

participant in a special enterprise with a long tradition. We have good reason to note and to celebrate all of their great efforts and achievements today.

TRUE BLUE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the men and women of law enforcement, who put their lives on the line every day for us. In this past year, seven of our heroes from the State of Washington have been lost in the line of duty. Officer Deputy Sheriff Stephen M. Gallagher Jr., Officer Timothy Q. Brenton, Officer Tina G. Griswold, Officer Ronald W. Owens II, Sgt. Mark J. Renninger, Officer Gregory J. Richards, Deputy Sheriff Walter K. Mundell Jr.

Madam Speaker, most of us get up every day and expect to come home to our families. Unfortunately, these men and women of law enforcement do not have such blessings. I ask that this poem in honor of these splendid men and women, and their magnificent families who in quiet courage, penned by Capitol Guide Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD. And in memory of all the fallen this year.

TRUE BLUE

True!
 True Blue
 All in their most Heroic Hues!
 All out there, On That Thin Blue Line . . . so True . . .
 All out there, on their own! All, so all alone . . . on death's edge, so very all alone!
 Living and dying, with only micro seconds to react . . . to find . . . to somehow so decide!
 All in that moment of truth, when who lives or dies . . . as so brilliantly in time, so lies the proof!
 With, but only their most courageous of all hearts to use! As so selflessly, they so do what they must do!
 Leaving home, as this might be that one last kiss. . . All in their hearts of love, as so as this . . .
 With families, who live from day to day . . . knowing that death, but before them lays!
 As they pray, as she or he walks out that door!
 As it may be but that one last time, together, as so for sure!
 All because they so stood, so stood!
 So stood for something! For something so much more . . .
 For What is True . . . for What Is TRUE BLUE!
 To SERVE and PROTECT, for all of us. . . This, and nothing less!
 As all of their fine lives, have ours so blessed!
 Ready to die for you and me! All in their most Heroic of Hues, we see!
 Is that but not what Heaven is for? One and all, The Kind of Quiet Heroes the Angels adore!
 As up in Heaven, their new beat for sure! All out there, On That Thin Blue Line . . .
 Could such courage, we all so find? Approaching death, as it's out there they so feel its cold dark breath!

To save precious life, all in time! Oh so very fine, are but all of these Heroes . . . who now so come to mind!
 It's for them, we now so pray! As they start each new night or day . . . all out there, On That Thin Blue Line!
 Families hugging and crying, still intact . . . all because heroes lay dying . . .
 As this day, death came so very close!
 As it's for us they all so died
 As their precious gifts, their lives so mean the most!
 All For What Is True!
 True Blue!

JENNIFER OLMSTED

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jennifer Olmsted who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jennifer Olmsted is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jennifer Olmsted 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 once again to Jennifer Olmsted for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, we celebrated Global Youth Service Day—an annual campaign which celebrates the millions of young people who improve their communities each day of the year through service and self-discovery.

Established in 1988, GYSD is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries.

As part of this effort, I have the pleasure in recognizing two young people who are making a difference in Nebraska communities.

Sydney Swanson, a senior at Alliance High School, organized the first “Coats for Kids” drive in Alliance. This year, she expanded it to three additional cities, collecting a total of 875 coats for children in need. Sydney also created a website with instructions for teens to start “Coats for Kids” drives in their own communities.

Jordyn Lechtenberg, a senior at Ainsworth High School, founded and directly recruited 20

other high school students for the Youth Community Development Force, a group interested in community and economic development. She also served as interim executive director of the North Central Development Center while the director was on maternity leave.

Young people like Sydney and Jordyn are essential assets and resources not only for their communities, but for our entire country. They have set a high benchmark, and I challenge every American to follow their example.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. BISHOP,
 GENERAL MANAGER OF THE
 CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT
 IN CALIFORNIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Walter J. Bishop on the occasion of his retirement after 18 years as the general manager of the Contra Costa Water District in California.

Wally Bishop has served as the general manager for the Contra Costa Water District, which supplies water to 550,000 people, during some very important and critical periods. Over this time, he has been a tireless—some might even say relentless—leader for the Contra Costa Water District, making significant contributions not only at the local and regional level but to statewide and national water policy as well.

He has worked throughout his tenure to improve our region's drinking water quality, to secure a sustainable water supply, and to restore and protect the Bay-Delta ecosystem. I am pleased to be able to say that I have worked with him on many of his successes, and as some of my colleagues know, he can be a formidable adversary as well.

Although nothing comes easily in California water, Mr. Bishop has succeeded in putting Contra Costa Water District at the forefront of responsible and sustainable water management in the State. Under his direction, the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Project was the first major reservoir to be permitted and constructed in California in more than a decade, and the water district's ongoing reservoir expansion project, intake relocation, and screening efforts will not only improve Contra Costa's water supply but provide important statewide economic and environmental benefits as well.

A registered civil engineer, Wally Bishop has been honored many times by his profession and by the larger water and engineering communities. In addition to the awards presented to Contra Costa Water District under his leadership, he has personally been honored with the American Society of Civil Engineer's Award for Achievement in Environmental Engineering/Government Service and the American Public Works Association's Charles Nichols Award for Leadership and Innovative Management.

He has also served with distinction in national leadership roles, including as the chair of the Water Research Foundation and on the