equal America for all.

KILYN STEWART

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

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

Kilyn Stewart 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 Kilyn Stewart 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 Kilyn Stewart 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.

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and for other purposes.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, H.R. 1, the "For the People Act of 2019" addresses many significant challenges to our democratic institutions and the conduct of federal elections. The very foundation of our democracy depends on ensuring that our elections are fair, accurate, and freely accessible to all American citizens. We have witnessed in the last few years the roll back of voting rights to

a time I had truly hoped would remain in the past. We must continue to be vigilant against anything that would impede the right to vote. We must also protect our democratic institutions for the people, and not just for a few wealthy interests.

The U.S. election system is complex and highly decentralized, encompassing approximately 10,000 local, county, and state election offices. States and local jurisdictions face a number of challenges in their administration of federal elections, including outdated and insecure technology. Most of us are on screens all day long and have become accustomed to the convenience. There are probably some young people that don't like to read on paper at all. However, when it comes to electronic voting systems, these same conveniences may be subject to technical malfunctions as well as significant cybersecurity risks that have already been shown, in real elections, to undermine Americans' constitutional right to vote.

The last major voting legislation was passed almost two decades ago. It created several new responsibilities for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to work with the Election Assistance Commission, election administrators, and manufacturers on voting systems technology standards development. The Science Committee was active in the development of that language.

Today's bill, H.R. 1, makes an effort at expanding NIST's role in voting and elections technology. While I support H.R. 1 overall, I do have some concerns with the proposed new scope of activities for NIST. NIST's core mission is measurement science and standards. Most people have never heard of NIST and don't understand what it does, but NIST plays a central and unique role in advancing U.S. competitiveness as well as in cybersecurity across the public and private sector. The agency has no regulatory authority, which allows it to win the trust of and work closely with industry and all kinds of stakeholders in the standards development process. The Science Committee has worked very hard to preserve this standards development function of NIST. NIST expressed concern to us that some of the language in this bill may compromise the agency's ability to work closely with states and counties on elections technology. In addition, while other provisions in the bill are better aligned with NIST's mission and worthy of support, we must ensure there is additional funding for NIST to accomplish these important goals. As this bill moves through the legislative process, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to address both of these issues.

Election and voting integrity and security are important to everyone in this Chamber on both sides of the aisle, and my colleagues on the Science Committee are eager to present legislative ideas for the role of NIST in voting and elections technology, as well as recommendations for sufficient levels of support to ensure the agency can succeed in this mission.

Mr. Chair, I support H.R. 1 and urge its passage.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL JOEL WARHURST'S CHANGE OF COMMAND

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Colonel Joel Warhurst's Change of Command.

Colonel Warhurst was commissioned in the Transportation Branch in 1994. Upon completion of the Transportation Officer Basic Course, he began his initial tour of duty at Fort Campbell, KY, where he served as a Platoon Leader in the 594th Transportation Company (Medium Truck) with the 129th Corps Support Battalion, 101st Corps Support Group; the Executive Officer and Arrival Departure Airfield Control Group OIC for the 372nd Transportation Company (Cargo Transfer); and the 129th CSB Operations Officer (S-3).

In 1998, he completed the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course and Combined Arms Services and Staff School and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, G-4. As a multifunctional logistian, he served as the Plans Officer and later the Operations Officer. Next, he served as Commander of the 546th Transportation Company Light/Medium Truck (Airborne), 1st Corps Support Command. Afterward, he completed a one-year assignment, Training with Industry with the Army Air Force Exchange Service in Dallas, Texas. Then, he served in the Combined Arms Support Command—CSS Battle Lab as a principle action officer. He attended the resident Command and General Staff School and was assigned to Army Sustainment Command as the Brigade Logistics Support Team Chief for 1st BCT-101st at Fort Campbell, KY. Later, he served as the Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 426th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team (Bastogne), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Afterward, he was selected as the Secretary General Staff, Headquarters Army Materiel Command followed by selection as the Assistant Executive Officer, Commanding General, and Army Materiel Command.

He served as Commander, DLA Distribution Red River, Texas; Deputy Commander and Commander of the 82nd Sustainment Brigade (Provisional), Fort Bragg, NC.

Prior to his arrival at Anniston Army Depot, he served as the ACOS J4/G4, Chief of Logistics at NATO Rapid Deployable Corps—Turkey and recently completed an assignment in the Army G-4 as a Readiness Officer.

On July 27, 2017, he became Anniston Army Depot's 35th commander.

His military education includes the Strategic Deployability Course (SDS), Strategic Unit Movements Planners Course, Hazardous Materials Preparer Course, Combat Developers Course, Air Assault School, Airborne School, and Jumpmaster Course. He is a graduate of the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at Fort McNair, VA.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from the Technological University in Cookeville, TN and a Master of Science Degree from Florida Institute of Technology in Logistics Management, and National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower

School, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Unit Citation (AAFES and 1st BCT, 101st), National Defense Medal (2nd Award), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Colonel Warhurst for his service to our country.

NATHAN TAFOYA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

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

Nathan Tafoya 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 Nathan 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 Nathan Tafoya 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 MEMORY OF MR. W. PARKER GREENE, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished and staunch advocate for our nation's military, and dear friend of longstanding, Mr. W. Parker Greene, Sr. Sadly, Mr. Greene passed away on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at the age of 86. He leaves behind an impeccable legacy of service that will never be forgotten. A memorial service will be held for Mr. Greene at Moody Air Force Base on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 10 a.m.

Woodbridge Parker Greene, Sr. was born on December 3, 1932, to the union of the late Woodbridge and Mildred Parker Greene in Thomaston, Georgia. A product of the Upson County Public School System, he graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1951 and went on to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology. He later served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. During that time, he was assigned to the Safety Education Division of the Georgia Department of Public Safety