

TRIBUTE TO ANDREA JANSA

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Andrea Jansa of the Iowa House Democratic Research Staff for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Andrea in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Ms. Jansa for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Andrea on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

HONORING WILEY COLLEGE DEBATE TEAM ON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

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Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor to recognize an incredible, charming, superlative institution of higher learning located within the First Congressional District of Texas. The historically significant Wiley College was founded in 1873 and is located in Marshall, Texas.

Wiley College first received national acclaim in 1935 when its debate team defeated the then reigning national forensics champion, the University of Southern California. The dramatic face off between these two universities was depicted in the movie "The Great Debaters" which helped reinvigorate the debate program at the college and began to erode the racial barrier that once plagued academia.

It is with tremendous pride that I can say "The Great Debaters" have done it again by bringing home first place honors in the National Pi Kappa Delta Comprehensive National Tournament which was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. After an outstanding period of 373 successful debates and 60 awards, this victory marks the pinnacle of the team's superb season.

The debate team which once again captured the enthusiasm and commitment of that 1935 team was comprised of only first and second year collegiate competitors: Austin Ashford, Dominick Taylor, Drake Pough, Eric

Robinson, Farah Habad, Jhamiah Dixon, LaQuanda Streeter, Rachel Garnett, Autumn Locke, Autumnwind Spear, Mary Mitchell, Kayla Hall, Cameron Smith, Jesus Cardenas, Katori Mobley, Benjamin Turner, Marcus Rembert, Ernest Mack, Ki-Jana Hernandez, Aaron Tumbaga, Robert Hollar, Nathan Leal, and Lyle Kleinman.

The students of the Melvin B. Tolson/Denzel Washington Forensics Society's debate team would not have been able to accomplish this meaningful achievement without the excellent instruction given by Coach Christopher Medina, Director of Forensics; Coach Sarah Spiker Rainey, Assistant Director of Forensics; and Interpretation Coach Sean Allen—along with Forensics Specialists Coach Kris Stroup, Coach Jane Munksgaard, and Coach Todd Rainey.

Special recognition must also be given to the President and CEO of Wiley College, Dr. Haywood Strickland; Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Glenda Carter; and Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services, Dr. Joseph Morale.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to all faculty, staff, students and alumni of Wiley College as well as the entire east Texas community of Marshall, Texas, as their legacy of distinction is now recorded in the Congressional Record that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 2013 HONOREES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations and the honorees of its 64th Annual Awards Banquet. The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations from across Fairfax County. Each year, the Federation honors a few select individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community. As a former two-term President of the Federation, I understand that those who volunteer their time, energies, and talents to civic activities play a role in making Fairfax County one of the best places in the nation in which to live, work and raise a family. I am honored to recognize the following individuals for their service to the community:

2013 Citizen of the Year: Janyce Hedetniemi. Ms. Hedetniemi's service to Fairfax County has included positions on a wide variety of important boards and commissions. Since January 2013, she has served as a Member At-Large of the Fairfax County Planning Commission. Before that, she served as a Member At-Large of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board. She is a member of the Fairfax County Community Revitalization and Re-development Advisory Group. Ms. Hedetniemi was the Braddock District representative to the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission for nine years and chaired the Commission from 2008 to 2010. She was a member of the Tysons Land Use Task Force and Vice-Chair of the Task Force Steering Com-

mittee, which helped formulate new comprehensive plan language for Tysons. She chaired two Fairfax County Bond Referendum Committees, has been President of the Oak Hill Citizens Association since 1997, and served as President of the Braddock District Council for two years. Professionally, she is an expert in community relations and enjoyed a distinguished career at the National Institutes of Health.

2013 Citation of Merit: Tena Bluhm. Ms. Bluhm was appointed to the Fairfax County Commission on Aging in 2004 and has chaired the Commission since 2007. Tena has been instrumental in increasing the Commission's presence and influence in Fairfax County through speaking on behalf of older adults and the issues of aging before elected officials of both Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has educated older adults about services provided by Fairfax County and sought ways to make the county aging-friendly. Ms. Bluhm was elected to her homeowners association's board in 2000 and in 2005 became its president.

She is a member of the Braddock District Council, where she raised attention to aging issues by organizing a seminar about services available to older adults in Fairfax County. Ms. Bluhm worked for 45 years as a Home Care nurse and in 2008 was named Lady Fairfax for the Braddock District. She is now retired and resides with her husband, Ray, in Fairfax.

2013 Citation of Merit: Kathy Kaplan. Kathy Kaplan is an author, publisher, artist, naturalist, and activist who has lived in Reston for 31 years. Her novel, *The Dog of Knots*, was recognized by the Association of Jewish Libraries and the Anti-Defamation League. Ms. Kaplan has worked as an interpretive naturalist, conducted workshops in art and book-making for youth camps and schools, and sculpted a bronze relief for the September 11 Memorial at Freedom Grove at Brown's Chapel in Reston. As co-chair of the Residential, Urban Design, and Livability workgroup for RCA Reston 2020, she wrote the Vision for Herndon Monroe Station area and worked on several alternate park designs for Reston Town Center North. Ms. Kaplan was appointed Chair of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations' Library Committee in August 2013 to review proposed changes to the county library system and was named 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Reston Citizens Association for her work in library advocacy.

2013 Special Gratitude Award Honorees: U.S. Representative JAMES MORAN, U.S. Representative FRANK WOLF, Virginia Delegate James Scott. The Federation also will honor three Northern Virginia legislators, who are retiring this year after distinguished careers in public service. Representatives MORAN and WOLF have served the residents of our region for more than 30 years, and I have been pleased to partner with them, first as Chairman of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors and then as a Member of Congress, to champion the interests of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth. Delegate Scott served the residents of our community for more than 40 years, including 14 years representing the Providence District on the Board of Supervisors prior to his service in the General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in