

grown significantly since it was founded. While the VWC expanded and men joined their ranks, its name has never changed because it was the inspiration of women and their mobilization that launched the organization. Now a 501-c-3 non-profit, the VWC has made countless contributions in numerous ways. One example is its creation of the Redemption and Recycling Centers in Ben Lomond, Boulder Creek, and Felton, which were created to protect the SLV watershed and Monterey Bay by reclaiming materials that would otherwise enter the waste stream. Through its Environmental Committee, the VWC monitors timber harvest proposals and development plans, and creates environmental safety and health information programs for all residents of the SLV. The Education Committee provides scholarships to SLV High School students going on to Cabrillo College, and distributes Ready-for-School-Kindergarten bags for all incoming kindergarten students.

The VWC also established the SLV Habitat Restoration Program to remove damaging invasive plant species which allow native species to re-establish and flourish. Through the Habitat Restoration Program, the VWC continues to educate, inspire, and train AmeriCorps teams in environmental habitat restoration, community cooperation, and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our collective gratitude to the Valley Women's Club for its remarkable contributions which have bettered the community of the San Lorenzo Valley and strengthened our country, and congratulate them on forty years of extraordinary progress.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARAB TRIBUNE

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and honor a monumental occasion in the history of journalism in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District, which I am proud to represent. On March 27, 1958, 60-years-ago, The Arab Tribune published its first edition.

The paper began that first edition by saying, "With this issue—Vol. 1, No. 1 of The Arab Tribune . . . a new paper is born. We sincerely hope you will like it." I believe after six decades of publication, it is clear that the people of Arab and Brindlee Mountain more than like The Arab Tribune.

The Tribune began as a vision of Ralph Reed who put the first issues into print. Sadly, he died a short time later in a bus accident.

His brother, Ewell Reed, who was at the time an FBI agent, moved his family from Virginia to Arab, where he put down his badge and took up a notebook and pencil. He continued his brother's dream and turned The Arab Tribune into a success. Since 1970, Ewell's son Ed Reed has been the publisher of the paper.

The Arab Tribune has been in the Reed family for its entire existence and that has meant no corporate takeovers dictating news content from a faraway city. Quite the contrary, The Arab Tribune was and is community focused. Current editor Charles Whisenant, and the reporters at the Tribune, make sure the paper is focused on hyper-local content.

In our current world where people have access to large amounts of national and international news, it is ever more important that

local, community newspapers continue to thrive. Our democracy depends on people being engaged, not just in what's happening in Washington, New York or Los Angeles, but also what's happening down the street and in their local government.

I congratulate the men and women of The Arab Tribune for six decades of putting the people of Arab and Brindlee Mountain first and foremost. And I wish them many more years of success as the "Ledger of Community Progress."

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ALFRED NYHOLM LARSEN

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished life and distinguished career of 98 year-old Mr. Alfred Nyholm Larsen of Bellingham, Washington.

Mr. Larsen is a World War II, U.S. Navy veteran who served in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Mr. Larsen also worked under the ACTION program which oversaw federal volunteer programs such as Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA).

He created the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, which is one of the largest volunteer efforts in the country for individuals 55 or older.

He is a proud father of four and is spending his retirement in his home state of Washington.

I would like to thank and recognize Mr. Larsen for his commitment to the state of Washington and his service to this country.