

Recipient of the Merit Award: Corporal Kyle Raczkowski

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the men and women who serve in the Military Police Company at Quantico Marine Corps Base. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding these remarkable individuals.

#### A TRIBUTE TO NICOLE BAYLEY

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 19, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nicole Bayley, a socially conscious bank manager that enjoys giving back to her community.

Nicole Bayley is an Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager for Carver Federal Savings Bank, one of the largest African and Caribbean American run banks in the nation.

Ms. Bayley is a highly intelligent banker and is responsible for multimillion dollar deposit generation and currently ranks second in the entire branch network for deposits (outside of the corporate headquarters).

Before she took the position at Carver Federal Savings Bank, Nicole spent seven years each at HSBC Bank and Citibank NA respectively. Two of the largest and most recognized global financial leaders, Ms. Bayley used her time in these institutions to learn and eventually gained a wealth of knowledge about the retail banking sector.

Ms. Bayley is an active member of the Fulton-Nostrand United Merchants Association (FNUMA) and holds a number of accolades and distinctions including recognition as a Business Visionary for her business and community leadership.

She uses her role in the FNUMA to recognize individuals, business and organizations that help keep a clean, safe and vibrant Bedford-Stuyvesant Gateway Business District.

#### HONORING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 19, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today to recognize an outstanding group of public servants in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Prince William County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

It is with great pride that I submit into the RECORD the names of the recipients of the 2009 Valor Awards serving in the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue.

Recipients of the Lifesaving Award: Technician Robert McParland, Technician Nicholas Feliciano, Technician Ryan Kirk, Technician Michael Hendrickson, Technician Walter Hunt,

Technician Scott Coloe, Technician Brennan Gilligan, Technician Victor Vega.

Recipient of the Silver Valor Award: Technician Michael Anthony.

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#### A TRIBUTE TO MAXINE HAMILTON-ALEXANDER

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Maxine Hamilton-Alexander.

Maxine Hamilton-Alexander "Maxx" is a creative mind that knows "don't worry about a thing, because every little thing is going to be alright". This philosophy is helping to fulfill her dream. She operates an Events Planning & Management Company, Blue Mango LLC, along with spearheading Hamptonians New York (HNY) a nonprofit organization. With the drive, passion to excel and energy that buoys all who interact with her, Maxx is applying her skills and heart, determined to wear her glass slippers.

Besides a proverbial "heart" Maxx brings enthusiasm and the attention to detail it takes to execute exciting and seamless events. She possesses highly developed networking and negotiating skills that are helping her solidify relationships. She stresses that her strength and aspirations are encouraged and accentuated by her children. "They keep me informed, thinking, responsible, engaged, mindful and youthfully fashionable". Maxx also says her most beguiling moments are watching the young ones grow, testing, exploring, maturing.

For over fifteen years Mrs. Hamilton-Alexander has dedicated time and expended personal funds working to enrich the lives of young people. In 2002, urged by her colleagues she incorporated HNY and in 2003 "Gifts from My Heart" was established to bring cheer into the lives of children who need to know someone cares. 2005 Brooklyn came alive with more sounds and rhythms of the Caribbean when her and her team launched the Brooklyn Caribbean Youth Fest.

Mrs. Hamilton-Alexander has spent many hours during the last five years enlisting civic-minded people, seeking advice and building a cohesive committee, while growing Brooklyn Caribbean Youth Fest into an impressive example of artistic excellence. Performances at the festival highlight in celebration, the diverse Culture of Caribbean-Americans. The many cultures of the Caribbean region are saluted with folk songs, dances and poetry. This is a no-nonsense event that boasts performers trekking from as far away as Trenton, New Jersey to strut their stuff.

To date, HNY has served over 5,000 NYC youth through programs and events. Additionally, Mrs. Alexander-Hamilton is a volunteer at PS 260, Prospect Park Youth Council and

serves on Brooklyn College World AIDS committee. She also makes direct donations that supplement tuition for students at the Hampton School, Jamaica, West Indies, through an annual Merit Award. Maxx diligently beats the bushes and finds resources necessary to implement her programs which help to nurture young minds. Maxx's dedication to youth and her natural bent for perfection continuously reinforces her reputation as a woman who is unarguably committed to serving the youth.

She received her education from Brooklyn College here in the USA as well as the Jamaica School of Arts, Jamaica. She is happily married to her husband Andrew Alexander with whom she has three lovely daughters Ebony, Amber and Ayana.

#### HONORING THE PRINCE WILLIAM-MANASSAS REGIONAL ADULT DETENTION CENTER

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Recipient of the Merit Award: Master Jail Officer Brian Daily

Recipient of the Silver Valor Award: Jail Officer Chester Outland

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the men and women who serve in the Prince William-Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding these remarkable individuals.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MRS. OPHELIA YOUNG PERRY

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OF NEW YORK

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Ophelia Young Perry pillar of the Brooklyn Community.

Mrs. Ophelia Young Perry is a native of Buckingham County, Virginia. She presently resides with her husband, Mr. William Frank Perry, Jr. in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, New York. The Perry's have one son, Rev. William Franc Perry, III, Esq.

She has been an active member of the Berean Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn for over 56 years. Mrs. Perry is genuinely involved in community and civic affairs. She is the President of Church Women United in