

IN HONOR OF HOOSIER HERO,
OFFICER BREANN LEATH

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise with a profound sense of sadness to remember Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Officer Breann Leath, a fallen Hoosier who dedicated her 24 years of life to serving others. I join the City of Indianapolis, the IMPD, as well as the entire law enforcement community over the loss of a true public servant.

On April 9, 2020, Officer Leath responded to a domestic violence call on the east side of Indianapolis and was tragically killed. Officer Leath was responding to a call for help, like she had done bravely so many times over her career. She acted bravely and dutifully, and without hesitation and in doing so, sacrificed her own life.

Prior to her three years of service with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Officer Leath served in the National Guard with the 387th Military Police Company at Camp Atterbury where she was honorably discharged as a specialist. Those who knew her in high school recall she always wanted to be a police officer. IMPD Chief Randall Taylor stated of Leath, "She is the example of the type of officer we want on this department." It is clear Officer Leath had a passion to her community and country. She was twenty-four years old and is survived by a young son as well as her parents who both served with the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our thoughts and prayers to Officer Leath's family. Our communities need more dedicated public servants like Leath. We pay tribute to her life by maintaining our steadfast support for law enforcement providers who honorably and selflessly serve our communities.

PATCH ARNOLD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

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

Patch Arnold 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 Patch Arnold 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 Patch Arnold 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.

ONGOING TRANSATLANTIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to today to update my Congressional colleagues on continued discussions between members of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly. I would also like to share the desire of our international friends and allies to remain engaged with the United States during these challenging times.

My colleagues who serve with me on the U.S. Helsinki Commission and remain active include Representative ALCEE HASTINGS of Florida, Representative JOE WILSON of South Carolina, Representative STEVE COHEN of Tennessee, Representative ROBERT ADERHOLT of Alabama, Representative GWEN MOORE of Wisconsin, Representative CHRIS SMITH of New Jersey, as well as Senator WICKER of Mississippi and Senator CARDIN of Maryland. As the United States Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, we recognize the importance of building partnerships with our counterparts from other countries especially during such unprecedented times.

As the Chairman of the Committee on Security, I recognize multilateral diplomacy works to U.S. interests when we take the initiative. Parliamentarians have a special role to play as elected officials in this process, showing the depth of each of our country's commitment to security and cooperation not only in Europe, but around the globe.

During our most recent video conference, Italian Minister for European Affairs, Vincenzo Amendola, joined to update us on Italy's response to COVID-19. He stressed the need for continued cooperation in response not only to the health threat but also to the economic havoc the pandemic has caused.

Shortly after our video conference concluded, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the United States will provide an additional \$225 million in health, humanitarian and economic assistance to boost response efforts worldwide. This is in addition to the \$274 million already deployed to fight COVID-19. In the past two decades, the Secretary noted, the United States has provided \$140 billion in health assistance globally, helping to make us an undisputed leader in health and humanitarian aid. Some of this aid has been to countries in Europe, including Italy. I would add that this is not only a reflection of our country's unmatched generosity over the decades, but our national interest as well. Many of the health threats we have faced come from beyond our borders, including COVID-19, and we have an interest in trying to respond effectively to those threats where they first develop, before they reach our shores.

A final outcome of the recent video conference was endorsement of United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres' recent call for a ceasefire regarding conflicts around the globe at this time when countries need to face a common pandemic threat.

The Helsinki Commission provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to work with our friends and allies around the globe to pro-

mote our shared democratic values and work in a bipartisan fashion on core foreign policy issues. While our calls have been focused on fighting COVID-19 we are still tracking other international conflicts. For example, during the video conference I, along with other parliamentarians, raised the issue of the unwarranted Russian aggression in Ukraine and Georgia. I am encouraged by the level of engagement from my OSCE Parliamentary Assembly colleagues and will continue to work with them through this global pandemic.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the importance of these discussions with our European allies and friends.

HONORING THE BOLSA CHICA LAND TRUST AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bolsa Chica Land Trust. This organization has worked tirelessly for over 20 years to preserve the mesa, lowlands, and wetlands of Bolsa Chica and educate the community on its cultural significance.

Ahead of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, it is important to recognize the organizations that protect our Earth every day. Since 1996, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust and over 22,000 volunteers have worked with the scientific community, the Native American community, and state agencies to acquire threatened land, restore damage to the environment, and preserve the natural habitats in Bolsa Chica. In addition to its conservation efforts, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust serves the community by conducting educational programs to raise awareness about the Bolsa Chica wetlands and tell its rich cultural history.

Due to their passionate and inspirational leadership, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust is recognized for its continuous commitment to protecting our Earth, both within the environmental community and to all of us who value the restoration and preservation of our precious natural resources.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the extraordinary leadership and activism of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust.

NEVAEH ANGELO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

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

Nevaeh Angelo 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 Nevaeh Angelo 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 Nevaeh Angelo 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 other future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER HOLMES

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Holmes, a member of the professional staff of the House Appropriations Committee, who is retiring after 28 years of service to the Legislative Branch.

Jenny began her Federal career in 1986 working for the U.S. Government Accounting Office. Soon after, in 1989, she started her long tenure working for the House Appropriations Committee, first as staff of the Treasury-Postal Service and Defense Appropriations Subcommittees.

After leaving the Hill briefly to work in the private sector, Jenny returned to the House Appropriations Committee in 2005. In 2007, Jenny became professional staff for the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee where she was instrumental to the operations of Congress. In response to two tragic events that affected our colleagues in the House of Representatives, the shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and the shooting at the Congressional baseball game practice, Jenny worked tirelessly to ensure that resources were focused beyond just the few square blocks that make up the Capitol grounds.

Jenny advocated for infrastructure projects that will make the Nation's Capital, specifically the U.S. Capitol grounds, accessible for years to come. Jenny was involved in many important projects, such as the restoration of the Capitol dome, improvements to the Capitol power plant, billion-dollar renovations of the Cannon House Office Building, the Library of Congress's Visitor Experience initiative and so many more. Jenny and her colleagues on the committee staff oversaw many of these projects from start to finish, and she should be very proud of her accomplishments.

Jenny was known to cheerfully volunteer to coordinate retirement ceremonies, portrait dedications, and other social events for the Appropriations Committee. Jenny also demonstrated her leadership and compassion by pulling together Appropriations Committee staff, Members, and external stakeholders for a very meaningful celebration of life event in honor of Chuck Turner, a long-time Committee staff member who was a dear friend and mentor to many.

A hallmark of Jenny's reputation was being a problem solver. She dedicated so much of her life to public service and never forgot why she was here. I know Jenny is looking forward to spending time with her husband Paul, her sons Kevin and Caiden, her daughter Karley, and her horses. We wish her the very best in her next journey and thank her for everything she has done for the United States Congress.

PAUL MARTIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

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

Paul Martin is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Paul 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 Paul 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.

REMEMBERING JOHN PRINE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great singer-songwriter and friend, John Prine, who passed away last week in Nashville from complications of the coronavirus. John was an exceptional lyricist, described by his friend and producer Jerry Phillips as "thinking like nobody else thought" and writing lines that were "brilliant in the strangest way." John produced three of his 18 albums in Memphis, including his debut, the eponymous "John Prine," in 1971. The album was cut at Chips Moman's American Sound Studio, and included his classics "Angel from Montgomery" and "Paradise." His fourth album, "Common Sense," was made in 1975 at Ardent Studios in Memphis and was produced by the legendary Steve Cropper. His sixth album, "Pink Cadillac," was made at the Sam Phillips Recording Service in 1979 by Sam's sons, Knox and Jerry. John's last album, "The Tree of Forgiveness," was recorded in Nashville and produced by his friend Matt Ross-Spang of Memphis. Songs from that album—"You Got Gold," "When I Get to Heaven" and "No Ordinary Blue"—were part of his last performance in Memphis, at The Orpheum, on September 25, 2018. John's songwriting career took off when, working as a postal worker in Chicago, he was discovered by singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson. Bob Dylan said of his work: "Prine's stuff is pure Proustian existentialism. Midwestern mind trips to the Nth degree. And he writes beautiful songs." Always gracious and friendly, he seemed to his friends to be delighted with life. As Ross-Spang told The Commercial Appeal: "If you can imagine a kid eating an ice cream cone for the first time, that's how John looked at life. He had a love of Archie comics, hot dogs, meatloaf, fried chicken and Cadillacs. He always had a twinkle in his eye." And as

his friend Memphis singer-songwriter Keith Sykes said in tribute: "I don't think there's many songwriters who can make you laugh and cry in a single line—and make it rhyme." John Prine's was a life well-lived and he's been taken too soon. He leaves the treasure of song for future generations to enjoy and learn about life. He will be missed.

HONORING CAPTAIN CLARENCE MCGEE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a generous and brave man Captain Clarence McGee. Captain McGee has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Captain McGee, a Yazoo City Firefighter, is known for his generous spirit and for making a positive impact in the lives of local children.

Captain Clarence McGee, a native of Holly Bluff, has been a member of the Yazoo City Fire Department for over six years. He is the son of Eddie Ma McGee of Holly Bluff and is the loving husband of Cheris McGee. He is the father of six children: Codarius, Terryanna, Demarrious, Dontarius, D'Rihya, and Cla'Zarreria.

McGee graduated from Yazoo County High School in 2001. He attended Holmes Junior College for almost two years before accepting a job at the Nissan Plant, where he worked in stamping as a dye setter.

McGee started at the Fire Academy in 2011. He failed the academy twice and refused to give up. Third time's a charm, he passed the academy. In 2013 he started working full-time for the Yazoo City Fire Department, where he fell in love with the interacting with various children attending local schools.

Captain McGee is actively involved in his church, New Foundation M.B. Church in Holly Bluff, where he was raised.

Aside from his work as a fireman, McGee also operates a side business renting outdoor recreation equipment, and is known throughout the community as the "Space Jump Man". In the past he has been known to rent out his space jumps to local community events or fundraisers free of charge so that local children can have a place to play and enjoy themselves.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Clarence McGee for his passion and dedication to serving Yazoo County and desire to make a difference in the community.

NEVAEH GROSSMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

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

Nevaeh Grossman is a student at Wayne Carle Middle School and received this award