

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MR. CHRISTOPHER BROWNE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Christopher Browne in recognition of his contributions to Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia region and to congratulate him on being named the 2017 Tower of Dulles Honoree by the Committee for Dulles.

Mr. Browne currently serves as Deputy Director of the National Air and Space Museum, which has historically been the most popular Smithsonian Museum. Last year, 7.5 million people visited the National Air and Space Museum, and it is on track to meet or exceed those numbers in 2018.

Prior to accepting this position, Mr. Browne was Vice President and Airport Manager for Washington Dulles International Airport, a position he assumed in 2005. This position was the culmination of a career in airport management, which began in 1988 when he joined the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority as an Operations Manager at Washington National Airport. After seven years in that position, he was promoted to Airport Manager at National, a position he held until accepting the Airport Manager position at Washington Dulles. His 29-year tenure with MWAA was marked by periods of massive construction and expansion, as well as Y2K and the terrorist attacks of 9/11. During his time at Dulles, he was responsible not only for overseeing a staff of more than 500, but also for managing a \$400 million revenue stream, which included the profits from the Dulles Toll Road.

These profits were a critical component in the financing of the Silver Line project, which will finally bring to fruition the vision of a rail link between our nation's capital and its premier international airport.

Mr. Browne's tenure as airport manager of National and Dulles earned him multiple accolades, including being named Airport Manager of the Year in 2002. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives.

Prior to entering civilian public service, Mr. Brown served his country in uniform in the United States Navy, where he served as a Naval Aviator for seven years aboard the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower*. During his naval career he amassed over 1,400 flight hours, and graduated from the Navy's prestigious "Top Gun" Fighter Weapons School.

Mr. Speaker, Christopher Browne represents the very ethos of service to the community and our country. In addition to his multi-decade career with the Navy and MWAA, Mr. Browne serves on the Board of Directors of the Special Olympics of Virginia,

as well as on the Boards of several area Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Brown has selflessly dedicated himself and his career to the betterment of our community, and his efforts are truly worthy of our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Christopher Browne on his accomplishments, and in thanking him for his immeasurable contributions to our community.

NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS
FOR MISSING AND MURDERED
NATIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize May 5, 2018 as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.

Native women in the U.S. face tragically high rates of violence, sexual assault, and murder. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, homicide is the third leading cause of death for Native women and girls between the ages of 10 and 24 years old. A study commissioned by the Department of Justice found that, in some tribal communities, Native women face murder rates that are more than ten times the national average. This is unacceptable.

I'm pleased that the Portland City Council recently passed a resolution recognizing the disproportionate effects of human trafficking on people of color in our region, but we must do more to protect Native women. Importantly, we must recognize the institutional racism and systematic inequalities they face, and we must seek justice on behalf of those who are missing or murdered.

For those families who have not received justice, I stand with you. I'm committed to taking action to prevent these crimes in the future, and hope that your missing loved one will return home soon.

RECOGNIZING BARRINGTON
SCHOOL DISTRICT 220 SUPER-
INTENDENT DR. BRIAN HARRIS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Brian Harris, Superintendent of Schools for Barrington 220 Community Unit School District in Barrington, Illinois. On April 12, 2018 it was announced that Dr. Harris was elected to serve on the executive committee of AASA, American Association of School Administrators. This July, Dr. Harris will be sworn in as an executive committee member and will serve a three-year term.

Founded in 1865, ASAA advocates for equitable access for all students to the highest quality education, and develops and supports school system leaders. Dr. Harris has been a member of AASA, as well as the Illinois Association of School Administrators since 2010. He has also been a member of the AASA governing board since 2014.

Prior to joining Barrington 220 as the Superintendent of Schools in 2014, he served as Superintendent of Schools for Community Unit School District 200 in the Wheaton/Warrenville, Illinois area and Assistant Principal at Barrington Middle School's Station campus. As the leader of one of the top school districts in Northern Illinois, Dr. Harris is well-prepared to serve on the executive committee, where he will bring over 30 years of experience and expertise in education to the national level.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing Dr. Brian Harris for his outstanding leadership and being elected to serve on the executive committee of the American Association of School Administrators.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 ELLY
DOYLE PARK SERVICE AWARD
RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the honorees of the 2017 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards. These awards, sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board, recognize individuals and organizations for their extraordinary contributions to our environment and public park system.

The Elly Doyle Service Awards were established in 1988 in honor of former board member Ellamae Doyle's many years of outstanding service. Recipients have also been selected for the Eakin Philanthropy Award, named in honor of the family that donated the first parcels of parkland to the Park Authority more than 50 years ago, the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship, named in honor of a celebrated local historian and military veteran, the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, named in honor of a local champion of environmental education and protection, and the Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award, named for the former Sully District representative on the Park Authority Board. In addition, a special recognition will be given to Park Authority volunteers, who play an integral role in the agency's success.

It is my honor to congratulate all the recipients of the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards and to include in the RECORD the names of the following individuals:

Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award: Fairfax County Department

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