

RECOGNIZING THE BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT'S 66TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BANQUET

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, which is hosting its 66th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, and in thanking its volunteers for filling an essential role in keeping the community safe.

The Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department was founded in January 1948, and for more than 6 decades it has provided life-saving fire suppression/prevention and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of Burke, Fairfax County, and the surrounding communities. It also provides, houses, and maintains firefighting and emergency medical equipment; provides opportunities for professional growth and development for the membership; and maintains and fosters a strong viable organization.

As one of the County's most active volunteer fire and rescue departments, the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department works in cooperation with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to serve the community. Last year alone, the Burke station responded to thousands of incidents.

I am honored to recognize several of the dedicated men and women of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department who have volunteered for extra duty as officers or as members of the board of directors or who are receiving awards for their superlative service to the department and the community. It gives me great pleasure to introduce the names of these individuals into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

2014 Award Recipients:

Founder's Award—Kevin Grottle.

Rookie of the Year—Chris Smith.

Firefighter of the Year—Paul Stracke.

EMS Provider of the Year—Emily Fincher.

Officer of the Year—Mike Powell.

Administrative Person of the Year—Nancy Stone.

Career Member of the Year—Mike Istvan.

Chief's Award—BVFRD Maintenance Team: Larry Bocknek, Kevin Grottle, Shaun Kurry, and Alex Budd.

Board of Directors:

President Patrick Owens.

Vice President John Powers.

Secretary Greg Fedor.

Treasurer Sheryl Gilhooly.

Larry Barnett.

Rich Guarrasi.

Alisha Sunde.

Officers:

Chief Thomas Warnock.

Deputy Chief Tina Godfrey.

Deputy Chief John Hudak.

Captain Melissa Ashby.

Captain Keith O'Connor.

Lieutenant John Rose.

Sergeant Jennifer Babic.

Sergeant Kevin Grottle.

Sergeant Mike Hertig.

Sergeant Mike Powell.

Team Leader FF Paul Stracke.

Team Leader Paramedic Dave Horne.

Team Leader Catherine Owens.

Chaplain Harry Chelpon.

I also wish to recognize Assistant Chief and Lifetime Member Lawrence A. Bocknek on the occasion of his retirement following 29 years of service with the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and 40 total years in the fire service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the department for 66 years of service and in thanking all of the brave volunteers who do not hesitate to drop everything when the community calls in need of help. To all of these men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect our residents I say: "Stay safe."

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL ENGINEERS

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Georgia Society for Hospital Engineers (GSHE). It is appropriate at this milestone to reflect on and celebrate the importance and achievements of this organization.

On October 1, 1964, the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) launched the GSHE at a meeting in Macon, GA. The GSHE owes much of its success to the strong foundation laid by the original charter members: Billy Wise, Dewey Moon, Wendell White, Jerry Adams, Darryl Goodwin, Mahlon Hill, and the first GSHE president, Mr. P.J. Wise. These men showed extraordinary foresight and wisdom as they established a forum for hospital engineers, supervisors, maintenance managers, and other hospital and medical center personnel from across the state to meet and share ideas on improving patient care.

Throughout the years, the GSHE has offered a number of programs to increase efficiency and efficacy in hospitals. The earliest programs included "helping hand" and "special tools" which allowed hospital engineers to offer assistance and resources to one another. As innovative technology plays an increasingly major role in health care, the GSHE continues to help hospitals keep up with new technologies and provide exceptional care for citizens across Georgia.

With Mr. William A. Elrod at the helm serving as the 50th president of the GSHE, the organization maintains the same objective of the original charter members, to unite hospital engineers so that they might collaborate and learn from one another. Mr. Speaker, please join me on behalf of the great people of Georgia in wishing the GSHE many more years of continued success in transforming the delivery of healthcare.

HONORING SUE MAGNER

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sue Magner, an outstanding volun-

teer of AARP from Illinois. Recently, Sue was named the first ever winner of the AARP Director's Award for Distinguished Service. This award is given to an outstanding volunteer who consistently exceeds what is asked of them and provides exceptional service to the community.

Sue Magner preforms many different activities as an AARP driver safety volunteer. She is an instructor, trainer, and VMIS data manager.

During her time at AARP, Sue has jumped at the challenge of familiarizing new volunteers with computer systems knowledge and computer-based technology and is always looking for new methods on how best to teach incoming volunteers and optimize their experience.

Sue's colleagues report that she is eager to answer any coworker's questions and does everything she is asked with a smile. Her kindness and ability to help others is truly commendable. Through hard work and tireless dedication, Sue Magner has helped make a difference in countless lives.

Mr. Speaker, and my distinguished colleagues of the House, please join me in congratulating Sue Magner on receiving this distinct honor and wishing her many future successes as she continues her work with AARP.

IN MEMORY OF CHIEF ROBERT KNIGHT OF THE SAYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise on behalf of the Long Island delegation to offer our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of Robert "Bobby" Knight, former Chief of the Sayville Fire Department of Suffolk County, New York. Congressmen BISHOP, ISRAEL, MCCARTHY and I had the sincere pleasure of working with Chief Knight on important fire services issues that directly impacted the safety and wellbeing of our constituents. His tireless service to the firefighter community has been invaluable, and his counsel was always sought by lawmakers. He honorably served with the Sayville Department for 35 years. He was also a former member of the East Hampton Fire Department, 1975–1979, and the North Patchogue Fire Department, 1968–1969.

Bobby was loved by everyone who knew him. His selfless commitment to the safety and security of our state was evident in his work as the Legislative Committee Chairman for the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. He passed in the Line of Duty doing what he loved—advocating for the needs of our first responders. I know myself and many of my delegation colleagues met with him just hours before his unexpected passing. He didn't feel well, but he was more concerned with carrying the message of the Long Island firefighters than he was for his own well being. We have lost a true advocate and friend.

HONORING COACH ED STEERS

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding career and accomplishments of Coach Ed Steers. At the conclusion of this school year, Coach Steers will be retiring as Athletics Director of Porter-Gaud School after nine great years. Under his leadership, Porter-Gaud has consistently had one of the most successful and well-rounded athletics programs in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA), winning twenty-six state titles, as well as the SCISA President's Cup for three of the past four years.

As much as Coach Steers has done for the Cyclones, many do not know the details about Ed's career prior to his arrival at Porter-Gaud. As a student-athlete at the Citadel (Class of 1968), Coach Steers was a three-time Southern Conference champion in wrestling, never losing in a dual meet. He entered the coaching profession following a brief stint as a tank officer in the Vietnam era, coaching for the Army, then as head coach at William and Mary and later at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is still the winningest wrestling coach in the history of both programs, and has been named to the Citadel's Athletics Hall of Fame, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and the New York Collegiate Wrestling Hall of Fame. He also was named the Citadel's Alumnus of the Year in 2002.

More important than all of these accolades has been Coach Steers' influence on the coaches, athletes, and the entire Porter-Gaud community. Ed models a lifestyle of personal fitness and discipline by squeezing in a run every day. He knows the name and the story of every single athlete and coach—and chokes up in telling the best ones every season at the athletics assemblies. He is present when buses pull out at 5:00 a.m., and he is present on the sidelines of almost every athletics event, whether bantam, junior varsity, or varsity. My boys Marshall, Landon, Bolton, and Blake join me, the Porter-Gaud Athletics Department, and the entire school in thanking Ed for his service and wishing him all the best in his well-deserved retirement. While his leadership and guidance will be sorely missed at Porter-Gaud, his legacy at the school will remain long after he departs and we wish him and his wife Sally all the best as their next journey begins.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE SHEPHERD CENTER OF OAKTON-VIENNA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the volunteers of the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna and to thank them for their many contributions to the Northern Virginia community. Organized in 1997, the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna is a non-profit that provides services to help older adults continue

living independently, and it offers programs that supply opportunities for enrichment, learning, and socialization.

The center works to support older residents who want to age in place in their homes and to engage them in social activities. Every year, approximately 200 volunteers for the Shepherd Center serve as medical drivers, companion drivers, friendly callers and visitors, health and wellness counselors, fundraisers, and grant writers. These volunteers run programs such as Lunch n' Life, Adventures in Learning, trips and outings, special events, and caregivers' support groups. Services are available free of charge to anyone age 50 or older who resides in the local community.

The Shepherd's Center has also been recognized as "One of the Best" 2012–13 by the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington and the 2012 Nonprofit of the Year award from the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce. The services and programs offered by this extraordinary organization help to ensure that our seniors stay connected to the community through promotion of active lifestyles, ongoing social integration, and availability of resources for older residents to use their experience, training, and skills in significant roles in society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna for the services which enable older adults in our community to age in place and enjoy their golden years with dignity and independence. I thank the many volunteers who generously dedicate their time and efforts to the welfare of our neighbors. The value of their contributions cannot be overstated and are deserving of our highest praise.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Nurses Week which began on Tuesday, May 6 and ends on Friday, May 9. During the first full week of May each year, we recognize nurses across our country. Nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession with approximately 3,100,000 registered nurses in the United States.

This year's theme for National Nurses Week is "Nurses Leading the Way." Nurses not only provide essential care to their patients, but they are also health innovators. Nurses are constantly bringing themselves up to speed on the new technologies and new medical research required to effectively serve their patients. We must support our nurse leaders by recognizing and thanking them for their daily work.

With a clear commitment to wellness promotion and illness prevention, the Obama Administration and Congress must support this large contingency of our health care community. There is convincing evidence that the health of our country can be dramatically advanced by deploying our greatest and most trusted national health resource, our nurses. Given a clear leadership role, the dedicated nurses of our country provide key services and preventive guidance for effective health care, not "sick-care."

National Nurses Week is dedicated to recognizing the work that our nation's nurses perform each day. We must also realize the potential that the nursing profession has to become the premier leader in preventive and public health. No matter the certification or registration, each nurse is important each day to each patient. Help me celebrate National Nurses Week by recognizing nurses in your community and nationwide.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the many dedicated volunteers of the Washington County Historical Society in my State of Minnesota as the organization celebrates its 80th anniversary. Since its inception in 1934, the Society has played an invaluable role in preserving the history of the county and educating today's citizens about past generations.

Eighty years ago, a local women's group identified the need to protect stories and artifacts from Washington County. Working together with the Stillwater Rotary Club, the group formed and held its inaugural meeting on April 11, 1934 where it elected its first president and received its first donation, a copy of the "History of Washington County and the St. Croix Valley." The Society still has the work in its collection today, in compliance with its policy of permanently keeping all donations.

After first operating out of a single room in the Stillwater Public Library, the Society has steadily grown in size by increasing the number and variety of items and locations in its collection. It purchased the former Stillwater Prison Warden's House from the State for \$100 in 1941 and turned the property into a museum. The Warden's House museum is still in operation today, making it the second oldest house museum in Minnesota.

The Historical Society continues to grow to this day. It recently purchased a 14,000 square foot building in Stillwater, MN, that will be made into a state-of-the-art museum and research facility. The Society currently has about 700 members, operates two interpretive museums, and provides educational, research, and historical preservation opportunities throughout the county.

Mr. Speaker, the valuable efforts of the Washington County Historical Society during the past eight decades are commendable and worthy of recognition. In honor of many people who have built the success of the Washington County Historical Society, it is a privilege to submit this statement in honor of its 80th anniversary.

CHIEF ROSEMARY CLOUD

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special woman, Chief Rosemary