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I extend my deepest congratulations to Evaristo "Kidane" Arce III for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MAC
JARAMILLO

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a man from my district and to mark, in his passing, both what we have lost and what we must refuse to lose as our country faces a great crisis. This man was not lost to the COVID-19 pandemic. But his memory almost was. Mac Jaramillo was born on March 10th, 1927 in Hanford, California, and died peacefully a few miles from his La Habra, California home on March 22nd of this year. Mr. Jaramillo was not a great statesman, not a wealthy man, at least in material things, nor was he any kind of dignitary except to his family, his community, and his church. I only learned about Mac from his children who reached out to my office asking for help in remembering him because in the midst of our public health crisis, Mac's family and friends were denied a funeral mass. They were nearly barred from his burial altogether. On April 7th, Mac, a man who was rich in friends and family, was buried by his parish priest and nine family members. The many more people who loved him and wanted to render their respects were denied that opportunity. That is why I felt the need to speak, so that an American who came from the humblest of roots, who carried himself with great humility and dignity, who sought little for himself, who served his country in the Second World War, and who not only exemplified the American dream but helped build and expand it for his children, could be remembered and honored. This is not then merely a gesture to a grieving family; it is a reminder of the great stock of which our country is made and how the example of men like Mac give us strength when we are called to answer our own challenges.

Mac's father and mother, Fortino and Sotera Jaramillo started their family in the State of Guanajuato where, like many other peasant farmers of the revolutionary era in Mexico, they had trouble feeding themselves between harvests. Like my ancestors, they sought greater opportunities in an Estados Unidos that was often hostile to them even as it profited from their labor and skill. The City of Hanford became their home, but they really lived across California's great Central Valley and out to its lush Central Coast. The seasonal rhythm of migrant farm work brought the family out of Hanford every March and down to the lettuce and bean fields in coastal Nipomo and Santa Maria. Then it was north to San Jose to pick cherries and pears. By August, the family would find work back in the central

valley grape regions and only return to Hanford in September for the cotton harvest.

The Jaramillos worked hard for little. Tough times in the 1920s became unimaginably harsh by the early 1930s as the country sank into the depths of the Great Depression and the winters left the children hungry. For the family, the winter of 1934, when the average temperatures in Hanford hovered in the low 40s, was the worst of the Depression. It was that year that the family lost Mac's youngest brother who succumbed to a combination of cold and influenza. But even in the face of such tragedy, the family carried on. For meager wages, they lent their backs to the agricultural colossus of the Central Valley that fed and clothed so much of the nation in those lean years. It was a system of work that cost Mac a formal education as he left school in the eighth grade to join his parents and siblings in the fields.

It was the body he developed in those fields that gave him the physical strength to carry his two brothers out of their bedroom during a 1941 house fire. The fire had engulfed their bedroom and the two brothers were already unconscious from smoke inhalation when Mac, a mere boy of 14, saved their lives without even a thought for his own. In the summer of 1945, Mac was inducted into the US Army. He served as an infantryman and a firefighter in the Second World War. Though he was garrisoned in Panama and never saw combat, on at least two occasions he showed his courage again fighting fires, first aboard a heavily laden ammunition ship and later rolling barrels of oil down the side of a mountain before they were engulfed in flames. Heroism and quick action in the face of fire seemed to be a theme in Mac's life. Even in middle age, when a neighbor's house was set ablaze by fireworks, he instinctively jumped into action putting out the fire and saving the house before the La Habra Fire Department arrived.

Like most men of his generation, Mac Jaramillo came home from the war with wider eyes and bigger ambitions. Building on skills he had acquired in the service, Mac no longer worked in the fields but as machinist running cotton gins. In 1955, he joined his brother Dave in La Habra, working first in a packing house, then in manufacturing plants in La Habra, Brea and Placentia. He purchased a Texaco gas station and ran it for three years. Until, with his GI Bill benefits, he decided on barber college. He worked in a variety of shops until founding his own barbershop in downtown La Habra. Then in 1969, searching for better benefits, and perhaps looking for something to distract him from the recent loss of his child Lucy Lita to Leukemia the year before, Mac started a new chapter. At the age of 42, he became a Teamster and drove RC Cola deliveries for 19 years until he finally retired to tend a modest garden of roses and fruit trees.

But Mac Jaramillo's real ambitions were always to be a faithful servant to his God and family. In 1956 he met and married his wife of 63 years, Lucina Quintero. Together they used his GI Bill benefits to buy a home in La Habra where they raised eight children. All eight children received their baptism, first communion, and confirmation in La Habra's Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, where Mac and Lucina were married and Mac remained a parishioner until his passing. The couple taught their children to revere God, protect the family, and

love their country. They also taught their children to seize opportunities. Mac and Lucina's proudest achievement was to see all eight of their surviving children graduate from La Habra High School and to watch two of them graduate from the California State University at Fullerton.

Mac Jaramillo left this world as the beloved patriarch of a large and proud family, he regularly entertained groups of 30 to 40 at Christmas and other holidays. Indeed, it is a great irony that this family man, this veteran of the greatest generation, this partner in America's post-war prosperity, who loved his church, his family and his community so much more than he loved himself, was denied a public mass and a large burial reception. He is survived by his wife Lucina, brother Greg, sisters Lita and Mary, children Carlos, Dona, Mack, Eileen, Inez, Joachim, Peter, Lucy, 24 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren, seven of whom have followed in the patriarch's footsteps by serving in the Army, Air Force or Marines.

With this, we have tried to ease the hurt of this one family by helping to remember Mac Jaramillo and the life he led. I feel we all gain from learning about him. He isn't the kind of man who history will normally take note of. But if we can remember him and the millions like him who built the American and Californian dream out of the ruins of the Great Depression and the Second World War, if we can remember their courage as well as their kindness and humility, then how can we despair for our future. God bless Mac Jaramillo, his family, Our Lady of Guadalupe where he worshipped, his adopted city of La Habra, the people of my district, and the country we all love.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT ELFORD
LIVINGSTON, SR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, during this extraordinary period of national emergency with the Wuhan Virus, there is time to cherish the service of citizens who have made America great.

In South Carolina a true Southern Gentleman is Robert Elford Livingston, Sr., who justly has been recognized by the obituary below:

Robert Elford Livingston, 90, of West Columbia passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020. He was born on September 18, 1929 in Columbia, SC to the late Gerhard Elford Livingston and Essie Culclasure Livingston.

He is a life-long member of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, founder of Livingston Insurance Agency, and a founding board member of Lexington State Bank. His service to his state and country includes the South Carolina Army National Guard, where he retired as a Colonel. He was also a member and served in leadership positions on the Lexington District 2 School Board, State School Board, Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands Board, Glen Forest School Board of Directors, Columbia Convention Center Board of Directors, Independent Insurance Agents of America, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of South Carolina, Lexington County Planning for the Future, Board of Directors for South Carolina BB&T, Lexington County Water and Sewer Commission, River

Alliance. Board of Directors, Old Charleston Insurance Company Board, American Legion Post 79, and numerous other community organizations. Bob is a member of the Sinclair Lodge, Columbia York Rite Bodies, and Jamil Shriners.

He was predeceased by his wife of sixty-seven years, Raye Hutto Livingston. He is survived by his son, Bob Livingston, Jr. (Barbara), his daughter, Marilyn Gray (Billy); seven grandchildren, Acy Flora (Blair), Bob Livingston, III (Katie), Betsy Sippel (Patrick), Rachel Popkowski (Joe), Anna Bryant (Tom), Rebekah Morris (Alex), and Roxanne Rich (Auston); thirteen great-grandchildren, Jack Sippel, Joe Popkowski, Jr., Connor Bryant, Margaret Raye Flora, Emily Sippel, Barbara Popkowski, Georgia Popkowski, Ford Livingston, Greyson Bryant, Court Morris, Foster Rich, Mary Lane Livingston and Baker Morris.

A private graveside service will be held at 9:00 on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at Mount Tabor Lutheran Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, 1000 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169.

ALICIA QUINTANA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

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

Alicia Quintana is a 10th grader at Adams City High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alicia Quintana 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 Alicia Quintana for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EMERGENCY CANNABIS SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT OF 2020

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic has upended life as we know it and has impacted every aspect of American society. The abrupt health and economic turmoil caused by COVID-19 has left businesses, workers and families questioning the security of their futures. Our nation's small businesses are among those who have felt this pandemic most acutely. To prevent workers from choosing between their health and a paycheck we passed sweeping and unprecedented legislation to shield American busi-

nesses from the full economic consequences of COVID-19. However, state-legal cannabis small businesses were excluded from this economic relief and remain ill-equipped to respond to the health and economic crisis before them.

Small businesses across the country are being asked to do their part in keeping their workers, customers, and families safe. To support these efforts, on March 27, 2020, the President signed into law the CARES Act, which contains \$376 billion in relief for American workers and small businesses. However, many state-legal cannabis small businesses are not eligible for this relief and are being asked to protect workers and their families without the federal support available to other American small businesses. State-legal cannabis entrepreneurs and their workers are no different from those of other industries, and since COVID-19 does not discriminate, the inability of certain groups to protect themselves could inadvertently jeopardize the health of us all.

The Emergency Cannabis Small Business Health and Safety Act would open access to SBA assistance relating to COVID-19 to state-legal cannabis businesses and their service providers. Specifically, this legislation would allow state-legal cannabis businesses to be eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), and Economic Injury Disaster Loans emergency advances. Among other things, this support is specifically designed to be used to pay workers, group health benefits and paid sick leave.

The health and safety of the American people must be put first during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without doing so, we risk undermining the efforts of us all.

SUPPORTING H.R. 266, THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND H. RES. 935, THE HEALTH CARE ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, today the House will consider the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, crucial legislation to deliver resources our small businesses and health care providers need to confront the coronavirus outbreak. I will not attend House proceedings today but if present would have voted YEA on H.R. 266 and YEA on H.Res. 935 to establish a Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis.

This public health crisis has upended businesses in my community and across the country. Additional resources for the Paycheck Protection Program will ensure these businesses can retain employees and are ready to participate in our economic recovery. Further, additional resources for our healthcare system—including \$825 million for Community Health Centers—will make sure these essential organizations can continue to serve our communities during this pandemic.

I am proud of the efforts of House Democrats to strengthen this legislation, including securing key resources for testing and allocating small business loans to community-

based lenders that have strong relationships with local small businesses.

While I am proud of this bipartisan agreement, we must re-double our efforts in the weeks ahead to develop a relief plan that paves the way for our economic recovery.

AMANI ABDALLAH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

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

Amani Abdallah is a 10th grader at Aurora West College Prep Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Amani Abdallah 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 Amani Abdallah for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

BATTLING THE PANDEMIC—A POEM

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, at a time of national emergency, it is inspiring that the positive "It Can Be Done" American Spirit is appreciated.

I include in the RECORD a meaningful contribution by Joan M. Lacombe, the Poet Laureate of Aiken, South Carolina, published in the Aiken Standard.

BATTLING THE PANDEMIC

They have closed the building, but not the church!

We will continue to reach out to the needy and distressed,

Vowing not one soul left to be missed.

For the church is not a building constructed by man.

It is made of "we the people," God's message to bring.

The church embodies the God-crafted Temples of the Holy Spirit

Where we all lovingly dwell within.

The cancellation of liturgies, a dramatic move,

New rules or worship set in place, health conditions to protect; we to obey.

Heartbreaking—as it disrupts our Lenten Journey

To have this taken away when we need it most—a bitter irony.

Together we will get through this—

It is not for us to fall into a faithless abyss. For we Christians are persevering

As our Easter goal we are nearing.