

on how well they implement best practices and policies that protect kids and promote safety. The five finalist organizations are listed on the NCYS website for voting by the public. The STRIVE Award is then presented to organizations that exhibit heartfelt passion and dedication to helping kids succeed in sports, while maintaining a commitment to safety procedures. The STRIVE award recipient receives a \$5,000 donation.

Comprised of numerous representatives in the youth sports industry, NCYS was founded in 1979, and its membership represents more than 200 organizations/corporations serving 60,000,000 registered participants in organized youth sports programs. NCYS is the largest known organization in America representing the youth sports industry, and its members include organizations such as, the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators (Cheer Safe), American Legion Baseball, American Youth Soccer Organization, Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, YMCA of America, Pop Warner, Special Olympics North America, and U.S. Tennis Association.

International Bowling Campus Youth Development is a joint effort of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA). It is the largest organization serving youth bowling (145,000 youth bowlers last season) that supports a ladder-based development system designed for the growth of the athlete. Since the inception of the U.S. Bowling Congress' SMART program, more than \$6 million scholarships have been awarded nationally to youth bowlers through organized league and tournament competition. They also collaborate with external amateur athletic organizations to protect the amateur status of student-athletes within bowling, as well as other sports.

I commend the International Bowling Campus Youth Development and the U.S. Bowling Congress on this wonderful achievement and their work in Arlington and around the country, as well as the National Council of Youth Sports on the work it does as the go-to source for youth sports and safety programs.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2015 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AWARDS

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2015 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) implemented the Human Rights Ordinance January 15, 1993, formally establishing the Human Rights Commission. Two years prior, the BOCS formed the Human Rights Study Committee to explore the needs of a community that was growing in population and diversity. An exhaustive effort that included numerous committee meetings and public hearings identified a strong community desire for a human rights ordinance and an agency to enforce it. The Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discriminatory practices based

on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability, as well as in the consideration of employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit, in Prince William County.

The BOCS approved the ordinance in September 1992 to ensure that "each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law, and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights, and privileges of community life." Residents enlist the services of the commission if they feel their rights have been violated in the areas of employment, fair housing, credit, education and public accommodation.

In celebration of Universal Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that promote the principles of human rights in Prince William County. It is my honor to submit the recipients of the 2015 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards:

Eleana Boyer  
Albert Brooks  
Cynthia Brown  
Victoria Graham  
Luke Torian, 2nd Delegate

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2015 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

#### HONORING MR. BILL ALTAFER

##### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, the people of Tucson lost a tremendous presence in our community with the recent passing of Bill Altaffer. An attorney by trade and a humanitarian at heart, Bill was deeply committed to improving the quality of life in Arizona, across the country and around the world.

After graduating with honors from Pitzer College and earning his law degree from the University of Arizona, he served as associate general counsel to three Indian nations, assisting their governments in the interpretation of their constitutions and the enactment of environmental protection legislation.

Bill's affiliations speak volumes about his commitment to helping others. He was a member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) National Task Force Steering Committee, and a member and past chairman of the Southern Arizona Task Force on Public Awareness. In 1995, he received the MDA's National Personal Achievement Award, and in 2002, received the Tucson Human Relations Commission's Rabbi Albert T. Bilgray Make a Difference Award for his lifelong activism for human rights and social change based on the rule of law.

Bill and his wife, Colette, led the groundbreaking effort to enact the Inclusive Home Design Ordinance in Pima County, Arizona. This visitability ordinance requires new single-family houses to meet minimum accessibility standards, thereby promoting the independence of people with disabilities. It remains

the most progressive legislation of its type in the country today.

It was through this visitability ordinance effort that I first came to know both Bill and Colette. I immediately admired their commitment to their cause, and equally as important, their commitment to each other. The love they shared for each other was an inspiration to anyone who met them. They truly were soul mates, meant to be partners in their lives and in their vision for helping others.

Together they spent countless hours educating elected officials and their staffs, home builders, and community members alike about the incredibly positive impact that simple alterations to home designs can have for individuals with disabilities. Their efforts will benefit our community for decades to come. Bill and Colette guided the committee's efforts in creating and passing a visitability ordinance that propelled Pima County to the forefront of ensuring home accessibility for everyone. Their efforts helped many people remain in their homes, and access the homes of friends and family with little significant costs added to the price of a new home.

Bill may be gone from our material world, but he will remain in the hearts and minds of anyone who was lucky enough to meet him. His life together with Colette is an inspiration to everyone sharing their lifelong commitment to fighting injustice.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

##### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,931,284,495.35. We've added \$7,525,054,235,582.27 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### CONGRATULATING SILEX HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

##### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Silex High School on its Bronze Medal Award as a top Missouri High School from U.S. News and World Report.

This school's administration, teachers, and students should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the past year and for their commitment to education.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Silex High School for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR CHARLES ARTHUR LUNDY OF EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH IN WOODBRIDGE, VIRGINIA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Charles Arthur Lundy of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Pastor Lundy has had a distinguished pastoral career. His spiritual journey began at the young age of 13, when he was baptized at the Wayland Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, under Reverend W.W. Payne. In February of 1981, Pastor Lundy received the distinction of becoming a deacon. Three years later, he was licensed by Star Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Triangle, Virginia, under the tutelage of Reverend Doctor Frederick S. Jones. Pastor Lundy was ordained a Gospel Minister in August of 1987 and served as director of Christian Education for Star Bethlehem.

On June 23, 1990, Pastor Lundy was called to preside over Ebenezer Baptist Church in Occoquan, Virginia. His first sermon was titled, "Stay in the Ship" and established "putting the family back together" as his pastoral focus. Since 1990, the congregation has grown from 120 to over 800, and the Church is known as a place of comfort and guidance. Dedicated to maintaining a welcoming place to worship, Pastor Lundy continues to lead worship services in the Church's Family Life Center while a new, larger sanctuary is being constructed. The Family Life Center was dedicated in 2000, and Pastor Lundy effectively supervised that project while simultaneously earning a Masters of Divinity from Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, graduating Magna Cum Laude. To accommodate the evolving needs of his congregation, Pastor Lundy maintains a commitment to education; on May 9, 2015, Pastor Lundy received his Doctorate of Ministry Degree.

Pastor Lundy retired from the United States Marine Corps, after serving 26 years and rising to the rank of Major. Further showcasing his commitment to service, Pastor Lundy is a past-Parliamentarian for the Northern Virginia Baptist Association. He is the past-Chairman of the Nominating Committee and a former member of the Commission on Evangelism. He served as Assistant Secretary for the Northern Virginia Minister's Conference and as a former member of United Way for the National Capital Area. In 2009, Pastor Lundy was elected as President of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology Alumni Association, and this year he received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from Richmond Virginia Seminary.

He is married to the former Jacquelyn Hinton McWhite. They are the proud parents of five daughters and two sons, and grandparents of nine grandsons and two granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Pastor Charles Arthur Lundy on his 25 years of service to Ebenezer Baptist Church. Pastor Lundy remains devoted to the

mission and vision of the Church and expanding the ministry's reach into the community.

RECOGNIZING WILL-GRUNDY MEDICAL CLINIC

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic in Joliet, Illinois, as it celebrates the one-year anniversary of its Wellness Program.

For more than three decades, the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic has helped those in need receive the medical care they deserve. Through partnerships with local charities, hospitals, businesses and individuals, the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic has offered free medical and dental service to thousands of patients in our community.

Last year, the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic launched the Wellness Program to encourage overall health in our area. Through this program, the volunteer medical and dental professionals not only treat patients, but also offer educational opportunities to promote healthy lifestyles. The Wellness Program features classes on basic physical fitness, nutrition, and how to cook healthy, well-rounded meals on any budget.

I would like to congratulate the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic on the one-year anniversary of its Wellness program and thank the staff and volunteers who work so hard to ensure that our community is a stronger, healthier place to raise a family.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPTIMISTS CLUB OF GREATER VIENNA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 60th Anniversary of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna and to thank its members for their service to our community.

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna was chartered by Optimist International on June 21, 1955. For sixty years the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna has served its mission, "to bring out the best in kids" and lived up to the Optimist International motto by being the "Friend of Youth" in our community.

This Club has served the youth of the Vienna community in numerous ways, including providing thousands of dollars in scholarships each year to local students through the Carol Waite Brennan Awards, the T.R. Cook Youth of Excellence Awards, the Communication Contest for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students; essay and other oratorical contests, and vocational scholarships.

The Club raises tens of thousands of dollars each year in support of pediatric cancer patients and research through the Walk and Family Fun Day for Growing Hope. Recognizing that it is never too early to serve one's

community, the Club promotes community service in elementary school students with the Helping Hands Awards. This emphasis on opportunities for youth to serve and lead continues with Octagon and Junior Optimist Clubs at local schools.

The annual Charles A. Robinson Respect for Law Awards fosters positive relations between the community and local law enforcement. Annual Christmas tree sales and other fundraisers support youth athletic teams, as well as academic, science and arts clubs at area schools. Club members dedicate hundreds of hours each year volunteering for youth-related activities, such as Special Olympics, Alternative House, Ethics Day, the Vienna Community Center Halloween Party, and more.

The Optimists have also contributed greatly to Vienna's community life by operating the Vienna Saturday Farmers Market since 2006, providing not only a marketplace for local, fresh, and healthy foods, but also a meeting place for Vienna residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna on its 60th Anniversary of service to the Vienna community and thanking its countless volunteers and supporters for helping to bring out the best in our kids.

TRIBUTE TO BEDFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bedford Community School District for receiving the Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the Department of Defense to employers for their support of National Guard and Reserve members. Almost half of the U.S. Military is made up of National Guard and Reserve members, many of whom also hold jobs with civilian employers. The Freedom Award recognizes those employers that provide the most outstanding support for the Citizen Warriors.

I applaud and congratulate Bedford Community School District for earning this prestigious award. I am proud to represent them in the U.S. Congress and I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating the school and wishing them nothing but continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAVID P. ROE**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the afternoon of July 9, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call #427—NO  
Roll Call #428—AYE  
Roll Call #429—YEA  
Roll Call #430—AYE