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I extend my deepest congratulations to Reyna E. Frias for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING KIRSTJEN NIELSEN AND HER SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and her years of service to our country as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

It is no secret that we are in uncharted territory when it comes to our security, both at home and abroad. Whether in the realm of cybersecurity, border security, or counterterrorism, Secretary Nielsen has been integral in protecting the lives of hundreds of millions of Americans. And while the crisis at our Southern border and terrorist threats grab the headlines, I would also like to thank Secretary Nielsen just as much for her leadership in responding to hurricanes that have devastated the Carolinas the past few years.

Secretary Nielsen has shown profound leadership and unwavering dedication as the Secretary of Homeland Security. Our country is facing a humanitarian and security crisis at our Southern border. Secretary Nielsen has been dogged in taking on the Herculean task of addressing these unprecedented challenges. Yet, she has always conducted her duties with professionalism and poise. Secretary Nielsen's determination to act in the country's best interest will be extremely tough to replace.

In her early career, Secretary Nielsen served as Special Assistant to the President as Senior Director for Prevention, Preparedness and Response under President George W. Bush. After serving in the private sector as the founder and president of Sunesis Consulting LLC, she answered the call to serve again and became Chief of Staff to the then-Secretary of Homeland Security, General John Kelly and then White House Deputy Chief of Staff. While our nation has demanded so much of her, Secretary Nielsen has risen to the occasion each and every time.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen for her incredible dedication and service to our country upon her departure as Secretary of Homeland Security.

RECOGNIZING DR. TANIA ISRAEL

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Tania Israel for her Congressional Women of the Year Award and for all the incredible work she does to improve the quality of life on the Central Coast.

Dr. Tania Israel is a Professor of Counseling Psychology at UCSB who has provided leadership in the Santa Barbara community and beyond for decades. In 2010, Dr. Israel collaborated with several Santa Barbara nonprofits to lead a community-based participatory research project which surveyed the LGBTQ community about their perceptions and concerns, which led to a mandatory 5-hour workshop on LGBTQ issues for all sworn police officers in the City of Santa Barbara. The workshop almost immediately proved to significantly improve relations between police and the LGBTQ community.

Most recently, Dr. Israel has designed and presented a two-hour interactive workshop, titled Beyond the Bubble, to help participants engage in productive dialogues across political lines by building their skills in active listening, managing emotions, and perspective taking. Hundreds of people in Santa Barbara County have taken advantage of Beyond the Bubble in workshops delivered to the Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP, the Santa Barbara Progressive Coalition, Congregation B'nai B'rith, and a League of Women Voters community forum, among others. Dr. Israel has not charged any of these organizations or their participants for her time and expertise, instead describing the workshop as her offering to our community.

**SAMUEL TRUJILLO**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samuel Trujillo for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Samuel is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Samuel 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 Samuel Trujillo for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, DC

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of representing the oldest continuously functioning Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) organization in the United States. Today, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 48th anniversary of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C. (GLAA).

GLAA is Washington's premier LGBTQ organization. Washingtonians know that GLAA champions the District of Columbia's full and equal rights. It calls for stronger enforcement of D.C.'s comprehensive landmark Human Rights Act of 1977. GLAA helped form and marshall the grassroots coalition of D.C. residents and elected officials that resulted in the enactment of the District of Columbia Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act. D.C. recognized same-sex marriages five years before the Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

GLAA advocates on behalf of LGBTQ youth and seniors. It demands the right of equal treatment for transgender individuals by the police and access to culturally competent healthcare. GLAA educates local officeholders and office seekers on LGBTQ issues. It also nurtures and builds coalitions with other constituents to advance LGBTQ causes and to defend the District's autonomy.

At its 48th anniversary reception on April 18, 2019, GLAA will recognize the 2019 Distinguished Service Awards recipients:

Center Global, a program of the D.C. Center for the LGBT Community. Matt Corso and Eric Scharf co-founded Center Global in 2012. Under their guidance, Center Global supported nearly 300 asylum-seekers through this nation's immigration processes. The asylees come from nations on the African continent, Eastern Europe, Russia, the former Soviet bloc, Southeast Asia and the Caribbean.

Center Global follows a unique model. It provides access to healthcare, legal assistance, financial support, and most importantly, a safe LGBTQ peer community that is often unattainable in D.C.-area diasporas. Its program includes case-management services; monthly support dinner and volunteers meetings; community and Capitol Hill education and outreach initiatives; partnerships with the Human Rights Campaign and D.C.-area social support and asylum organizations; and the annual May fundraising reception. Center Global is a volunteer-staffed program, led by its executive committee (Tom Sommers, Chair, and Eric Scharf, Vice Chair) under the D.C. Center's administrative umbrella.

Compassion & Choices led the lobbying for the D.C. Death with Dignity Act of 2016, which became law in 2017. Compassion & Choices envisions a society that affirms life and accepts the inevitability of death, embraces expanded options for compassionate dying and empowers people to choose end-of-life care that reflects their values, priorities and beliefs. It is a nationwide organization that works to ensure that healthcare providers honor and

enable patients' decisions about their care. Compassion & Choices works in communities, state legislatures, Congress, courts and medical settings to educate the public about the importance of documenting end-of-life values and priorities and about the full range of available end-of-life care. It empowers individuals with options, information and advice for guiding their care and engaging with providers. Compassion & Choices advocates for expanded choices, secure and ready access to them and improved medical practice that puts patients first and values quality of life in treatment plans for terminal illness, and it defends existing end-of-life options from efforts to restrict access.

Diego Miguel Sanchez, APR is Director of Advocacy, Policy & Partnerships for PFLAG National. Mr. Sanchez was Congressman Barney Frank's Senior Policy Advisor from 2009 until the Congressman's retirement 2013. Diego made history as the first openly transgender senior legislative staffer on Capitol Hill. He testified before Congress in the first transgender discrimination hearing. He became the first openly transgender individual appointed to the Democratic National Committee Platform Committee. Diego was Director of Public Relations and External Affairs at the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts and AIDS Action Council (DC). Previously, he was Director of the TransHealth/LGBT Health Access Project at JRI Health in Boston. He led the nation's only government-funded transgender healthcare program.

Diego worked 20 award-winning years in global public relations, marketing, and diversity management globally with Fortune 500 companies: The Coca-Cola Company, Holiday Inn Worldwide, ITT Sheraton and Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. He did media relations for Burson-Marsteller/NY, then the world's largest public relations firm. Hispanic Business Magazine included Diego among the 100 Most Powerful Latino/s in Corporate America. He has been recognized as a LGBT Latino Hero, one of the 100 most powerful Latino/s (Poderometro), in the Out 100, and in the Inaugural Trans 100. He was a founding member of the Gender Identity in U.S. Surveillance (GenIUSS) group, and Q Street named him "Best Congressional Staffer". Diego earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a major in Public Relations from the University of Georgia (UGA), serves on the Journalism Alumni Advisory Board and is a member of G-Club, the University's varsity letterwinners' club. Diego happens to be the only male Bulldog to earn his letter playing on a women's team, UGA's women's tennis team. Diego is a Senior Fellow at UMass Boston's College of Management.

I ask the House to join me in honoring the recipients of GLAA's 2019 Distinguished Service Award and celebrating GLAA's 48 years of contributions to the LGBTQ community in the District of Columbia.

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**TRIBUTE TO JOY COLLINS-BRODT—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

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**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each

year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Joy Collins-Brodt of Burbank, California.

Ms. Collins-Brodt, along with her eight siblings were born and raised in Pomona, California. Joy's mother, a native Floridian, and father, a Nigerian immigrant, taught their children to treat all people with dignity and respect. Living into the life lessons her parents taught her, Joy traveled to countries including Mexico and Bolivia to volunteer at local orphanages.

Upon graduating from high school, Joy attended Azusa Pacific University and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Broadcast Journalism and Documentary Film with a minor in Communication Studies. She was the first of her siblings to attend and graduate from a university. After her college graduation, Ms. Collins-Brodt moved to Burbank to begin her career in television production and entertainment.

Joy worked on a variety of television shows including "24" at NBC Universal and Fox Television. Outside of her work in television, Joy and a team of active women launched Darling Magazine, a women's lifestyle magazine that featured body-positive photographs of women that were never photo-edited or altered. During this time in her professional career, she learned about human-trafficking issues and began volunteering for the International Justice Mission (IJM), the largest global anti-trafficking organization. Her passion to combat global human-trafficking grew and in 2015 she left her career in television to accept the Chief Operations Officer position at Treasures Ministries, an organization that serves as an outreach and support network for women who are victims of sex-trafficking and in the adult entertainment industry.

Ms. Collins-Brodt continues her volunteer work for the International Justice Mission now as the Advocacy Coordinator of Southern California. Joy has lobbied in Washington, D.C. for anti-trafficking legislation such as the Child Protection Compact Act, which helped create a trafficking task force in the Philippines that saves children from trafficking. She hopes that others use their voice and engage with policy leaders about legislation and to see the end of human-trafficking.

Today, Joy lives in Burbank with her husband, Josh and they both enjoy long drives along the Pacific Coast.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Joy Collins-Brodt.

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**REINTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND  
IDEALS OF JUBILEE DAY**

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**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Jubilee Day, which is celebrated on October 6th of every year by the Fisk University community.

Just after the end of the Civil War, the Fisk School was founded in Nashville, Tennessee as an educational institute that would be open to all, regardless of race or age. However, just five years after its founding, the school faced dire economic struggles.

In an effort to save the University from closing, a group of students formed a choral group, the Fisk Jubilee Singers, with the goal of raising money to fund the institution. They took all of the funds in the university's treasury for travel expenses, hoping that the enormous risk would pay off.

Despite a few initial struggles, the Jubilee Singers eventually came to tour throughout the United States and Europe and raised enough funds to not only preserve the University, but also to pay for the construction of Jubilee Hall, the first permanent structure built for the education of African American students in the South.

The singers performed for such notable figures as William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Ulysses S. Grant, William Gladstone, Mark Twain, Johann Strauss, and Queen Victoria. Through their music they introduced the world to the spirituals of enslaved Africans as a musical genre.

Since its founding in 1866, Fisk University has educated countless intellectuals, artists, and civic leaders, and has played a pivotal role in the advancement of education for African American students. None of its accomplishments would have been possible without the talents and sacrifices of that first group of nine students.

Madam Speaker, as a proud alumnus of Fisk University, I urge my colleagues to honor the hard work, perseverance, and accomplishments of the original Jubilee Singers by co-sponsoring this resolution, and I urge its immediate consideration.

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**RECOGNIZING ANAHI MENDOZA**

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**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Anahi Mendoza for her Congressional Women of the Year Award and for all the incredible work she does to improve the quality of life on the Central Coast.

After graduating from Harvard University, and working two years on immigration cases in New York City, Anahi Mendoza realized that the city she grew up in, Santa Maria, is largely populated by Hispanic agriculture people and many of these people are immigrants in risk of being deported and been separated from their families. Starting with her passion for civil rights and immigration law coupled with the help of generous donors, Anahi founded the Santa Barbara County immigrant Legal Defense Center. The center has been helping many immigrant families in our local community. Anahi has been conducting Know Your Rights presentations in Santa Barbara County so that immigrants are informed of their rights should they encounter Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). She has worked extensively to create community clinics to screen individuals for immigration relief, assess their criminal record, and determine whether they have a final order of deportation. Anahi works