this remarkable woman and to honor her 100th birthday before the House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROBERT J. DILGER

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Congressional Research Service Senior Specialist, Dr. Robert Jay Dilger on his retirement, and to thank him for his years of outstanding and dedicated service to Congress. For more than a dozen years, Dr. Dilger has been CRS's expert on small business. During that time, he has provided the House Small Business Committee and its staff—and numerous other congressional offices—with an unparalleled level of information and independent research on federal policies that affect small businesses. His work at CRS is the gold standard for legislative support and policy analysis for Congress.

Prior to CRS, Dr. Dilger had a distinguished career in academia. He became a recognized national authority on federalism, authoring nine books and numerous articles. Bob graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a bachelor's degree in political science and holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Politics at Brandeis University. Early in his career, he held positions with the National League of Cities, the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and the Brookings Institution before joining the faculty at the University of Redlands in California. There he served as professor and chair of the Department of Political Science.

He then moved to West Virginia University where he was the founding Director of the Institute for Public Affairs. In addition, Bob taught undergraduate and graduate courses and chaired graduate student M.A. and Ph.D. committees.

Bob arrived at CRS in 2004 to manage the Government & Finance division. Since 2008, he has devoted himself to research and analysis, generating an impressive portfolio of carefully curated and maintained written products, and providing support to congressional offices on the Small Business Administration's programs and a broad range of issues and policies affecting small businesses.

Through the caliber of his research, and the sheer volume of his consultations with congressional staff, Bob set a high bar for his CRS colleagues. He should be proud of his assistance on major legislation such as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Small Business Jobs Act, and, more recently, the CARES Act and related COVID bills, but also the long-term professional and personal relationships he has built with staff on the Small Business Committees and in other congressional offices.

Madam Speaker, this body and the Nation are all the wiser and better informed because of Dr. Dilger's public service both as an academic and as a CRS analyst. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing Bob a long, healthy, and happy retirement with his wife, Gloria, and his 2 children and 7 grandchildren, as he begins a new chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA TYLER-RYLES—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends' special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Linda Tyler-Ryles of Buellton, California.

Linda is a retired Santa Barbara Research Center and Raytheon Business Manager who loves to mentor young children and college students. She has been previously recognized as a Girl Scouts ''Woman of Distinction'' by Raytheon for paving the way for future girl leaders. Linda's commitment to service dates back to her membership in the first Black sorority—Alpha Kappa Alpha—since her undergraduate college days at CSU, Los Angeles, and subsequent graduate studies at USC. The sorority focuses on service to the community, a mission Linda has embraced and helped instill in her sisters. She has held positions of President, Vice President, and many committee chairmanship roles throughout her years of service and still serves as the Graduate Advisor of undergraduate members of the sorority at University of California at Santa Barbara.

Organizations that provide educational support and scholarship assistance to students—especially the underserved—are at the heart of most of Linda's volunteer work. She is a former Presidentand Recording Secretary of Endowment for Youth Community and a member and Treasurer of George Washington Carver Scholarship Club for over thirty years. Prior to the pandemic Linda volunteered at the Buellton Library with the ''Tail Waggers,'' an elementary student reading program, and was part of the Adult Literacy Program assisting adult English language learners.

Linda is a devoted advocate for the Black community in Santa Barbara County, who promotes voting and civic engagement among BIPOC residents of Santa Barbara County. She is a member of the Santa Maria NAACP and an Advisory Board member of Santa Barbara's Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, recruiting Santa Ynez Valley students to participate in the Poetry and Essay Contest for the past four years. Most recently, Linda joined the Non-Profit Board of Madi's Treasure Box, an organization started by an eight-year-old girl whose mission is to provide multicultural tools promoting literacy and inclusion to schools and libraries across the U.S.

Linda has served as Recording Secretary for Santa Ynez Valley Woman's Club and is a member of True Vine Bible Fellowship Church, where she volunteers in the nursery, as a church usher, and Hospitality Committee member.

I am honored to recognize Linda for her continued commitment to Santa Barbara County. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring a dedicated woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Linda Tyler-Ryles, for her incredible service to her community.

RECOGNIZING DR. MARK H, JOHNSTON

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Mark Johnston, and to congratulate him on his membership to the National Academy of Sciences.

A trailblazer in the field of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, Dr. Johnston's lab has been a leader shedding light on how cells respond to glucose. He has played a vital role in the sequencing of the yeast genome, and is a pioneer in the field of comparative genomics.

In addition to his research, Dr. Johnston has been a professor since 1983. He began his teaching journey at the Washington University School of Medicine, until 2009, when he relocated to the University of Colorado Denver. He currently serves as Professor Emeritus at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado. Additionally, he worked as Editor-in-Chief at the journal, GENETICS, for 12 years—a journal that has existed at the forefront of the field for the past century. He has published more than 100 papers and articles, as well as a popular science book, the Genetic Twists of Fate.

Dr. Johnston has no small collection of accolades. In 2008, he received the George W. Beadle Award from the Genetics Society of America, and in 2012, was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has received a series of fellowships among other field-related recognitions.

In 2022, Dr. Johnston was elected as a member of the National Academy of Sciences. There is no application process to become a member—rather membership is singularly achieved through an election process, and only 120 members may be elected annually. Membership is considered and accepted as a mark of excellence in science, and is considered one of the highest honors a scientist can receive.

Dr. Johnston's contributions to the scientific community, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, and those around him have been enormous. I congratulate him for his membership to the National Academy of Sciences, as well as an incredible career in the field of genetics.

HONORING MR. MARVIN LACOSTE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifetime achievements of Mr. Marvin LaCoste.

Marvin is a lifelong resident of Kiln, Mississippi. He comes from a family with a long history of military service, beginning with a father who served in the Navy during World War I. Three of his brothers served in the Navy during World War II, three more brothers served in the Army, and one in the National Guard. Marvin's son followed in his footsteps and served in the Navy.