

Solberg Company, Inc, for being honored as an independent grocer that has demonstrated superior entrepreneurial skills in his community. Just a few weeks ago, Trig was presented with the National Grocers Association's prestigious "Thomas K. Zaucha Entrepreneurial Excellence Award." Since Trig's grocery career began with a small single grocery store 1971 in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, he has had an incredible reputation for focusing on families, customer service, and supporting the surrounding community. Today, Trig has grown the family company to include eight supermarket locations and dozens of other business establishments employing more than 1,200 people. I recently toured one of his grocery stores and I can attest that Trig is admired by staff, colleagues, and industry peers for his dedication to his community and commitment to excellence. Congratulations again to Trig Solberg for receiving this award honoring his entrepreneurship and dedication to his community.

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HONORING ANN WEAVER NORTON  
AND THE ANN NORTON SCULPTURE GARDEN

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**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ann Weaver Norton and on behalf of the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Ann Norton was an inspirational artist. She found her passion at age 8, when she received her first sculpting tools. She eventually moved to New York where she studied at the National Academy of Design, the Arts Student League of New York and Cooper Union. Ann served as an apprentice to the famed sculptor John Hovannes and a studio assistant to Alexander Archipenko. Her artwork was well received and she participated in numerous shows at the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art.

In 1942, Ann moved to West Palm Beach and began teaching at the Norton Gallery and School of Art. Five years later, she married Ralph Norton, the school's founder. In 1977, Ann established the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens Foundation. The sculpture garden and the foundation work to preserve the artwork of Ann Norton and other unique local treasures. The Norton Sculpture Gardens commemorates the great artwork and culture Ann brought to the community of South Florida.

On February 9, 2019, the Norton Sculpture Garden held a grand reopening. After \$100 million in renovations over eight years, the museum now includes an additional 12,000 square feet of gallery space and a new exterior. On display one will experience artwork from the likes of Jackson Pollock, Claude Monet, and Georgia O'Keeffe.

I proudly join the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden in celebrating the induction of Ann Norton to the Florida Artist Hall of Fame this Saturday, April 13, 2019.

NICOLE MARTINEZ

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nicole Martinez 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. Nicole is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Nicole 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 Nicole Martinez for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 4, 2019 during roll call no. 151, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 829, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the "Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building." Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 152, on the Motion to Commit with Instructions for S.J. Res. 7, to direct the removal of the United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 153, on Passage of S.J. Res. 7, to direct the removal of the United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 154, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Torres Small of New Mexico Part B Amendment No. 40, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 155, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 156, on Passage of H.R. 1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye."

RECOGNIZING MRS. SHELLY SMITH

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**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Shelly Smith of Marissa, Illinois, who has been presented the prestigious Teacher of the Year Award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization, the nation's largest and oldest war veterans service organization.

As an elementary school special education teacher, Mrs. Smith serves her community as a mentor as well as a model citizen. She organized numerous projects to help her community's first responders and veterans, such as her school's Patriot's Day Breakfast. In addition to running her school's booster club, she provides her students opportunities to engage and spend time with local veterans and emergency personnel.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Mrs. Smith and commend her for her patriotism and service to her community.

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CONGRATULATING THE BAYTOWN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY BULLDOGS FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES

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**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Baytown Christian Academy Bulldogs on winning both the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) football and boys basketball state championships for the 2018-2019 school year.

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, Baytown Christian Academy captured its second TAPPS 6-Man Division III football State Championship in three years with a 49-34 victory over Weatherford Christian Academy. In the playoffs the Bulldogs defeated Greenville Christian Academy, Fredericksburg Heritage School, and Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy on the way to the title game. The Bulldog football team finished the 2018 season with a perfect 14-0 record.

On March 1, 2019, the Baytown Christian Academy basketball team won its first TAPPS Class 1A Boys State Championship, beating Tyler Street Christian Academy of Dallas by a score of 63-39. On the way to their historic victory, the Bulldogs defeated Cypress Oaks Adventist Christian School, Fredericksburg Heritage School, Houston Southwest Christian Academy, and San Antonio Legacy Christian Academy. The team finished the 2018-2019 season with a record of 29-3. The entire basketball team was also on the state title winning football team.

I would like to personally recognize each student and their coaches. Players: Grayson Albarado, Colton Anderson, Jelan Dowdy, Kory Early, Ethan Flukinger, Charles Flynt, Jaden Jefferson, Jaron Jefferson, Aden Lambeth, Jordan Lewis, Jordan Luke, William Morgan, Matthew Pate, Kyron Pitre, Rajean Sheppard, Chance Strange, Dave Sun, Richard Washington, Jakob Wheatfall, Treyvian

Williams, Sebastian Wilson. Football Coach: Jeromey Anderson. Basketball Coach: Kevin Fletcher. Athletic Director: Kevin Jones. Headmaster: James Twardowski.

I wish each of these young men continued success in the classroom and in athletics. Go Bulldogs.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on April 10, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on April 10th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Moms Allen, Thomas P. Anderson, Juan G. Avendano, Herbert Clifford Barrus, Donald J. Bendis, Richard Bianchi, Anton L. Boeckhold, Josephine M. Bogdanich, Donald K. Borta, Robert R. Brown, Roy Eugene Brown, Robert M. Buckley, Donald A. Burke, Richard V. Butler, Donald J. Carani, Carl R. Carlson, Lawrence A. Carlson, Andrew Carrillo, Marvin E. Causey, Fred Choromanski, Edward A. Clark, Cecil R. Coleman, James L. Conley.

Dominick Frank Corelli, Amelia Cunningham, Herbert E. Davidson, Robert Davis, William C. Devereux, Robert E. Dobis, Victor Drower, Terrence C. Duffy, Donald C. Eageny, Norval J. Edwards, Chester L. Evers, Jr., Samuel C. Farley, Thomas P. Felsenthal, Aldo Filafusi, Blenard R. Franklin, Bernard Friedman, Richard J. Gaskey, Edward Gill, Fred J. Hefner, John I. Hozian.

Edward F. Jamrozik, Joseph J. Johnson, John H. Kawa, John Robert Kemble, Alvin J. Knauf, William F. Kretz, Milton F. Langer, Walter Mannaberg, Philip F. Manning Jr., Douglas J. Marther, Frank V. Masters, Davis McClain, John McGregor, Earl McKay, Vernon A. Meyer, Donald J. Miller, Ronald J. Mitchell, Robert Kern Morgan, Stevenson Mountsier.

Thaddeus M. Murawski, Richard M. Naugle, Bruce F. North, Sr., Thomas J. O'Keefe, Owen R. Owen, Robert C. Parker, James A. Powers, Michael S. Puzzo, James Reuter, Fred Grafton Rounds, Charles L. Rush, Frederick J.

Schmelzer, William H. Schmit Jr., Norman R. Sehnoutka, Donald J. Seneker, Thomas G. Sheehan, Herbert Sheriff.

John F. Slown, Robert Smith, Robert A. Sousa, Frederick T. Staron, Donald R. Strahanski, Harold P. Streicher, James C. Terpstra, Van C. Virva, Jr., George Vlahakis, Carol A. Walters, Edward P. Wilkin, James Williams, Ronald L. Wilson, Edwin Winclechter, Charles J. Yackley, Robert E. Yaeger, Paul Kenneth Young, Ronald P. Zuraski.

IN HONOR OF ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS OF GREATER HOUSTON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Houston. For the last half-century, this group has contributed greatly to the construction and advancement of the Greater Houston Area and I thank them for their work in growing our community.

Founded in 1969, the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Greater Houston provides leadership development and craft training for both the commercial and industrial construction industries. The Greater Houston Chapter of ABC is comprised of over 450 locally owned construction and assembly firms, representing thousands of skilled professionals in the Greater Houston Area.

The mission of ABC of Greater Houston is to defend and represent its members' right to work, as well as protecting free enterprise within the construction industry. ABC of Greater Houston is also committed to promoting safe work environments and occupational practices, and leads the country in members active in the Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) program—a unique initiative started in 1989 to dramatically improve safety performance in the construction industry.

ABC of Greater Houston is committed to tackling our nation's workforce problem through the Construction and Maintenance Education Foundation (CMEF). This exceptional foundation formulates partnerships between industrial leaders and contractors to tackle the shortage of skilled workers in the construction sector.

Today, the American economy is booming, in no small part because of leadership from outstanding organizations like ABC of Greater Houston. Through their innovative programs that enhance industry partnerships and promote free enterprise, ABC has provided opportunities for economic and educational growth among members, workers, and industry professionals.

This year marks 50 incredible years of industry advancement by ABC of Greater Houston. I am proud to join everyone in our community in celebrating their 50th Anniversary, and thanking them for the work they do for builders and contractors in the Houston area, across Texas, and throughout the country. I am sure their next 50 years will be even more successful.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF DALLAS MAVERICKS LEGEND DIRK NOWITZKI

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, after 21 seasons as the face of the Dallas Mavericks, Dirk Nowitzki played his final game in Dallas. Since he arrived as a 19 year-old from Germany, Dirk has transformed the game of basketball and led the Mavericks to unparalleled success.

He has earned the respect of fans and fellow players alike over the course of his record-setting career. In his early days in the NBA, however, he faced great adversity. But his resilience and determination proved too strong for any negativity. Dirk's leadership and great play culminated in a championship run in 2011. Because of his MVP performance, a championship banner now hangs in the American Airlines Center, which I can see from my District Office in Dallas. This building, which was the setting for many of Dirk's greatest games and most memorable moments, will forever be known as "the house that Dirk built."

His accolades on the court are many—15 appearances in the NBA Playoffs, a 14-time NBA All-Star, a 12-time All-NBA team member, one of only eight players to score 30,000 points, a regular season MVP award, a Finals MVP award, and an NBA Championship. But the true measure of the man is what he has done off the court. For years, he has visited Children's Hospital as "Uncle Dirk" to give ill children and their families fond memories and glimmers of happiness. Never with fanfare, never with TV cameras chronicling his generous deeds, Dirk gave of himself out of the goodness of his heart and character. For as much as we have enjoyed his iconic three-pointers and fade-away jumpers, he has given us so much more. In addition to being one of the greatest athletes to ever play in Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki is one of the best human beings to play in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, no one embodies the big, beautiful, diverse city of Dallas better than Dirk Nowitzki. Like me, he wasn't born in Dallas but made it his home, and we are grateful that he did. As he retires from professional basketball, we are delighted that he will always be a part of what makes Dallas great, and I wish my friend and his family the best in the days and years ahead.

IN HONOR OF ALPHA OMICRON PI, OMEGA CHAPTER CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Omega Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority in celebration of its 100th anniversary. As a proud past President of the chapter, who graduated in 1982, it is my high honor to congratulate the Omega Chapter at Miami University in Oxford,