

IN RECOGNITION OF 25 YEARS OF PRIDE IN THE PARK

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Pride in the Park festival, which is currently organized by the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center in addition to its other vital services.

Since 1993, the Pride in the Park festival has acknowledged the achievements made in and by the local LGBT community. It is a vibrant event with vendors, merchants, business services, community groups, games, and live entertainment. In 2016, the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center opened to fill a gap in community services by addressing the cultural, health, and education needs of the LGBT community in the Lehigh Valley.

In 2017, Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley merged with Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center. I am sure the legacy of Pride in the Park will continue to grow and flourish with its support and the strong leadership provided by Founder and Executive Director Adrian Shanker.

It is an honor to recognize Adrian Shanker and the Bradbury-Sullivan Center and their work to usher in the 25th Annual Pride in the Park Festival. It is vital to have well-organized groups like this to ensure all voices are heard and every person can pursue a life of dignity and respect.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR DON- ALD EMERSON SHAY, JR. AND MRS. SARA FRANCES SHAY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the service of both United States Air Force Major Donald Emerson "Don" Shay, Jr., of the 14th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, and his mother, Mrs. Sara Frances Shay. This October marks forty-eight years since Maj. Shay went missing over southern Laos in the service of his country. After her son was reported as MIA, Mrs. Shay dedicated herself to reunite all those missing in Southeast Asia with their families for forty-five years.

Before his service in the United States Air Force, Don was raised in Linthicum, Maryland, and graduated the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1967. On October 8, 1970, then Captain Shay and Cpt. William A. Ott were shot down during a reconnaissance mission over Laos in an RF4C Phantom. Their plane was not located and both men were listed Missing in Action. Upon the release of 591 American prisoners of war in 1973, neither Cpts. Shay nor Ott were among those coming home. Cpt. Shay was promoted to the rank of Major after he was reported MIA; he is among eighteen members of the USAFA class of 1967 who lost their lives in or are still MIA from Vietnam.

Following the report that Don was missing, Mrs. Shay began volunteering her time and efforts towards locating her son. Soon, her dedi-

cation grew to all service members who were MIA/POW in Vietnam. She went on to serve on the board of the National League of Families of American Prisoners Missing in Southeast Asia, the board of the Linthicum Veteran's Memorial, and has worked with countless families and veterans of the war in the intervening decades. For her tireless work, she has been recognized by Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and Obama. Mrs. Shay will be celebrating her 100th birthday this December.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Major Donald Emerson Shay, Jr., and Mrs. Sara Frances Shay for their incredible sacrifices, devotion, and service to our nation; words cannot express our gratitude.

CONGRATULATING CHASE ELLIOT ON HIS FIRST NASCAR CUP SE- RIES VICTORY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dawsonville's Chase Elliot for winning his first NASCAR Cup Series race on August 5.

Growing up, Chase fostered his love for speed through go-kart racing. He always looked up to his father, Bill, who was a NASCAR driver himself.

Chase carried on his father's legacy even as a teenager, kicking off his NASCAR career by signing a deal with Hendrick Motorsports. Only a year later, he won his first NASCAR race at the Iowa Speedway.

Chase clinched another victory in the 2014 NASCAR Xfinity Series race at the age of 18 years old, making him the youngest driver to win a NASCAR national series title.

During the recent NASCAR Cup race, Chase advanced to victory with the support of his favorite spotter—his father.

As Chase moves on to his next race, I join my fellow Northeast Georgians in congratulating him on winning his first Cup Series competition.

NORTH COAST OPPORTUNITIES

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues MIKE THOMPSON and JOHN GARAMENDI to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of North Coast Opportunities, Inc. and their decades of good work for the residents on the North Coast of California, in particular those areas in our congressional districts.

North Coast Opportunities was created through the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty, and it has served as the Community Action Agency for Mendocino and Lake Counties, as well as parts of Humboldt, Sonoma, Del Norte, and Solano Counties since its incorporation in 1968.

As a member of the Community Action Network, North Coast Opportunities joined nearly

1,000 community-focused agencies throughout the United States that are charged with addressing local problems of poverty, social disengagement, and inequity by engaging local affected populations through direct services. These services are tailored to meet local conditions and seek the greatest participation in the vital services provided to struggling families.

North Coast Opportunity reaches local residents from infancy to the end of life through programs including Partnerships in Community Health, Lake County Food and Produce Pantries, Head Start Child Development Program, Mendo-Lake Food Hub, Leadership Mendocino, Food PREP, Lake and Mendocino County Farm to School, Gardens Project, Redwood Caregiver Resource Center, Rural Communities Child Care, Volunteer Network, Walk and Bike Mendocino, Hammers for Hope, Lake County Disaster Recovery, and the Caring Kitchen Project.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great appreciation that we congratulate and recognize North Coast Opportunities on fifty years of stellar service to California North Coast communities in our congressional district and extend to them best wishes for decades of service to come.

CELEBRATING SUBURBAN PROPANE'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Suburban Propane headquartered in the Township of Hanover, New Jersey on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary.

Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. is a nationwide distributor of propane, fuel oil and related products and services, as well as a marketer of natural gas and electricity, proudly celebrating 90 years of innovation, growth and quality service.

Since the concept of using propane as a portable heating source was born in 1928 by its visionary founder in a small New Jersey town, Suburban Propane and its predecessor companies have been committed to delivering outstanding customer service to the communities served. In 1945, under the name Suburban Propane Gas Corporation, Suburban Propane became the first stock exchange listed public propane distributor in the United States. After several transformations, Suburban Propane again emerged as a publicly-traded Master Limited Partnership ("MLP") listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1996, and today is one of the oldest existing MLPs. Throughout its now nine decades of serving customers nationwide, Suburban Propane has maintained its high standards for safety, integrity and customer satisfaction.

From its roots as a small neighborhood business, Suburban Propane has grown into a nationwide distributor with a vast network of more than 650 locations in 41 states. Today, Suburban Propane is the third largest retail propane provider in the United States, serving the energy needs of approximately 1.0 million residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers.