

to the fire service will continue to be an ideal of servanthood and integrity for his colleagues.

Under his leadership, Chief Tittle was responsible for oversight of the 155 fire fighters who compose the Lewisville Fire Department. As Fire Chief, he oversaw the department's response to over 11,000 incidences annually in the City of Lewisville from eight fire stations.

Chief Tittle was born and raised in Lewisville, and he graduated from Lewisville High School in 1974. He played basketball and was captain of the varsity baseball team. Years later, he was named to the Lewisville High School Hall of Fame in recognition of his accomplishments both as a student and for his public service as an adult.

Chief Tittle was a "Fireman's Fireman;" he joined the Lewisville Fire Department in 1977 and worked his way up the ranks, serving in nearly every position within the department. He had the distinction of being one of the city's first paramedics and fulfilled a lifelong dream and reached the pinnacle of his career when he was named Lewisville Fire Chief in 2011.

Tim Tittle was married to Lisa for more than twenty years and raised two sons. According to their proud and loving father, these young men were the greatest accomplishments of his life. Chief Tittle passed away on January 20, 2020 after a courageous battle against leukemia.

Since being diagnosed in 2013, he aggressively battled the cancer into remission several times.

His leadership, professionalism and dedication will not be forgotten in the City of Lewisville and Denton County. Chief Tim Tittle's devotion to his profession and his fellow firefighters was absolute and his service to the community made it a safer place to live and work. His service and leadership will be deeply missed.

JACK'S & STEAMERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack's & Steamers for receiving the 2019 Business of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Jack's & Steamers owners—Jack and Athan Miller and Scott Parker—not only run a successfully and lively restaurant and coffee shop in Arvada, they also give individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to have meaningful employment. Adults with developmental disabilities can gain hands-on experience and training in their prep kitchen and elsewhere in the restaurant.

From their humble beginnings of two employees to their current payroll of over 120 employees, they continue to grow their mission by offering meaningful employment and expanding their business portfolio. One of their new business offerings includes A Different Kind of Jam, their own line of gourmet specialty jams, jellies and pie fillings using only the freshest natural ingredients.

Jack's & Steamers continues to prove it's possible to run an enterprising and sustainable

business while also focusing on employing adults with development disabilities. Congratulations on the recognition from the Arvada Chamber, and I extend my deepest appreciation for their contribution to our community.

HONORING CENTURY LINEN & UNIFORM FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CENTENNIAL BUSINESS AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Century Linen & Uniform for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Centennial Business Award.

Century Linen & Uniform is a legacy company headquartered in Fulton County since 1915. The company was founded in Gloversville as Robison & Smith, and the name was changed in 2015 to mark a new era for the "next 100 years" of the company. Today, the company has over 400 employees operating out of three locations, including a brand-new facility in Fulton County. They serve a range of customers, including acute healthcare facilities, surgery centers, nursing homes, assisted living centers, doctors' offices and other businesses throughout New York State and western Massachusetts. Their weekly laundry output, now at 500,000 pounds, is expected to rise to over one million pounds in the future. CEO Richard Smith attributes the success of Century Linen "to hard work, consistency with our business philosophy, focusing on our core values and having a properly trained and educated workforce."

Century Linen and Uniform has been providing jobs and investment to our communities for 105 years. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Richard Smith and the entire Century Linen & Uniform for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

MARKING NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK 2020

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark National School Choice Week and recognize all the students in Indiana's 2nd District.

I believe every child in America should have access to a high-quality education in a safe and welcoming environment. Nothing should stand in the way of a child receiving a world-class education, and parents should have the ability to make decisions about their children's education.

School choice gives students the opportunity to find the path to success that works best for them, especially in the face of obsta-

cles in their own school district. Look no further than the examples set in my community in northern Indiana, where students cross district lines to attend public schools that offer programs not available in their own school district. These programs equip students in Indiana with the tools to succeed and set them apart from their peers. Hoosier families have the freedom to put their children first so they can achieve their goals.

Education is power, and all Americans have the right to tap into that power and put their best foot forward. It is important that our state and local governments are equipped to ensure teachers, students, and school administrators have the resources and tools they need to learn, teach, and grow.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I affirm that National School Choice Week is critical in the fight to ensure our children have limitless potential and bright futures.

HONORING THE JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and its Western New York Chapter upon its fiftieth anniversary. For years, this organization has been the leading global organization to fund Type One Diabetes research, and I am honored to recognize their work today.

Type One Diabetes is an autoimmune disease that causes the pancreas to stop producing insulin suddenly, and has no link to diet or lifestyle and impacts both adults and children.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation was founded in 1970 upon the desire to cure Type One Diabetes. The organization was founded by parents hoping to find a cure for their children who had the disease. Since that time, the organization has worked to cure this disease that affects so many by raising funds and advocating for research. Currently, there are dozens of locations across the nation and six international affiliates. The organization has raised more than two billion dollars for research.

This organization has done great work throughout the country, including the Western New York Chapter that I have often been involved with over the years. This year, we are glad to also be celebrating the Gala's twentieth anniversary, Journey To A Cure Gala, one of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Western New York's largest fundraisers. This extraordinary event draws about six hundred community members together, united for the cause of raising funds for Type One Diabetes research.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and its Western New York Chapter upon its fiftieth anniversary.

RON SLINGER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Slinger for receiving the 2019 Chairman's Choice Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

The Chairman's Choice is selected annually by the Chairman of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to recognize a member of the community who has shown leadership and outstanding support to the Arvada Chamber.

For more than 10 years, Ron has been a staple of the Arvada and Jefferson County community. During that time, Ron served as Red Rocks Community College's Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Solutions as well as Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Red Rocks Community College Foundation.

Ron's extensive involvement, leadership and contributions in Arvada have resulted in a significant and long-lasting impact in the community. His sense of humor and kindness bring positive energy and perspective to any opportunity he undertakes. In addition, Ron positively impacted the community through active and abundant volunteerism, leadership and advocacy. He is a true advocate for the Arvada Chamber and has fully dedicated himself to the betterment of the community.

Recently Ron took a new position as President of Miles Community College but has left a legacy in our community that will be difficult for anyone to fill. Congratulations to Ron on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber, and I extend my deepest appreciation for his contribution to our community.

**HONORING TOWNSEND LEATHER
FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE EDWARD L.
WILKINSON INDUSTRY OF THE
YEAR AWARD**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Townsend Leather for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Edward L. Wilkinson Industry of the Year Award.

Townsend Leather Co., Inc. in Johnstown has been offering high-quality leather products to its customers for the past 50 years. This third-generation-business, founded in 1969 by Albert "Red" Kucel, along with his wife Dorothy and their children, now employs more than 160 partners. They maintain 128,000 square feet of manufacturing space in three buildings on Townsend Avenue, complemented by the recent opening of a 62,000 square foot building on Grove Street. Known by many as "The Stitch," this new space is located in a refurbished 1900s knitting mill. Townsend Leather Co. offers a wide range of residential, hospitality/hotel and corporate applications including

jet interiors, as well as for luxury motor coaches, show cars and yachts in more than 1,000 colors, textures, and qualities.

Townsend Leather Co. is an industry leader and reflects the best qualities of the business community in the North Country. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate the entire Townsend Leather team for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

HONORING DR. JAMES DENNIS**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Dennis, President of McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois, for dedicating a quarter century to strengthening the school's mission and expanding its national profile.

Born in Los Angeles, Dr. Dennis had teaching in his DNA. With both his parents working as teachers, he spent his childhood living on a college campus, where he gained his passion for reading and learning. After receiving a Ph.D. in education and a law degree, Dr. Dennis began his career at the University of Southern California before beginning his tenure at McKendree in 1994. Dr. Dennis has helped transform the local college into a large university with a high percentage of out-of-state and international students. One of Dr. Dennis's most important goals is to create a relationship with every student that he can; he wants them to understand how much he values their success. When he's not focused on administration of university, Dr. Dennis enjoys traveling and spending time with his five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. James Dennis for his commitment to making McKendree University a top destination for young people charting their path for a lifetime of success.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE PRO-
MOTING HEALTHIER LIFELONG
IMPROVEMENTS IN FOOD AND
EXERCISE ACT OF 2020**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Promoting Healthier Lifelong Improvements in Food and Exercise Act (LIFE Act), which authorizes a national initiative to attack a major health problem in the United States that cannot be remedied through the health care system alone. Increasing rates of overweight and obesity are now found among Americans of every age, race and major demographic group, and threaten the health of Americans like no disease or condition. In fact, the key to eliminating many of the most serious health conditions is not only to reduce overweight and obesity, but also to encourage exercise of all kinds.

The LIFE Act would provide \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion (CDC) for a coordinated national effort to reverse increasingly sedentary lifestyles and diets that are high in fat and sugar. Specifically, my bill would require the CDC to establish the first national strategy to combat the overweight and obesity epidemic. The CDC, either directly or through grants to states or local organizations, would train health professionals to recognize the signs of overweight and obesity early in order to educate Americans about proper nutrition and regular exercise; conduct public education campaigns about how to recognize and address overweight and obesity; and develop intervention strategies for use in everyday life, such as in the workplace and community settings.

In 2017, estimates from the CDC National Center for Health Statistics showed that since 1971 to 1974, the percentage of children and adolescents who are obese has increased from 5 percent to 18.5 percent. The CDC also reports that Type 2 Diabetes, once considered an adult disease, is now widespread among children. The rising cost of the health care system, including insurance premiums, reflects this epidemic. Today, chronic diseases, many of which are caused or exacerbated by overweight and obesity, account for 70 percent of all deaths in the U.S., and 75 percent of U.S. medical care costs. A focused national health initiative would provide guidance to the states to engage in similar programs, as mayors of some cities have done.

A national focus could lead to changes, such as greater participation in high school physical education classes, which dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 25 percent in 1995 and has remained constant through 2015. Changes in nutrition are equally critical because more than half of all young people consume too much fat, a factor in the increase of overweight youth. Data also show an increase in unhealthy eating habits for adults and no change in physical activity.

To cite an example of the need for action, the District of Columbia is one of the fittest cities in the United States, according to a 2019 study by the American College of Sports Medicine, yet even here, obesity continues to be a severe problem. Approximately one-fifth of District residents are considered obese. Most of the obesity epidemic is exercise-and-food-related.

I urge support of this important bill to mobilize the country now before entirely preventable health conditions, which often begin in childhood, overwhelm the nation's health care system.

THRIVE WORKPLACE**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thrive Workplace for receiving the 2019 Chairman's Choice Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Since opening in Arvada just one year ago, Thrive Workplace—or Thrive West Arvada—has proved their commitment to the Arvada community. By offering a place for individuals and businesses to come together, they have shown their investment in the success of local entrepreneurs and businesses and their focus