There is nothing as noble as the character of a man who so willingly dedicates his life for others. The American warriors serving our military, and their families, understand that better than anybody. They embody what it means to be an American.

William McMillan gave his life on June 8, 2008 in Baghdad when his patrol was struck by an improvised explosive device. CPL McMillan is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his parents, Marge and Lloyd McMillan; his brother Brad, sister Laura Buchanan and husband Rob, niece Paige, and nephew Chance.

William grew up in Lexington, Kentucky, and was always going to be a military man like his father, who graduated from West Point and served in Vietnam. He was a star athlete at Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia, where he was captain of the football, wrestling, and lacrosse teams. He attended Virginia Military Institute for one year before enlisting in the Army. William was serving his first tour of duty in Iraq, and his awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Combat Action Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Weapons Qualifications Badge of Expert.

We grieve the loss of this American warrior, but we celebrate and honor his life and his service. William stood for the best of the American ideals and values exemplified in our fighting infantrymen. He served this Nation as the fine soldier he always wanted to be. He fought for liberty for a people he did not know in a land where he had never been.

As a U.S. Congressman, I am forever grateful for William McMillan's service to our country and am both humbled and honored by the sacrifice he made for the price of our freedom. Because of his bravery and that of his fellow men and women in uniform, our American freedoms are protected for future generations. Truly, he is a hero to us all.

LOGAN BANNER 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of a local newspaper in the heart of the coalfields of southern West Virginia. This year, the Logan Banner celebrates 125 years of excellence in journalism and service to the greater Logan County area and beyond.

For a century and a quarter, the Logan Banner has made banner headlines out of local and regional news stories that inform its readers on matters most important to them, what is happening in their own backyards.

In a world awash in news and information services, there is still no substitute for homegrown news coverage on the important events and happenings that only a local community paper can provide. From the city crime report to the latest little league scores, the Banner is the face of the community.

Through thick and thin, the Banner has operated as a reliable news source for Southern West Virginia's coal counties, and today, through subscription and on-line edition, the newspaper knows no geographic bounds around the globe.

Our Founders were quick to add in the first amendment to our Constitution, declaring Congress shall make no law to abridge the freedom of the press. Our Republic has been buoyed over the centuries by dedicated journalists doing a yeoman's task of reporting the news of the day regardless of whose ox is being gored. As a recent Banner editorial proclaimed, within its pages, the reader gets the good, the bad, and the ugly of insightful news impacting their lives.

Every member of the Logan Banner's team can take due pride in knowing that with every edition of the Banner they publish, they strengthen the bulwark of our Republic, a more informed citizen. Mr. Speaker, fellow colleagues, in recognition of its lasting contribution to our Nation, please join me in wishing Godspeed to the Logan Banner in its next 125 years of publishing.

JENNICA TROVER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jennica Trover for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jennica Trover is a 10th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jennica Trover 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 Jennica Trover 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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MEMBER OF CONGRESS PAY SEQUESTRATION AND FAIRNESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Member of Congress Pay Sequestration and Fairness Act, which would subject the pay of Members of the House and Senate to any future sequestration, or automatic, across-the-board spending cuts. While Members of Congress may differ on the merits of sequestration, once the cuts are a matter of law, Members should abide by the laws we impose on the American people. The most serious effects of these arbitrary, across-the-board cuts are being felt by the American people. For example, during the remainder of this fiscal year, as a result of sequestration cuts to Medicare, many cancer clinic patients will have to go to hospitals for outpatient chemotherapy at sharply higher costs, or face reduced access to treatment. More than a million federal employees may be furloughed, which will result in reduced pay. It is simply unfair for well-paid Members of Congress to subject federal employees, who not only usually earn considerably less but are now also in their third year of frozen wages, to pay cuts that Members are unwilling to take themselves.

Under the 1985 law that established the sequestration process, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (also known as the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act), Congress expressly exempted certain federal programs, activities, and projects, including the President's pay, from sequestration. The pay of Members of Congress is not expressly exempt. Nevertheless, the Office of Management and Budget has interpreted the law to exempt the pay of Members. I would hope that today's Congress would revise the law. My bill would subject Member pay to any future sequestration implemented under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, including the Budget Control Act of 2011 and the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. In order to comply with the 27th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits changes to Member pay until an intervening election, this bill would take effect next Congress.

I ask my colleagues to follow the example we set for ourselves when, in passing the Congressional Accountability Act, we pledged that the laws that apply to the American people would also apply to Members of Congress.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF OLIVE ''OLLIE'' MAYER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman. Ollie Mayer died at the age of 94, in Woodside, California, after a lifetime of firsts, mosts, and bests. She was a force of nature, a force for nature, and a force for all things good and just. She was ahead of her time in everything she did, and the list of challenges she dared to face is long and daunting. Our beloved San Francisco Peninsula has been the beneficiary of so much of her brilliance and activism, and our world is a better place because she graced it.

Olive Hendricks was born on the East Coast and studied engineering at Swarthmore College. She and her husband, Dr. Henry Mayer, met while hiking the Rocky Mountains. They moved to Woodside, California, where Ollie started a machine shop, then a science education company, and then began devoting all her energies to environmental causes in the early 1970s. She was an activist for free speech during the McCarthy era and provided support for victims of blacklisting. She was an organizer of cultural exchanges between U.S. and Soviet women in the early 1960s. She was an early opponent of the Vietnam war and an early civil rights activist. She fearlessly took on unpopular causes, often alone. What an extraordinary example she set for generations to come.

Ollie's husband, Dr. Mayer, preceded her in death. She was the loving mother of Judy and Robert, and the devoted grandmother of four. She leaves behind countless friends, and I feel privileged to count myself among that group. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to her family and her friends who mourn the passing of this great and good woman who did so much to strengthen our democracy and protect our environment, and lived a life that stands as an eloquent statement for the ages.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SIMON WIESENTHAL HOLOCAUST EDUCATION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Week, I am pleased to reintroduce the bipartisan Simon Wiesenthal Holocaust Education Act, along with Representatives RANGEL, WAXMAN, PIERLUISI, and GRIMM.

Named for the honored Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal, who spent his life working for justice for those murdered by the Nazis and to hunt down those who perpetrated such atrocities, this legislation would provide federal grants to educational organizations to teach students about the Holocaust. Through grants from the Department of Education, Holocaust organization programs would be able to apply for funds to improve the awareness and understanding of the Holocaust through classes, seminars, conferences, educational materials, and teacher training.

We must ensure that we learn from the legacy of previous generations of Holocaust survivors. Over 11 million people, including 6 million European Jews as well as gypsies, the disabled and mentally ill, homosexuals, and others, were systematically and brutally murdered in the Holocaust as the Nazis swept across Europe, destroying entire villages and communities.

More than half a century later, persecution and murder on the basis of religion, ethnicity, and sexuality continue across the globe. We need programs in our schools that allow students to learn about the consequences of intolerance and hate, so that we can truly say, ''never again.''

The Simon Wiesenthal Holocaust Education Assistance Act is a positive step toward that end. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

JAZMIN MONTOYA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jazmin Montoya for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jazmin Montoya 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 Jazmin Montoya 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 Jazmin Montoya 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.

SRIRAM HATHWAR CLINCHES SPOT FOR HIS FOURTH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SCRIPPS SPELLING BEE IN WASHINGTON, DC

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sriram Hathwar who, this May, will compete in the National Scripps Spelling Bee for the fourth time in his scholastic career. During his first attendance in 2008, Hathwar notably became the youngest speller in the history of the event but was eliminated in the preliminaries. He performed increasingly better in 2009 and 2011, finishing sixth in 2011.

Sriram, a 12-year-old from Painted Post, New York, attends Corning's Alternative School for Math and Science. This year marks his sixth time contending in the Regional Spelling Bee, but it came with a new challenge: his younger brother. Out of 40 contestants, Sriram came head to head with his 10-year-old brother, Jairam Hathwar, in the final round. The last two standing flawlessly spelled out words such as ''liquesce'' and ''flexuosity'' for three rounds, until Jairam stumbled on ''jicama.'' Sriram then clinched the regional title with the word ''mobiliary.''

The National Scripps Spelling Bee, run on a not-for-profit basis by the E.W. Scripps Company and local spelling bee sponsors across the country, is the longest-running and largest educational promotion in the United States.

Sriram will compete live on ESPN in the 88th National Scripps Spelling Bee from May 28th–30th in our nation's capital. I wish him the best of luck in May.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESTON WEST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Preston West Republican Women. This group organized in 1953 and has continued its mission to represent and strengthen the voice of women in northern-most developmental areas of Dallas.

This organization's leadership has provided their community and their neighbors with the opportunity to meet and know their representatives in local, state and the federal government. These exceptional women have worked diligently to recruit citizens and involve them in the political process, and promote the understanding of the conservative philosophy.

It is encouraging to see these leaders from Texas's Twenty-Fourth District do such great things. I continue to applaud them for their accomplishments over the last 60 years in raising awareness of their values, promoting the voice of women in North Dallas and being a guard for conservative beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor the members of the Preston West Republican Women for their 60 years of achievement and unwavering resolution in building this organization for the conservative women of North Dallas. I join their family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating them and wishing them continued growth and success.

IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in observance of the six million Jewish victims and millions of other victims who perished during the Shoah on Holocaust Remembrance Day.

As we commit ourselves to the memories of those lost, we must also remember the heroes and survivors of the Holocaust, whose strength and perseverance continue to inspire us to this day.

Our nation and the international community must never forget what took place throughout Europe during the Second World War at the hands of the murderous Nazis. Nor can we forget the government-sponsored discrimination, repression, and persecution that took place before the beginning of the war.

Throughout our country, Americans can observe the Holocaust at local community events, military bases, workplaces, schools, churches, synagogues, and museums. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, has designated ''Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs'' as the theme for the 2013 observance.

In my hometown of Houston, Texas, the Holocaust Museum Houston is observing Holocaust Remembrance Day with testimonials from survivors and for concerned Houstonians to share their views about genocide and see what can be done to end genocide in the present day.

In Israel, Yom Hashoah is remembered annually with a two minute siren where the country comes to a standstill to pay tribute to the dead. Flags are flown at half mast and ceremonies and services are locally held throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by asking our fellow citizens to take a moment this week to remember the memories of those who did not survive the Holocaust and to reflect on what we can do, as Americans, to prevent such a tragedy from happening again.