

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF MRS. CLARENE HELEN
VICKERY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Mrs. Clarene Helen Vickery and to congratulate her on an incredible milestone. On May 22, Mrs. Vickery will celebrate her 100th birthday. It is my honor to include this extraordinary woman and citizen of Fairfax County into the RECORD.

Born Clarene Helen Dickens in Collins, Mississippi, Mrs. Vickery began her service to her community at an early age, working for the National Youth Administration during the Great Depression. That service continued when she relocated to Virginia, where she founded the Parkwood School and has served as its Director from 1956 to the present time. Since its founding, more than 10,000 students have attended Parkwood School. Mrs. Vickery has been recognized with a lifetime achievement award from the Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education and a Certificate of Recognition from the Fairfax County Health Department for her more than six-decade support of the health and well-being of children.

Mrs. Vickery has also been a successful business woman and active member of the Vienna, Virginia business community, receiving the Business Person of the Year award from the Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce, serving as the Grand Marshall of the Vienna Halloween Parade for the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce, and in other capacities.

Her contributions to our community have also extended into her role as a person of faith. Mrs. Vickery was a founding member of the Providence Baptist Church in McLean, Virginia, and served the Vienna Baptist Church as a member for the past 60 years in the position of Sunday School Director.

One would think that these innumerable commitments to serving her community would be the overriding force in Mrs. Vickery's life and replace all other considerations. But one would be mistaken. Mrs. Vickery is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She and her husband "Vick" raised four sons; and have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Fairfax County is one of the best places in the entire country in which to live, work, raise a family and start a business. Our high quality of life is only made possible through the efforts of citizens such as Clarene Helen Vickery. I congratulate her again on joining the Century Club and ask my colleagues to join me in offering their congratulations and in thanking her for her many years of service to our community. I know that she will continue to remain involved in the causes that are dear to her for many years to come.

RECOGNITION OF MICRONOVA
MANUFACTURING, INC., WINNER
OF THE 2018 PRESIDENT'S E
STAR AWARD

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Micronova Manufacturing, Inc., honored recipient of the 2018 President's E Star Award. The President's E Star Award is the highest honor given to United States exporters and export service providers in the nation. The award honors and recognizes persons or organizations that contribute significantly in efforts to expand U.S. exports. The 2018 President's E Star Award was presented to Micronova this morning, in a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Micronova Manufacturing, Inc., was established in the City of Torrance, California, in 1984 by founder and owner, Audrey Reynolds. Micronova is a woman-owned business, which has developed a variety of specialized tools to address critical cleaning needs in the emerging electronics and aerospace industries. Micronova exports California-made products around the world.

Audrey Reynolds is a forward-looking business owner, who understands the importance of manufacturing to the global marketplace. For decades, she allocated resources to global research and navigation of regulatory procedures and by 2017, global sales made up sixteen percent of Micronova's business.

As the Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee and a strong supporter of the Export-Import Bank, I understand the importance of the global marketplace for American businesses and American workers. The Export-Import Bank opens up international markets to U.S. businesses by financing and insuring the sale of U.S. exports when private sector financing is prohibitively expensive, or simply not available. In this way, the bank is a lifeline for small businesses looking to expand.

Under Audrey Reynolds' innovative leadership, Micronova Manufacturing, Inc. is a responsible and valued corporate citizen. I congratulate Micronova for this admirable achievement.

HONORING FRANCES LUCERNA

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a trailblazer and pionera of community arts and education, and a friend, Frances Lucerna, who was bestowed the title of Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) by the Bank Street College of Education on May 10, 2018.

Frances is the Co-Founder and Artistic Executive Director of El Puente, a non-profit Brooklyn based community and youth development organization that promotes the arts, leadership, peace and social justice. This organization was founded at the height of the

gang and drug epidemic in the Williamsburg, Brooklyn community. Frances, a former dancer believed that arts and culture could be spiritually healing and transformational for young people and their families. Since inception in 1983, El Puente has positively transform the lives and future of hundreds of underserved and low-income at risk-youths with its arts, dance and literacy-based after school programs. It has introduced and opened the doors to the theater and film for many young people. In addition, the holistic approach to art combined with academic enrichment programming and activities is unique and has positioned El Puente to be one of the most celebrated Latino cultural organization's in my district.

Without a high school for participants to further their interest and education in the arts and social justice, in 1993 she championed and founded El Puente Academy for Peace and Justice High School. It was the first school in the country dedicated to human rights and a national model for community based schools serving students from 9th through 12th grade.

In 2012, Frances spearheaded the development of the Global Justice Institute, El Puente's training, research, and development center, which engages individuals and organizations from around the world in learning about El Puente's social justice practices while creating strategies for sustainable, community-driven change for a more healthy, vibrant, livable community.

Her advocacy, passion and dedication to strengthening the human condition is immeasurable. She has earned the respect of leaders, both local and global. Although she is the recipient of numerous awards, being conferred the title of Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) reaffirms her life's work and significant contribution to society.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Frances Lucerna for a distinguished life of public service and accomplishments. My district is enriched because of her vision and leadership.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.