

prohibit cluster munitions and the use of child soldiers, and in 1997, the HRW shared a Nobel Peace Prize for its work to ban anti-personnel landmines.

As Kenneth Roth prepares to step down from his position amid Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine, I am mindful of the human rights abuses being committed in both Ukraine and inside of Russia at the orders of Vladimir Putin. War crimes, crimes against humanity and strong evidence of genocide abound in Ukraine. Political arrests, which HRW has documented extensively in countries as nearby as Nicaragua and Cuba and ones as far away as Uzbekistan, are taking place in Russia with the arrest of protesters, journalists, politicians, and anyone who dares speak out against Putin's war in Ukraine, including the recently jailed Russian politician and journalist, Vladimir Kara-Murza. Kenneth Roth's reports have criticized Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which remains a clear, gross, and uncorrected violation of Helsinki Final Accord principles by Putin and his regime. In April 2022, HRW's operations in Russia were suspended as part of Putin's silencing of criticism over his unprovoked war.

In recognition of Kenneth Roth's 30-year leadership of Human Rights Watch and the organization he has built to bring attention to human rights abuses around the world and the recommendations he has made to end and correct these atrocities, I ask my colleagues to join me in saying job well-done and in wishing him well in his retirement. His presence will surely be missed, but I am confident that the human rights monitoring infrastructure put into place will remain strong and that his leadership will serve as a guide for future leaders of HRW and for all who work in the areas of human rights monitoring and advocacy.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Fordson High School, located in Dearborn, Michigan. For the past century, Fordson High School has educated the students of Dearborn and brought pride to our community. For this they are worthy of commendation as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Completed in 1928 in the former village of Fordson, at the time Fordson High School was hailed as "one of the finest school buildings in the United States." The school's famous architecture was inspired by buildings at Oxford University and the University of Michigan Law School. The striking Fordson Tower has been used as a site of protest, a media center, and even as a lookout for enemy aircraft during World War II. From the very first day that classes were held at the school, students have found a home and a love of learning at Fordson.

Fordson High School is representative of the diverse Dearborn community that it serves, from the early days of it being a school for the sons and daughters of Ford factory workers to a haven for immigrants escaping violence, Fordson has programs to ensure that each

student has what they need to succeed. Students are offered the opportunity to participate in sports and various clubs that support the study of medicine, debate, and entrepreneurship. With the strong Fordson tradition and a roster of great student athletes across all sports, the Fordson Tractors have won state championships in football, volleyball, swimming, and basketball. The students of Fordson High School have grown up to become politicians, judges, directors, athletes, actors, and leaders in business. They've served our country and helped empower our community for generations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the students, staff, and alumni of Fordson High School as they celebrate 100 fantastic years in Dearborn, Michigan. Every time I visit Fordson I am amazed by how thoughtful and engaged in the community the students are. These great students give me hope for the next generation and never fail to make us proud each day. Fordson has been the heart and soul of Dearborn for the past century, and we wish the students, staff, and alumni the very best in the years come.

HONORING THE LIVES OF ANTHONY AND ROBERT DUDCHIK

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the heartbreaking loss of two young beams of light from Eastern Connecticut, Anthony and Robert Dudchik. The two brothers lost their lives in a horrific car accident on April 28, 2022, along with another young friend. Their passing has been devastating to their families, communities and has without exaggeration, been felt across the entire state.

Born in 2000 and 2002 in the neighboring town of Middletown, Anthony and Robert were adopted and raised by Tom and Nora Fitzgerald Dudchik of East Haddam, Connecticut. These two were inseparable since birth and grew up and thrived in Tom and Nora's loving, nurturing home.

Their stories intertwined, both Anthony and Robert brought a caring and attentive nature to every task or goal before them, qualities which I am sure they absorbed from Tom and Nora's upbringing. As graduates of Nathan Hale-Ray High School, they were both star athletes and had previously worked at East Haddam's Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies store, a local landmark, where they became friendly, familiar faces to the local community. Upon graduating, Robert had most recently moved to East Haven where he had taken off a career in aviation as a flight attendant for Tweed-New Haven's Avelo Airlines, where he was also among the inaugural graduating class. He dreamed of moving to Japan to teach English. Anthony, who had also moved to New Haven for school, was a rising Sophomore Journalism Major at Southern Connecticut State University. He had a strong passion for photography.

The losses of Robert and Anthony are indescribably difficult because the trajectory of their lives was so crystal clear, and yet also so incomplete. Even at such young ages, their

combined story has touched countless individuals throughout all of Connecticut. They brought such incredible joy, inspiration and pride to Tom and Nora as well as their surviving friends and family. Tom and Nora in the past few weeks have shown great strength and grace and have publicly urged all who will listen to learn more about and support adoption and the children who need loving homes.

Madam Speaker, in moments like these where it is hard to find solace, we can only learn to cherish their memories which will not soon leave this earth, but instead appreciate with time. In keeping their memories alive, we will also pay respect to the strength that foster families bring to our communities, which the Dudchiks have exemplified so well. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring their memory, and ensuring that the brightness which emanated from their lives will never leave us.

HONORING JOHN W. BIPPUS AS THE THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB BRUCE C. SNOOK CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very important member of the Three Rivers community, Mr. John Bippus, for receiving the title of Three Rivers Lions Club Bruce C. Snook Citizen of the Year.

John moved to Three Rivers in 1968 at nine years old. His father, a local businessman, played a formidable role in the development of John's entrepreneurial spirit. John would help at his parent's gas station as a teen pumping gas, changing tires and getting the job done. John's familiarity with vehicles naturally led him to pursue an automotive sales position after graduating from Three Rivers High School and later found his true calling—real estate. John went on to get his broker's license and open his own business in his hometown over thirty years ago.

John's position in the community goes well beyond the real estate industry. John also founded John Bippus Charities which has donated to over twenty Michigan organizations. John has also led the community through his participation in local government, including the Three Rivers City Commission, St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, the St. Joseph County Board of Road Commissioners and the Glen Oaks Board of Trustees.

John has led and selflessly given to the community of Three Rivers and is most deserving of this recognition. What's also important is that I have personally known Bruce Snook all my years and the qualities and values he has lived. That's why this recognition is so special to me.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. ED TERRY

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate Mr. Ed Terry and his more than fifty

years of remarkable public service as an agricultural teacher in in Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Ed began his teaching career in Farmington in 1968. In 1977, he transitioned to teaching agricultural education at Randolph High School, and he has been there ever since.

Over his forty-five years at Randolph High School, Ed has dedicated himself to supporting students and catalyzing growth and development for them in all careers that they have chosen to pursue.

Despite incremental changes to the agriculture industry over the past fifty years, Ed's passion and support has been unwavering. Without a doubt, he has been a primary contributor in fortifying the pillars that make our communities strong and united.

And Ed's influence has been much wider than just Randolph High School. He has mentored students in an outreach program in recent years that welcomes students from surrounding communities that don't have agriculture classes or FFA programs. These communities include—but are not limited to—Northfield, Hastings, Rosemount, Lakeville, and Faribault.

Ed has also been a trusted advisor to many local farm families working through transitions in their operations.

Ed has not only provided service and knowledge to students but has also instructed adult education classes in agriculture in Randolph and surrounding communities.

Ed's dedication to teaching youth about the importance of small farms, and the process by which food comes to their table, is crucial to sustaining local farmers.

As a testament to Ed's commitment to his students and as a reflection of his generosity, he has not missed a single one of his students' graduation open houses over the years, including students from the outreach programs.

I am grateful for Ed's commitment to our agriculture community and applaud his many accomplishments. And I deeply admire Ed's desire to pass on his knowledge to younger generations.

I commend Mr. Ed Terry for more than fifty years of remarkable, impactful, and community-sustaining public service. He is a backbone of our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAN BOYNTON

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dan Boynton.

Teachers hold a special place in our community. Not only do they teach our next generation of Americans, but they also shape them into kind, curious, and thoughtful human beings. Teachers like Dan Boynton showed just how impactful teachers can be in the lives of their students.

Dan taught and coached football at Central Catholic, St. Teresa High School, and Maroa-Forsyth High School. No matter what school he taught at, Dan was loved by many for his ability to make a connection with his students. As a consumer education and Intro to Busi-

ness teacher, Dan was a role model to the many students he taught.

The connection that Dan retained with his students allowed the passion he had for teaching to show. He was often seen as a figure that you could approach about anything, and he was especially known for supporting his players in any way possible. Even limited by his health, Dan made sure he would always be cheering for his team.

Dan passed away in March after a yearlong battle with brain cancer. Dan was a role model for his school and his community, and his kindness and warm spirit will be missed by many. Me and my family send our thoughts and prayers to him, his wife, and their children. May he rest in peace.

GENESIS RODRIGUEZ ESPARZA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Genesis Rodriguez Esparza for receiving the 2021 Rising Star Award by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Rising Star Award is given to an Arvada high school student who has exhibited extraordinary leadership, entrepreneurship and positive community impact.

Genesis is a senior at Pomona High School. She recently earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award for encouraging more Latina and females in the STEM fields by creating a bilingual program with activities and resources to help introduce more households to STEM, especially in the Hispanic community. For the last two years, she worked tirelessly to develop and host events locally and globally in order to test and create these resources. Throughout this project, Genesis showed great confidence and amazing leadership and organization skills—all while attending her senior year, preparing for college, and overcoming the various different challenges the pandemic presented. Genesis' passion and genuine care for her community is the reason she is being recognized.

Congratulations again to Genesis Rodriguez Esparza on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for her contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING WYN THOMAS

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding high school student in my district: Wyn Thomas, a senior at Stevenson High School, Wyn was one of eight student winners nationwide selected in the #Enough: Plays to End Gun Violence Competition for her outstanding play, *Write Their Wrongs*.

I had the honor of sitting down with Wyn to discuss her play and the importance of ending our nation's gun violence epidemic. When I first read Wyn's play, I was incredibly moved

at how she captured the frustration and devastation that we all feel about school shootings.

I am grateful for students like Wyn who will continue to advocate that we address our Nation's devastating gun violence epidemic. Congratulations to Wyn on this incredible honor.

I include in the RECORD the text of Wyn's play:

WRITE THEIR WRONGS

(Wyn Thomas)

Location: A high school classroom after school, where the Writer's Club used to meet before there was a shooting in the school. Maya was locked down in this room during the shooting.

(Maya sits at a table anxiously. She has notebooks and a laptop set up. Jimmy, with his arm in a sling, and Emily enter.)

Maya: You're late.

Emily: Well, we got here before Lydia.

Maya: Did you hear from her? Is she coming? Jimmy: Why would she?

Maya (pulling out chairs for them)

Because she can take . . . everything that happened to us, and do something with it. We can write something that makes a difference in the world.

Jimmy: Yeah, we already heard your soapbox speech over the phone. Emily: I don't know if this is up Lydia's alley.

Maya: Why wouldn't it be? She's in the writer's club, isn't she? (They sit.)

Maya: So, how are you guys?

Emily: I'm fine.

Jimmy (sarcastic, bitter)

Never been better.

Emily: Jimmy.

Jimmy: What? (To Maya) Did you want the real answer?

Maya: Yeah, I do. That's how we're going to write something meaningful.

Emily: That's how we're actually going to make a change.

Jimmy: Fine . . . um . . . (vulnerable) The surgery was hard. Recovery is harder, because I can't really move, which means I can't go to the places I love. Like your mom's house.

Maya: Jimmy, this is serious. Do you have any actual ideas?

Jimmy: No.

Emily (under her breath): Tyler always had ideas.

Jimmy: Well Tyler's not gonna show up, now is he?

(Awkward silence.)

Emily (breaking the tension): Are we writing an essay?

Maya: Maybe a play? Or a poem?

Emily: You think Republican senators can understand poetry?

Maya: True, but we have to write something, so . . . let's start with an idea. We never thought it would happen here, but then it did. Shock people out of ignorance.

Emily: The thing is, I didn't think it could never happen here. I did the walk out in eighth grade and went to protests starting freshman year because I knew it could.

Maya: But, like, you were surprised when it actually happened.

Emily: Yeah, but . . . (referring to herself and Jimmy) we're walking down the hall, and we hear it and— . . . (She breaks off.)

Maya: Then what happened? What did you see?

Emily: He— . . . (She can't find the words.)

Maya: He what?

(Emily pushes away the memory.)

Emily: I just thought "today's the day." Like it was inevitable. Which it practically is with current laws.

(Lydia enters slowly, but the others haven't noticed yet.)

Jimmy: And I just thought . . . Thank God I don't have to take that math test. And I stand by that.