

Diane Allen, with the "Champion of Diversity Award" for being cornerstones in the Servicios Latinos' establishment.

I would also like to commend Ms. Angela Mateo Gonzalez, the Founder and Executive Director of Servicios Latinos for her commendable work with Servicios Latinos, which has made a dramatic, positive impact on the lives of thousands of South Jersey families. I thank her for her dedication and commitment to the community.

Madam Speaker, I hope that you will join me in commanding Ms. Gonzalez and the Servicios Latinos de Burlington County for helping so many in our community fulfill the American dream throughout the past ten years.

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LAUREN ARCHER

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

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

The dedication demonstrated by Lauren Archer 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 once again to Lauren Archer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

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HONORING MR. JOHN ALEXANDER

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**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the service of John Alexander for his remarkable dedication as a volunteer at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center. To salute his service, Mr. Alexander was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's Second District.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting the lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

As the Disabled American Veterans Representative for the Loch Raven VA Community

Living and Rehabilitation Center, Mr. Alexander is an active fundraiser and friend. Mr. Alexander makes certain he is aware of all patient needs and makes requests to the DAV to purchase items not routinely supplied by the VA. His fundraising efforts have enabled Loch Raven VA residents to receive televisions and body pillows for hospice patients. It also enables residents to travel out-of-state to participate in the Golden Age Games, a recreational "Olympics" style event.

Twice per month, Mr. Alexander visits the residents and spends time talking with them. Annually, he coordinates Veterans Day at the Golden Corral, advertising, greeting guests and raffling a television. It is an event that community veterans thoroughly enjoy. Sometimes working 10-hours straight, Mr. Alexander is always kind and compassionate, upbeat and pleasant. His colleagues describe him as an "awesome human being."

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. John Alexander. His compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces is an inspiration to us all, and is deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. John Alexander on his exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer.

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LEVI LOCKLING

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Levi Lockling who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Levi Lockling is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Levi Lockling 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 once again to Levi Lockling 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 his future accomplishments.

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HONORING WILBURN BROWN OF  
MENDOCINO COUNTY

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**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the civic accomplishments of Wilburn "Webb" Brown, on the occasion of his 100th birthday. As an exemplary citizen his service has benefitted the ruggedly beautiful Mendocino County

in northern California where he has lived his entire life. His contributions are long lasting and statewide.

Born in Ukiah on May 7, 1910, he grew up on ranches leased by his parents in Hopland and Talmage. He moved to Potter Valley in 1943 and began raising dairy cattle when there were 14 dairies in this picturesque community where he still resides.

A retired rancher, Webb Brown was a long-time Mendocino County Assessor, an elected position he held from 1955 through 1977. He was President of the California Assessors Association in 1963. As head of its legislative program, Webb Brown was responsible for 12 major bills dealing with tax assessment and passed by the State legislature. He is renowned for creation of property-tax practices favoring the preservation of farmland and open space.

He was a leader on passing a timber yield tax that required owners of woodlands to pay taxes only on trees they harvested. In 1965 he played a statewide leadership role in the passage of the Williamson Act of 1965, which greatly limited what farmers and ranchers had to pay in property taxes as long as they kept their land undeveloped.

Upon his retirement from the Assessor's office he was honored as "one of the State of California's highest respected assessors." He is known for his willingness to meet problems head on and his courage in making unpopular decisions as well as his fair application of state tax laws to everyone.

He also served on the Mendocino Air Management District Hearing Board, the Potter Valley Board of Education, the Ukiah Unified School Board and he was the Chair of the Save the College Committee for Mendocino College. He is committed to improving the quality of education and the hiring of capable teachers as well as seeking competitive salaries for teachers. In 1980 he was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Award by Mendocino College for helping establish the college.

In addition to his community service and ranching skill, Webb Brown is known for being a loving husband, father, stepfather and grandfather. He has four children, three stepchildren, 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews who will join the celebration of his 100th birthday.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, Webb Brown has earned the admiration and respect of his peers, his community and his family. He is a friend and a mentor in Mendocino County and his legacy is long lasting. For these reasons, it is appropriate that we honor Wilburn "Webb" Brown.

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LOGAN REED

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Logan Reed who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Logan Reed is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School