

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ERICA BASSETT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Erica Bassett is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Erica Bassett 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 Erica Bassett 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 MS. PATSY SQUIRE

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Patsy Squire for her service and dedication to the United States Postal Service in Corcoran, California. After thirty-six years of exceptional customer service and commitment, Ms. Squire will be retiring.

Ms. Squire began her career at the Post Office in 1983 and everyone in the community can attest that she has gone above and beyond her daily duties. Ms. Squire is an integral part of the City of Corcoran and has become a dear friend to all her customers and colleagues. From working as a letter carrier, to being a friendly face behind the counter, Ms. Squire has spent close to four decades serving the people of Corcoran at the Post Office.

Throughout the years, Ms. Squire has seen children grow up, graduate, get married and even have children of their own. She has played an important role in the lives of everyone in the community and her customers and colleagues alike will miss her presence dearly.

Ms. Squire plans on spending her well-deserved retirement working within her home, golfing, taking road trips, and going hunting and camping.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commanding and congratulating Ms. Patsy Squire for her service to the City of Corcoran and her retirement from the United States Postal Service.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
WALTER B. JONES, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO, Madam Speaker, I rise to honor late Congressman Walter Jones, Jr.

Farmville, North Carolina is quite a distance away from my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut. But, they are closer than at first appearance. Both have loving families and hard-working Americans, dedicated to giving their children a better life.

Congressman Walter Jones and I may appear as far apart as Farmville and New Haven. But in more than two decades together in this body, it was clear how much we shared.

We both understood that our faith informs and motivates what we do and how we vote in the U.S. Congress.

And we fought side by side and successfully against the Trans Pacific Partnership on behalf of working men and women.

Now, Walter and I did not agree on every point or policy. But the friendship we shared and the collaboration we achieved is what we should aspire to in the Congress.

As I have seen in my years here, Members will always fight for their constituents. But, it is so much better to be fighting together than fighting one another.

And, it was an honor to fight alongside Congressman Jones.

He was a man of conviction, a man of faith, a man of honor and kindness, a gentle man, who served his constituents and our country ably.

I will continue to cherish our partnerships, our victories and our friendship. But, importantly, I will continue to follow his lead, with regards to compromise and collaboration. May we all. Then, we can best honor Congressman Walter Jones, Jr.'s memory.

ZEKARIYA BEARCE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Zekariya Bearce is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Zekariya Bearce 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 edu-

cation and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Zekariya Bearce 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 THE 2018-2019 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISION ON OBTAINING CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the educators serving in the Prince William County Public Schools Division on obtaining certification or recertification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Founded in 1987, the National Board was established by teachers for teachers as the premier vehicle for defining and recognizing accomplished educators. Today, this independent nonprofit organization remains dedicated to supporting excellence in education and is governed by classroom teachers, school administrators, school board leaders, governors, state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders.

A National Board Certification denotes the most respected professional certification available in the education field. Obtaining certification and completing the renewal process is a personal and public statement of one's commitment to the evolution of effective instruction methods. In order to obtain the distinction, teachers must display a mastering of the standards established by the National Board by successfully completing a rigorous multi-component assessment that demonstrates that he or she has acquired the knowledge, skills, and practices required of an accomplished educator. Certified educators support a vision of teaching based on the following five core propositions:

1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning;
2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students;
3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning;
4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; and
5. Teachers are members of learning communities.

I extend my personal congratulations and appreciation to the following 2018 National Board Certified Teachers for receiving their respective certifications and renewals:

• This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Amber Tiernan, Patriot High School
 Amanda Proch, Gifted Education
 Amy Ivory, Colgan High School
 Christina Sherman, Marumsco Hills Elementary School
 Julie Faith, Stonewall Jackson High School
 Carolyn Ciminelli, Old Bridge Elementary School
 Leah Krucelyak, Beville Middle School
 Ashley Marland, Covington-Harper Elementary School
 Andrea Wilkey, Featherstone Elementary School
 Allan Weberg, Potomac High School
 Todd Hayes, Hylton High School
 Chris Proch, Woodbridge High School
 Melonie Yielding, Ellis Elementary School
 Timothy L. Wilson, Mary F. Williams Elementary School
 Shannon Speights, Dumfries Elementary School
 Amy Wise, Rippon Middle School
 Jennifer Roberts, Piney Branch Elementary School
 Susan Bowden, West Gate Elementary School
 Melissa Callaghan, Cedar Point Elementary School
 Krista Oldenburg, Benton Middle School
 Connie Schumacher, Stonewall Middle School
 Kathleen Hugh, Woodbridge High School
 Stephanie Ryan, Coles Elementary School
 Donna C. Morgan, Professional Development
 Ashley Abraham, Brentsville District High School
 Kristen Augsburger, Battlefield High School

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education, professional development, and the students of Prince William County Public Schools. The world-class education provided to our students is due to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard and I thank them for their invaluable contributions.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today proud of the passage of H.R. 1—the ‘For the People Act.’ H.R. 1 not only restores faith back into our elections; it’s a promise that House Democrats will deliver to the American public.

Despite what MITCH MCCONNELL says, H.R. 1 is not a “power grab.” It’s a plan to restore public confidence back into our electoral system. It says, in our democracy, everyone’s voice and vote must count. So again—let’s recap all the good H.R. 1 will do: it will increase access to the ballot box, end gerrymandering, create automatic voter registration; limit the power of restrictive voter ID laws, and make critical investments in election infrastructure and technology.

We all know Republicans have intentionally rigged our system of free and fair elections in their favor. Republican governors and state legislatures across the country have suppressed voting among: communities of color;

poor people; seniors; and people with disabilities, using targeted, racist voting laws.

The right to vote, our most basic democratic right, is under siege. But today, with the passage of H.R. 1, we say enough is enough. We’re putting an end to the Republican culture of voter intimidation. We are giving power back to the people.

LORENZO BECERRA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Lorenzo Becerra is a student at Mandala Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lorenzo Becerra 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 Lorenzo Becerra 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 AND REMEMBERING
THE LIFE OF JAY A. ARCANGELI

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Jay A. Arcangeli.

Jay Arcangeli was born on December 11, 1967 in Montour Falls, New York. He grew up on his family’s dairy farm in Burdett, New York, where he developed his love for farming. To many, farming is a full time job. To Jay, farming was his passion. Jay would finish a full day of work to come home to his family and then tend to his cattle and crops. To his very last day, Jay chased his farming dreams.

Jay was the model of hard work and public service. By day, Jay served as the Highway Deputy Superintendent for Schuyler County. Before taking his current position, Jay served as the Town of Hector Highway Superintendent and before that as the bridge foreman for Silverline Construction for over two decades. In his free time, Jay volunteered with the Burdett Fire Department. Whether he was on the clock or not, Jay was serving his community.

Jay will be remembered as a husband, a father, and a friend to many. We salute him now and stand with his family in somber remembrance of his life, his love, and his passions. I thank him for his service and pray he will rest in peace.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to remember the life of Jay Arcangeli.

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2019

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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, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 1—The For The People Act of 2019. This once in a generation legislation will increase access to the ballot box, end gerrymandering, and limit the influence of big money in politics. This essentially is a down payment on a promise to the American public to create tangible voting reform, to eliminate discriminatory voting laws, and to make critical investments in election infrastructure and technology.

Voting is an integral part of our democracy, as elections are the method in which America chooses its elected officials and what it desires from its government. We are currently enduring a time in which the right to vote is increasingly under siege. Decision makers across the country have worked to suppress voting in communities of color, and among poor people, seniors, and people with disabilities using targeted, racist voting laws. They have intentionally rigged our system of free and fair elections in their favor.

In my home state of Texas, strict identification laws that largely penalize African-American, Hispanic and Native American voters have been enacted. Texas even went so far as imposing voter ID requirements and restrictions on college students, a prominent voting bloc in local and national elections. Closed and changed polling locations, inoperable voting machines, and unavailable translators in immigrant-heavy communities have also contributed to voter confusion.

Needless to say, we need to counter this culture of voter intimidation. Simultaneously, we must also invest in technological advancements and repeal discriminatory voting laws. In order to do this, we must restore public confidence that everyone’s vote and voice counts. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

JAYLA BOITER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Jayla Boiter 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 Jayla Boiter is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels