

DOMINIQUE BURKEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Dominique Burkey 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 Dominique Burkey 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. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, DC, on March 18–19, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall vote Nos. 77 and 78, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds; “no” on rollcall vote Nos. 79 and 80, ordering the previous question and the rule providing for consideration of the House Budget Resolution; and “no” on rollcall vote No. 82 relating to committee expenses for the 113th Congress.

CONGRATULATING MR. PATRICK LOGAN, RECIPIENT OF THE WALT DISNEY LEGACY AWARD

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate Mr. Patrick Logan on earning the Walt Disney Legacy Award. The Walt Disney Legacy Award is the most prestigious award given to Cast, Crew and Imagineers who exemplify all three of the Walt Disney Company values of Dream, Create and Inspire.

The Walt Disney Legacy Award is a global program that is generally limited to less than the top 1 percent of eligible Cast Members. To ensure that only the most deserving are awarded this prominent honor, Cast Members only become eligible for this program by a process of peer nomination and vetting through multiple nomination review committees.

To receive this award, Mr. Logan has demonstrated the character qualities of dreaming, creating and inspiring through his actions in

support of the Walt Disney Company’s business objectives and goals. His unselfish commitment of his time and active focus on improving the Disney experience for millions of guests is to be commended. Mr. Logan constantly goes above and beyond to make certain each guest, many of whom are children, receive an experience from the Walt Disney Company that is a magical celebration and memory.

His accomplishments do not end with the Walt Disney Legacy Award. He has also been the lead point of contact in Walt Disney Company events and community service outreach in the State of Florida and various states around the country.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and applaud Mr. Patrick Logan for his hard work, dedication and leadership. He is most deserving of the Walt Disney Legacy Award. May his character and passion inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

EDITE MALOKU

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Edite Maloku 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 Edite Maloku 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.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SOUND SCIENCE ACT OF 2013

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss my bill, the Sound Science Act of 2013, which directs the Office of Science and Technology Policies (OSTP) to require each agency to develop guidelines to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of scientific information used by federal agencies.

My legislation requires appropriate peer review, the disclosure of scientific studies used in making decisions, and an opportunity for stakeholder input. It also requires federal agencies to give greatest weight to information based on reproducible data that is developed in accordance with the scientific method. Further, it deems agency actions that do not fol-

low such procedures to be arbitrary and subject to challenge by affected stakeholders.

Mr. Speaker, many of the regulations developed by the federal agencies are well intentioned, yet recently there have been reports that federal agencies, such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), may be moving well beyond hard-science in the rule making process, which would have significant negative impacts on a wide range of industries. For example, some outside interest groups are pressuring the FDA to take action against antimicrobial soaps, asserting that antimicrobial soaps are no more effective than common soap, even though antimicrobial soap has been mandated in hospitals and doctors’ offices for decades. Additionally, chicken and pork farmers are concerned that the FDA’s decision to review long-standing industry practices in the area of antibiotics without a sound scientific basis will adversely affect animal welfare and will have a negative impact on food safety.

Simply put, the rules and regulations promulgated by federal agencies affect both businesses and the consumer. Bottom line, the U.S. economy is in a fragile state, any hurdle, fee, or foreign advantage, will cost the U.S. economy valuable jobs. Higher costs to comply with regulations undermine businesses ability to compete globally, while causing consumers to pay more for products.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the Sound Science Act of 2013 in order to ensure the scientific integrity of federal agencies.

COMMEMORATING THE 192ND ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today we mark the 192nd anniversary of Greece declaring its independence from the Ottoman Empire. After eight years, Greece was free again for the first time in nearly five centuries. As a former colonial people, we Americans instinctively have a sense of affinity for other peoples seeking to throw off the shackles of foreign rule. In the case of Greece, that feeling is particularly powerful because our very conceptions of democracy, self-government and citizen participation in the life of the nation come directly from ancient Greece.

Today, the people of Greece are struggling with new and serious challenges, especially deep-seated economic problems that have not only rocked the economic foundations of the nation but have put Greek democracy itself at risk. The rise of the “Golden Dawn” movement is a reminder that anti-democratic forces in a society can emerge with frightening speed. I am encouraged that the overwhelming majority of Greeks have rejected the fascist and racist ideology of “Golden Dawn”, and America should continue to do all it can to help our Greek ally achieve a full and enduring economic recovery. The bonds of friendship between America and Greece are strong in no small part because of our common commitment to a core value of Western civilization: democracy. On this 192nd anniversary of the rebirth of Greek democracy, I wish

the people of Greece and all Greek-Americans a happy independence day.

CONGRATULATING THE INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY WILDCATS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Indiana Wesleyan University Women's Basketball team for winning the NAIA Division II National Women's Basketball Championship. The IWU Wildcats from Marion, Indiana defeated the Davenport University Panthers, winning their second national title in seven years.

The Wildcats played in the spotlight of the NAIA throughout this phenomenal season, which ended with a winning record of 35-3. Since the 1999-2000 season, Coach Steve Brooks has demonstrated outstanding leadership while serving as the head basketball coach. Last year, his leadership both on and off the court was publicly recognized when he was selected as the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year, and this year he was honored as the NAIA Phyllis Holmes Coach of the Year, an honor he also received in 2007. As the daughter of a high school football coach, I understand the time commitment and personal sacrifices required to lead young athletes to victory, and applaud Coach Brooks' leadership.

In recognition of their achievements, one of the Wildcats was named to the NAIA All-American First Team, while another teammate was chosen as a NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. This outstanding accomplishment is a reflection of the quality and character of IWU's players as well as their exceptional athletic talent. The coaches and players of the IWU team exemplify the highest virtues of the community: teamwork, loyalty, sportsmanship, and dedication.

Once again, congratulations Wildcats, we are very proud of you. We look forward to cheering you on through another great season next year.

EDWIN SAENZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Edwin Saenz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Edwin Saenz is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Edwin Saenz 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 Edwin Saenz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15, 2013, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: "no" on rollcall vote No. 70 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 113); "no" on rollcall vote No. 71 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 113); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 72 (on approving the journal); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 73 (on agreeing to the Tierney substitute amendment to H.R. 803); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 74 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 803 with instructions); and "no" on rollcall vote No. 75 (on passage of H.R. 803).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, the Majority Whip Office asked Representative MICHELE BACHMANN to work on a project during the RSC budget vote. We assured her that we would inform her prior to our closing the vote. We did not, and for that we take responsibility and apologize both to her and her constituents.

Representative BACHMANN would have voted in the affirmative for the Republican Study Committee substitute to H. Con. Res. 25.

CONGRATULATING MEDSTAR ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IN LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND, AS A TOP-100 HOSPITAL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Maryland, for being named one of the Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics.

This honor comes as St. Mary's concludes celebrations marking its centennial year, having been established in 1912 to provide quality medical care to families in rural St. Mary's County. Over the years, as the County's communities have grown, so too have its medical needs, and St. Mary's Hospital has become a full-service hospital with ninety-five beds and state-of-the-art facilities.

St. Mary's Hospital provides surrounding communities with inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services with a reputation for com-

passionate care and excellence in performance. It's no wonder to those of us familiar with St. Mary's Hospital that it has achieved the distinction this year as one of the hundred best hospitals in America.

Last August, St. Mary's Hospital received an \$84,335 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program. This grant is supporting the development of a Community Health Center Planning Network to meet the needs of underserved areas in rural St. Mary's County. Improving access to affordable care for those living in Maryland's Fifth District remains one of my highest priorities. I was proud to have helped St. Mary's Hospital secure the grant, and I look forward to continuing to work with its administrators and staff to ensure it has the resources it needs to fulfill its mission of providing quality care in our communities.

I join in thanking all the doctors, nurses, administrators, support staff, and emergency responders who have made St. Mary's Hospital the success it is today. After a century of service to Southern Maryland, St. Mary's is surely headed for many more years of excellence.

IN HONOR OF HOWARD CORO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Howard Coro. Howard joined the North Thompsonville Fire Department on August 30, 1972. Rising through the ranks to Lieutenant and then to Captain in 1994, Howard retired from his post in July of 2012 after forty years of service to the people of Enfield, Connecticut.

Early in his career Howard distinguished himself from his peers and earned the North Thompsonville Firefighter of the Year Award in 1975. He went on to assist in the training of hundreds of new firefighters across the region and was involved with a variety of local committees within the fire department. Howard was instrumental in overseeing the renovation and addition to the current North Thompsonville fire station.

Throughout his decades of service, Howard responded to countless emergency calls. Whether he was responding to a fire, a hazmat incident, or an automobile accident, Howard was someone Enfield residents could count on to help during their most urgent times of need. This compassion and dedication to the people of Enfield truly set him apart.

We owe great deal of gratitude to the first responders who risk their lives every day to protect their communities. I ask my colleagues to join with me in applauding Howard Coro's courage and service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.