

world view, unmatched civility and integrity and was a great organizer. He was energetic, a great communicator and a loyalist. In short, Paul Coverdell was a statesman and someone whose example I try to follow to this day.

COMMEMORATING UNITED STATES
MARINE CORPORAL LARRY D.
HARRIS, JR.

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero: United States Marine Corporal Larry D. Harris, Jr. of Thornton, Colorado.

Corporal Harris, a Marine Corps veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, graduated in 2003 from Boulder High School where he played football and ran track. He loved being an infantry Marine on the front line.

Corporal Larry Harris displayed heroism and service to others—both overseas and at home. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for helping civilians severely injured in an automobile accident near Camp Pendleton.

On July 1, 2010, while on patrol in Helmand Province Afghanistan, another Marine was shot in the leg. Picking up his fellow wounded Marine to carry him to safety Corporal Harris tripped an explosive device, absorbing the blast. Though he died in the explosion, his efforts saved the life of the wounded Marine.

Corporal Harris is a shining example of United States Marine Corps service and sacrifice. As a Marine Corps veteran, my deepest sympathies go out to his family and to all who knew him.

THE 36TH YEAR OF ILLEGAL
TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, this week, once again, we commemorate the tragic 36th anniversary of the 1974 illegal Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Thirty-six years later, Turkey continues forcibly to occupy more than one-third of Cyprus with more than 43,000 troops. This amounts to almost one Turkish soldier for every two Turkish Cypriots. It is time for Turkey to withdraw its troops from Cyprus so that the island can move forward as one nation.

I am honored to represent Astoria, Queens—one of the largest and most vibrant communities of Greek and Cypriot Americans in this country. I truly enjoy participating in the life of this community and treasure the wonderful and vital Cypriot friends that I have come to know. Cyprus has long been a key partner for the United States, and our friendship rests on the bedrock of shared democratic values.

As co-chair and co-founder of the Congressional Hellenic Caucus, I have worked diligently with my colleagues in the Caucus out of our mutual concern for the continued division and occupation of Cyprus. We have 158 mem-

bers today, one of the largest caucuses in Congress.

Cyprus is playing a vital role in European affairs while also strengthening relations with the United States. It has joined with us on issues important to our own security, including the fight against terrorism and other international crimes. Ending the island's tragic division will pave the way to prosperity and peace throughout the entire region.

Last year, I was joined by Hellenic Caucus co-chair Representative GUS BILIRAKIS in urging our colleagues to sign a letter to President Obama thanking him for his vocal support of a unified Cyprus and urging the United States' continued support for a solution to the Cyprus problem that is by Cypriots, for Cypriots.

To date, Turkey has repeatedly ignored all U.N. Resolutions pertaining to Cyprus and has continued to occupy the island in complete violation of international law. Turkey has continued to do so despite the fact that it has been a member of the U.N. Security Council since January 2009. Turkey has also refused to abide by the Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in numerous cases, thereby continuing to violate the basic human rights of the Cypriot people. This is an outrage.

The current negotiations aim at reaching a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem based on a bizonal, bicommunal federation with political equality, as defined in the relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, with a single sovereignty, single citizenship and single international personality. The solution must reunite the island, its people, its institutions and its economy and safeguard the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots and the withdrawal of Turkish occupation forces from Cyprus.

The United States and the international community must continue to provide support to this process. The people of Cyprus deserve a unified and democratic country, and I remain hopeful that a peaceful settlement will be found so that the division of Cyprus will come to an end.

HONORING CAROL E. SCHATZ FOR
TWO DECADES OF SERVICE TO
THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIA-
TION OF LOS ANGELES

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Carol E. Schatz, on the occasion of her 20th anniversary with the Central City Association (CCA) of Los Angeles in the 34th Congressional District.

During her tenure with the association, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Carol in our joint efforts to revitalize Downtown Los Angeles.

Carol started her career with the CCA in 1990 as the Director of Legislative Affairs. Five years later, she became the association's President & CEO—the first woman in the association's history to hold this leadership position.

Established in 1924 as an advocacy organization for businesses, the CCA represents more than 450 member businesses and orga-

nizations, many of which are located or have business interests in the Downtown area. In 1997, Carol's vision led to the creation of the Downtown Center Business Improvement District (DCBID). As the DCBID's President & CEO, Carol's leadership has been instrumental in the district's growth to include more than 2,200 parcels and 1,200 property owners located in the 65-block Central Business District of Downtown Los Angeles. Today, this influential business district is among the largest of its kind in Los Angeles County.

Revenue generated from property tax assessments within the district pay for more than 140 employees to provide security, cleaning and other services in the area. The district also promotes business retention and recruitment, acts as a housing resource to potential residents and developers, and carries out a Downtown marketing program that includes special events, promotional offers, advertising campaigns and other public relations efforts. With a budget of more than \$6 million, the DCBID has made Downtown safe and clean and provided a catalyst to bring incredible new residential and commercial investment to Downtown Los Angeles.

Under Carol's dual leadership, the Downtown Center Business Improvement District working in conjunction with the Central City Association of Los Angeles operate under a shared mission—to enhance the quality of life in Downtown.

Under Carol's direction, CCA created the "Downtown Development Strategy" as an updated supplement to the 1985 Downtown Strategic Plan. The plan includes all aspects of a revitalized Downtown, from the creation of mixed-use/mixed-income projects to new transportation amenities. Carol was also instrumental in initiating the Figueroa Corridor Plan and the reauthorization of the Civic Center Authority, which led to the Civic Center Master Plan.

In one of her most significant achievements, Carol utilized the full force of the association's lobbying muscle to win a legislative victory key to the Downtown Los Angeles Renaissance. Passed in 1999 by the Los Angeles City Council, the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance championed by the association is widely credited for allowing developers to convert empty office buildings to housing. As a result of this property use conversion, Downtown today boasts more than 16,000 new residential units, a 141 percent increase since 1991. In addition, Downtown has experienced a dramatic population increase of residents from 19,000 in 1991 to 43,000 today.

Tapping into this expanded pool of customers, the number of Downtown businesses has also increased, from 11,725 in 1991 to 17,028 today, including 180 new restaurants, bars, and nightclubs that have made Downtown Los Angeles an entertainment and dining destination.

Carol embraces a vision of Downtown as a place where professionals live and work and families come to have fun. Her tenacious advocacy was instrumental in bringing the Staples Center to Downtown—the proud home of the Los Angeles Lakers, Clippers, Sparks, and Kings. Carol was also a strong proponent of the creation of LA Live, which has become one of the most vibrant centers for urban nightlife in the nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking Carol E. Schatz on

her 20 years of exceptional service to the Central City Association of Los Angeles. Through her tireless leadership and her skillful ability to work hand-in-hand with local, state, and federal officials, Carol has made a tremendous contribution on behalf of the Downtown business community, and I look forward to continuing to work with her to realize our shared dream for a thriving and prosperous Downtown for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH
ANNIVERSARY OF LOGAN CENTER

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 60th anniversary of Logan Center in South Bend, Indiana. Since 1950, Logan Center has been a leader in north central Indiana's community in supporting individuals with disabilities.

Americans with developmental or physical disabilities and their families face particularly daunting challenges to maintain health, independence, and quality of life. For the past 60 years, Logan Center has helped these individuals and their families achieve full, successful lives. They provide services such as vocational training and community outings for adults and speech, physical, and occupational therapy for children. The Center also runs Best Buddies, which pairs individuals with disabilities with students from local colleges, forming bonds between individuals across the community.

Additionally, this August, Logan Center will host their 7th annual Logan's Run, a local race and fun walk to raise awareness and benefit those with developmental disabilities.

Logan Center is a well respected organization with the proven ability to improve and change lives, and I am proud of their continued support of our local community for the past 60 years, with many more to come in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 PACIFIC
REGION YOUTH OF THE YEAR
RECIPIENT, ROMONIA DIXON

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Romonia Dixon of Tempe, the recipient of the 2010 Pacific Youth of the Year Award. This national award, granted by the Boys and Girls Club of America, recognizes Mona's academic excellence and outstanding contributions to her school and community despite personal challenges and obstacles.

For much of her life, Romonia has been moving with her family to different cities and homeless shelters—often times getting separated from her family to ensure each person had a safe haven for the night. Romonia reached out to the Boys and Girls Club-Ladmo Branch five years ago for stability and support and has since become a beacon of inspiration and motivation for younger members.

This remarkable young woman has taken every opportunity to teach the importance of being a conscientious, caring and productive member of society. Romonia participates in the Keystone Club, a leadership and service group for teens, takes part in "Read to Me" volunteer program for kids at a shelter where she once lived, and organizes canned food drives.

Romonias excellence is further reflected in her commitment to her education at Tempe High School. Being a former graduate and teacher at Tempe High School, I am immensely proud of Romonia's achievements—graduating third in her class with a 3.92 grade point average. Romonia's merits extend beyond the classroom where she served as the varsity basketball team's captain, and belonged to a number of school organizations.

Being named Pacific Region Youth of the Year will grant Romonia \$24,000 in college scholarships from founding sponsor Reader's Digest Foundation. This will be in addition to the \$30,000 in scholarships that Romonia has earned by being named Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley's Youth of the Year. Romonia will spread her talent further as she enrolls at my alma mater, Arizona State University, where she will be a member of the professional program at the W.P. Carey School of Business and the Barrett Honors College.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Romonia Dixon for her inspiring efforts, talents, and service to our community through the Boys and Girls Club.

THE OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 2693, the Oil Pollution Research and Development Program Reauthorization Act of 2010.

The Deepwater Horizon tragedy has shown that the U.S. preparedness for offshore exploration, in relation to technologies to prevent and respond to oil spills, is severely lacking.

Unfortunately, I know first hand how little these technologies have improved in the past 41 years, since the 1969 oil spill off of my coast in Santa Barbara.

The tragic loss of 11 lives in the explosion on the BP Deepwater Horizon and the resulting environmental damage, underscores the need to focus more research on accident prevention and environmental safety.

H.R. 2693 will make oil and gas drilling safer.

This bipartisan legislation provides for robust oversight and accountability of the inter-agency research and development program established in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

H.R. 2693 sets up a more efficient federal management structure by establishing a multi-agency committee to coordinate research and ensure the ongoing development of new technologies and methods to prevent, recover and respond to future oil spills.

We have a responsibility to ensure that the relevant federal agencies are equipped with

the financial resources needed to effectively respond to future oil spills.

H.R. 2693 increases the funding for a regional research, development and demonstration program. I support the increase in funding for this program as well as the measure in the bill to authorize \$2 million a year for the next 4 years for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, to conduct oil-spill demonstration projects.

As long as we extract and transport oil along our coasts, there will be the risk of oil spills, and the potential for damage to our coastal ecosystems and economies.

That is why I support H.R. 2693. It allows for better interagency coordination and a more robust strategy for responding to and reducing the environmental and economic impacts of future oil spills.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on H.R. 2693.

ZHENZI QIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zhenzi Qin who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Zhenzi Qin 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 Zhenzi Qin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels that 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 Zhenzi Qin 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.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH M. FARLEY,
FORMER PRESIDENT OF
ALABAMA POWER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer tribute to a remarkable businessman and leader in Alabama, Mr. Joseph M. Farley, who passed away on May 24 at the age of 82.

Joe Farley guided Alabama Power Company for 2 decades, serving as president from 1969 to 1989.

He is credited with—and admired for—his steady and wise leadership, successfully guiding Alabama Power during some very difficult times for the energy industry in America.

From the beginning, it appeared as though Joe Farley was both educated and trained for the task of running a major energy company. He held a mechanical engineering degree from Princeton University, attended the University of Alabama's College of Commerce