

on that day near Soissons, France “. . . he crawled alone into an enemy trench for the purpose of capturing or killing enemy soldiers . . . He killed 4 of the men and took the remaining 4 men prisoners.” While taking them to the rear, an artillery shell shattered one of Edwards’ legs. For his actions that day, Pfc. Edwards received the Medal of Honor.

David E. Hayden was born in Florence, Texas. He served as a Hospital Apprentice First Class in the U.S. Navy serving with the Marines. On September 15th, 1918, near Thiaucourt, France his brave actions earned him the Medal of Honor. His citation reads, “During the advance, when [his comrade in arms] was mortally wounded while crossing an open field swept by machinegun fire, Hayden unhesitatingly ran to his assistance and, finding him so severely wounded as to require immediate attention, disregarded his own personal safety to dress the wound under intense machinegun fire, and then carried the wounded man back to a place of safety.”

Samuel M. Sampler was born in Decatur, Texas. On October 8, 1918, near St. Etienne, France, the young U.S. Army Corporal became the third Texan in WWI to earn the Medal of Honor. When his company suffered severe casualties during an advance under machinegun fire, “Cpl. Sampler detected the position of the enemy machineguns . . . Armed with German handgrenades, which he had picked up, he left the line and rushed forward in the face of heavy fire until he was near the hostile nest, where he grenaded the position. His third grenade landed among the enemy, killing 2, silencing the machineguns, and causing the surrender of 28 Germans, who he sent to the rear as prisoners. As a result of his act the company was immediately enabled to resume the advance.”

These three Texans who earned the Medal of Honor were among the ones who survived the war.

A fourth Texan also earned the Medal of Honor during WWI, but gave his life during the actions for which he earned the medal posthumously.

David B. Barkley, of Hispanic descent, was born in 1899 in Laredo, Texas. His father was in the U.S. Army and his mother was a Mexican-American native of South Texas.

David enlisted in the Army before his 18th birthday. Not long after, he was sent to the frontlines in France. On November 9, 1918, Private Barkley’s actions went above and beyond the call of duty.

His Medal of Honor citation reads:

“When information was desired as to the enemy’s position on the opposite side of the Meuse River, Pvt. Barkley, with another soldier, volunteered without hesitation and swam the river to reconnoiter the exact location. He succeeded in reaching the opposite bank, despite the evident determination of the enemy to prevent a crossing. Having obtained his information, he again entered the water for his return, but before his goal was reached, he was seized with cramps and drowned.”

David Barkley’s body was not returned home until 1921. His body was laid in state at the Alamo, “The Cradle of Texas Freedom,” making him the second person to ever receive that honor, and then buried in San Antonio National Cemetery.

His brave actions were acknowledged at home and abroad. He received medals from France and Italy; an elementary school in San

Antonio was named in his honor; and, in 1941, Camp Barkley, a WWII Army installation, was named after him.

In 1989, the Army recognized Private Barkley as the first Hispanic Medal of Honor recipient.

Private Barkley, and the other Medal of Honor recipients from Texas, proudly served their state and country during the First World War, and they will forever be remembered for their brave actions.

100 years later we still remember the Texas boys of WWI, those that served and returned, those that served and returned with the wounds of war, and those that served and did not return.

And that’s just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING FRANCIS HOWELL NORTH HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS PLACEMENT IN THE TOP 25 MISSOURI RANKED HIGH SCHOOLS

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 Francis Howell North High School for its placement in the top 25 Missouri high schools as ranked by U.S. News and World Report.

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

I ask you in joining me in recognizing Francis Howell North High School for a job well done.

2015 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Education and Innovation Committee of the Prince William Chamber and to recognize the scholastic achievements of the 2015 Prince William Chamber Scholarship Program winners. Focused on educating the workforce of today and tomorrow, the Prince William Chamber seeks to highlight the talents and achievements of high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to both academic success and community involvement. This year’s scholarship recipients are nothing short of exceptional and for that I wish to recognize the following individuals:

Matthew Critchley, Forest Park High School
Casey Peschka, Woodbridge Senior High School

Ann Stapor, C.D. Hylton High School

Matthew Critchley is a lifelong resident of Dumfries, Virginia. Given his deep roots in the community, Matthew has expressed a particular interest in the history and legacy of the Town of Dumfries. Currently he serves on the town’s Parks and Recreation Commission and volunteers at the Weems-Botts Museum

where he researches family genealogy, coordinates special events, and participates in Civil War reenactments. Matthew is a diligent student and boasts a superior academic record. Upon graduation from Forest Park High School, Matthew will be the first in his family to go to college. He will attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall, majoring in Criminal Justice.

Casey Peschka attends Woodbridge Senior High School and is a member of the Advanced Placement Scholars, National Honor Society, Viking Norsemen Community Service Club, and Student Activities Council. He serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, The Valkyrie, and as Team Captain of the Varsity Boys’ Lacrosse Team. One of Casey’s most notable achievements is serving as co-founder of “El Fuego” or “The Fire,” a recreational soccer team that raises funds for ACTS to help combat hunger and poverty in the local community. In college, Casey will major in Biology and Organic Chemistry and plans to pursue a career in medicine as an Oncologist.

Anna Stapor will graduate as valedictorian from C.D. Hylton High School in June. Anna’s teachers characterize her as an “exception among the exceptional.” With an extensive list of academic achievements, Anna won First Place in the Prince William Youth Salute and was named an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society, and is also a recipient of the Presidents Volunteer Service Award. Throughout her high school career, Anna has participated in a number of clubs and organizations; among them, Virginia Girls State, National Council on Youth Leadership, Prince William Model United Nations, and AIU High School Diplomats. Anna was the Captain of Hylton’s Varsity Field Hockey and Lacrosse Team, receiving the following honors: Most Valuable Player, The Coaches Award, and Honorable Mention for All Conference Field Hockey Defender. In the fall, Anna will attend Virginia Tech and major in Industrial Design to design products to benefit poverty-stricken communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the 2015 Prince William Chamber Scholarship recipients for their achievements both in and out of the classroom and in thanking the Prince William Chamber of Commerce for their support of educational excellence.

TRIBUTE TO EMILY GRAVLIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Miss Emily Gravlin of Creston, Iowa, for winning a State Championship at the Iowa High School Rodeo State Finals on June 5th, 2015. Emily is the daughter of Michelle and Wayne Hanson and David Gravlin Sr.

Emily placed first in barrel racing after a successful season at various rodeos throughout Iowa. Her victory is the culmination of many years of hard work, training, and competing. She has qualified for the 67th National

Finals Rodeo in Rock Springs, Wyoming on July 12th–18th.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to represent dedicated Iowans like Emily in the U.S. House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Emily for a great season, and wishing her nothing but continued success as she competes at the National Rodeo Finals this week and in all her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING WRIGHT CITY
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 Wright City 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 Wright City High School for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE TEACHERS OF
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS GAINING CERTIFI-
CATION FROM THE NATIONAL
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
TEACHING STANDARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William County Public School Division teachers who recently received certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The National Board is an independent nonprofit organization governed by classroom teachers, school administrators, school board leaders, governors and state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders.

The teachers have met the standards established by the National Board, and have undergone a rigorous application process that required they demonstrate the knowledge, skills and accomplishments that comprise teaching excellence. A Board Certified teacher supports a vision of teaching based on the following five core principles:

Teachers are committed to students and their learning;

Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students;

Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning;

Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; and

Teachers are members of learning communities.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the following National Board Certified Teachers for receiving their respective certifications.

Maureen Artist, Montclair Elementary School
Dina Baird-Berberoglu, Samuel L. Gravely
Elementary School

Shawn Baugh, Triangle Elementary School
Cynthia Brown, Montclair Elementary School
Jennifer Carter, Minnieville Elementary
School

Allyson Davis, Marsteller Middle School
Deborah Ellis, Minnieville Elementary
School

Megan Hostutler, Patriot High School
Heather Mainwaring, Montclair Elementary
School

Franki Miller, Old Bridge Elementary School
Kathryn Miller, Dale City Elementary School
Michael Neall, Student Learning

Joanne Ortiz, Marumsc Hills Elementary
School

Kimberly Papandrea, Special Education
Matthew Ragghianti, Osbourn Park High
School

Kelly Riley, Swans Creek Elementary
School

Barbara Rohr, West Gate Elementary
School

Lori Sterne, Stonewall Jackson High School
Lydia Stewart, Osbourn Park High School
Wendee Sukanovich, Montclair Elementary
School

Rebecca Utter, Battlefield High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education and professional development. The Prince William County Public School Division delivers a world class education due to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ALEAN
ANDERTON BROCK ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HER 66TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2015

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of North Carolina's most deserving citizens, and a very special constituent, Mrs. Alean Anderton Brock. I applaud Mrs. Brock on several significant fronts, first and foremost as the dedicated and nurturing mother of Charlotte's own Olympian Boxer, Calvin Brock. Equally worthy of mentioning, Mr. Speaker, is Alean Brock's redefinition of courage which she exhibited throughout her battle as a two-time breast cancer survivor. During her former years, Alean attended Elizabeth City State University and was crowned their Homecoming Queens. Alean is compassionate and kind and imparts words of encouragement to everyone whom she meets; as a result, Alean has earned the "most favorite" person status among her family and friends who are spread across the United States.

Mr. Speaker, all who love and admire Alean Brock for her courage, determination, steadfastness and compassion, thought it would be appropriate to honor and pay tribute on the occasion of her 66th birthday.

Over the years, Mrs. Brock has exhibited unwavering courage, determination and has remained steadfast during her bouts with breast cancer. Those persons who are most familiar with Alean Brock will support the claim

that cancer never had a fighting chance with her. Cancer was no match because Alean knew the rules of the boxing game; after all, it was her son, Calvin's childhood dream to become the heavyweight boxing champion of the world. The main characters in Calvin's adventurous dream were constant, grounded and made many sacrifices. Those characters included Alean Brock, Calvin's father, Calvance Brock who doubled as Calvin's coach throughout his boxing career, and his precious sister Alexis.

Alean Brock fought the cancer like a champion and with all steadfastness continued to encourage Calvin to pursue his dream. Along the way, Calvin achieved the honor as National Golden Gloves Heavyweight Champion in 1998; and in 1999 with Alean standing tall, bruised by her cancer, but never defeated, Calvin won the U.S. Amateur Championship at 201 pounds. Alean, Calvance and Alexis cheered Calvin on to Sydney Australia where he participated as an U.S. Olympics Boxing Team Member during the 2000 Olympics. With strength and determination borrowed from his mom's playbook as she continued her battle with cancer, Calvin went forward to fight his first well-known opponent, Clifford Etienne, one of Mike Tyson's opponents whom Calvin defeated by round 3 TKO on January 21, 2005. Alean reached deep and found the zeal to cheer Calvin on to win the title of IBF World Title Challenger in 2006. Still continuing to throw knock out punches at her cancer, Alean dug down deep to find strength, but never wavered when she learned that Calvin would be forced into early retirement after suffering an injury that caused damage to the retinal in his right eye.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that on July 18, 2015 family and friends will gather from all across the United States to pay tribute to Alean Brock, including her mother and father, Rebecca and Clinton Anderton, her daughter, Alexis Brock and the apples of her eye, her two grandchildren Jizelle and Brycen along with their parents Calvin and Yolanda Brock.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in paying tribute to Alean Anderton Brock, the picture of unwavering courage, determination and compassion that we all should strive to emulate.

PATRICIA APY: AMERICAN BAR
ASSOCIATION'S 2015 GRASSROOTS
ADVOCACY AWARD WINNER

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call attention today to the great work and humanitarian achievements accomplished by Patricia Apy, who recently received the American Bar Association's 2015 Grassroots Advocacy Award.

A partner at Paras, Apy and Reiss, P.C. in Red Bank, New Jersey, Ms. Apy was selected for this extraordinary honor by the Board of Governors of the 400,000 member ABA—for her "outstanding support of legal protection and assistance to members of the military."

In announcing the award, the ABA noted that Ms. Apy is "recognized as one of the nation's leading experts in family law" who has