

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding a missed vote on November 17, 2014. Had I been present for roll call vote number 520, H.R. 5162, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center" to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes, I would have voted "yay."

## CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library, located in Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 30th Anniversary.

The Parsippany Public Library aims to promote a lifelong interest in library use and learning in a diverse community. The library utilizes various forms of media and technology to create an active role in learning for people of all ages. Boasting user-friendly technologies that are accessible and convenient for the community, the library serves as a central meeting place for residents. In coordinated efforts with the local school system and township departments, the Parsippany Library serves a key role in the education of the community throughout all ages.

The Parsippany Friends of the Library, established in 1984, is a volunteer, non-profit organization that is committed to enhancing and supporting the library. Through various fundraising events, the Friends of the Library are able to provide the local libraries with supplemental funds to support their programs. The Friends of the Library also advocate for the library, helping to grow the library and the community. The funds they raise are put towards technological advancements, book and media purchases, and programs for people of all ages.

The library system consists of three separate libraries, the main library and two branches in Lake Hiawatha and in Mount Tabor. The main library moved to its newest headquarters in 2006, only a short walk away from the local elementary, middle, and high schools. The state-of-the-art facility encompasses 38,000 square feet and includes a vast collection of books, meeting rooms, and study areas. The main library is home to a large children's book collection and program room, several tutorial and study areas, and a meeting space for 200 people. The headquarters serves as the central location for the library system.

The Lake Hiawatha location was established in 1937, but has remained in the same location since 1968. In 1994, the interior of the building was expanded to better serve the needs of the community. Similar to the main library, the Lake Hiawatha branch sits a cen-

trally located area that is within walking distance for many residents. The Lake Hiawatha branch offers many after-school programs for children and story time for younger residents. They also organize a film discussion series given by a college professor for the community.

The Mount Tabor library, the oldest of the three, has occupied the same building since 1889. Like the other locations, the Mount Tabor locale offers several programs for children and adults. Due to its small size, many of the programs are offered across the street in a park. The Mount Tabor location also sits within walking distance for the residents of the area.

Through the funding and support of the Friends of the Library, the Parsippany-Troy Hills library looks to continue to offer a wide range of programs and support for its community at each of its locations. They hope that, along with the community, they can continue to promote lifelong learning.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Parsippany-Troy Hills Library as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

## HONORING THE TOWN OF GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 375TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the community of Guilford, Connecticut as they mark the 375th Anniversary of the town's founding—a remarkable milestone for this quintessential New England town.

Founded in May 1639 by a band of puritans seeking religious freedom in the New World, the land that would become the Town of Guilford, Connecticut was purchased from local Native Americans, who were represented by the squaw sachem, or female chief, Shaumpishih. First established as the plantation of Menuncatuck, the town that would later be known as Guilford, like most 17th century New England towns, was organized around a common, or green—the Town Green remains a center of community life today. The first houses were small huts with thatched roofs, wooden walls, and dirt floors. Unlike other villages, Guilford had no protective palisade fence surrounding the community. Instead they built four large stone houses for the leaders of the plantation, strategically located and used for shelter during times of danger. In the later years of the 17th century, Guilford became part of the New Haven Colony and then the Connecticut Colony. In fact, Guilford's William Leete was one of the first governors of these colonies.

By the 18th century, the town had become a thriving coastal community with agriculture and the sea supporting the economy. The medieval style huts were replaced by homes of the colonial style, including the Hyland House (1660), the Henry Whitfield House (1639), Thomas Griswold House (1774) and the Dudley Farm (1840) all of which survive today and house museums showcasing Guilford's rich

history. In the 19th century, with an expanding shipbuilding and maritime trade and with the coming of the railroad, industries such as foundries, canneries, shoe shops, and carriage makers evolved. Quarries opened and supplied local granite to the world, including blocks for the base of the Statue of Liberty.

By the end of the 19th and into the 20th century, Guilford became a summer destination for Victorian vacationers from near and far. Today, Guilford's once-small population has risen to a year-round community of more than 22,000 people. Guilford has a small-town, historic, charming atmosphere which is highlighted by its rustic character and individuality. This beautiful town sits on the waterfront of the Long Island Sound and extends north to include expansive land and offers a public park, two beaches, a historic downtown shopping district that includes restaurants, art galleries, nature trails, and boating. Annual events like the Tree Lighting, Citizens Day Parade, and the Guilford Agricultural Fair strengthen the bonds of this tight-knit community—Guilford truly has something for everyone.

It has been my honor to serve as the U.S. Representative for Guilford for the last twenty-four years and I am so proud to have this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to every member of this special community as they celebrate their 375th Anniversary. As the community continues to grow, it will do so while maintaining its unique character and charm—quintessentially New England. Happy Anniversary!

## HONORING THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, NORTHEAST CHAPTER 187

**HON. BETO O'ROURKE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2014*

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187, a distinguished Veterans Service Organization in El Paso, Texas.

The Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187 is comprised of former service members. The chapter develops new relationships and cultivates existing bonds among our veteran community, elected officials and government agencies; honors the memory of service members who died in service; and informs its members of state and federal legislative changes and policy ideas relevant to veterans.

With 1,508 members, the Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187 is the sixth largest chapter in Texas. Their leadership includes three Combat Related Special Compensation ambassadors; four VA and Disabled American Veterans-certified service officers; a past District 1 Commander, who oversees El Paso, Midland, Lubbock and as far as Big Spring and Amarillo, Texas; and the Past-State Legislative Chairman. The Disabled American Veterans, Northeast Chapter 187 has members from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and up to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The chapter includes multiple POWs and Purple Heart recipients.