

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—LINEAGE LOGISTICS

**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 Lineage Logistics 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. As the population in the Denver Metro region increases, so does the need for distribution and warehouse space. Lineage Logistics, a cold storage warehousing and logistics company, is working to meet that need. The company added nearly 116,000 square feet to its existing 430,000-plus square-foot operation already in the Irondale neighborhood in Commerce City. This project brought an estimated \$12.5 million in new capital investment to the city in 2017 and \$2.1 million in 2018 as well as added 25 jobs to the company's existing workforce of 90 employees.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lineage Logistics for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF URNER'S HOME APPLIANCE STORE IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Urner's Home Appliance Store.

From his humble beginnings selling cookware off the back of a bicycle in the 1910s, founder David E Urner's entrepreneurial dreams were realized when he opened Urner & Janes in the summer of 1919. With a company mantra of "providing an easier way of living," Urner & Janes quickly became the premier store in the Central Valley for modern appliances. In fact, Mr Urner was the first person to offer innovative appliances like electric refrigerators and the "wonder" machine—an automatic washing machine years ahead of its time—for commercial sale in Bakersfield. His vision and relentless work ethic truly laid the foundation for Urner's to become the fixture in the community it is today.

When you look at family-owned companies that survive the test of time, one trait they all share is their adaptability, and Urner's is no exception. Largely unable to acquire metal-based appliances during World War II because of the war production efforts, Urner's had the foresight to begin selling toys and offering an appliance repair service. Fortunately, this knack for understanding the market extended well beyond David, and the company, now managed by the fourth generation of Urners, who have experienced so much success that they were forced to move from their

original downtown location into a larger 52,000 square foot superstore to keep up with demand. Urner's also recently expanded to the mattress market, opening two Z's Please Sleep Center locations and becoming their flagship mattress destination for the entire state of California.

Even more noteworthy than Urner's commercial success is their boundless care and support of the Bakersfield community. From championing local organizations to simply treating every person that passes through the doors of one of their stores with kindness and respect, Urner's is the quintessential example of how a family owned and operated business should be run. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District I want to congratulate Urner's on its 100-year anniversary, and I look forward to another 100 years of Urner's prospering in the Bakersfield community.

RECOGNIZING THE MORTON GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE ILLINOIS 3A STATE TITLE

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to recognize Morton, Illinois' Morton High School girls basketball team on winning the 2019 Class 3A state title.

Returning yet again to the state championship finals, the Lady Potters capped off the 33-3 season with a 35-21 win over Glen Ellyn Glenbard South. In a game where Morton took a dominating stance early on, the Potters began the tilt with a 15-0 run. Over the course of the game, the Morton Lady Potters had an amazing team effort on both offense and defense.

The Morton girls basketball team has now brought home their fourth Class 3A state title in five years. Morton's continued success on the hardwood is a testament to the leadership of Coach Bob Becker and the determination of the young women he coaches.

The Morton girls basketball team serves as a reminder to the people of our community that when we believe in ourselves and dedicate our time and effort to the goals that we set, we can achieve even the most daring outcomes. These young women exemplify the strong work ethic rooted in Central Illinois and we could not be prouder. Again, Congratulations to Coach Bob Becker and the Morton girls basketball team for their remarkable state championship win.

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—MAGNOLIA STREET ART SPACE

**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 Magnolia Street Art Space for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2018 Business on The Move Award.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award recognizes a company or entrepreneur that demonstrates

a pioneering spirit toward a business start-up, new product development, or a company/product with growth into new markets. Jeanie Nuances King, a champion of the arts and one of the founders of the Santa Fe Arts District, created Magnolia Street Art Space at 6600 E. 74th Ave. This 5,200-square-foot building houses studio and gallery space for artists at an affordable rate of \$1 per square foot.

Together with photographer Mark Sink, Ms. King is working to establish a Derby Arts District. Magnolia Street Art Space and the Derby Studio Project are the first two buildings in the plan to offer affordable art studios, gallery spaces and other amenities that will support the arts in the Derby neighborhood of Commerce City.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Magnolia Street Art Space for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

CONGRATULATING LOGAN LEE ON HIS WIN AT THE CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR WRESTLING

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Logan Lee, a senior from Orion High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament. Lee completed a 21-1 season by securing a 7-5 decision over Tyler Elsbury of Byron.

Logan Lee captured the 285-pound state title in exciting fashion on the University of Illinois' campus. After conceding a controversial takedown to his opponent with only :54 seconds left in the match, Logan quickly escaped to even the match at 5 points apiece. With overtime approaching, Logan went on the offense, and showed great determination to secure the go-ahead takedown with only seconds left in the bout—leaving his opponent next to no time to respond. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Logan displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Logan is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Orion so well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Logan that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Logan Lee on his Class 1A State Finals title in wrestling.

IN RECOGNITION OF GABRIEL "G.E." MARTINEZ

**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 Gabriel "G.E." Martinez.

Mr. Martinez proudly served his country during the Vietnam War, spending four years stationed in Thailand and Vietnam. He received

various awards for his many acts of service including the National Defense Medal, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Martinez continued serving the American people as a police officer and was eventually promoted to Sergeant for the Laredo Police Department (LPD). He eventually retired after many years of service with the LPD and worked as a court security officer in Webb County and later in the Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office.

Madam Speaker, it is important that we recognize our military and police officers and all those that bravely serve our country. Mr. Martinez is one example of the many men and women who have proudly served and protected others throughout their careers. He was admired and respected by many and his legacy lives on through his professional accomplishments and family.

Mr. Martinez was a loving father and husband. He is survived by his wife Beva Rivera, their five children, twelve grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. His commitment to public service lives on through his two sons, Pat and Benito Martinez, who are officers for the Laredo Police Department.

HONORING MARY JANE BOWKER  
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 Mary Jane Bowker, as 2019 Woman of the Year in Napa 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. Bowker is at the heart of political organizing up and down the Napa Valley. She's a strong defender of our democratic values and devotes much of her time, energy and resources to bettering our community. Her passion is working towards positive change, as seen from her leadership with Progressive Women of Napa Valley and Napa Valley ACTS. Through Progressive Women of Napa Valley, Ms. Bowker has trained numerous community members to constructively engage their local, state and federal representatives. Ms. Bowker works within Napa Valley ACTS to promote progressive activist collaboration and support the annual Napa Valley Women's March.

Ms. Bowker has also been instrumental in planning and organizing some of the biggest political events in our community, including the Napa Valley Women's Marches, Rock the Congress and Rock the Ride. For Rock the Congress, she has hosted luncheons, dinners and meetings to encourage interaction between the public and elected officials.

In addition to her activism, Ms. Bowker has also been my Campaign Events Coordinator

since 2002. She has planned countless events for me to engage with our community and has hosted numerous celebrations to thank volunteers.

Ms. Bowker was born in Southport, Connecticut. She has been married to Dennis Bowker since 1972, with whom she has two sons. She is also the grandmother to four grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Mary Jane Bowker is an incredible member of our community whose tireless work throughout her career has benefited the women throughout Napa County and California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—JESSE AND BECKY MARQUEZ

**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 Jesse and Becky Marquez for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2018 Business on The Move Award.

The Retail Investment Award honors a retailer or commercial developer who contributed to Commerce City's economic vitality through the introduction of a new business that brought new employment and/or new capital investment to the city in the last year. As co-owners of Anchor Crossfit, Jesse and Becky Marquez share a love of well-balanced, healthy lifestyles and the desire to bring this passion to the Commerce City community. When Anchor Crossfit outgrew its existing space, the Marquezes saw an opportunity to meet the needs of the residents and visitors. They took a risk, built a new building, and met the demand for more restaurants and social gathering places.

Together with his co-founders, Jesse Marquez created Pour Tap House, where residents and visitors can enjoy a variety of craft beers with a focus on beers from Colorado. Pour Tap House hosts weekly events to bring a wide variety of people in, and then keep welcoming them back—including trivia, poker, yoga, and crafting nights. All together the 8,450 square-foot building now houses Anchor Crossfit, Pour Tap House, and space for a sit-down restaurant.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jesse and Becky Marquez for this well-deserved recognition from the Commerce City.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was ill. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 106, and Nay on Roll Call No. 107.

HONORING THE NORTH COUNTRY CAMPS ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The North Country Camps on their 100th anniversary.

Camp Lincoln for boys and Camp Whippoorwill for girls have provided children in the North Country an opportunity to spend their summers in a safe, healthy, and educational environment for generations. By engaging children in challenging programs such as sailing, canoeing, archery and wilderness excursions, North Country Camps helps children build confidence, resourcefulness and independence. These are skills they will carry with them for life. The camp also runs a scholarship to ensure that children can attend regardless of their family's ability to pay.

None of this would be possible without the steadfast commitment of four generations of the Gucker Family. The camp was founded by Colba "Chief" Gucker and his family has carried on this tradition ever since.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to thank the Gucker family for their commitment to our community and congratulate them on the centennial anniversary of The North Country Camps.

COMMERCE CITY BUSINESS APPRECIATION 2018 AWARD—NEXUS TEAM

**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 Nexus Team for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2018 Business on The Move Award.

The Economic Development Award for Leadership honors a business or individual that has been a catalyst toward economic vitality in Commerce City through creative leadership, innovation, facilitation, collaboration or through contribution of resources. Thanks to the pioneering vision of C.H. Thompson Company and Schuck Communities, the Tower Road corridor is now taking shape as a prime opportunity for development in the Denver Metro area. As a result of their leadership and vision, a 200-acre business park has begun to transform from empty land into a thriving development that will support new and growing businesses investing and creating jobs in Commerce City for many years to come.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Nexus Team for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.