

to team work. I am thankful for Charlotte's time on my staff, and I am grateful to call her a dear friend.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to join Charlotte's colleagues, family, and friends in honoring her successful career serving Alabama's Second District. I wish her all the best in all her future endeavors. Congratulations, Charlotte.

RECOGNIZING CLARK COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, Illinois' Clark County was formed in 1819 out of Crawford County. At the time of its formation, Clark County included about a third of Illinois and extended as far north as the present state of Wisconsin. Clark County was so large that it gave birth to many of its sister counties: Pike County and Fayette County in 1821, Edgar County two years later, and Coles County in 1830.

Clark County enjoys an illustrious history. The county was named for George Rogers Clark, the older brother of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. George Rogers Clark was an officer of the army of Virginia that captured the Northwest Territory from the British during the Revolutionary War.

Clark County's first courthouse was a log house located in Aurora, and the county seat was in Darwin Township, but by popular vote Marshall was designated the new seat in 1839. In the late 1800s, county leaders believed they were outgrowing their latest building, so a fourth courthouse was built in 1887. The current courthouse, which is the county's fifth, has been in place since 1903.

The people of Clark County have planned many festivities to celebrate their bicentennial this year. The celebration began on January 9th with Clark County Trivia Night, and commemorative activities will extend to October. I am honored to be a part of that celebration.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we pay tribute to those hearty people who first settled in Clark County, and to the pioneering spirit that lives today in all its citizens. I stand today to salute Clark County on its 200th anniversary and to wish it the very best in the future.

ABBIGAIL KING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Abbigail King 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 Abbigail King 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 Abbigail King 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIONS CLUB OF MONTCLAIR, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize the Lions Club of Montclair, Virginia. The club will celebrate their forty-first year anniversary in June 2019. The Montclair Lions club was founded in 1979 at the Montclair Country Club and elected their first president, Mr. Ron Milam, soon thereafter. As part of the June 2019 celebration, the one remaining active charter member, Mr. Terry Tallent, will be assuming the role as the club's 41st President.

Over the past forty-years, the club has raised upwards of a half million dollars and provided hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours in support of various charitable organizations and community service projects within the First District. The Montclair Lions Club has supported the Old Dominion Eye Bank, training of leader dogs for the blind, high school scholarships, Action in Community Through Service (ACTS), Boys and Girls Club of Prince William County, little league baseball teams, the Boy Scouts of America, Special Olympics and many more.

The men and women of the Lions Club of Montclair exemplify the best of the spirit of the First District. Their lives of patriotism, service, and selflessness stand as an example to the ideals founded in the Lions Clubs motto "We Serve." Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing this momentous occasion for the Lions Club of Montclair and to wish them the brightest future.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT AND BLACK EUROPEANS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution with my good friends and colleagues, Representatives GREGORY MEEKS of New York, GWEN MOORE of Wisconsin, and JOHN LEWIS of Georgia, which recognizes People of African Descent and Black Europeans.

Our resolution would observe the history and current situation of People of African Descent living in Europe and Black Europeans during the United Nations designated International Decade for People of African Descent. It also encourages the U.S. Secretary of State to take a number of steps to ensure

their situation is improved following recommendations from last year's People of African Descent Week (PADWEEK) held by our colleagues in the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium May 13–17, 2018.

As it was quite rightly put by European Parliamentarian Cecile Kyenge, "The People of African Descent Week reaffirms European values by developing strategic and coherent responses to make our society more inclusive in the face of rising racial prejudice and violence across Europe." Recommendations from the week included a European Black History Month and Remembrance Day for Victims of Colonialism and Enslavement; a fund for Black European led initiatives to address continuing disparities and discrimination and support for empowerment initiatives; European-wide strategies for the inclusion of People of African Descent; and support for transatlantic exchanges on common issues of racial prejudice and discrimination.

The need for recognition of Black populations in Europe became clear ten years ago when I chaired a U.S. Helsinki Commission hearing entitled, The State of (In)visible Black Europe: Race, Rights, and Politics, where we learned that the situation in Europe is very similar to the one in the United States. While the presence of Blacks in Europe can be traced to enslavement, colonization, military deployments, voluntary or forced migration, the movement of refugees and asylum seekers, or educational and other professional exchanges, the story of Europeans of African Descent and Black Europeans still remains largely untold, rendering many of their past and present contributions to the very fabric of Europe unseen or forgotten, which is unacceptable.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that when we gather in the years to come to review the efforts of the United Nations designated International Decade for People of African Descent, we will not only speak of how our efforts resulted in our respective nations publicly recognizing the injustices and long-term impact of slavery and colonialism, but also of how our societies reconciled these issues in a manner that ensured equal opportunity, access, and justice for all people of African descent.

SADIE KRAMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Sadie Kramer 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 Sadie Kramer 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 Sadie Kramer 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.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RFK MEMORIAL STADIUM CAMPUS CONVEYANCE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill, the RFK Memorial Stadium Campus Conveyance Act, to direct the federal government to sell for fair market value the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium (RFK) to the District of Columbia.

RFK, once an active sports stadium, for years has been a rusted stadium surrounded by deterioration and several parking lots. The District leases the RFK site from the Department of the Interior and, under the terms of the lease, may only use the land for recreation, stadium purposes and open space. The lease expires in 2038. The stadium and its many parking lots comprise 88 percent of the 190-acre campus, which currently has only 22.3 acres of green space and is largely hardscape.

The District recognizes the vast potential of this sprawling campus in the heart of the city to provide significant value to residents while also strengthening the local economy and neighborhood. The current lease and its accompanying restrictions have limited the District's ability to make full use of this land, including collecting tax revenue. The limited number of years remaining on the current lease have also complicated the District's ability to plan for the long-term development of this site and attract private investment.

The District has worked hard to identify creative utilization options for the property despite the uncertainty surrounding long-term control of the land. In August of last year, the District began work on its efforts to redevelop one of the site's many parking lots into multipurpose playing fields as part of a larger recreation complex. The conveyance of the site will give the District the ability to consider more uses for this site including additional green space for public use, housing, commercial development and other enhancements that would benefit the surrounding neighborhood and the District as a whole.

This bill, at no cost to the federal government, would provide the District with the certainty that it needs to secure financing and proceed with long-term planning for this site. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HARRISON
“SMITTY” MILTON SMITH, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Harrison “Smitty” Milton Smith, Jr., who passed away at the age of 83 years old on February 12, 2019.

Harrison's service to our nation spans 20 years, including time in both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Air Force and active duty service overseas during the Vietnam War. After his military career, Smitty worked for the U.S. Postal Service and retired after 21 years. He was a member of the Fredericksburg Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Harrison is survived by his wife Donna Lee Smith, five children, Elizabeth Terry Thompson and her husband Paul, Mike Smith, Don Smith and his wife Virginia, Rosie McCauley and her husband Dave, Harrison Smith III and his wife Melissa; one sister, Theresa Willis; 20 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in remembrance of Harrison “Smitty” Milton Smith, Jr. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for his life of service. May God bless Smitty and his family during this difficult time.

ALICIA LARA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Alicia Lara 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 Alicia Lara 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 Alicia Lara 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. REGINALD T. HARDAWAY, SR.’S LIFE-TIME OF SERVICE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Reginald T. Hardaway, Sr. as he celebrates his 74th birthday. He has enriched countless lives through his public service.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Hardaway dedicated his life to serving others and teaching students. He is a retired college professor, most recently teaching in the graduate schools of education and business at Concordia University in Chicago. During his distinguished career, Dr. Hardaway had writings such as *The Keys to America’s Kingdom: Business, Education and Politics* published. Dr. Hardaway has received various awards and nominations throughout his life, including

Who's Who in America's Education, Distinguished Leadership Award for Outstanding Contributions to Contemporary Society, Outstanding young Man of America and the Archbishop James P. Lyke African American Male Image Award.

In addition to his storied career, Dr. Hardaway is a devoted husband and father to his two sons. He is a lifelong fan of baseball, a sport that he played semi-professionally and continues to enjoy today. Dr. Hardaway is a valuable member of his community, and we are all grateful for his contributions to the next generation of business and educational leaders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Reginald T. Hardaway, Sr. on his 74th birthday. His life has been dedicated to family, faith and serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOM BRYMER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Tom Brymer, who is retiring from his dual leadership roles as the Town Manager of Westlake and Superintendent of Westlake Academy.

Mr. Brymer has devoted more than four decades of his life to public service. Before coming to Westlake in 2008, he held leadership roles in Gilmer, Lockhart, Bryan, and College Station, Texas, as well as Olathe, Kansas.

As Superintendent of Westlake Academy, Mr. Brymer has had the unique opportunity to lead Texas' only municipally-owned, open-enrollment charter school. Under his leadership, the school's enrollment has more than doubled, and it has added four additional building to its campus. Mr. Brymer, in coordination with Westlake Academy's faculty and staff, developed a renowned educational program that has earned accolades for its role in helping students thrive and prepare for the future.

During his tenure as Town Manager, Mr. Brymer has overseen significant improvements to Westlake's infrastructure and economic development. For his efforts, Mr. Brymer been the recipient of multiple awards including the Texas Municipal League's 2009 Municipal Excellence Award, the TEDC 2012 Community Economic Development Award, the ICMA 2012 Community Sustainability Program Excellence Award, and the Site Selectors Guild 2017 Excellence in Economic Development Award, among many others.

On behalf of the 26th District, I thank Mr. Brymer for his service to the Westlake community and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

JAMAL LATHON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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