

State and Foreign Operations, Homeland Security, and Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies. Congresswoman MENG is also a Senior Whip and a Regional Whip for New York. She has also served as a Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee since 2016.

Before being elected to the House, Congresswoman MENG served in the New York State Assembly for two terms, and before that she was a public interest attorney. Congresswoman MENG is married to her high school sweetheart, Wayne Kye and has two children, Tyler and Brandon.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in recognizing Congresswoman MENG's efforts to expand access to basic hygienic supplies and ensure that women are not denied essential products because of low income, lack of housing, incarceration or military service.

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—THE GLOVE WAGON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud The Glove Wagon for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2018 Business on The Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. The Glove Wagon, a gloves and safety supplies wholesaler, sells work gloves as well as a full line of safety and protection products. The company's commercial customer base covers a wide range of industries: construction, concrete, plumbing, electrical, oil field, poultry, dairy, and transportation.

Covering the state of Colorado, The Glove Wagon recently expanded its glove rack service into parts of Idaho, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. The company relocated from Northglenn to Commerce City, building a 16,000 square-foot facility at E. 96th Avenue and Havana Street and brought 20 new jobs to the city.

I extend my deepest congratulations to The Glove Wagon for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

IN RECOGNITION OF EFRAIN JESUS "E.J." LAUREL

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Efrain Jesus "E.J." Laurel.

Mr. Laurel was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. He began his career as a U.S. Customs agent and later became a DEA agent. He eventually served Webb County Precinct 4 as a constable and briefly served as Chief of the Laredo Police Department before leaving in 1991.

Mr. Laurel's colleagues considered him an intelligent, accomplished, and passionate worker. He was revered by many in his community for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Laredo. He truly loved working in law enforcement and was well-respected in the field. Mr. Laurel had also earned a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and was said to have a great knowledge of historical facts. He had many interests and passions including the Houston Astros.

Mr. Laurel is survived by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, and mother-in-law. He was a beloved father, friend, and public servant. He was a well-respected hero in his community and leaves a legacy of serving his country and protecting those at home throughout his career of more than four decades.

HONORING ERIC PAYMON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a valiant and selfless community servant, Eric Paymon.

Eric Paymon grew up in Jackson, Mississippi where he graduated from Forest Hill High School in 1996. He also attended Hinds Community College and Jackson State University. Officer Paymon is now furthering his education, pursuing a degree in Communications.

Officer Paymon has been gainfully employed as a police officer since graduating from Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy in 2005. He served as a Patrolman at Jackson State University and as a Deputy at the Hinds County Sheriff's Department.

Since 2007 Officer Paymon has been a model officer at the Vicksburg Police Department. He has held the position of Master Fire Arms Instructor where he was responsible for the training and qualification of all certified officers. Officer Paymon has worked in several capacities including Traffic Supervisor, Field Training Officer, Criminal Investigator, Patrolman and Watch Commander, supervising a shift of 11 officers. He is currently serving as Deputy Chief.

Officer Paymon is founder/owner of Secure One, a private security company providing security to local businesses, schools and private events.

Officer Paymon is happily married to his wife, Kimberly, and they are blessed with two children, Eriel and Eric, Jr. In his spare time, Officer Paymon enjoys Green Bay Packers and Jackson State Football, spending time with family, traveling and community service activities. Officer Paymon's life motto is "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living shall not be in vain."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Eric Paymon for his hard work, dedication and tenacity to serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF KEVIN KANE, RECIPIENT OF THE WYOMING VALLEY CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION'S 2019 "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kevin Kane who received the Wyoming Valley Children's Association's (WVCA) "Making A Difference" Award along with his wife Mickey Kane on Friday, March 22, 2019 during the organization's 95th Anniversary Gala.

The WVCA provides quality, early childhood education as well as physical, occupational, and speech therapy programs to students diagnosed with autism, Down syndrome, and speech delays, and also to other children. The "Making A Difference Award" recognizes individuals who go above and beyond in their commitment and service to the WVCA.

Kevin currently works for the Luzerne County Court Administration as the Director of Domestic Relations for Family Court. Kevin has proudly served on the Board of Directors for Wyoming Valley Children's Association for twenty-seven years. He also served as the President of the Board. Kevin and Mickey are the proud parents of two children: Katie and Sean. Together they established the Sean P. Kane Memorial Fund in honor of their son. It supports services, programs, and causes aligned with health, wellness, and wellbeing of people across the community, with an emphasis on individuals with special needs.

It is an honor to recognize Kevin as he and Mickey accept the Wyoming Valley Children's Association's "Making A Difference" Award. May they continue to support the early childhood education needs of our community.

SELAH HURTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

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

Selah Hurter is a student at Wayne Carle Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Selah Hurter 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 Selah Hurter 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 LIFE OF FRED
“BUD” GREEN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Fred “Bud” Green. Bud, a native of Jumpertown, Mississippi, passed away on February 22nd at the age of 82.

Bud was dedicated to his family and community. For most of his life, he farmed the land that has been in his family for generations, insuring the land will stay in the family for generations to come. From 1995 to 2007, Bud proudly served the people of Prentiss County Mississippi, as Circuit Clerk. He often spoke of this as being one of the greatest joys in his life. Bud also proudly and actively served on Farm Bureau’s Board of Directors.

It is through Bud’s many years of hard work and service to his family and community that we can look back and celebrate all that he accomplished. Bud was a friend and leader to many and will be missed by all.

Bud is survived by his three children, Tommy Green, Rose Anne Parker, and Emily Pollard. He also leaves behind four grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

IN HONOR OF ANGELA GARVIN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I, along with Representative OCASIO CORTEZ, rise to recognize Angela Garvin, who received a women’s history month award from us and from Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas at a ceremony in Queens on March 22nd. Ms. Garvin, who is now 12 years old, is being celebrated for her innovative proposal to develop rain gardens as part of the renovation of Astoria Park. These gardens will improve sustainability and make good use of stormwater.

Although Angela Garvin was just 10 years old when she developed her plan, her idea attracted the attention of New York City Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver, who decided to incorporate it into the design for Astoria Park, which is in the process of being renovated as part of the Anchor Parks initiative. Commissioner Silver said that he was “blown away by what she wrote about the importance of our future, about sustainability and how we have to do the right thing here in Astoria Park.” The 60 acre park was selected to receive \$30 million of funding for major capital improvements. Ms. Garvin’s rain gardens will be part of phase 1 of the renovation plan, which calls for the reconstruction of 12 acres of the park, including its track and field facilities and improvements in the surrounding area, including new seating areas, an adult fitness area, pathway realignments, bleachers and plantings. The plan includes the development of site drainage and grading improvements, including Ms. Garvin’s

rain gardens to collect and treat stormwater, as well as a detention system under the synthetic turf field to reduce discharge into the East River.

Rain gardens are low-impact, sustainable landscaping that are designed to mitigate the effects of rainfall on impermeable surfaces. The gardens slow the flow of stormwater with plants that can absorb excess nutrients and filter pollutants.

Since she was very young, Ms. Garvin has wanted to improve the facilities in her community. When she heard that Astoria Park would be renovated, she became passionate about the idea of incorporating sustainability into the plans for the park. She began attending meetings with her grandmother, Mary Baker.

The oldest of three daughters, Ms. Garvin is a 4th generation native of Astoria who attended PS 122 from kindergarten to 5th grade, just as her mother, grandmother and great-grandfather did before her. She now attends The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine in Manhattan for middle school.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in celebrating the creativity and vision of Angela Garvin who persuaded the Parks Department to use a sustainable design in its reimagining of Astoria Park. Her forward thinking will benefit generations of New Yorkers and can be implemented at parks around the city.

PANNAPORN
JAROENSAKULCHAIPORN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

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

Pannaporn Jaroensakulchaiporn is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Pannaporn Jaroensakulchaiporn 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 Pannaporn Jaroensakulchaiporn 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 TRAZENA “KANDIE”
JONES AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Trazena

“Kandie” Jones, as 2019 Woman of the Year in Contra Costa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California’s 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Jones has been active in our military community for over 30 years. Ms. Jones is the Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1351 in Martinez, California. At the VFW, she does outstanding work helping veterans connect with one another and assists elderly and sick members with tasks that have become too difficult for them. She works tirelessly at Post 1351 and spends her remaining free time volunteering at the Veterans Service Office assisting veterans with obtaining the benefits that they have earned. She is also the driving force behind Post 1351’s local Buddy Poppy distribution program, which benefits veterans’ rehabilitation and other services across the United States.

In addition to her work at the VFW, Ms. Jones has been an active volunteer of the PGA Veterans Hope Tournament and the Valor Games Far West. The Valor Games helps veterans and their families receive the services they need within their community. Ms. Jones also curates veterans hall military memorabilia.

Ms. Jones enlisted in the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of Sergeant while serving as Quartermaster. She was honorably discharged at Fort Ord near Monterey and since then has been committed to helping our veterans.

Ms. Jones grew up in Chicago, Illinois where she graduated high school. She enlisted in the Army and moved to California, where she attended aviation school. She also studied automotive/machinist training.

Madam Speaker, Trazena “Kandie” Jones is an incredible member of our community whose tireless work throughout her career has benefited the women throughout Contra Costa County and California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING BELLA COSCETTI

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Woodsboro’s Bella Coscetti, who recently set a high school national pole-vaulting record.

On January 12, 2019, this exceptionally gifted Woodsboro High School freshman set the national record by clearing 12-feet, 10-inches at the Arkansas Invitational indoor meet.

Ms. Coscetti’s feat bested the previous high school record of 12-feet, 9-inches.

What makes Ms. Coscetti’s accomplishment especially impressive is that her record breaking leap resulted in her first win as a high school athlete.

Ms. Coscetti’s success is a clear testament to her diligence and perseverance, and I look forward to her future achievements.