

back to his community. He has served on numerous boards and societies, including the National Board of Directors for the National Black United Fund. He has held the position of Resident Scholar for the Black Archives of Mid America, Inc., and he has worked as the Historian in Resident for the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center. Sonny sets a true example of the qualities we should look for in all public servants: dedication, perseverance, and a deep, generous love for his community.

Sonny's unwavering devotion and tireless commitment has made a profound impact on the Kansas City community, so I am truly privileged to be able to recognize Sonny's efforts today. Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in celebrating Mr. Elvis "Sonny" Gibson. Our history is how we understand ourselves, and every day, Sonny helps us understand ourselves a bit better. Let us all seek to emulate his example by dedicating ourselves to service, dismantling injustice in all its forms, and affirming that the American story is incomplete so long as so many American stories are left off its pages. Let us continue to add new pages, so that we may be able to make history by writing it down.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JEFFREY BONNER'S RETIREMENT FROM THE ST. LOUIS ZOO

**HON. ANN WAGNER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the incredible work and service of Dr. Jeffrey Bonner. On March 24, 2021, Dr. Bonner announced that he planned to retire as the President and CEO of the St. Louis Zoo after 19 years of steadfast leadership.

As any St. Louisan will tell you, the Zoo is one of our city's most treasured attractions. Home to over 12,000 animals, 500 different species, and free admission for all, the St. Louis Zoo brings in families from throughout the region to witness the amazing beauty of wildlife from all over the world. Over the course of Dr. Bonner's tenure, 56 million people have had the privilege of visiting the St. Louis Zoo and seeing its world-class exhibits.

Since joining the Zoo in 2002, Dr. Bonner coordinated and oversaw multiple campaigns to modernize the century-old campus, create scholarships and educational programs, and pioneer innovative animal conservation initiatives. Dr. Bonner's dedication to the Zoo, the animals, and our city played a pivotal role in making our Zoo one of the best in the nation and a local landmark.

I want to thank Dr. Bonner for his hard work and devotion, and I wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life.

ISABELLA RIVERO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Isabella

Rivero for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Isabella Rivero is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isabella Rivero 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 Rivero 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 THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FIRST LADY ROSANNE SANTOS ADA

**HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Rosanne Santos Ada. Rosanne was a former first lady of Guam and dedicated public servant. The people of Guam will fondly remember her as a leader whose decades of contributions to our underserved communities and wholehearted compassion strengthened our island community.

When Rosanne's husband, Joseph Ada, was elected to office as the Governor of Guam in 1987, she rose to proudly serve our people as its first lady for eight years. In addition to being a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother, she is widely known as a passionate advocate for members of our community in most need. As a first lady, she advocated for greater support and services for individuals with disabilities, and her contributions to this community further expanded through her work as a director at the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities and Executive Director of the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council. Taking on these roles of leadership in our community, Rosanne further assisted in developing culturally competent programs to promote self-determination, independence, and productivity for individuals with disabilities. Further, she worked for and with individuals with disabilities and their families in advocating for systems change, public policy, and best practices which accounted for the full inclusion and integration of individuals with disabilities in all facets of community life.

Her lifelong mission of selfless service and advocacy for the voiceless also poured out into other parts of her career as well. Alongside her colleagues at Guma' Mami, a community-based nonprofit organization, Rosanne continued her work of inclusion and integration while facilitating supportive housing and successful case management for adults with disabilities. This profound commitment to others above and before self truly proved limitless through her continued work for the marginalized during Eddie Calvo's gubernatorial administration.

Rosanne Ada is an icon of servant leadership, dear friend to many, and esteemed champion of equitable support systems for all. Her life's work illustrates a humbling devotion to seeking justice in places often overlooked, and I join the people of Guam in remembering and celebrating her life and legacy of unconditional commitment to serving the people she leaves behind. I extend my deepest condolences to former Governor Joseph Ada, their children Eric, Tricia, and Ester, and the rest of their family and friends. Rosanne will be deeply missed, and her love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the people of Guam.

HONORING FRANCISCO H. DE JESUS FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL BORINQUENEERS DAY

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Francisco H. De Jesus was born on March 9, 1924 in Peñuelas, Puerto Rico. In 1950 he was deployed to the Korean War aboard the USNS Marine Lynx as part of the 65th Infantry Regiment, which was nicknamed "The Borinqueneers". Francisco served in this honorable regiment for one year during the Korean War and then transferred to Panama for a tour as a member of Military Police.

Upon completing his service, Francisco returned to Puerto Rico, rejoining his young family in San Juan. Francisco was an entrepreneur. He pursued numerous business ventures before establishing what became a very well-known men's store called Heryck's Men's Store in Caparra Terrace. In 1976, Francisco sold his beloved store and moved his family to Orlando, Florida. For 20 years, Francisco worked for the Orange County School Board as a community liaison in the Immigration Department, playing a key role in registering migrant families and their children to enable attendance at local schools during the year.

Francisco is a beloved husband, father of 7 children, a grand-father of 14 and a Great-grandfather of 16. He still an avid storyteller, loves listening to music and is a great Domino player. Francisco recently celebrated his 97th birthday in Orlando, Florida.

JACOB LAUX

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

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

Jacob Laux 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 Jacob Laux 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 Jacob Laux 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF COOKIES FOR CAREGIVERS

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cookies for Caregivers on winning the Special Merit Award from the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce. The award is given to an organization that demonstrates outstanding achievement in the community.

Cookies for Caregivers is a national program that was established by Huntingdon residents in April 2020. The groups founders, Scott McKenzie and Jeremy Uhrich, began baking cookies for frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. What started a local community service project has transformed into a national movement. With more than 100 bakers joining the group, Cookies for Caregivers has made more than 10,000 cookies to share with essential workers.

It is my privilege to recognize Scott and Jeremy for their leadership and ingenuity through the development of Cookies for Caregivers. This is a remarkable service to our community and beyond, and I wish them continued success in their efforts.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANTHONY HEISLER

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest gratitude to U.S. Army Officer Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Anthony Heisler of U.S. Special Operations Command Legislative Affairs office (SOLA). He is truly a great American and has been a tremendous help to Congress in developing increased transparency and understanding into what Special Operations Forces brings to the fight regarding the National Defense Strategy.

LTC Heisler earned his commission through Georgetown University Army ROTC as a Field Artillery Officer in 2004 and was assigned 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) from 2005 to 2007 before he volunteered to attend Special Forces Assessment and Selection.

After completing the Special Forces Qualification Course in 2009, LTC Heisler was assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Germany, where he served as a Special Forces detachment commander, headquarters and support company commander, and the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of Special Operations Command-Europe. He was later assigned to

10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colorado, where served as a Special Forces company commander, battalion executive officer, and Group operations officer. He has been serving at SOLA since May 2018.

LTC Heisler's operational deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom (2005 to 2006), Operation Enduring Freedom (2009, 2010), Operation Juniper Shield (Niger, 2015), and Operation Atlantic Resolve (Germany, 2017). LTC Heisler has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and others.

U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) develops and employs fully capable Special Operations Forces to conduct global special operations and activities as part of the joint force to support persistent, networked and distributed combatant command operations and campaigns against state and non-state actors to protect and advance U.S. policies and objectives. SOCOM trains, organizes and equips U.S. Special Operations Forces and provide those forces to the geographic combatant commanders on the Global Campaign Plan for Countering Violent Extremist Organizations, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction and Web-Based Military Information Support Operations.

While in the job at SOLA, LTC Heisler guided a Congressional Delegation to West Africa. His personal knowledge and experiences were priceless in making the visits to Niger, Nigeria and Mali a tremendous success in August 2019. We are very grateful for him escorting us around the continent.

He departs the SOLA office this spring after three years working with Congress and takes command of 3rd Battalion, 10th SFG. We wish Anthony and his family safe travels as they move to Colorado Springs, CO. There is a high likelihood that Congress will see LTC Heisler again as he progresses through the Army ranks. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our gratitude to LTC Heisler for his service to our country and the House of Representatives.

HONORING MCM DEVELOPMENT MALONE, LLC FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS VENTURES IN THE TOWN OF MALONE

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darren Gough and Michael Roesler of MCM Development Malone, LLC on the successful revitalization of The River Building, a historic landmark in the Town of Malone, and on the opening of their new restaurant, Hearth of Malone.

Darren and Michael knew at first sight that there was something special about The River Building, so they sought to turn their dream of renewing a portion of downtown Malone into a reality. Through perseverance and teamwork, they renovated this historic building into a multi-use space where family, friends, visitors, and tourists alike can gather and feel welcome. In that vein, the new restaurant within the building is aptly named Hearth of Malone as they hope to foster a sense of community in this new space.

The North Country would be nothing without our local businesses and entrepreneurs like Darren and Michael, who undertake enormous efforts to create positive change in our communities. Darren, and Michael, along with their partner and executive chef, Jesse Badger, and general manager, Randy Tomblin, have truly exemplified the "neighbor helping neighbor" mindset. Throughout the renovation process, they contracted locally, and at the Hearth of Malone, many ingredients will be sourced directly from local farmers. They are fully investing in our community and are committed to serving their customers to the best of their ability.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank MCM Development Malone, LLC, and their entire team for their dedication to revitalizing a historic property in our community and congratulate them on their hard-earned achievements thus far.

EDWIN FERGUSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

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

Edwin Ferguson is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Edwin Ferguson 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 Edwin Ferguson 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 LATE VIOLA JOHNSON CLARK

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a valiant woman, the late Mrs. Viola Johnson Clark. Viola had a dedication and desire to serve others.

She was born September 14, 1934 in Cary, Mississippi to James Johnson and Katie Brown. Viola was blessed to be a wife, mother of seven and grandmother and great grandmother.

Viola's motto was "Get an education" because there is power in knowledge and no one can take it away from you, "It's your way out". She instilled this motto everywhere she went with everybody she met no matter the color, never meeting a stranger. Viola's motto led her to earn her GED certificate from Mary