

survivors and victims of the flood. It is a profound honor to represent them in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, as a tribute to the victims of this devastating event, I ask that my colleagues observe one minute of respectful silence.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GAGLIANO'S
ITALIAN MARKET

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize a local business that

truly symbolizes the "American Dream." Tony and Josephine Gagliano own and operate Gagliano's Italian Market, a Pueblo, Colorado fixture for the last 80 years. As the store has evolved over time, it continues to provide a distinct taste of home to numerous Puebloans. For this reason, I would like to pay tribute to the unique service that the Gagliano family has provided to the Pueblo Community.

Joe and Carmela Gagliano, the market's founders, were washed out of their home in Pueblo's flood of 1921. They recovered from that flood and embarked on a venture in the grocery business. Joe and Carmela's market originally catered to the basic needs of the growing Italian-American community in Pueblo. Today, Gagliano's Italian Market sells products that range from Italian foods to Italian

cookware, dishes, pasta makers, and novelty items. Josephine, Joe and Carmela's daughter, does most of the baking with help from her grown children and their families. The Gaglianos are proud to serve the Pueblo community and are enthusiastic about continuing this family tradition.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Gagliano's story before this body of Congress and this nation. The Gaglianos provide a unique service to the community by honoring their family's culture and tradition. Their strength of spirit and dedication to the "American Dream" are the characteristics that have made this nation great. I congratulate them on their successes and wish them all the best with their future endeavors.