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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 669.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 676, and YEA on rollcall No. 677.

ALEXIA CANDELARIA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexia Candelaria for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Alexia has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Alexia, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Alexia's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Wheat Ridge High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Alexia Candelaria on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a transportation delay, I was unable to attend session on November 28th. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 676, and YEA on Roll Call No. 677.

TRIBUTE TO LUISA BUADA, R.N., B.S.N, M.P.H. ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman, Luisa Buada, who brought culturally sensitive, integrated primary and preventive health care to thousands in a highly underserved community. She brought this care regardless of ability to pay or immigration status and collaborated with community partners to address the social determinants of health.

Luisa Buada was the founding Executive Director of Clinicas de Salud in the Salinas Valley and the Berkeley Primary Care Access Clinic, and cofounded LifeLong Medical Care in Berkeley as part of a merger with Over 60 Health Center in 1996.

In the early 2000's in the wake of the closure of the Charles Drew Health Center by the federal government, a group of community leaders and I came together to explore creating a new, vital health care system to support the low-income communities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. Residents and representatives of Stanford Health Care and San Mateo County met regularly for months to form what is now the Ravenswood Family Health Network, a Federally Qualified Health Center that now cares for approximately 21,000 patients. Of these, 7,576 are children and adolescents, 90 percent are low-income, and 88 percent identify as an ethnic minority. About 63 percent are enrolled in public health coverage, and 27 percent are uninsured.

Luisa Buada was the consultant in the development of Ravenswood, and despite her insistence that she was only temporary, after serving 12 months as Interim Chief Executive Officer she became Ravenswood's Permanent CEO in November 2003. Luisa received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing in 1977 and her Master's degree in Public Health Policy and Administration from the University of California, Berkeley in 1990. In March of 2010, Buada was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame. In 2013 she received the California Senate Woman of the Year Award for the 13th District and was a 2016 San Francisco Chronicle and St. Mary's College Vision-

ary of the Year Award Honoree. She received the 2016 John W. Gardner Exemplary Leadership Award from the American Leadership Forum of Silicon Valley and in 2018 she received the California State Assembly Woman of the Year award for the 24th District. She has earned and deserves all these honors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Luisa Buada as she begins her retirement. She has been an extraordinary leader who brought health services to many thousands who otherwise would not have been cared for. She is a national treasure that I shall treasure all the days of my life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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COLONEL CURTIS HAYES

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Curtis Hayes for his service in the U.S. Air Force. Colonel Hayes served as a dentist and maxillofacial surgeon in the Air Force for over 20 years. Among his many accomplishments, Colonel Hayes led a four-member dental team to provide care for underprivileged children in Africa. Colonel Hayes earned numerous awards including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air and Space Achievement Medal, and the 2013 USAF Dentist of the Year award.

Colonel Hayes has also extended his impact to academia and literature. He has shared his expertise by contributing to peer-reviewed journals and recently wrote a section on digital dentistry in the best-selling book "Million Dollar Smile."

It is my honor to congratulate Colonel Hayes on his military retirement and to thank him for his service to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 2023 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DIVI- SION 6 STATE CHAMPIONS KINGSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Kingsley High School Varsity Football team for their recent victory in the Division 6 State Championship. With a 38-24 victory over Almont High School, the Kingsley

Stags charged on to the school's first ever State Championship.

Head Coach Time Wooser's unique approach led them to a dominant 12–2 season and an ultimate State Championship victory. In the team's exemplary win, the Stags were led by elusive running back Eli Graves. Finishing the game with 210 rushing yards, 4 touchdowns, and 3 two-point conversions, Graves is the first running back in Michigan Football State Championship history to account for 30 points in a championship game.

Coach Wooser aptly summed up the spirit and composition of his team to the Detroit Free Press after the game, stating, "the one characteristic when you get a team of this caliber is the character, and the morals and the ethics and just the leadership." The Kingsley High School Varsity Football team did indeed exude immense talent, teamwork, and dedication which secured them the State Championship.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Kingsley High School Varsity Football team for their well-deserved State Championship. I wish the team, families, and staff all the best in their future endeavors. Go Stags.

RECOGNIZING MS. MARIA ROSALES, OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY MEMBER IN THE 52ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Maria Rosales, an outstanding community member and small business owner. Her journey to the United States was challenging, as she faced a treacherous route while sustaining her basic needs and facing the fear of the unknown.

Ms. Rosales came to the United States on this journey from Mexico when she was only 16 years old, alongside her sister and her sister's husband. Maria met her husband here in the United States in 1987, and in 2011 they were both granted citizenship. This allowed them to get one step closer toward achieving their American Dream.

Ms. Rosales' first job as a nanny paved the way to her newfound passion for taking care of children—and she grew this passion enough to also help others. In 2019, while many parents within her community were having a tough time finding the proper care and attention that their children needed, Maria stepped up to provide a safe and loving place to leave their children while they work. Her commitment led her to an opportunity to complete a childcare class with the San Diego & Imperial Women's Business Center, which is an 8-week accelerator program to become an in-home family childcare facility. She was determined to be the best at what she does, and she took classes in marketing, finance, and other courses to start her own business. This training provided her with the tools to develop a safe space for children where they can develop their academic and socio-emotional abilities.

Ms. Rosales opened Vienna's Daycare, a home daycare, where children are encouraged to reach their developmental milestones that

help them succeed in the future. Ms. Rosales continues to be a beacon of light for those who aspire to take their passion and apply it toward valuable community service.

Ms. Rosales was honored as the 52nd District Constituent of the Month, during National Women's Small Business Month in October, for her admirable commitment to supporting families and parents, and for her unwavering strength, which will inspire others for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HAYDEN STONE

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hayden Stone of Woodland Park, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Hayden traveled to Greece, Italy, Austria, and Germany to study abroad.

U.S. Study Abroad programs are an important component of the federal government's efforts to ensure Americans of all backgrounds have the opportunity to gain global experiences and work across our borders to help address our world's greatest challenges. The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their cultural proficiencies, study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Hayden for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Hayden's many accomplishments.

HONORING THELDA WILLIAMS

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of my deeply respected former colleague, Thelda Williams. A long-time Phoenix city councilwoman and three-time in-

terim mayor, Thelda's service to her northwest community spanned more than thirty years. At the City, Thelda was a stalwart champion of neighborhoods, police and firefighters, and public transit. And she never failed to make time to offer guidance and support to her colleagues, myself included.

As Councilwoman, she chaired the City Council's Transportation Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee and was the chair of the Valley Metro Rail board. Under Thelda's guidance, the City invested in Sky Harbor International Airport and water infrastructure, and she played a crucial role in strengthening and expanding the City's transit system. Her vision for the City's infrastructure and planning was truly ahead of its time, and the newly-dedicated "Thelda Williams Transit Center" in North Phoenix is a testament to her advocacy.

Thelda was also deeply committed to improving the lives of incarcerated people by helping them see a positive future for themselves. During her tenure at the Maricopa County Sheriff's office, Thelda took charge of developing a drug rehabilitation program for inmates, establishing a juvenile high school, as well as initiating several other adult programs.

Thelda was also a passionate voice for animal welfare, leading several city policy changes to protect pets. At MCSO, she spearheaded a program to allow inmates to care for and rehabilitate abused animals and get them ready for adoption. Phoenixians and their four-legged friends still enjoy the "Thelda Williams Paw-Pup Park," the first dog park in downtown Phoenix.

We lost Thelda at the age of 82 on November 14, 2023, but her legacy is reflected in the countless lives she touched with her compassionate leadership. Godspeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on November 28, 2023, I attended a memorial service in honor of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, so I was unable to vote on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 676, H. Res. 793—Calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during the October 2023 attack on Israel, and YEA on Roll Call No. 677, H. Res. 793—Reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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