JOHN FACZAK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud John Faczak for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

John Faczak is an 11th grader at Bennett High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by John Faczak 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 John Faczak for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING DHWANI KHAREL ON BEING NAMED SOUTH DAKOTA'S 2021 TRUMAN SCHOLAR

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dhwani Kharel on being named South Dakota's 2021 Truman Scholar.

The Truman Scholarship was established by Congress in 1975 as a living legacy to President Harry Truman to support and inspire the next generation of public service leaders. Dhwani was one of 62 Scholars selected from a record number of 845 applicants.

As a junior at Dartmouth College, Dhwani has already demonstrated a commitment to public service and leadership. She is actively involved in sexual violence prevention advocacy on Dartmouth's campus and has interned at both the Congressional Research Service and the Brookings Area United Way.

I commend Dhwani for her outstanding record of service, hard work, and leadership. I have no doubt she will excel in the future as she plans to pursue a career in the legal field to advance women's rights.

As a Truman Scholar myself, I am honored to congratulate Dhwani on this honor. I look forward to seeing all that she accomplishes.

HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION PROFESSIONAL CAREER PROGRAM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, the Department of Homeland Security's staff, like all our government agencies, should reflect the diversity of this country. That is why I rise to offer H.R. 367, the "Homeland Security Acquisition Professional Career Program Act."

Due in large part to the American Rescue Plan, the United States is well on its way to crushing the virus that has plagued us for over a year. As a result, domestic travel is increasing.

Accordingly, we must ensure that airports, like McCarran International in Las Vegas, have the equipment and trained personnel they need to safely and efficiently welcome travelers.

We can and should fill these frontline jobs, ranging from TSA agents to cyber security analysts, with veterans and graduates of HBCUs and Hispanic-serving institutions. That is exactly what my bill seeks to do.

Each year, the Department spends billions of dollars acquiring the goods and services needed to carry out its many missions. In addition to COVID–19 supplies, this includes everything from Coast Guard ships to the screening technologies that the Transportation Security Administration uses to secure our nation's travel infrastructure.

Unfortunately, a Government Accountability Office review found that 51 of these DHS major acquisition programs experienced workforce shortfalls.

In an effort to address said shortages, DHS established the Acquisition Professional Career Program.

This 3-year development program affords individuals rigorous training and on-the-job experience within DHS.

It also provides rotations to other components or offices within the Department, mentorship, and additional career development opportunities.

As a result, program participants graduate as certified acquisition professionals in their respective fields, such as contract specialists, cost estimators, and systems engineers.

H.R. 367 will ensure this program remains in place for years to come so that DHS maintains a pipeline for qualified acquisition leaders.

My bill will also require DHS to provide Congress with key information on the program for the next 5 years.

H.R. 367, if enacted, would help DHS strengthen and diversify its acquisition workforce by directing recruitment efforts to historically underrepresented individuals.

This will ensure that the Department, specifically including our TSA officials, is more representative and is more sensitive to the needs, cultural differences, and societal expectations of our heterogenous population, including the traveling public.

With that, I urge my colleagues to vote 'yes' on its passage.

URIAH HENRY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Uriah Henry for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Uriah Henry is a 12th grader at Legacy High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Uriah Henry 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 Uriah Henry for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP CHARLES E. DAVIS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Bishop Charles E. Davis was born in Leland, Mississippi in 1923, he graduated from high school in 1940 and migrated to Chicago, Illinois. In 1940 at the age of 19, he joined the military and participated in World War II.

In the military, Charles Edward Davis spent time in France, Holland, and Germany. He was a good soldier and attained the rank of Sergeant. After the war, he returned to Chicago and with his friend James McDonald, they opened an upholstery business and through his friendship with the McDonald Family he was introduced to the Indiana Avenue Pentecostal Church. He was welcomed into Indiana Avenue by Elder Charles Ellis and enjoyed going there and being with the people.

After the passing of Elder Ellis the new Pastor Elder Odee Akins recognized the leadership abilities of the young man and assigned him to leadership roles. He served as Sunday School Superintendent, Young Peoples Leader and President of the Senior Choir, all of the time growing in spirituality and experiencing the call to preach.

In 1970, Elder Charles E. Davis was elected Pastor of the Indiana Avenue Pentecostal Church after the death of Elder Atkins. He soon resigned from his job at Hart, Schaftner and Marx and became a full-time Pastor and the rest became history.

The church grew, new programs were established, community outreach took place, the church acquired property in the area as both Elder Davis and the church rose in religious, social, and political circles.

Elder Charles Davis and his wife of 43 years Geraldine Olivia Davis were actively involved in all aspects of community life and in 1986 he was elevated to Bishop.

After the death of his wife Geraldine he was blessed to wed again in 2004, to his second wife Dr. Jessie Bell Ray and they continued to provide great leadership until his death and being on earth for 98 years Bishop Charles Edwards Davis went home to meet his maker, May He Rest In Peace.