

heart of our democracy and the most basic of rights in our representative government. Unfortunately, several states across the nation have enacted laws that would impede the ability of millions of Americans across our country from exercising this right. Throughout the nation, including in my home district of Guam, many voters have lost faith in the integrity of the electoral process or become complacent that their vote is irrelevant.

In Guam, voter turnout has decreased significantly over the last several years and allegations of election misconduct have become common during every election cycle. Many of my constituents have been disenfranchised much in the same way as in some states trying to lower voter turnout. I have raised this issue with the Department of Justice, and I hope they will focus on this issue in every state and territory where efforts to disenfranchise voters are being made.

The free exercise of the right to vote is the cornerstone of American democracy, and it ensures that government is accountable to and representative of the people.

IN MEMORY OF DANIEL
FRIEDLANDER

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness and privilege that I honor one of my constituents, Mr. Daniel Friedlander, who died on Monday, July 9, 2012. Dan was born on February 3, 1945, in Chicago. He received a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Chicago and spent the last years of his life as Principal at CleanTech Solutions in Boulder, Colorado.

Known for his environmental activism and art, Dan was an incredible resource for the Boulder community. He spent his life focused on building start-up businesses that moved information technology into the 21st century. Using his expertise, he later shifted his focus on our growing environmental crises and sought to marry his long history of activism with his professional life with his position as Principal at CleanTech Solutions. He engaged his community by creating the Shanahan Neighbors for Climate Action, a neighborhood group intent on becoming more aware of how lifestyle changes can make a significant and positive impact on the environment and each other.

Beyond his successful career and activism, Dan was also a gifted artist. He worked with clay tiles to create extremely unique pieces that he described as the unity of his conscious and unconscious.

Dan was a dedicated father, husband and friend. I am privileged to have known his family including his wife, Diane Rosenthal, and his two sons, Michael Friedlander and David Friedlander. It has been an honor to consider Dan my friend and I know that he will be missed by the countless people who considered him a friend.

HONORING THE KIDS JUST WANT
TO RIDE ACT

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the upcoming one-year anniversary of the Kids Just Want to Ride Act being signed into law. This bill, which I authored to end enforcement of an overreaching prohibition of lead in youth-sized ATVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles, was added to a larger piece of legislation that was signed into law on August 12, 2011.

When Congress passed a law banning lead from children's toys, no one thought that those enforcing the law would expand the definition of "toy" to include youth-size ATVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles. But over the strong protests of riders and their advocates, Washington bureaucrats forced youth-sized ATVs and motorcycles to be pulled off showroom floors. All this did was force our kids to ride more dangerous adult-sized vehicles, putting them at extreme risk.

This just didn't make sense. I authored the Kids Just Want to Ride Act so that this issue would be solved legislatively once and for all, but I didn't do it on my own. An amazing community of youth riders, their parents, and those who love youth racing and recreational activities backed me up with letters, phone calls, and visits to Washington, DC, to rally for the bill. I was honored to be included in the riding community and continue to be impressed by their love for sport and for their fellow riders.

Mr. Speaker, I am again honored to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Kids Just Want to Ride Act, and thank you for the opportunity to celebrate the amazing American riding community that rallied behind it.

TRIBUTE TO DR. PATRICIA GABOW

HON. DIANA DEGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the tireless work and exceptional accomplishments of Dr. Patricia Gabow, Chief Executive Officer of Denver Health and Hospital Authority. After a remarkable 20 year career at the helm of Denver Health, Dr. Gabow is retiring and leaving behind national models for institutions and aspiring leaders in the field.

Dr. Gabow's commitment to Colorado's health care safety net has been recognized in many areas. She has been elected to the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame for her generosity in mentoring others, her innovation in going outside health care in search of new management ideas, and her commitment to best practices. In addition, Dr. Gabow is the recipient of numerous awards including the American Medical Association's Nathan Davis Award, the Florence Rena Sabin Award, and the 2008 National Healthcare Leadership Award. She has been named as one of the top 25 women in health care, one of the top 50 physician executives, and one of the 100 most powerful people in American health care. Of note, Dr. Gabow was one of only four

women named to this list in 2006, and I want to acknowledge my pride in the path she creates for future generations to find their own way in the business of quality health care delivery.

Knowing Dr. Gabow was hard at work in Denver was a comfort and a source of pride as I worked in Congress to improve the health and potential of people in my home state of Colorado. Like many Members of Congress, I have often turned to Dr. Gabow for her expertise in health care policy. For example, during the process of crafting the Affordable Care Act, Dr. Gabow testified before the Energy and Commerce Committee on the role of safety net providers in providing coordinated care, Medicaid's vital function in health reform, and the importance of protecting Medicaid and Medicare funding that helps hospitals treat the uninsured and underinsured. Her influence helped to expand the Medicaid program under health reform, which will help millions of children and their families across the nation. We share so many priorities and it is with a deep appreciation of and affection for Dr. Gabow that I recognize her invaluable service to our community and country.

Dr. Gabow has proved that a researcher can run a hospital and run it well. In an era when many hospitals are operating in the red, Dr. Gabow has taken a hospital that, even while treating thousands of uninsured patients, maintains a viable, successful business model. Dr. Gabow has led this success by looking to other industries, like the auto industry, and translating their business efficiencies into the health care sector by developing integrated care models. Hospital administrators, doctors, and researchers have looked to and will continue to turn to Dr. Gabow for ways to reimagine health care in America.

I do not know what is next for Patty Gabow. But I do know that whatever she does, we will be inspired, impressed, and indebted to her for all she will continue to do to strengthen the rights and the outcomes for those among us who are sick and in need of quality health care. Thank you, Patty, for your friendship and work on behalf of the people of the First District of Colorado.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACKIE
SCHMID

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, Monday July 23 started like any other day in our congressional offices. But shortly after noontime, the unthinkable happened. Our office was called by our dear friend Sandi Schmid. During that call, Sandi told our District Director Megan Corbett Rizzuto that her daughter, our longtime Executive Assistant and Office Manager Jackie Schmid, had suddenly passed away.

To suggest that we were blown away is a severe understatement. There's little that can be said at a time like this, when someone so young is taken suddenly from our midst. Jackie was universally loved among civic, government and political leaders throughout our community. Acting as the hub of our Buffalo office, Jackie was at the center of all of the action, and played a role in virtually everything our office would do for the constituents I was elected to serve.