

impacts through sustainable food, water and energy systems. Advancing stability in the face of climate change threats will promote resilient communities, reliable governance and dependable access to critical resources.

We, the undersigned Republicans, Democrats and Independents, implore U.S. policymakers to support American security and global stability by addressing the risks of climate change in vulnerable nations. Their plight is our fight; their problems are our problems. Even as we face budgetary austerity and a fragile economic recovery, public and private sectors must work together to meet the funding demands of this strategic investment in internationally-backed solutions. Effective adaptation and mitigation efforts in these counties will protect our long-standing security interests abroad.

Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State 1997-2001; Richard Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State 2001-05; Samuel Berger, National Security Advisor 1997-2001; Sherwood Boehlert, US Congressman (R-NY) 1983-2007; Carol Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency 1993-2001; Michael Castle, US Congressman (R-DE) 1993-2011, Governor (R-DE) 1985-92; GEN Wesley Clark, USA (Ret), Fmr. Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO; William Cohen, Secretary of Defense 1997-2001, US Senator (R-ME) 1979-97; Lt Gen Lawrence P. Farrell, Jr., USAF (Ret.), Fmr. Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, HQ USAF; BG Gerald E. Galloway, Jr., P.E., Ph.D., USA (Ret.), Fmr. Dean of the Academic Board, US Military Academy; Wayne Gilchrest, US Congressman (R-MD) 1991-2009; James Greenwood, US Congressman (R-PA) 1993-2005; VADM Lee F. Gunn, USN (Ret.), Fmr. Inspector General of the Department of the Navy; Lee Hamilton, US Congressman (D-IN) 1965-99, Co-Chair, PSA Advisory Board; Gary Hart, US Senator (D-CO) 1975-87; Rita E. Hauser, Chair, International Peace Institute; Carla Hills, US Trade Representative 1989-93; Thomas Kean, Governor (R-N) 1982-90, 9/11 Commission Chair; GEN Paul J. Kern, USA (Ret), Fmr. Commanding General, US Army Materiel Command; Richard Leone, President, The Century Foundation 1989-2011; Joseph I. Lieberman, US Senator (I-CT) 1989-2013; Richard G. Lugar, US Senator (R-IN) 1977-2013; VADM Dennis V. McGinn, USN, (Ret.), Fmr. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Requirements and Programs; Donald McHenry, US Ambassador to the UN 1979-81; Constance Morella, US Congresswoman (R-MD) 1987-2003, US Ambassador to OECD 2003-07; Sam Nunn, US Senator (D-GA) 1972-96; John Porter, US Congressman (R-IL) 1980-2001; Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security 2003-05, Governor (R-PA) 1995-2001; ADM Gary Roughead, USN (Ret.), Fmr. Chief of Naval Operations; Warren Rudman, US Senator (R-NH) 1980-92, Fmr. Co-Chair, PSA Advisory Board; Christopher Shays, US Congressman (R-CT) 1987-2009; George Shultz, Secretary of State 1982-89; Olympia J. Snowe, US Senator (R-ME) 1995-2013; GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, USA (Ret.), Fmr. Chief of Staff, US Army, Chairman, CNA Military Advisory Board; Timothy E. Wirth, US Senator (D-CO) 1987-93; Frank Wisner, Undersecretary of State 1992-93; R. James Woolsey, Director of Central Intelligence 1993-95, Co-founder, US Energy Security Council; GEN Anthony Zinni, USMC (Ret.), Fmr. Commander in Chief, US Central Command.

HONORING PAMELA W. WALKER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a courageous and remarkable veteran, Mrs. Pamela W. Walker.

Mrs. Walker was born and raised in Leland, Mississippi. She is one of seven children born on September 27, 1962 to Mr. Vernell and Mrs. Claudine Wilson. She is married to Mr. Lester Walker and has three sons: Jarvis, Reginald, and Derrick.

Mrs. Walker graduated from Leland High School in 1980. She went on to further her education at Alcorn State University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1985; her Bachelor of Science degree in 1994 from Mississippi Valley State University; and her Masters of Science in 2002, also from Mississippi Valley State University.

Mrs. Walker joined the Army ROTC at Alcorn State University, on May 15, 1984. She has served a total of 26 years in the military. Over that time period, she has attended several military schools, received numerous awards, and she has served overseas in FEPA-Okinawa, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Iraq, and Korea.

Furthermore, her determination and drive to serve this country has pushed her up the ladder in leadership. She was appointed Second Lieutenant (1984), First Lieutenant (1987), Captain (1991), Major (1998), and she retired as a Lieutenant Colonel (2006).

Mrs. Walker is currently an elementary teacher in Greenville Public School District (Mississippi), where she has been for 23 years. She has learned a lot about life during her time in the service, and it has helped her in her classroom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Pamela W. Walker for her time and dedication to serving our country.

**TO RECOGNIZE THE RECIPIENTS  
THE FAIRFAX COUNTY 2012 LAND  
CONSERVATION AND TREE PRES-  
ERVATION AND PLANTING  
AWARDS**

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of Fairfax County 2012 Land Conservation and Tree Preservation and Planting Awards.

Fairfax County is considered one of the best counties in the nation in which to live, work and raise a family. One reason for this designation is the innovative environmental protection policies that have been implemented by the County and embraced by its business partners. I was pleased to have led that effort during my tenure as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. These awards recognize the following developers, designers and site superintendents who have excelled in their stewardship of the environment:

Large Commercial: Belvoir Corporate Campus: Owner: Loisdale 24, LLC. Super-

intendent: Bruce Reed. Contractor: Goldin & Stafford, Inc. Engineer: Urban, LTD. Site Inspector: Jim Getts.

Small Commercial: INOVA Lorton Healthplex Phase I: Owner: INOVA Health Care Services. Superintendent: Giancarlo Bulfon. Contractor: Metro Earthworks. Engineer: Vika Virginia LLC. Site Inspector: Martin Klema.

Infill Log: Bull Run Woods Lot 12, Section 8: Owner: Trust Communities, Inc. Superintendent: Peter Judge. Contractor: Basheer & Edgemoore Bull Run, LLC. Engineer: Smith Engineering. Site Inspector: David Nichols.

Best Protected Environmentally Sensitive Site: Bull Run Woods Lot 12, Section 8: Owner: Trust Communities, Inc. Superintendent: Peter Judge. Contractor: Basheer & Edgemoore Bull Run, LLC. Engineer: Smith Engineering. Site Inspector: David Nichols.

Outstanding Engineering Firm: Smith Engineering for Bull Run Woods Lot 12, Section 8 and Urban Ltd. for Mallory Square and Belvoir Corporate Campus.

Outstanding Contractor: Basheer & Edgemoore for Bull Run Woods Lot 12, Section 8. Outstanding Superintendent: Giancarlo Bulfon for Belvoir Corporate Campus. Outstanding E/S Inspectors of the Year: David Nichols, Tom French and Martin Klema. Outstanding E/S Plan Reviewers of the Year: Aileen Santiago, Durga Kharel, and Thakur Dhakal.

Tree Preservation Award Recipients: Walker Nature Education Center. Developer: Reston Association. Design Professional: Paciulli Simmons & Assoc. Tree Preservation Contractor: HITT Contracting. Tree Preservation Consultant: Thrive, Incorporated—Plant Health Care Solutions.

Dolley Madison Library: Developer: Fairfax County, DPWES. Design Professional: Engineers: Atkins Global. Design Professional—Contractor: Harvey Cleary Builders. Tree Preservation Contractor/Project Arborist: Zimar and Associates, Incorporates.

Valleybrook Montessori: Developer: Montessori School of Northern Virginia, Incorporated. Design Professional: Patton, Harris, Rust and Associates (A Pennoni Company). Tree Preservation Contractor: Zimar and Associates, Incorporated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees. Fairfax County and its residents have benefitted greatly from the collaborative spirit that is represented by these awards today, and I thank each of the awardees for their efforts.

**CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION  
FOR DOROTHY HUNT FINLEY**

**HON. RON BARBER**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2013*

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Hunt Finley—a daughter of Southern Arizona ranchers who spent a lifetime giving back to her community before passing away on February 20th at the age of 92.

Dorothy grew up in rural Cochise County, not far from the U.S.-Mexico border and never envisioned a future as an educator, a beer distributor and a community leader and benefactor.