

in need. Through his tireless work and altruistic leadership, he created Camo Santa that focused on providing toys for soldier families in financial need. Mike's contributions to his community doesn't stop there. He has organized several programs to help serve others, such as numerous Dallas Cowboys Charity events, Wednesday's Child, Criswell's Kids, and Adopt a Pet. Mike's dedication to service and hard work has helped make a difference in many lives from providing children with basic supplies to helping those impacted by natural disasters. His generous activism speaks to the very best of Texas values.

Mike's commitment to the highest standards of excellence has not gone unnoticed. Recognized by his colleagues for his devotion and hard work, he has achieved a long list of accolades, including four Emmy Awards, twelve Addy Awards, the Dallas Press Club's Katy Award, as well as high recognition from the Texas Association of Broadcasters as recipient of the Bonner McClain Service Award. Mike's resume speaks to an innovator unafraid to do what it takes to excel in a demanding profession.

Mike Stanford's generous commitment to helping others serves as an inspiration for all to follow. There's no doubt that Central Texas is a better place because of him. I heartily salute his work and wish him the best of luck in his richly deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JANET WORKMAN—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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, Janet Workman of the Elysian Valley neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Janet Workman is a devoted wife and community leader in Elysian Valley. Ms. Workman was born and raised in Hermosa Beach and briefly lived in Sao Paulo, Brazil as an exchange student during her teenage years. While attending the University of Southern California, she majored in French, after which she spent several years teaching French and English at the high school level. She then moved to the City of Pasadena in 1981, where she started her career in corporate and emergency planning. An expert in her field, she ran her own company for twenty years before working for Southern California Edison. Additionally, she volunteered for eight years as a docent at the historic Gamble House and seven years on the board of a domestic violence shelter. Despite her full and active life in Pasadena, she and her husband, Robert, decided to relocate to Elysian Valley to start a new chapter in their lives.

Ms. Workman built a new sense of home in Elysian Valley for herself and her husband. Never one to sit idly by, she started the Frogtown Art Walk with a group of neighbors,

of which she was an essential planner for several years. To ensure the Art Walk's success, she and Robert converted a small home into a meeting place for the event which eventually became the social hub for the entire neighborhood. A lover of art, she studied botanical drawing and watercolor, and produced her own stained-glass art that was exhibited at the Frogtown Art Walk.

Ms. Workman was also instrumental in restoring the Elysian Valley Community Garden, where she took a hands-on approach to rebuild the garden back into a resource for local residents. She took charge of the restoration by building and painting a tool shed, helping to construct planting beds, and enlisted the City of Los Angeles to donate trees for the garden's orchard.

Janet is currently a board member of Friends of Silver Lake Library, a volunteer group dedicated in supporting special programs and cultural events at this branch of the Los Angeles Public Library. As a very active board member, Ms. Workman has increased the library's programs for children and helped to organize the library's 10-year anniversary celebration.

The Elysian Valley community and beyond has benefitted greatly from the generosity of Ms. Workman. With a focus on giving back, she has played a vital role in energizing her fellow community members to start their own neighborhood projects and organizations.

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

CHARLIE MARTIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Charlie Martin is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Charlie Martin 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 Charlie Martin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING 40 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY FOOD BASKET IN
IDAHO FALLS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 40 years of the Community

Food Basket in Idaho Falls. This is an exceptional organization that is committed to fighting food insecurity in southeast Idaho.

In 1980, various members of the Idaho Falls community took it upon themselves to launch an effort aimed at securing emergency necessities for their church membership. Today, four decades later, the efforts of these selfless men and women continue to expand in the Idaho Falls area. Helping more than 4,000 individuals monthly, the Community Food Basket of Idaho Falls serves the public with a noble vision of meeting the needs of those who face food insecurity.

In 2019 alone, the Community Food Basket served over 100,000 people and gave away \$2.6 million dollars of food in order to provide struggling neighbors with life-saving essentials. Hundreds of volunteers have sacrificed their time and resources and hundreds of businesses have participated in food drives to support those around us in need.

Not only has the Food Basket provided countless members of our community with what they need to survive, but they have also highlighted the altruistic, selfless spirit so common in Idaho.

Madam Speaker, the Community Food Basket of Idaho Falls is a staple in my community. It is my privilege to applaud this great organization and its selfless volunteers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows: H.Res. 410—Encouraging Reunions of Divided Korean American Families Act—YEA and H.R. 1771—Divided Families Reunification Act—YEA.

ARIAH MCCLELLAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Aariah McClelland is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aariah McClelland 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 Aariah McClelland for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY ARNOLD TAFT

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute in memoriam to Kathy Arnold Taft in honor of the opening of the Kathy Taft Center for Excellence and Leadership in Education in Greenville, North Carolina. Kathy was raised in eastern North Carolina and was a passionate educator, taken from us too soon on March 9, 2010. Kathy graduated cum laude in 1981 from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

She spent many years as a public health instructor in both Raleigh and Greenville. She served as vice chair of the Pitt County Board of Education in Greenville and was a founding member of the Pitt County Communities in Schools program. Kathy served on the Board of Governors for the Governor's School of North Carolina from 1986 to 1992 and in 1995, was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to the state Board of Education. She also devoted her time as a guardian ad litem volunteer, was a member of the East Carolina University Women's Roundtable, an Educator's Hall of Fame Inductee, and was honored by the Order of the Cupola.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the legacy of this incredible woman; she was a wonderful educator and dedicated public servant who served as an example to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on March 9, 2020, I was not able to cast my votes during the vote series due to personal engagements in the district. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted: YES on H. Res. 410—Encouraging reunions of divided Korean-American Families, as amended (Rep. BASS—Foreign Affairs); and YES on H.R. 1771—Divided Families Reunification Act, as amended (Rep. MENG—Foreign Affairs).

CHRISTINA REGMI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Christina Regmi is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christina Regmi 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 Christina Regmi for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
KATHERINE JOHNSON**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Katherine Johnson, one of the first African American women ever to work at NASA, whose brilliant mind and countless contributions helped to make both flight in space and our space center in Huntsville, Alabama, possible.

Mrs. Johnson spent thirty-five years at NASA, during which time she used her remarkable mind to master even the most complex manual calculations and helped to pioneer the early use of computers. Her work was instrumental to launching Alan Shepard, the first American in space and John Glenn, the first American in orbit. Mrs. Johnson worked at NASA during a time when African American women were largely banned from taking advantage of such career opportunities, however, her grit, determination and indubitable brilliance helped her to persist, tearing down barriers for African Americans and for women.

At eighteen, Mrs. Johnson enrolled at the historically black West Virginia State College, where she found a mentor in math professor W. W. Schieffelin Claytor, the third African American to earn a PhD in mathematics. She graduated with highest honors in 1937 and took a job teaching at an African American public school in Virginia.

In 1939, West Virginia State's president, Dr. John W. Davis, selected Mrs. Johnson and two other African American men to be the first black students to attend West Virginia University, which was historically white. Mrs. Johnson resigned from her teaching job and enrolled in the graduate math program to become a full-time student. She did not complete her degree, deciding instead to leave school to start a family with her first husband, James Goble. She returned to teaching when her children got older.

In 1952, a relative told Mrs. Johnson about a job opportunity at the all-black West Area Computing section at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics' (NACA's) Langley laboratory. Mrs. Johnson and her husband decided to move the family to Newport News, Virginia, to pursue the opportunity, and Katherine began work at Langley in the summer of 1953. Just two weeks into her tenure in the office, she was assigned to a project in the Ma-neuver Loads Branch of the Flight Research Division. She spent the next four years analyzing data from flight tests and worked on the investigation of a plane crash caused by wake turbulence. Just as she was completing this work, her husband died of cancer in December 1956.

In 1957, Russia launched Sputnik, the first successful satellite to be launched into space, and the United States immediately began efforts to beat Russia and become the first country to put a man into space. Mrs. Johnson was selected to provide math for "Notes on Space Technology," a collection formed by NACA engineers who became part of NASA when that agency was formed in 1958.

Mrs. Johnson went on to do the trajectory analysis for America's first human space flight by astronaut Alan Shepard in 1961. She worked closely with Ted Skopinski, a male engineer, to co-author "Determination of Azimuth Angle at Burnout for Place a Satellite Over a Selected Earth Position," a report on the equations for an orbital spaceflight with a landing site target. It was the first time a woman in NASA's Flight Research Division received credit for authoring a research report.

In 1962, John Glenn was preparing for his orbital flight and was hesitant to trust the new computers' calculation of his orbital trajectory. He relied on Mrs. Johnson to cite her calculations on syncing the Apollo Lunar Model with the orbiting Command and Service Module. This was known as Mrs. Johnson's greatest contribution. After this successful event, she authored and co-authored 26 research reports before retiring in 1986. Mrs. Johnson was then awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama, and played by Taraji P. Henson in the movie "Hidden Figures" about NASA's black women pioneers.

Mrs. Johnson fought through discrimination and adversity, proving to America and to the entire world not only that African Americans were just as capable as white Americans, but that women were just as capable as men. In many ways, she displayed even more patriotism, as she overcame adversity in order to serve her country. Katherine Johnson's legacy is one that should make the state of Alabama truly proud. She is a part of Alabama's remarkable legacy of advocating for civil rights, proving that the determination of African American women can charge the course of history, not only for our country but for the entire world.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the exemplary service of Katherine Johnson. May we celebrate her resilience and sacrifice every day.

DOROTHY (DOTTIE) WHAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dorothy (Dottie) Wham, a great Coloradan, wife, mother and grandmother.

Dorothy Stonecipher was born January 5, 1925 in Centralia, Ill. She died peacefully on October 20, 2019, surrounded by loving family and friends. She was married to her husband Bob, her high school sweetheart, for 65 years and had three children, Nancy Mitchell and husband Rohn, daughter Jeanne Ryan and husband Brent; son Robert S. II and his wife, Jamie Shaffer; five grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She is also survived by brother Ernest Joseph Stonecipher, Jr.