

COURTNEY CONERTY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

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

Courtney Conerty is an 8th grader at Woodrow Wilson Academy and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Courtney Conerty 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 Courtney Conerty 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.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes on Monday, May 23, 2016 and Tuesday, May 24, 2016 due to my son's graduation from high school.

Had I been present for roll call vote number 229, H.R. 4889, the Kelsey Smith Act, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 230, H.R. 3998, the Securing Access to Networks in Disaster Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 231, Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 743, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 232, H. Res. 743, Adoption of the Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 5055, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 233, Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 742, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 234, H. Res. 742, Adoption of the Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 897 and H.R. 2576, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 235, H.R. 5077, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 236, the Democrat Motion to Recommit H.R. 897, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 237, H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for roll call vote number 238, Passage of the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2576, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF CORPORAL  
ROBERT L. SNOW**HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Robert L. Snow and his many years of service to the state of Delaware.

When Mr. Snow first joined the New Castle County Police Department in 1968, he made history as the first African American police officer for the NCCPD. His addition to the force came at a time of upheaval in Wilmington, as violence and anger engulfed the city following the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Despite these circumstances, Mr. Snow was able to break down barriers by committing fully to his duties as a police officer, where he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues. Throughout his career, he demonstrated a keen understanding of the importance of building lasting, positive relationships in the community through compassion, respect and professionalism. Most importantly, Mr. Snow has always shown a willingness to put the safety and security of others above his own.

Corporal Snow's efforts have made a difference for future generations by paving the way and setting an example for police officers across our state. Many continue to be inspired by Mr. Snow's bravery and ability to conquer racism in becoming an exemplary member of the law enforcement community for 20 years. As Delaware's lone member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am grateful for his dedication to public safety and I'm honored to join in recognizing his distinguished career.

Once again, I'd like to thank Corporal Snow for his service, and to congratulate him on the dedication of the Community/Training Room at the Cpl. Paul J. Sweeney Public Safety Building in his honor.

IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE CONNECTICUT  
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Connecticut Beekeepers Association, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this weekend. The Connecticut Beekeepers Association is vital to promoting and protecting honeybees in communities across Connecticut. The appreciation our state's beekeepers receive doesn't come close to matching their impact on our health and our economy.

Honeybees pollinate one-third of the food on our plates and roughly 90 crops found in the United States. To give you an idea of the role honeybees play in our food security, picture walking into your local grocery store and finding the produce aisles half-empty. That's what a future without honeybees would look like.

Unfortunately, honeybees are dying off at an alarming rate, due to Colony Collapse Dis-

order and stressors such as disease, habitat loss, and pesticides. The Connecticut Beekeepers Association is working tirelessly to save our pollinators. It's bringing together beekeepers, farmers, businesses, and consumers and educating the public about the importance of honeybees.

The Connecticut Beekeepers Association knows that the best way to engage people in this important work is to keep it fun. They even brought live bees to a New Britain Bees baseball game to show kids how hives work.

I am proud to support the Connecticut Beekeepers Association's efforts for a healthy, sustainable honeybee population in the future. On this historic anniversary, I commend the Connecticut Beekeepers Association on 125 years of excellence in beekeeping and environmental stewardship.

TRIBUTE TO HILLIARD, OHIO POLICE  
OFFICER SEAN R. JOHNSON**HON. STEVE STIVERS**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Hilliard, Ohio Police Officer Sean R. Johnson who passed away last week in a tragic training accident.

Officer Johnson's dedication to public service was evident as he made the decision to join the Air Force after graduating high school in 1988. After serving in the military and earning the rank of Senior Airman, Officer Johnson was Honorably Discharged and soon brought on at the Fairfield County Sheriffs Department in 1995. At the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department, he graduated from the Police Academy and worked as a Special Deputy until 1997.

After working in court security and as a liquor control agent, Officer Johnson joined the Hilliard Division of Police in October 1999, and would stay with the department for the next 16 years. Throughout his time with the Hilliard Division of Police, he was distinguished as one of the most valuable members of the department, earning numerous Achievement Citations for his service above the normal call of duty in dangerous circumstances.

He was also active in the community as a Crisis Intervention Team Officer, where he was well known for calming and talking to people during difficult times in their lives. While serving, Officer Johnson earned an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement from Columbus State Community College. All of this, he did while also being a father to two children.

I'm extremely thankful for the service of Officer Sean Johnson and all first responders.

DESTINY MARTINEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

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

Destiny Martinez is a 12th grader at Stanley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Destiny Martinez is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment 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 Destiny Martinez 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.