

relative insignificance. They did not seek public office, nor even to become district directors. But they were called to it. Anne is a 27-year Navy Veteran. She's also a mother and a community leader. We met her when my own wife joined the local PTA, came home and said "you've got to meet Anne. She gets stuff done." Gail is a retired law partner, volunteers as an organ courier and has been active for years with the local League of Women Voters.

These are necessarily incomplete resumes, highlighted here only to illustrate that they did not need to become politically involved. But the times found them. They wanted a government that worked. Not just for them, but for all Americans. Not just in times of crisis, but before crises to avert them. And so, after the 2016 election, they heeded the words of our own speaker. They did not agonize, they organized.

In their capacity as my co-district directors, their commitment to good government has never waned. First when they set up a district office. Then when they helped senior citizens get their social security checks. When they helped a World War II "Atomic Veteran" secure long-overdue veterans benefits. When they organized events to draw attention to unsung women in our district who provide full women's health services in a church basement in the pre-Roe era. When they helped young high school students to learn about, and ultimately secure admission to our Nation's great service academies. In these examples, and so many more, public service came first.

Anne and Gail are emblematic of the millions of under-appreciated, unsung women who got engaged and stepped up to protect our democracy in 2017. They are a part of that crucial slice of the American electorate who have proven William Seward's observation that there has always been "just enough virtue in this nation to save it—sometimes none to spare, but still enough." They are, in short, two remarkable women who deserve more recognition than they seek, and certainly more than I can provide in these few words. To loosely paraphrase former Saturday Night Live actor Harry Shearer "Give me a Wick and a Kalinich, and there is nothing I cannot do."

I am grateful to them both for their friendship, for their service to the people of Illinois' 6th Congressional district, for their patriotism. Our office, this body, and our nation will forever be in their debt.

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IN RECOGNITION OF ASHLI YODER

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ashli Yoder on receiving the Rising Star Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Ashli began working for Norland Avenue Pharmacy at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, she and her team have been crucial to the growth of their in-house medication synchronization program. Ashli has been charged with the vaccine distribution at the hospital. Under her leadership, they provided more than 750 vaccine doses in March.

Her work has been invaluable to the Chambersburg community.

Ashli exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the clients at Norland Avenue Pharmacy. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Ashli on this award and thank her for her service to our community.

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COMMEMORATING THE 1971  
BENGALI GENOCIDE

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I join with my Bengali constituents to honor and commemorate the tragedy that befell Bangladesh 50 years ago and the millions whose lives were lost or disrupted.

The 1971 Bengali Genocide was one of the worst human tragedies of the 20th century, with over 2 million lives lost and over 10 million displaced. In addition, over 200,000 women were violently raped. The campaign of sexual violence against women in particular was so severe that the United Nations was bringing in doctors to help treat these women.

These terrible events began on March 25, 1971, with "Operation Searchlight"—a military operation that intentionally targeted civilians because of the language they spoke and the religion they practiced. It was a deliberately brutal response meant to silence Bengali voices and erase Bengali culture while snuffing out the flame of self-determination.

Fortunately, this genocidal attempt failed, but not before too many paid the ultimate price. And the survivors still carry their scars, even fifty years later.

This violence was made worse by the failure of the United States to speak out against it. That is why I am urging the U.S. government and all Americans of conscience to not only join me in remembering this genocide and those we lost, but also to speak out against this kind of violence against civilians wherever it occurs. I also encourage more Americans to learn about what happened in the 1971 Bengali Massacre so that we can start telling the truth about this genocide.

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HONORING EMMA C. CHAPPELL

**HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Emma C. Chappell, a pioneer in the banking community who passed away on March 16th at the age of 80.

Mrs. Chappell was born Emma Carolyn Bayton in Philadelphia in 1941. Raised by her father after her mother passed away when she was 14 years old, Mrs. Chappell graduated from West Philadelphia High School. At the age of 16, her pastor and civil rights activist Leon H. Sullivan recognized her aptitude for mathematics and encouraged her to go into banking. After high school, Mrs. Chappell be-

came a clerk photographer at Continental Bank in 1959.

Mrs. Chappell set her sights on becoming a top bank executive, determined to use her grit and tenacity to succeed. As a newlywed to her husband, Verdayne, Mrs. Chappell attended Temple University at night for five years. In 1971, after completing an executive program that allowed her to work in several different departments and gain invaluable experience, she was promoted to Assistant Treasurer of Continental Bank. In 1977, she was promoted to Vice President at Continental, the first African American to serve in that role and the first female Vice President of a major bank in Pennsylvania. In this capacity, Mrs. Chappell oversaw the Community Business Loan and Development Department, granting more than \$30 million in loans to African American and women owned businesses.

In 1992, after a five-year effort to raise the \$5 million that was then required to capitalize a bank, Mrs. Chappell founded the United Bank of Philadelphia, becoming the first African American woman to charter a commercial bank in the United States. At the same time, she began to expand her good work beyond the banking world. She was one of the founders of the Rainbow Coalition, the organization founded by Jesse Jackson to promote racial equality. She also worked to organize what would later become the Philadelphia Commercial Development Project. During her 20-year tenure in banking, Mrs. Chappell held an impressive record of a less than one percent loan loss ratio, despite offering loans to those who might be turned away by other financial institutions.

Emma Chappell was a trailblazer in the banking community and leaves behind a legacy of using her position to bring new opportunities and resources to underserved Philadelphians. Although she is no longer with us, her work will continue to live on and inspire generations to come.

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CASEY SHADE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

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

Casey Shade is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Casey Shade 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 Casey Shade for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.