

crimes, anti-Semitism, reproductive choice, and genetic discrimination, as well as support for Israel, Middle East peace, and Israeli security.

For the past century, Hadassah has been a critical voice for women and the Jewish community and has translated that voice into powerful action around the world. I congratulate Hadassah and its more than 300,000 Members, Associates and supporters on their successes of the past 100 years, and I look forward to continuing to work together to build communities and improve lives in the United States, Israel, and throughout the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday April 23, 2012, I missed the following vote: H.R. 2157—To facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall No. 178.

CHLOE GROSSETETE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chloe Grossetete for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Chloe Grossetete is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chloe Grossetete 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 Chloe Grossetete 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 her future accomplishments.

HONORING YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY MONTH 2012

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Youth Sports Safety Month and the work of the National Youth Sports Health & Safety Institute, NYSHSI. NYSHSI was formed in the fall of 2011 through a partnership between the American College of Sports Medicine and Sanford Health. I am pleased to serve as an honorary member of the Institute's

Leadership Board. NYSHSI is dedicated to leading and advocating for the advancement and dissemination of the latest research and evidence-based education, recommendations and policy to enhance the experience, development, health and safety of our youth in sports. The need for this commitment is underscored by a recent poll that shows 91 percent of Americans feel sports participation is important for children and adolescents, and 94 percent feel more needs to be done to ensure the health and safety of youth athletes. These concerns have been fueled by reports of widespread escalating prevalence of exertional heat illness, concussion, and overuse, as well as other consequences and hazards of sports unnecessarily harming the health of our youth. I look forward to all the great work that is planned over the next year and beyond, beginning with NYSHSI's initial focus on these four key areas of emphasis: Sports Trauma, Environment, Overload/Overuse, Chronic Disease & Disabilities.

As Founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, I believe the work of NYSHSI is extremely important to the youth of America participating in sport and as a complement to the mission and goals of the Caucus. During Youth Sports Safety Month and throughout the rest of the year, our young athletes urgently need leadership from NYSHSI, their peer organizations, and Members of Congress, so that youth sports in America can be fun, healthy and safe.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT JEFFREY J. RIECK

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful nation to celebrate the life of Ohio Army National Guard MSG Jeffrey J. Rieck—a true American hero who lost his life on April 4, 2012, while deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom. An Ohioan and fellow soldier from Columbus, Ohio, he recently joined the countless number of fearless warriors who have given the final measure of devotion in defense of our great nation.

Master Sergeant Rieck, 46, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and served a 25-year career with the military that began in May 1987. Among the medals awarded for his heroism are a Bronze Star and Purple Heart, which are just the beginning to the honors owed to him.

A dedicated and loving father, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend, Master Sergeant Rieck will be remembered as a true hero who dedicated every aspect of his life to his family, loved ones, and country—a man who served with true pride and grace. I feel absolutely privileged that I had the opportunity to serve with Master Sergeant Rieck in the Ohio Army National Guard.

George Orwell is known to have said, “We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm.” Master Sergeant Rieck highlighted this quote as one of his favorites, and no better quote could be referenced to describe the soldier we lost a few weeks ago.

As I pray for the family and friends of Master Sergeant Jeffrey Rieck, I ask that all Members of Congress join me in offering our eternal appreciation for his life and sacrifice. He went to the furthest and greatest extent in order to secure our freedom here at home, and that must never be forgotten.

CRYSTINA HOLENCY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Crystina Holency for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Crystina Holency is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Crystina Holency 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 Crystina Holency 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 her future accomplishments.

HONORING ANNETTE FENTIN, RECIPIENT OF THE BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING AWARD

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Annette Fentin, recipient of the Jewish Museum of Florida's Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award. Her tenacity, professionalism, and role as a business and philanthropic leader in Florida are truly an inspiration, and it is an honor to represent her in the United States Congress.

Annette Fentin is a pioneer. At a time when the very existence of her career seemed improbable, she not only entered the workforce but skyrocketed to the top of her field. As a young mother balancing numerous family obligations, Annette was inspired to get a real estate license, and after overcoming numerous hurdles was soon a top seller at a real estate firm.

In 1969, after being recognized as a respected member of the business community, Annette became the first woman member to be appointed to the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. She worked side by side with 99 men to help make Jacksonville a place where businesses could grow and thrive. Soon, Annette was appointed to their board of governors, was organizing business exchanges with countries around the world as head of the World Trade Committee in Jacksonville, and began her own firm where she employed 30 individuals. And the honor of being the first