

She will be greatly missed by all whom she encountered.

AIKO PRINDAVONG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

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

Aiko Prindavong is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aiko Prindavong 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 Aiko Prindavong 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.

RECOGNIZING JAKOBS BROTHERS FARMS FOR ORGANIZING FARMERS TO DONATE GRAIN IN EXCHANGE FOR DONATIONS TO AREA FOOD BANKS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jakobs Brothers Farms for its efforts in combating hunger in our district during our state and nation's time of need. This family farm is encouraging other farms to donate grains to local grain bins in exchange for donations to local food pantries.

Organized by Jakobs Brothers Farms, grain donations from area farmers are being converted into supplies for local food pantries to help others during the coronavirus pandemic. At bins and elevators throughout Northern Illinois, Rock River Lumber and Grain, F/S Grain, and Gold Star F/S are taking grain donations, and in return donating the cost to local food pantries. I commend Jakobs Brothers Farms for creating this way to help those most in need, and I am proud of all of the work they are doing. I appreciate all they are doing to help local communities.

It is because of leaders such as Jakobs Brothers Farms that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Jakobs Brothers Farms for their kindness and generosity.

RECOGNIZING MALLORY PREDDY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Mallory Preddy, an employee at the Boston Mountain Rural Health Center in Clinton, AR, for her extraordinary work during this public health crisis.

Mallory usually serves as a dental hygienist at the clinic, but when the public health crisis began, she volunteered to learn how to screen patients at the front door of the clinic.

She later began screening patients for possible need of COVID-19 testing and is now serving as a runner, transporting samples from the testing tent to the lab for packaging.

Her supervisor wrote the following. "[Mallory] has readily volunteered for anything that we needed her to do. Some people just stand out in times of crisis and Mallory has been one of those people."

Mallory has stepped up to the plate for our nation during this time, taking on duties outside of her job description and putting herself in harm's way to help the people in her community.

I thank Mallory for her dedication to protecting the health of Arkansans during this time. She, and Frontline workers like her, are vital to us overcoming COVID-19 as a nation.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Phillipsburg, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The coronavirus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

I learned recently from the joint press release from our office, that Warren County has been left out of the \$82,202,575 in Federal funding awarded to the State of New Jersey from the stimulus package passed by both the Congress and the Senate to help states fight the Coronavirus Pandemic. We were one of only four NJ counties to have received no funds.

I have received numerous calls from residents over the last few weeks as to why we did not receive any funding, and as the Mayor of Phillipsburg, I have no answers. This federal aid is to help all communities and evidently Warren County was not included. This Pandemic did not pick and choose, and neither should the government on who should receive funding. Everyone should be helped in this time of need.

Phillipsburg is a small rural community in Warren County, New Jersey and just like every other community across our great State we are all facing the same challenges due to

this outbreak. Every city, town or borough is dealing with the crisis in their own way because no two communities are the same however we are all facing the same obstacles that need to be overcome. This crisis will not only affect what is happening in 2020 but also will affect the Town's ability to budget in future years especially in 2021. We believe that next year's budget may be more adversely affected than the 2020 budget. Most if not all revenue collections will be down and must be adjusted and accounted for. The revenues that Town's collected in 2019 cannot be guaranteed to collect the same amount in 2020 thus creating a shortfall and unfortunately those shortfalls will carry over to the 2021 budget.

To compensate for the decreased revenues Towns must for other ways to make up for lost revenue such as using more from surplus if they have the ability or probably more likely and most unfortunately look to reduce services or staff. Laying off an employee who works and lives in the municipality is one of the hardest decisions any City or Town must make. Although we hope the layoffs won't be permeant, in looking to future budgets no one can guarantee that it won't be. Cutting services such as not opening a municipal pool, golf courses or campgrounds, canceling recreational activities such as summer sports or day camps and canceling Town celebrations, concerts, festivals, fairs and carnivals can lead to a sense of depression that is felt all over Town.

For many of our residents this may be the only entertainment or activities they get each summer and in a moment in time where we must look to raise our resident's spirits, we seem only to be offering disappointing and heartbreaking news. Again, the lost revenues from these activities are crushing to a municipal budget who count on these activities. Although we all hope these are temporary cancellations, done with the best interest of our residents in mind to keep them safe, it would be nice if we didn't have to do it at all. The federal government is under a lot of pressure right now to try to help an entire nation, we just ask that the local governments who are also under the same amount of pressure cannot be and must not be left out and forgotten. The stimulus money the federal government can offer will go a long way to ensure the local governments can still meet all the needs of our community.

IN MEMORY OF LUCILLE JANE SOLTYSIK

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Lucille Jane Soltysik. On the morning of Sunday, April 19, 2020, Lucille of Mountain Home, Arkansas passed away at the age of 70 years old. She was born on May 20, 1949 in Joliet, Illinois. She was married to Roger Soltysik. She moved from Illinois to Arkansas in 1998. She served on the Oakland-Promise Land Volunteer Fire Department from 2000-2019, where she served as the Fire Chief. She also served her community by being on the Baxter County

Quorum Court Justice of the Peace from 2012 through 2020. She was Past President of the Baxter County Women Republican Committee and also a long time member of the Baxter County Republican Committee.

She was devoted to her community by volunteering at Hospice, Meals on Wheels, PLACO, and she taught food preservation. She was an avid gardener, cook and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a hard worker and nobody would out work her. Arkansas is better because of people like Lucille. I ask my colleagues to keep Lucille's friends and family in their prayers.

CONGRATULATING PHOENIX
BLAKELY FOR HIS WIN AT
CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR
WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE
TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phoenix Blakely, a freshman from Dakota High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 120 pound weight class.

Phoenix is 37–7 and now a state champion. He previously competed in three straight Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation title matches where he placed second, but he was determined to win first at the high school state tournament. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Phoenix displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Phoenix is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Dakota so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Phoenix Blakely that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Phoenix Blakely on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

HONORING BIRTH-DAY

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me and members of Concerned Families in Southern Oregon in recognizing "Birth-Day" on the first day of every May. Since 2012, the Birth-Day Project has motivated concerned adults to make an impact on their local public and private schools by visiting students and celebrating all their birthdays with ice cream sundaes and recreational activities. Nearly 10,000 Americans celebrated Birth-Day last year, including several of the inaugural members in Grants Pass, OR who first recognized Birth-Day as 4th graders nine years ago. In fact, the Birth-Day Project has been so significant for students and their communities that a similar group in the State of New York, Young Life Manhattan, now cele-

brates Birth-Day in schools throughout the Bronx.

However, this May students that would be wrapping up their school year or graduating at school, are instead learning from home and practicing social distancing in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although many students and adults may feel disheartened at missing this year's Birth-Day celebration while at school, I ask that they keep in mind the sentiment of honoring the birth and life of their fellow community members. As the Coronavirus continues to impact our daily lives, we must turn to our American values to reinvigorate our fortitude as well as our own faith in each other during this crisis. The Birth-Day Project seeks to bring out the best in us by valuing compassion, community, and service to others.

Once again, I hope my colleagues will join me today, Friday, May 1st in building community connectedness all over our great country and celebrating the birthdays of young Americans who deserve some cheer and support during these trying times. I would personally like to wish a happy Birth-Day to all the Oregon students who cannot celebrate at school this year. We are all in this together.

HONORING THE IOWA NATIONAL GUARD AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me, in honor of National Military Appreciation Month, in recognizing the nearly one thousand members of Iowa's National Guard that are helping our state fight COVID-19 as our Iowans of the Week.

Over 800 soldiers and airmen with Iowa's National Guard have been called to state active duty to help combat COVID-19. They're delivering personal protective equipment to our Frontline health workers and county emergency management facilities. They're helping our food banks package and deliver food to Iowans in need. And they're helping our state complete COVID-19 testing through the new "Test Iowa" program, a critical step to charting a pathway to safely reopening Iowa through a data-driven understanding of the spread of the virus in Iowa.

Members of the Guard like Specialist Janet Fonseca and Private First Class Cesar Galvan—a husband and wife from Marshalltown—have stepped up and helped their fellow Iowans in the face of these unprecedented times. Our Iowa National Guard are citizen soldiers—meaning they have to balance everyday demands with their responsibilities of service to our nation. Even soon-to-be and new parents, like Guardsman Mark Williams, are balancing the needs of their families and the demands of serving during this pandemic.

In the past few weeks, members of our National Guard have worked early mornings and long days, helping to deliver personal protective equipment to over 88 counties in Iowa to keep our health care workers and emergency response professionals safe.

They've also helped to repackage and sort food at our food banks—ensuring Iowans in need during this pandemic do not go hungry.

I'm proud to represent Camp Dodge, the headquarters of the Iowa National Guard, in Johnston, Iowa. I'm proud of the strong servant leadership I've seen in Colonel John Perkins, serving with the Army Guard, and Brigadier General Shawn Ford, serving with the Air Guard. These brave men and women who are now called to serve are taking time away from their regular jobs and their families to help support our citizens—and they deserve the thanks of a grateful state.

Our National Guard members now serving may be known to their neighbors only as members of the local church or an employee at a local business—their regular lives before this pandemic that gave no indication of their commitment to serve. But in times of crisis, we know we can count on them—for this is hardly the first time they've been called to help.

Last year, when Iowa was reeling from devastating flooding in the southwest part of our state, it was members of our National Guard who stepped up to help crippled communities get back on their feet.

And so, in recognition of National Military Appreciation Month, I'm proud to honor the brave and dedicated men and women of the Iowa National Guard for their critical help to our emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I ask everyone to join me in thanking the Iowans serving our country both here and around the world as members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Their commitment to our nation and to protecting our citizens—in the face of enemies both seen and unseen—is not forgotten in these unique and challenging times.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CORNELIUS LEVI KNOWLES

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cornelius Levi Knowles;

Whereas, "Corky," as he was affectionally known to his friends and family, was born in Hallandale, Florida to Melbourne and Albertha Knowles on January 20, 1928, and graduated from Dorsey High School with bold aspirations in 1946;

Whereas, after working hard and saving money, Cornelius moved to Washington D.C. to attend Howard University, overcoming racial prejudices, working nightly at the post office, and obtaining his undergraduate degree, he graduated from the Howard University College of Dentistry second in his class;

Whereas, Cornelius had a distinguished career—serving as a clinical instructor at Howard University before moving to Chicago to open his own practice and serving as an examiner for both the Northeast Regional Board of Dentistry and the Illinois State Board of Dentistry;

Whereas, his distinguished career, Cornelius was a loving husband to Althea, the love of his life. Together they were active community members supporting countless charities and treating everyone they met like family for nearly 60 years;

Whereas, Cornelius will be remembered by friends as the life of the party, always having