

Council for 16 years. His commitment to serving the community should inspire us all.

Vidalia is a special place, known for growing the sweetest onions in the world—a distinction which Ronnie was immensely proud. His support of our farmers will be remembered for generations, as agriculture is Georgia's top industry.

Ronnie's passion for service has left a lasting impact on the Vidalia community, and it has been felt throughout the entire state of Georgia. It is my privilege to honor his life and legacy before the United States House of Representatives.

IVAN ROMERO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

Ivan Romero is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ivan Romero 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 Ivan Romero 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL WITKOWSKY

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Michael Witkowski—a beloved father, grandfather, husband, and friend—who passed away on March 30, 2020, at the age of 80.

Mike was born in Los Angeles on January 14, 1940, to Rebecca and Irving Witkowsky. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1957 and married Hope Witkowsky in 1959. Last year, I was honored to attend their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mike was an accomplished and well-respected health insurance agent who was committed to providing exemplary service and care to American families. He became an insurance agent with Farmers Insurance Group in 1961 and planned to retire on March 31, 2020. During his extensive and impressive tenure, he received numerous awards from Farmers Insurance, including the Presidents Council, the company's most elite honor for the top one-percent of agents and district managers.

Mike later became a United Healthcare agent in 2008 and continued to receive

awards every year. He was helping people right to the very end, even from his hospital bed. Mike passed away with the largest book of business in Los Angeles County.

In addition to his professional work, Mike was an active member of his local community and a dedicated family member. Hope served as a Torrance City Councilmember and Mike was his wife's biggest supporter. He also volunteered at many local events in Torrance, including running a booth at the Fourth of July celebration and announcing and riding in the annual Armed Forces Parade. From 1968 to 1977, he coached several Little League teams and later volunteered to become an umpire.

Mike never missed an activity that his children or grandchildren participated in. Over one summer in 1999, he took his granddaughters to visit every park in Torrance—one park every day. A die-hard Dodger fan, Michael carried a warm smile wherever he went.

Mike is survived by his wife Hope, his son Daniel, his daughter Debra, his grandchildren Nicole, Stacy, Denise, Max, Elizabeth, and great grandchildren Chloe and Devin. I hope they take comfort in the way Mike lived his life as a patriotic and caring citizen. My wife Betty and I dearly miss our friend Mike. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

JOHN BRAHOSKY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

John Brahosky is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by John Brahosky 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 John Brahosky 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.

REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAMUEL LEWIS LIEBERMAN

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember and celebrate the life of a dear friend, Sam Lieberman.

First, let me say how honored I am today to speak in memory of a fine man, Sam Lieberman, and in celebration of his remarkable life. I want to thank Clifton Whitehurst, who I know was like a brother to Sam and such an amaz-

ing caregiver, Rabbi Mintz who inspires us all with her grace and wisdom, and Sam's mother Sara from whom he inherited so many admirable qualities.

I first met Sam at UNLV in the mid-eighties when he took a political science class from me. He soon became more than just a student passing through. He loved to tell how I threw an eraser at him one time when he fell asleep in class and how I told him he'd have made an A if he hadn't napped through half my lectures—but that is just urban myth. Sam was really a good student, though in no hurry to graduate, a political junkie, and, I soon learned, a die-hard Democrat.

Along with several other students, Sam is pictured in a political brochure from my first election to the State Senate. And he spent many a Saturday in my garage handing out walking packets and directing volunteers.

Sam's diligence and hard work for lots of candidates were rewarded when the Democratic Party elected him Chair from 2008 to 2011. From that position he led the party through some rough patches and some incredible victories. And what fun we had in Tonopah at central committee meetings and especially at the Democratic Convention. Sam was always there: tending to business, helping others, and moving us all in the right direction. He did it with humor, with steadfastness, and with compassion.

He brought those same traits to his position as Regent—and I think he got a chuckle out of now being my boss. He believed so strongly in the value of education and fought to extend its reach to disadvantaged communities. He never let his own disability get in the way—he was everywhere—ball games, regent meetings, public addresses. Everybody knew and loved Sam.

I also saw Sam in Washington when he came to the Hill to advocate for organizations, like NVPEP (People Encouraging People) and Easterseals, that serve those living with disabilities and their families. He was a powerful voice because he spoke from experience; he never bemoaned the fact that he wasn't more mobile; and he proved how someone with conviction could accomplish anything.

Sam was such a good friend—he even once gave me his famous lemon bar recipe but made me promise not to tell anyone the secret ingredients. His passing came as a shock and it is hard to imagine that I won't be seeing him—everywhere I turn—asking his advice, introducing him at some award ceremony (he received many), or sharing a funny story that happened out on the trail. Tom and my mother Betty and I will miss him so very much. His passing is a great loss to Nevada, to the Democratic Party, and to his many friends.

I include in the RECORD the words of Dr. Marta Meana, President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in her memorial of Sam Lieberman, along with his official obituary.

Dear University Community,
UNLV lost one of its greatest champions on Friday with the untimely passing of alumnus and Regent Sam Lieberman.

Sam was quite simply a force for good. In so many ways.

His involvement as a UNLV student in the early 1980s set him on a path to pursue, and be a champion for, higher education. After graduating from UNLV with a degree in social work in 1996, Sam served as a member of the UNLV Alumni Association Board and helped start the alumni chapter for the College of Liberal Arts. He would later be

named the college's alumnus of the year, and in 2014 he was elected as a member of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.

Sam had an acute ability to discern the link between systems and the people they impact, with an endless drive to make them better. His ever-present wit and humor brought levity, even during tough conversations. Perhaps, even more, I'll miss his empathy and insight into the needs of our students, and his vast knowledge of UNLV and of higher education in Nevada. He used his voice to advocate for the vulnerable, he celebrated our wins, and he was there to support us whenever we needed him.

To say Sam was active on campus would be an understatement. He was a constant presence at UNLV, from major events to small department-level functions. Sam was always there for us, as he was for so many organizations throughout Nevada.

It feels impossible to quantify Sam's monumental impact. There are so many people he helped and those people, in turn, have helped others. The human connections he made and the lives he lifted up through higher education are a small part of the legacy he left behind.

There are few in UNLV's history who have displayed as much passion and commitment for our students, and for the success of everyone at our university, as Sam Lieberman. He will be deeply missed.

As we reflect on Sam's life and legacy, let's try to live how Sam lived—to lend a voice to those who need it, to be kind and truly listen to one another, and to lift each other up at a time when it is so desperately needed. Please take care of yourselves, and each other.

Godspeed, Sam.

OBITUARY OF SAMUEL LEWIS LIEBERMAN

Samuel Lewis Lieberman, age 58, passed away Friday April 3, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada. At his core, Sam was a social being who thrived on connection to other people. Sam devoted all of his life and energy to helping others—most notably in Las Vegas where he lived for almost 40 years, and also through his lifelong relationship with the Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI, a Reform Jewish summer camp) in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Sam was the oldest child of David and Sara Lieberman, and was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was born with cerebral palsy, which was a significant physical disability, but he never let that get in the way of anything he wanted to do, and he never complained . . . EVER. Sam grew up on Lake Harriet, along with his siblings Jonathan, Barbara and Michael. As a teenager, he was very active in Jewish youth activities at Temple Israel Youth Group, Camp TEKOT and NFTY, and he attended Southwest Junior High. During high school summers, Sam worked at OSRUI, where he ran the summer camp office. Sam graduated from Marshall University High School in 1980 and then left Minneapolis to attend college at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV). At UNLV, Sam immersed himself in all aspects of student life—so much so that it took him 16 years to complete his studies in order to graduate! Through this experience, he developed a passion for ensuring that people of all backgrounds and abilities had access to education.

As an adult, Sam worked with boundless energy as an advocate for several important causes—including as a trusted aide to Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, Chairman of the Nevada Democratic Party, a Board Member of Nevada PEP (an organization devoted to parents of children with disabilities), President of Congregation P'nai Tikvah and mem-

ber of the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education. He was also a kind, warm, funny and loyal friend to so many people of all ages and backgrounds. (He has 4,455 friends on Facebook, and the flood of messages on his Facebook pages is an uplifting thing to read.)

Sam loved to eat too. In Minneapolis, it was prime rib at the King's Inn, egg rolls at the Nankin and corned beef sandwiches at the Lincoln Del. In Las Vegas, it was shrimp cocktail and a Coke at The Tillerman, and a ribeye steak, twice-baked potato and Caesar salad at the Golden Steer. He also adored chicken soup with kreplach made by his Baba Adele Lieberman—though she only made kreplach on special occasions. He didn't really drink alcohol, except he would order Bailey's Irish Cream and coffee—and sip it through a straw.

Sam also had a deep love and fierce devotion to his family—which included not only his parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, but also his devoted friend and caregiver Clifton Whitehurst and Clifton's daughter Alyssa Whitehurst. Sam is preceded in death by his father David Lieberman, and is survived by his mother Sara, siblings Jonathan, Barbara and Michael, sisters-in-law Lisa Kayne Lieberman and Jessie Washburne-Harris, brother-in-law Sam Askenazi, nieces and nephews Rebecca, Charlotte, Benjamin and Gabriella, uncle Stephen Lieberman, aunts Sheila Lieberman and Sandra Okinow and a large and loving group of cousins.

The world is a better place for his having been here, and he will be greatly missed!

ISABELLA CIOTTI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

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

Isabella Ciotti is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isabella Ciotti 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 Isabella Ciotti 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.

HONORING DOLORES HUERTA

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, today April 10, 2020 marks the 90th birthday of civil rights activist and labor leader Dolores Huerta. A Central Valley hero and a national labor icon, she has dedicated her entire life to

advocating for social, economic, and political justice for farmworkers and disadvantaged communities throughout the United States. Her leadership in the fight against discrimination and staunch advocacy for civil rights make her an example for all that seek economic and social justice.

Co-founding the National Farmworkers Association with Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta fiercely negotiated with agricultural enterprises and spearheaded the movement towards better rights and protections for farmworkers. Often the only woman at the table, her strength and resiliency stood strong through decades of protests, advocacy, and positive change.

In 1965, the United Farm Workers (UFW) union organized and implemented the historic Delano grape strike. With Dolores serving as the lead negotiator, the UFW secured workplace rights for thousands of farmworkers. She was instrumental in the enactment of the Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975 which was the first law of its kind in U.S. history, granting farmworkers in California the right to collectively organize and bargain for better wages and working conditions.

In 2002, Huerta established the Dolores Huerta Foundation, ensuring a legacy of community activism and civic engagement for generations to come. The work of this organization directly benefits the communities of the Central Valley, providing organizing training and resources to rural, low-income communities and mobilizing volunteers to make a difference.

In recognition of her tireless work and advocacy, in 2012 President Obama awarded Dolores Huerta with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor.

Madam Speaker, we wish Dolores Huerta a happy 90th Birthday and thank her for her tireless work and countless contributions to the United States. "Sí Se Puede" will always echo in my ears as we work together in Congress and in our communities to protect and promote the rights of farmworkers and workers everywhere.

JASON OROZCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jason Orozco for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jason Orozco is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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