

adults to transition smoother into adult life in the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating El Primer Paso Ltd., its trustees, administrators and supporters as it celebrates its 45th Anniversary.

HONORING THE NEW HAVEN DIAPER BANK ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many friends, supporters, and community leaders who have gathered this evening to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the New Haven Diaper Bank. This is a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization—a decade of “change from the bottom up!”

A social worker by training, Joanne Goldblum spent much of her career working with impoverished families. It was during this time that she began to notice that many of the families she was working with simply went without basic toiletries like diapers and toilet paper. When one of her clients told her that these things were not covered by food stamps or any other assistance program, Joanne decided to take action. The New Haven Diaper Bank, an organization dedicated to ensuring that every child in the United States has an adequate supply of diapers to remain clean, dry and healthy, was founded in 2004 with Joanne holding the first diaper distribution in her home. That year, the New Haven Diaper Bank provided nearly 5,000 to five flagship agencies and in just ten short years, the organization has grown tremendously, distributing 17,000,000 free diapers to families in need throughout the country through their nationally recognized Diaper Distribution Network.

True to Joanne’s vision, the organization’s mission is to raise awareness of diaper need and to build the capacity of diaper banks throughout the country by creating a national network of community partners. With 5.8 million babies in the United States three years or younger living in poor or low-income families, disposable diapers costing up to \$100 per month per baby, and most childcare centers, even free and subsidized facilities requiring parents to provide a day’s supply of disposable diapers, the need is staggering.

Today, while Joanne is leading the National Diaper Bank Network, the New Haven Diaper Bank is currently led by another exceptional woman, Janet Alfano. Joanne and Janet have been relentless fighters for children in our state, and the good work they do could not be more important. I cannot thank them enough for helping to ease the burdens on low-income families, and giving every child an opportunity to thrive.

I am so proud to stand today to extend my very best wishes to Joanne, Janet and the many the friends and supporters of the New Haven Diaper Bank as they celebrate this very special occasion. Happy 10th Anniversary and all the best for many more years of continued success.

HONORING KATHY HECHT

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathy Hecht of Jackson, Missouri for her exemplary achievements and impact on the community.

In June 2005, Ms. Hecht bought Boothill Area Rapid Transportation (BART), a shuttle service that provides transportation to and from the St. Louis airport. She strategically manages 38 drivers as well as 5 full time and 2 part time employees. Furthermore, she offers free transportation to veterans taking Honor Flight trips to express appreciation for their service.

Ms. Hecht has taken on prominent roles in the Missouri community. For instance, she became a member of the Chambers of Commerce in each of the regions BART does business in. She also joined the Advisory Board of Directors for the Bank of Missouri, the only woman serving on this board. However, the achievement she is most proud of was her decision to fold her 18 year-long career in education to open her own business in order to become more accessible to her family.

Kathy Hecht’s service to the state of Missouri has been truly admirable and has benefited our community greatly. Her selfless decision to be a full time parent is also highly admired by her family and those closest to her. It is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING E. ROBERT CHAMBERLIN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SOURCEAMERICA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize E. Robert Chamberlin on the occasion of his retirement from SourceAmerica later this month. Located in my district, SourceAmerica is a national non-profit that creates employment opportunities for people with significant disabilities. As Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Chamberlin lead a network of more than 500 affiliated non-profit agencies that participate in the AbilityOne Program, which currently provides employment to more than 50,000 people in the United States who are blind or have other significant disabilities. I and more than 100 of my colleagues are proud to partner in these efforts as AbilityOne Congressional Champions.

Mr. Chamberlin joined SourceAmerica as Vice President of Operations in December 1999, following a career with the U.S. armed forces, and he was appointed CEO in January 2001. During his Navy career, he achieved the rank of Rear Admiral and held key positions afloat, overseas, and ashore. Later as the Deputy Director of the Defense Logistics Agency at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he served as the Department of Defense’s representative on the AbilityOne Commission, the Federal agency which oversees the AbilityOne Program.

Throughout his career, Mr. Chamberlin has been tireless in his efforts to improve the employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. In addition to the hundreds of thousands of individuals employed through the SourceAmerica network, Mr. Chamberlin has provided critical leadership on a number of new employment initiatives, including the establishment of the Institute for Economic Empowerment, Pathways to Careers Internship Program, and the AbilityOne Design Challenge for assistive technology. In addition, he has helped to expand SourceAmerica’s outreach to the private sector through new partnerships with large corporations and franchise organizations. Those efforts are particularly important for preserving work opportunities given the current constraints on federal agency budgets.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished military service and career accomplishments of Mr. E. Robert Chamberlin, and I want to personally commend him for his comment to safeguarding the rights and opportunities for all Americans.

HONORING ANNE CASTLE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WATER AND SCIENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Representatives DIANA DeGETTE, ED PERLMUTTER, JARED POLIS, GEORGE MILLER, JIM COSTA, and JARED HUFFMAN, we rise today to recognize Anne Castle, who is departing after more than five years as Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department of the Interior. Anne has worked to protect our nation’s water resources for her entire career, and we are grateful for her service.

It is appropriate that Anne hails from Colorado, where engraved in the State Capitol is the poem, “Here is a land where life is written in water.” From the Front Range to the Western Slope, water has shaped the character of Coloradans and has no doubt influenced Anne’s career.

Prior to joining Interior, Anne practiced law for 28 years in Denver, Colorado specializing in water rights law. She also served on several state water initiatives, including the South Platte River Basin Task Force, which she was appointed to by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter in 2007. Anne was twice appointed to the Colorado Groundwater Commission by former Colorado Governor Roy Romer and served from 1994 to 2002.

During her tenure at the Department of the Interior, Anne oversaw the creation and implementation of WaterSMART, spearheaded several hydropower initiatives, and played a key role in the recent successful launch of Landsat 8. She also worked to promote youth and STEM initiatives within the Department and mentored the next generation of water leaders.

Perhaps Anne’s greatest contribution during her tenure as Assistant Secretary is in her leadership on Western water management. Anne was a key member of the team that