

through the Solano County Fire Academy in 1977. Prior to landing his dream job at the Department in 1985, Mr. Riley worked as a full time employee for the City of Vallejo at the gas pumps and as a laborer. The City promoted him to Pipe Mechanic in 1982.

Mr. Riley led a successful career at the Vallejo Fire Department. He taught CPR training courses to health care professionals and the public for 15 years. As a member of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, he helped rewrite the Apprenticeship Standards for the department. His work contributed to the development of policies for the Department's Public Information Officer. He taught students at the National Fire Department Instructors Conference's Hands on Training classes in Indianapolis and Sacramento for five years.

Mr. Riley served as the Political Director for the Napa and Solano Counties Central Labor Council, and, at the time of his retirement, was a Vice President. He currently serves on the Solano County Civil Service Commission and Workforce Development Boards. He is the Co-Chair of Solano Counties Help in Recruiting and Retaining Employees Committee, where he coordinates job placement services.

Mr. Speaker, Jon Douglas Riley is a valuable leader and organizer in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him for his many years of service to the people of Vallejo, California.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECT OUR STUDENTS AND TAXPAYERS (POST) ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Protect Our Students and Taxpayers (POST) Act.

If enacted, this legislation would take steps towards eliminating an incentive for for-profit colleges to aggressively recruit and enroll veterans, service members and their families, who have sacrificed for this country and deserve the highest quality of education.

Current law prohibits for-profit colleges and universities from deriving more than 90 percent of their revenue from the U.S. Department of Education's federal student aid programs. The other 10 percent is required to come from sources other than the federal government. However, because of the way the law was written, veterans' and active duty service members' federal student aid does not count towards the 90 percent. Instead, it may be included among a for-profit institution's calculation of its 10 percent non-federal revenue.

As a result, for-profit colleges and universities are left with a powerful incentive to recruit veterans, service members and their families, offering them degrees that are often less valuable than those from not-for-profit institutions.

The POST Act would strengthen the definition of "federal aid" to include G.I. bill funds, Department of Defense Tuition Assistance benefits, and all other federal funding sources.

Furthermore, the POST Act would reinstate a 15 percent minimum on revenue that for-profit colleges must receive from sources other than the federal government. The re-

quirement was lowered from 15 percent to 10 percent in 1998.

The bill also takes steps towards eliminating accounting tricks used by for-profit educational institutions that inflate their declared amount of non-federal funding.

Finally, the POST Act increases the penalty for rule-breakers by causing colleges to lose eligibility to participate in federal student aid programs after one year of noncompliance with the new 85-15 rule. Currently, they do not face penalties until they have been non-compliant for two years.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and help get it passed.

HONORING MOUNT VERNON HEIGHTS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 120TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge a Mount Vernon institution that this year is celebrating its remarkable 120th Anniversary. Founded on October 7, 1896 the Mount Vernon Heights Congregational Church has served parishioners in the Mount Vernon community and beyond for well over a century. Their rich history deserves our recognition.

Though officially founded on a Thursday evening in 1896, the church's roots actually date back to 1892 when members of the community from all different denominations gathered for prayer services at the school house on Garden Avenue. Four years later, a meeting was held in the school house on Garden Avenue for the stated purpose of organizing a Congregational church in Mount Vernon Heights. Eighteen persons were present, and they voted unanimously to carry out this purpose.

From there, the Church's rich history began to bloom. In September, 1915 the corner lot of South Columbus and Beekman Avenues was purchased and by 1917 the new chapel was dedicated, which is currently Fellowship Hall. Through time, additional parcels of land were procured and new buildings were constructed.

Through the years the Mount Vernon Heights Congregational Church has been a pillar to the community. The tall white bell tower stands high as landmark to many. This church has withstood World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and other military conflicts that have affected American life. The wall plaques in the church lobby stand for its contribution of lives. This church has fostered Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops; Women Leagues, Bible Study, Sunday School, Youth Groups and Support Groups, Home Missionary Society to name a few.

Over the years there were many contributions made by the 14 different pastors that served this church, too many deeds to list. And those good deeds have always been mirrored by the congregation, which has raised money and donated countless hours to helping their community thrive. I want to congratulate them on this amazing 120th Anniversary.

HONORING FORT LAUDERDALE, OAKLAND PARK, AND WILTON MANORS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and Wilton Manors, Florida for being named by the Human Rights Campaign as top cities fostering LGBTQ equality and inclusivity.

Each of these cities received an exceptional score on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's sixth annual Municipal Equality Index. Fort Lauderdale received 87 out of 100 points, Oakland Park received 99, and Wilton Manors received a perfect 100. These three cities are among just 86 nationwide with top scores from states without comprehensive nondiscrimination laws.

These cities showcase South Florida's long and meaningful history of LGBTQ civic engagement and support for equality. Each year, more and more municipalities are recognized by the Human Rights Campaign for their growing efforts to ensure LGBTQ inclusion in municipal law, policy, and services. I encourage all cities in South Florida to follow the examples set by Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and Wilton Manors in making theirs a city where LGBTQ individuals thrive.

As a member of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus and as an original sponsor of the Equality Act, I am especially honored to represent these cities in the U.S. House of Representatives. Again, congratulations to Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and Wilton Manors.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 FAIRFAX COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Volunteer Fairfax and express my sincere appreciation to recipients of the 25th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Established more than 40 years ago, Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of thousands of volunteers with the needs of local non-profit organizations. The success of this model and its impact on delivery of needed services is beyond question; Volunteer Fairfax has been rated as one of the most effective community service organizations in the nation.

Last year alone, over 15,000 individuals volunteered directly through Volunteer Fairfax; an additional 1,700 employees volunteered through their employers' BusinessLink program and the value of volunteer services provided exceeded \$4.5 million.

Each year, Volunteer Fairfax selects a few exceptional individuals, groups, or organizations to receive special recognition. It is my great pleasure to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2017 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards honorees: