

Beauty Salon will remain an economic and social asset to the city of Dearborn for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Creative Image Beauty Salon. We are grateful for the salon's positive impact on our community and wish it continued success in the years ahead.

DINAH JAHNS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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

Dinah Jahns is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dinah Jahns 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 Dinah Jahns 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.

HONORING GRETA JOHANSSON,
SBA DISTRICT DIRECTOR, NEW
HAMPSHIRE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greta Johansson for her service as the Director of the New Hampshire office of the United States Small Business Administration (SBA).

Greta retires after 38 years of dedicated service to our nation's small businesses. Throughout her career, she has distinguished herself as a true leader in small business development and finance in the Granite State. Greta started her career with the SBA's Disaster Assistance office providing critical support to businesses that experienced natural disasters. She subsequently went on to serve in a key role in the Connecticut District Office as Deputy District Director for more than 14 years. Since 2011, Greta has led the New Hampshire District Office of the SBA. In her current role she has led the office's delivery of SBA programs and services throughout New Hampshire, working with lenders, resources partners, and economic development entities to foster entrepreneurship and business growth. Greta has distinguished herself as true leader in the Granite State business community and the positive impact she made will be seen for many years to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I com-

mend Greta Johansson for her service in supporting the Granite State's small business and entrepreneurs. I look forward to our continued work together to support the small business community.

TRIBUTE TO TAMI KAGAN-
ABRAMS—28TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Tami Kagan-Abrams of the Hollywood Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles, California. Ms. Kagan-Abrams is a loving wife and mother, with a passion for volunteering and philanthropy, and has devoted her time to organizations and programs that benefit children and women.

Tami spent 10 years working in program management at Yahoo. She served on the board of directors for the Yahoo Employee Foundation, an employee-led and funded organization that grants funds to non-profit initiatives championed by the employee donors. Through the foundation, Tami successfully advocated for grants for JFS { Hope, one of only a few domestic violence shelters to house entire families and teenage boys, and The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, a non-profit organization that donates musical instruments to under-funded music programs and offers support services to school districts across the nation. Ms. Kagan-Abrams also spent 6 years with The Walt Disney Company, where she participated with the Disney VolunteERS program, mentoring Army veterans transitioning back into civilian life and bringing her team to volunteer for JFS { Sova, a Community Food and Resource Program which provides supportive services and free groceries to over 9,000 people.

A decade ago, Tami began volunteering with the Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles (JFS) Young Leader Group, and after leading the Young Leaders for an annual term, she joined the JFS board of directors. As a board member, she assists with fundraising, provides direction and support through different committees, and is currently serving as the Public Policy committee chair. In addition to her efforts with the JFS, Ms. Kagan-Abrams chairs the Discretionary Funds Task Force for Los Angeles City Council District 4 and serves on the volunteer steering committee as the Projects Director for Abundant Housing Los Angeles.

Ms. Kagan-Abrams received her bachelor's degree in Communication from the University of California, Los Angeles, followed by her Master's in Communication Management from the University of Southern California. Tami lives in the Hollywood Hills with her husband and daughter.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Tami Kagan-Abrams.

RECOGNIZING GHANAIAN
AMERICANS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Ghanaian Americans and their contributions.

The United States of America is home to hundreds of thousands of people of Ghanaian heritage—including those who were born on this soil, those whose family emigrated for economic opportunity, and those who recently traced their roots to ancestors taken from Ghana as part of the Transatlantic slave trade.

The U.S. and Ghana share a long history with Kwame Nkrumah studying in American universities and working alongside Civil Rights leaders before becoming President of the first sub-Saharan African country to gain independence from colonization on March 6, 1957.

Today, the relationship between the two countries has deepened with the Year of Return and Ghana being among the top five African countries with a fast-growing immigrant population in the U.S. Last year Speaker PELOSI led a Congressional delegation to Ghana, where she called the trip "transformative," recognizing the great strides the country has made since gaining independence.

However, today more than ever, Ghanaians living in the United States worry about immigration policies as well as accessing health and economic opportunities once promised by the American dream. In 2020, when everyone should be counted by the U.S. Census, many Ghanaians will surely be undercounted and underrepresented due to viral misinformation.

Ghanaian Americans are an essential fabric in the tapestry of America from the cab driver to the medical doctor. You will find them in all parts of the country from Chicago to New York to suburban Ohio and Massachusetts. The culture is hard to ignore with sumptuous food, the iconic Kente cloth, storytelling, inventions, architecture, and music.

This is important to remember as the United States continues to encourage democracy and bolster partnerships with Ghana in recognizing the 63rd anniversary of Ghana's independence, its thriving heritage, and the long-standing positive relationship between our two countries.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today, we rise to celebrate Women's History Month and reflect on the generations of American women and their many contributions that have brought us to this place in our history.

Every March, we honor the countless contributions that women have made to this nation. Fearless leaders like the late Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, Coretta Scott King, Dorothy Heights, Dolores Huerta, Patsy Mink and Wilma Mankiller paved the way for us. We

would not be where we are today without them.

March is also our time to reflect on the work that remains to achieve true equality. Last year, we saw women challenging the status quo everywhere from sports and politics to emerging STEM fields and corporate boards. In fact, I am proud to serve in this Congress that has 127 women—the most in U.S. history.

But too many women are still fighting to break down barriers.

The injustices that remain are many. Whether it is unequal pay or attacks on reproductive health, the persistent shadow of sexism and prejudice still undermines women in our society.

But I know that women are resilient.

And throughout it all, we are standing strong.

Today, I am reminded of the words of my mentor, Shirley Chisholm. She said, “If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.”

I hope women and girls everywhere will bring their folding chairs and stay at the table. Because this month is more than a celebration of our past—it’s a call for a better future tomorrow.

Happy Women’s History Month.

CJ KRAMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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

CJ Kramer 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 CJ Kramer 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 CJ Kramer 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.

TRIBUTE TO FLORDELINA ‘LENNI’ LARA—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women’s History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation’s women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Flordelina

“Lenni” Lara of the Atwater Village neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Flordelina “Lenni” Lara is a devoted wife to her husband, Yiu Lunglem, and mother of their two wonderful sons, Kyle and Lucas. Emphasizing education as a priority, Lenni has been a dedicated member of the Glenfelig Boulevard Elementary School community since her family arrived in the neighborhood six years ago. She has taken on a prominent leadership role at the school where she dedicates her time to ensure the school runs smoothly and is a warm and nurturing environment for students and parents alike. Lenni brings a positive attitude and strong work ethic to all that she does and serves as a role model for the students at the school.

A selfless advocate for children and education, Ms. Lara is responsible for supporting the development of several new programs at Glenfelig Boulevard Elementary School. She played a critical role in creating a technology program with a 5-year vision, and volunteers in classrooms with technology instruction. She has been a member of the school’s governance committee and has served as a Parent Teacher Association officer for three years. Lenni volunteers with the school’s cooking classes by assisting the professional chefs who teach parents and students healthy ways to cook and eat. She also dedicates her time to helping the school organize activities, fundraisers, and projects that benefit the entire student body.

In addition to her work with the school, Lenni is a highly respected and an admired member of her community. She assists other parents to find their voices within the school community and encourages them to get involved in school-related activities.

Glenfelig Boulevard Elementary School depends upon Ms. Lara to support the school in every way needed. Her contributions are consistent and impactful—each and every student benefits from her generous work.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California’s 28th Congressional District, Flordelina “Lenni” Lara.

HONORING RUBY ANN WHITTLE SMITH

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Ruby Ann Whittle Smith and celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Smith was born on March 15, 1920, to George and Dora Whittle in South Hill, Virginia. In 1923, the Whittle Family moved from Virginia to Baltimore, Maryland. After a short stay there, they moved to New Jersey where, in 1925, they settled into their home in Orange. Mrs. Smith attended the Orange Public Schools until her graduation from Orange High School in 1940.

After high school, Mrs. Smith furthered her education at the New York Institute of Dietetics. Once she graduated, she worked as an intern at Provident Hospital in Baltimore, MD. When she finished her internship, Mrs. Smith

returned to New Jersey and became a dietitian at the Community Hospital in Newark, NJ. Eventually, she left the hospital and began a career at the Western Electric Company, a subsidiary of AT&T, in Kearney, NJ, where she made telephones for distribution. She worked in the Western Electric office for 30 years before she retired in 1985.

She was supported throughout her life by her husband, Willie E. Smith, Sr. They were married for 37 years. In addition, she was an active member of New Hope Baptist Church in East Orange and served as a volunteer to Hospice, Inc. Many church members continue to visit Mrs. Smith to this day through the New Hope Visiting Ministry. She was a very active member of the East Orange Senior Citizens Exercise and Wellness Program. She enjoyed the program’s social events, participated in the exercise programs, transported those who needed a ride around town, and rode in Memorial Day parades.

Today, she spends her time with friends at the Orange Retirement Club in East Orange, where she enjoys the exercises, BINGO, lunch, outings and plenty of fun.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and recognize Ruby Ann Whittle Smith for bringing joy and love to the people of my district for 100 years.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ADVANCING THE QUALITY AND UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN AQUACULTURE (AQUAA) ACT

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter from Stronger America Through Seafood (SATS) reflecting their support for my recently introduced Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture (AQUAA) Act, H.R. 6191, which will enable the growth of sustainable U.S. marine aquaculture.

MARCH 11, 2020.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: We are contacting you regarding the Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture (AQUAA) Act, legislation sponsored by Reps. Collin Peterson (D-MN) and Steven Palazzo (R-MS) that will enable the growth of sustainable U.S. marine aquaculture.

Demand for healthful, affordable, and sustainable protein is increasing dramatically. Globally, aquaculture is one of the fastest growing forms of food production. According to the World Bank, by 2030, aquaculture’s share in global seafood production will expand to supply over 60% of fish for human consumption, whereas wild-capture seafood production will remain steady. Marine aquaculture requires no land, minimal fresh water and a relatively small amount of space to provide abundant, healthful seafood making it the most efficient means of animal protein production. Further, farmed seafood provides a source for local, traceable, affordable meal options that benefit public health.

The United States’ long coastline, expansive Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), skilled labor force, superior technology, ample feed sources, and growing seafood market put it at the top of the list of countries with aquaculture potential. In fact, a doubling of U.S.