

these truly heroic young men and young women.

EDWARD FLAHERTY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Edward Flaherty, Veteran of the United States Army, for his service to our country.

Edward served in the U.S. Army from 1941–1945, serving two years, eleven months, and two days throughout the Pacific theater of World War II, including time in New Caledonia, the Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea. While serving in the Army, Edward was a Medical Technician with the 131st Engineer Regiment Medical Detachment, in which he played an essential role in treating his fellow soldiers' wounds and injuries while also assisting with evacuations for casualties.

During his time in the Army, Edward was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star. Edward Flaherty's courageous service helped to defend our nation's democracy and ideals abroad at a crucial moment in world history. His heroism has charted the path for future generations of men and women who serve in the military. We are proud to have Edward call Colorado home, and forever indebted to him for his bravery and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Edward for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
NOLAN BARBER ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES NAVAL
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Nolan Barber of Monclova, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Nolan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2025. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Nolan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2025. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Nolan participated in football, wrestling, and track and field, earning his varsity letter in all three. After graduating from Anthony Wayne High School in 2020, Nolan attended the

United States Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nolan Barber on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Nolan will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our nation.

CONGRATULATING THE TELACU
EDUCATION FOUNDATION ON
THEIR 37TH ANNUAL BUILDING
THE DREAM GALA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the TELACU Education Foundation (the Foundation), a non-profit organization that significantly impacts thousands of talented students from low-income families, the majority of whom are Californians and many are from my 40th Congressional District.

For nearly four decades, the Foundation has annually empowered approximately 2,000 first-generation high school, college, and graduate school students—including brave veterans of our nation's military—to achieve academic and professional success, and to become the leaders who inspire future generations. The 37th Annual Building the Dream Gala celebrates this year's graduates who will join an army of TELACU Scholar Alumni who are changing our world by innovating solutions as researchers and engineers in cutting-edge laboratories such as NASA/JPL, CalTech, Harvard and MIT; serving on the frontlines of COVID-19 as nurses, doctors, vaccinators, and other health care professionals; and crusading for equality and justice across our nation—from the boardroom to the courtroom!

TELACU's "CREO" Award, the "I Believe" Award, recognizes individuals who exemplify the highest ideals and commitment to improving society through personal and public service. This year it will be presented to the first Latina Los Angeles City Council President in the City Council's 170-year history, the Honorable Nury Martinez. President Martinez is an outstanding role model who embodies the hopes and dreams of all TELACU Scholars—the children of Latino immigrant families, the first (but not the last) in their family to graduate from college, the dreamers who consistently shatter historical barriers to achievement.

This year's gala will also include a Special 80th Birthday Tribute to Chairman and Founder of the TELACU Education Foundation, Dr. David C. Lizárraga. With a dedicated career of service spanning six decades, Dr. Lizárraga's impact is immeasurable. Beginning as a social worker and community organizer, he quickly gained a reputation for equipping people with the tools they need to achieve self-sufficiency and the American Dream. As President and CEO of TELACU in the early 1960s, he developed a unique business model for community development based on one simple but profound principle—profitability is inseparable

from positive, tangible social impact. Under his leadership for more than 35 years, TELACU flourished and grew into the largest Community Development Corporation in America.

In response to staggering college dropout rates among young Latinx, in 1983 Dr. Lizárraga created what is without a doubt his most impactful and legacy in service to our community and to our nation—the TELACU Education Foundation. TELACU Scholars have built a stellar legacy individually and collectively. Historically, over 98 percent of high school scholars graduate and almost without exception pursue higher education; more than 99 percent of college Scholars earn at minimum a Bachelor's, with an increasing number going on to attain advanced degrees. Their achievement of higher education, increased earning power and dedication to service lead to the socioeconomic empowerment not only of their local community, but also of our nation and beyond!

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating The Honorable Nury Martinez in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the City of Los Angeles. And on behalf of the tens of thousands of students, veterans, families and communities they have served, empowered, and advanced to achieve self-sufficiency, I also ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the TELACU Education Foundation and its Founder Dr. David C. Lizárraga—whose tireless work to expand educational opportunities has opened the door to vast new possibilities for thousands of young professionals and veterans.

HONORING SHADAWN REDDICK-
SMITH

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank and honor Shadawn Reddick-Smith for her years of distinguished service to the House Judiciary Committee and to the United States Congress. Through her strategic insight and tireless dedication to advancing the Committee's priorities, Shadawn played a vital role in ensuring the work of the House Judiciary Committee was accessible and tangible to the American people.

As we toiled together to reject then-President Trump's disgraceful efforts to undermine our democracy and erode key Judiciary priorities—namely reforming our immigration system, preventing gun violence, and protecting access to the ballot box—I saw firsthand her passion and her skillful capacity to render our often-complex work understandable to the public.

When Democrats took control of the House in January of 2019, the eyes of the country were fixed upon the Judiciary Committee I now chaired. I was deeply grateful that Shadawn stayed on my staff as my communications director as we entered this unprecedented time in American history. Before us lay problems existential in nature and scope: a lawless President intent on destroying democratic norms, an executive branch stubbornly fixed on stonewalling accountability, and a structure of government thrown into disarray by the Administration's ineptitude and cruelty.

Despite the daunting task at hand, Shadawn's composure was unflinching and her capacity to maintain and nurture relations with members of the press—and the Democratic caucus—were invaluable.

It would be easy to recognize Shadawn first and foremost for her work on the Judiciary Committee's oversight efforts, which included two presidential impeachments during her tenure. And, to be sure, Shadawn handled these incredibly demanding environments with poise, marshalling stakeholders, communicating effectively with the media, and shaping the public narrative to ensure our message of accountability under the law was heard loudly and clearly by the American people. But to focus only on these high-profile events would be to omit Shadawn's commitment to all the work of the Judiciary Committee.

Shadawn sacrificed much of herself, without complaint, to provide access to the press and ensure the public understood what was transpiring in the Halls of Congress. She would regularly wake early, arriving at the Rayburn House Office Building often before the sun rose to ensure that television cameras and reporters were met with unlocked doors. She was also a kind presence to the junior staffers and interns who perform much of the unsung work of the Committee, offering guidance on how to communicate effectively and how to navigate a career on Capitol Hill. And Shadawn expanded and transformed the Judiciary Committee's digital program, ensuring that the work of the Committee could meet Americans where they are today: online and on social media. Her legacy is a Judiciary Committee with a social media reach unparalleled among other House Committees.

In bringing the Judiciary Committee into the 21st century, Shadawn worked to ensure that the Committee was actively addressing issues that were top of mind to the American people. She was deeply passionate about overhauling America's broken, often brutal system of policing and helped shepherd the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act—bold legislation that reimagines policing in our communities—through the Judiciary Committee and the full House of Representatives. In doing so, Shadawn showcased her wide array of skills, demonstrating her ability to build consensus, deftly manage a surge of press requests, and craft a message that helped facilitate the bill's passage while rendering it visible to the public at large.

Shadawn is moving on to tackle new challenges at the Department of Homeland Security, where she will serve as Director of Strategic Communications. She is one of a select few who stood tall and demonstrated exemplary grit during a most turbulent moment for our nation. I always felt proud to have her by my side.

I wish Shadawn all the best in her future endeavors, and I thank her for her service to the Committee, to the Congress, and to the country.

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH AND HONORING ALEX SINK

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, as part of our national celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I am paying tribute to Floridians who have made outstanding contributions to our community and our country.

Today I rise to honor Alex Sink.

Adelaide "Alex" Sink, who is originally from North Carolina, graduated from Wake Forest University with a degree in mathematics. Alex taught at girls' schools in Liberia and Sierra Leone before launching her career in banking and in politics.

Former Governor Lawton Chiles appointed Alex to the Commission on Government Accountability to the People, and later to the Commission on Education. In 2006, she was elected as Florida's Chief Financial Officer, becoming the first—and, to date, the only—woman to hold this cabinet-level position. On August 24, 2010, Alex won the Democratic primary for governor and launched an historic campaign. Throughout her career in public service, Alex has proven herself to be a compelling advocate for affordable health care, non-discriminatory adoption placement practices, and reproductive justice.

Alex has continued to positively impact Florida as a mentor and community activist.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Alex Sink.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MIKE DANVERS

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the career of Wadena broadcast legend, Mike Danvers, who is retiring after forty years in the radio industry. His last show was today, May 28, 2021.

Mike moved to Wadena, Minnesota in the Fall of 1984 and has been with KWAD-AM, KNXP-AM and the Superstation K106 ever since. Most recently, Mike was the morning show host for the Superstation and grew a strong base of listeners and fans along the way. He is beloved in Wadena and the surrounding communities that make up the Superstation K106 listening area.

However, he is not just known as the man on the morning radio. Mike is especially passionate about high school wrestling and coached wrestling in the Wadena area for 22 years. He has broadcasted live from 23 Minnesota State High School League Wrestling Tournaments and called play-by-play for hundreds of high schools sporting events.

Mike has been a friend and mentor to dozens of young broadcasters, and his legacy will continue through the lives of everyone he has touched throughout his time in the Wadena community.

Mike is the epitome of a true broadcaster. While we will miss him on the airwaves every morning, we wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, each year we come together to recognize May as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Month, in celebration of the critical participation of our Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities in our national story.

Over the past year, the pandemic has highlighted the harsh disparities that too many in the AANHPI community face across several issues, including access to health care, education and more. Our nation has also seen an unprecedented rise in hate-driven violence against Asian Americans. As Congressman from Hawai'i, the state with the highest percentage of Asian Americans in our country, I stand in full solidarity with all in the AANHPI community in confronting, condemning and overcoming this desecration of that story.

My own mentor, U.S. Congressman and Senator Spark Matsunaga, understood that the way forward amongst all peoples was not through violence or discrimination, but through peace, education and understanding. He and his generation of Asian Americans in the World War II era prevailed through extreme hardship to live the belief that peace and equality are not just ideas and aspirations but achievable reality.

In my home state of Hawai'i, we have been blessed with so many AANHPI leaders whose actions continue to guide us. Senator Matsunaga's legacy lives on in the U.S. Institute of Peace, which he created through an act of Congress in 1984. Congresswoman Patsy Mink's Title IX legislation is the foundation of equal opportunity in our schools. The songs Queen Lili'uokalani wrote are beloved memorials to the perseverance of Hawaiian culture. This July, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the enactment of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which helped return the Native Hawaiian people to the land that holds such deep ancestral, cultural and spiritual significance. Through these leaders and their successors, we see that despite generations of hardship and trial, AANHPI communities are standing strong and have led the charge to make our country better.

To AANHPIs everywhere and especially the close to 80 percent of my own constituents whose heritage lies in Asia and the Pacific, I am truly honored to elevate your voices in the halls of Congress and understand that a single month of remembrance is not enough. There is far more to be done, as a community, as a state and as a nation.

This May, in our 29th year of observing AANHPI month, I urge all of my fellow Americans to listen to the lessons of our past so we may act in the present to pave the way for our future.