

FINN LYNCH

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 Finn Lynch for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Finn Lynch is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Finn Lynch 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 Finn Lynch 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 COURT APPOINTED
SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF SAN
BENITO COUNTY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the indispensable advocacy of a Central Coast organization that gives a voice to some of our most vulnerable community members. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of San Benito County improves the lives of children in the foster care system by pairing them with trained volunteers from the community who advocate for them and stand by their side as stable adults they can count on as they go through the chaos of the foster care system.

CASA and its devoted staff and team of volunteers are guided by the needs of children in need of someone to stand by them and ensure they are not alone as they face instability, fear, and unfamiliar surroundings. Since 1994, the organization has continued to be the only local nonprofit of its kind that recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers to serve as court appointed advocates for abused and neglected foster children throughout San Benito County. CASA of San Benito County exists so that abused and neglected children in protective care have the chance to become successful adults.

Thanks to the devoted advocates and the San Benito CASA team, these children have a voice as they navigate a tumultuous system. CASA provides these children the compassion, clarity, and care they so desperately need. And it is because of CASA that these children and youth have the tools they need to go on to successful adulthoods.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize this treasured community organization that has protected and advocated for countless foster children and youth. I thank all of those who have given their time and re-

sources to help these children feel safe and succeed. I extend my gratitude to CASA San Benito's Board of Directors, Board Director Robert Marden, Executive Director Esther Curtice, and its devoted network of advocates.

ISAAH JACKSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Isaiiah Jackson is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isaiiah Jackson 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 Isaiiah Jackson 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 THE FORD
MOTOR COMPANY'S DONATION
OF 120 MILLION MASKS DURING
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the Ford Motor Company during the COVID-19 Pandemic. On Wednesday, April 7th they fulfilled their commitment to providing personal protective equipment to those in need, surpassing their original goal of donating 100 million face masks. To date, they've donated 120 million face masks for children and adults distributing them to nonprofits, schools, state and local officials, first responders, and Ford dealers all across the nation.

Face masks that are manufactured in Michigan by Ford-UAW employees are protecting Americans in all 50 states. UAW workers have been coming to work in the middle of the pandemic to ensure that their communities are safe. From manufacturing ventilators for hospitals and providing masks to the areas hardest hit by the pandemic, to donating Michigan-made masks for the 59th inaugural ceremonies, Ford's dedication to safety has protected millions during this crisis.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Ford Motor Company and their workers for their leadership in combating the coronavirus pandemic. Workers at the Willow Run Assembly Plant heard the call of their nation during World War II, and now 80 years after being the arsenal of democracy, Ford's factories became the arsenal of health. Michi-

gan workers met the moment when normal production shifted to manufacturing the personal protective equipment and ventilators that this country sorely needed. Ford's #FinishStrong and Project Apollo initiatives have saved lives and I congratulate them on reaching this milestone.

IN RECOGNITION OF HUNTINGDON
ROTARY CLUB

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 Huntingdon Rotary Club on winning the Preservation Award from the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce. The award is given to a deserving group that restores, preserves and rehabilitates buildings and architecture to retain their historic character.

The Huntingdon Rotary Club has worked tirelessly to preserve the 1850 Pennsylvania Railroad Stone Arch Bridge located in the Huntingdon Borough. The multi-span stone bridge was once used by the first steam-powered train in Huntingdon. The club's preservation efforts included removing overgrown vegetation, adding a sign to memorialize the significance of the bridge, and beautifying the historic architecture.

The Huntingdon Rotary Club's dedication to preserving the community and its history is an important part of our community. I congratulate the club members on receiving this well-earned award and wish them continued success in their efforts.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH AND HONORING NIKKI
FRIED

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, although Women's History Month recently concluded, it is never too late to honor Florida women who have made outstanding contributions to their community and to our country.

Today I rise to honor Nikki Fried.

Nikki was born and raised in Miami. She is a proud Gator, having received her bachelor's degree, her master's degree, and her law degree from the University of Florida. While attending UF, Nikki served as student body president and was a member of Florida Blue Key, the prestigious student leadership honor society.

Upon her graduation from law school, Nikki worked in the Alachua County Public Defender's Office, in private practice in South Florida, and then as a government consultant. In 2017, Nikki began her own government consulting firm to advocate for children and medical patients before the Florida Legislature.

In 2018, Nikki broke an important barrier. She was elected as the state's Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, a cabinet position, becoming the first Jewish woman ever elected to statewide office in Florida. As

Commissioner, Nikki has been an effective advocate for conserving Florida's lands, fighting hunger, combating climate change, supporting farmers, and reducing gun violence.

Commissioner Fried is an exceptional public servant devoted to the cause of improving quality of life for all Floridians.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Nikki Fried.

ELLA PHILLIPS

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 Ella Phillips for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ella Phillips 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 Ella Phillips 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 Ella Phillips 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.

SANDEE SYTSMA, PLANT CITY
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sandee Sytsma for being named the 2020 Plant City, Florida Citizen of the Year.

In its 62nd year, this award was created to highlight civic-minded Plant City-area residents who have dedicated their lives toward giving back to their community. They must be persons of noble character, a humble spirit and steeped in the virtues of Plant City.

Sandee has supported a myriad of causes through the committees she serves on, including Relay for Life, Diamonds & Denim, Veterans Memorial Park and the Plant City Mural. Sandee was recognized as the Good Egg by the Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce. She serves with her congregation at GracePoint Church, was the first woman to serve as chair of the Florida Strawberry Festival and has represented the festival and the community in countless talk shows and publications over the years.

Our communities are only as strong as the people who serve them. Plant City is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family, thanks, in part, to outstanding citizens like Sandee Sytsma.

On behalf of the 15th District of Florida, congratulations to Sandee Sytsma for earning

this distinguished honor. Plant City thanks Sandee for her tireless dedication and service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOYCE
RYDER VANDEVERE

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of teacher, activist, and social justice advocate, Joyce Ryder Vandevere, who recently passed away at the age of 94 on February 17, 2021.

Joyce's parents met while students at UC Berkeley and instilled Joyce with the value of education and a firm sense that she could accomplish anything she set her mind to. Joyce graduated from Pomona College in 1948 and earned a master's degree in Psychology and Child Development from Stanford in 1950. Upon receiving her degrees, Joyce became director of a preschool in San Francisco where she would be introduced to prominent progressive leaders, including labor leader Harry Bridges. It was during this period that Joyce developed a commitment to social justice and equality.

In 1956, with her husband Judson Vandevere, Joyce moved to Monterey, where she would reside for the rest of her life and dedicate her time to social service and political activism on the central coast of California. During the Vietnam War, Joyce worked to provide soldiers at Ft. Ord with counseling and other services that would otherwise be unavailable to them. Additionally, she was an advocate for prison reform and worked with Friends Outside to support the families of incarcerated individuals.

Joyce returned to her teaching career in the 1960s as a volunteer teacher with Head Start in Seaside, California. In 1971, she co-founded the Learning Community, an open classroom, alternative program at Seaside's Del Rey Woods School, and would continue to teach until 1988.

Further, Joyce was a co-founder of the local chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Peace Coalition of Monterey County, and the Monterey Peace and Justice Center. She remained active in all these organizations until her death. Joyce even learned to code and designed relational databases while in her 70s to produce a weekly Peace calendar.

Joyce's life is celebrated by her children, Keith and Gwyn, her three great-grandchildren, and her numerous nieces and nephews. Joyce's meaningful legacy of service and advocacy will always endure with the people living on the central coast of California.

RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE
HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate,

and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

Some of these South Dakota heroes are: Maria Lee, Samantha Lee, Ann Lee, Lisa Lee, Lynn Lee, Sherrie Lee, Mary Lee, Tara Lee, Darcie Lee, McKenzie Lee, Rhonda Lee, Melanie Lee, Christy Lee, Rebecca Lee, Michael Lee, Payton Lee, Taylor Lee, Mary Leedom, Marcia Leemhuis, Peggy Leenknecht Roberts, Tracey Leet, Merri Leetch, Ashley Lefdal, Renee Leffers, Dedra Leffring, Heather Legel, Kristen Legner, Kila LeGrand, Peggy Lehman, David Lehnen, Tiffany Lehnen, Joann Lehner, Britt Lehr, Melissa Lehr, Yvonne Lehrke, Corey Lehrman, Debra Leibel, Kelly Leibel, Jenna Leibel, Michele Leibfarth, April Leichtenberg, Lauren Leichtnam, Kelsey Leif, Chesney Leiferman, Meghan Leifheit, Debra Leige, Hunter Leighton, Kerry Leighty, Caitlin Leimbach, Emily Leinen, Monica Leins, Heidi Leischner, Darci Leisenring, Bernice Leite, Mandi Leite, Constance Leiter, Susan Leitheiser, Elena Leitheiser, Maurine Lembke, Melita Lemer, Lisa Lemer, Stephanie Lemer, Katie Lemier, Diana Lemke, Marti Lemke, Kori Lemler, Shelby Lemler, Hope Lemler, Cara Lemmage, Brittini Lemmel, Sr Corinne Lemmer, Kelsie Lemmon, Jill Lemon, Andrea Lemon, Lisa Lemon, Mollie Lems, Kathryn Lengkeek, Melinda Lenhart.

Tereasa Lennemann, Amanda Lenning, Sophia Lenter, Laura Lentsch, Savanna Lentsch, Valerie Lentz, Beth Lentz, Beth Lentz, Jaime Lenz, Tracy Lenz, Traci Lenz, Emily Leon, Rebecca Leonard, Mark Leonard, Lisa Leonard, Sydney Leonard, Jessica Leonard, Nathan Leonard, Jodi Leonard, Kyrine Leopargas, Ellie Lepel, Sarah Lepke, Tina Leppert, Jani Lerback, Kylee Lerback, Sandra Lerdal, Peggy Leslie-Smith, Kari Lesselyoung, Catherine Lessly, Rita Lester, Heather Lester, Alysia Lester, Rayne Lester, Deborah Letcher, Shawna Letcher, Suzanne Letcher, Vicki Lettau, Kathryn Leuning, Melissa Leuning, Holly Leusink, Stephanie Leuthold, Emily Leuthold, Angela Levene, Sally Levengood, Melissa Levering, Sharie Levi-Pifer, Taylor Lewandowski, Nancy Lewellen, Michele Lewellen, Kari Lewis, Teresa Lewis, Lelia Lewis, Steven Lewis, Connie Lewis, Judy Lewis, Theresa Lewis, Sheena Lewis, Brittany Lewis, Katelyn Lewis, Benjamin Lewis, Olivia Lewis, Billie Jo Lewis, Grant Lewis, Sara Lewis, Amanda Lewis.

Katelyn Lewis, Tracey Lewis, Janet Lewis-Kusler, Nichole Lewison, Debra Lewison, Daniel Lewison, Cindy Lewno, Laura Lewno, Kathy Leyden, Cheri Leyendecker, Ashley Liang, Michelle Lichtenberg, James Lichty, Timothy Lichty, Rebecca Lick, Angela Liddell, Tara Liddiard, Janet Liefeld, Christine Lien, Katherine Lienke, Vicki Lieuwen, Mary Liggons, Christine Light, Rosalie Ligtenberg, Emma Lilleberg, Michaela Lilleberg, Ashley Lillebo, Daysha Lilly, Christine Anne Lim, Jessica Limke, Julie Limmer, Janet Limoges, Laura Limoges, Kami Lindberg, Mariah Lindberg, Jill Lindberg, Lori Lindblom, Rebekah Lindbloom, Amanda Lindbloom, Peter Linde, Ann Lindeman, Tanner Lindeman, Melissa Linden, Carol Linder, Mallory Linderman, Rosemary Lindgren, Lisa Lindgren, Ashley Lindgren, Rachel Lindgren, Adrienne Lindholm, Michele Lindner, Shelly Lindner, Daniel Lindquist, Kelsey Lindquist, Kory Lindquist, Kelsi Lindquist, Margaret Lindsay, Sonja Lindsay, Denise Lindsay, Tana Lindskov, Katherine Lindsley, Kali Lindsley,