

where mothers and infants can be together for the first year of life.

Sister Tesa believes that her programs work because of two core philosophies: "Change takes time" and "Love makes the difference." Her work on behalf of vulnerable women and children has been widely recognized. In 2015, Pope Francis bestowed on her the Pro Ecclesiae et Pontifice medal in recognition of her years of service to the church in the Brooklyn Diocese. In 2014 the Opus Foundation awarded her \$1 million in recognition of her faith-based humanitarian efforts. She was named a White House Champion of Change in 2013 and a CNN Hero in 2012. In 2004, she was named one of the 100 Outstanding Women of New York by the Daily News and in 1997, Irish America Magazine named her one of the Top 100 Irish Americans. Her work on behalf of the most vulnerable should put her on the top of anyone's list.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Sister Tesa Fitzgerald whose vision, empathy and caring have improved the lives of some of our nation's most vulnerable women and children.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE INAUGURAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2018*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35 Fairfax, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Navy after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extra-curricular activities, and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selflessness and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the United States Navy:

Alexandra Villagomez; Rosanna Curiel; Cassidy Blefko; Carlos Castillo; William Labrecque; Ricardo Melendez; Elliot Gamby; Ryan Garnier; Hannah Hong; Cameron Woods; Myiam Anderson; Hyunsoo Hung; Omar Hedgespeth; Daniel Delabarra; Millad Zahedi; Carl Christensen; Edward Beaudoin; Tyger Leiva; Gad Baron; Jack Havens; Bryan Dann; Kevin Anderson; Michael Barnhouse; Marshall Wacker; Kenneth Abankwa; Yawo Afodagni; Marvin Castelo; Mukunda Adhikari; Dane Dailey; Dylan Griffin; Justice McManis; David Koroma; Karl Yao; Ryan Dixon; William Sherard.

These students will be honored by the Fairfax Chapter of Our Community Salutes at their Inaugural Military Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in Sterling, VA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these young men and women and their families for their dedication to serving this great Nation. We owe them and the many Americans who have served and will serve a debt of gratitude.