

legislation can come together only through the efforts of many who are willing to invest their time to make change happen.

First, I want to thank Representatives DOUG COLLINS and HAKEEM JEFFRIES. They were the leaders who took a very fractured music community, got their hands dirty, and forged the consensus and framework for reforming the Section 115 mechanical license for musical works. For a hundred years, our mechanical licensing laws were based on the technology of the piano roll. Through the diligent work of these Members, it will now reflect the digital realities of the 21st Century.

In addition, I would like to thank IP Subcommittee Chairman DARRELL ISSA and Full Committee Ranking Member JERRY NADLER for their leadership on behalf of sound recording artists to secure protection for artists who recorded works before 1972. For decades, some artists could receive compensation for their recordings while others could not, based solely on an arbitrary date. That was not fair. We have now fixed that thanks to the leadership of these Members.

I would also like to thank Representatives JOE CROWLEY and TOM ROONEY for their leadership on behalf of producers, mixers, and sound engineers. Thanks to their hard work, these technical artists will also receive compensation for their contributions to musical works.

I would like to thank Ranking Member Conyers for his leadership on these issues over many years, and for his willingness to partner with me in orchestrating the Committee's multi-year Copyright Review. And I want to thank Ranking Member NADLER for his work on all of these issues and for his willingness to partner with me in combining all of these important pieces—and others—together into a comprehensive and consensus music licensing reform package that is now awaiting the President's signature.

Additionally, I would like to thank Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman CHUCK GRASSLEY, Ranking Member DIANNE FEINSTEIN, and Senator ORRIN HATCH for shepherding the legislation through the Senate. I appreciate their leadership and willingness to work across chambers and across party lines.

Of course, I, and all the Members who led this effort, owe a debt of gratitude to our staffs. The staff of the House Judiciary Committee, both Majority and Minority, and the personal staffs of the Members, worked overtime for days, weeks, months and years to help us achieve this victory. We could not have done this without them.

The result of all this work by Members, staff, and stakeholders from every corner is nothing less than a new era for music. One that continues our nation's long commitment to incentivize creators and distributors to bring us the sound tracks of our lives.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT SISSON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Robert "Bob" Sisson on his retirement. Since 1991, Bob Sisson has served as the City Manager for the City of Fairfax. This

has given him the distinction of being one of the longest-serving local government administrators in the D.C. region.

Bob began his career in local government in 1974 as an administrative assistant to the city manager of Overland Park, Oklahoma. He would go on to be assistant city manager in two additional communities in Oklahoma, Norman and Stillwater, before becoming the city manager of Grandview, Missouri, a suburban community of 28,000 located in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Bob served as Grandview city manager for four years before being selected in a nationwide search to take the helm of the City of Fairfax.

Under Bob's leadership, the City of Fairfax has received numerous accolades, including being consistently ranked among the Top 10 places in the country in which to live, reaching as high as No. 3 in Forbes Magazine in 2009. Most recently, U.S. News and World Report rated the City of Fairfax the sixth-healthiest community in the nation. Criteria for this rating included such categories as residents' income, education, life span, access to critical services and proximity to parks.

I was proud to work with Bob on many major projects in the region, including the construction of the City of Fairfax Regional Library and the relocation of the Lamb Center for homeless individuals. As someone who also began their public service career in local government, I have always held a special appreciation for those who choose to dedicate their life to public service at the local level. I have often said that local government is where the rubber meets the road: accountability is absolute and everyone knows where you live and has your phone number. At the local level, the citizens we serve aren't concerned with political ideologies or scoring points for your respective party. They expect you to deliver concrete results and will hold you to account should you fail to do so. The pothole was either fixed or it wasn't—and if it wasn't, the community will know who didn't get the job done.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bob Sisson on his retirement and in thanking him for his many decades of service to his communities, both in Northern Virginia and throughout the United States. Though he may be officially retiring from public service, I have no doubt that he will continue to stay involved on the issues that are important to him. I wish him all of the best in his future endeavors.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUTH
SPORTS 2018 STRIVE AWARD
WINNER RECOGNITION

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, Representatives KIND, DAVIS, H. JOHNSON, WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and I, as co-chairs and members of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, would like to honor Triangle Volleyball Club of Morrisville, North Carolina for being the winner of the 2018 S.T.R.I.V.E. (Sports Teach Respect, Initiative, Values and Excellence) Organization of the Year Award.

Each year, the National Council of Youth Sports (NCYS) recognizes five finalist organi-

zations that strongly meet the "kids first" approach, evidenced by their implementation of best practices and policies that protect kids and promote safety. The award, sponsored by AIG, is presented to the organization that the voters feel most exhibits heartfelt passion and shows a committed spirit to helping kids succeed in sports, while maintaining a commitment to safety procedures. This year, Triangle Volleyball Club was selected from four other excellent finalists: Baltimore SquashWise of Baltimore, Maryland; O'Fallon Little Panthers of O'Fallon, Illinois; Police Athletic League of Buffalo, New York; and Snider Youth Hockey of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Comprised of the who's who in the youth sports industry, NCYS was founded in 1979, and its membership represents more than 200 organizations and corporations serving over 60 million registered participants in organized youth sports programs. NCYS is the largest known organization in America representing the youth sports industry, and its members include organizations such as Little League Baseball, American Youth Soccer Organization, Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, YMCA of America, Pop Warner, and Special Olympics North America.

Triangle Volleyball Club is being recognized for how it places the health and safety of their athletes as their top priority while also competing at the very highest level of girls' junior club volleyball. Furthermore, Triangle Volleyball Club deserves this distinction for its commitment to educate the whole person through excellence in the sport of volleyball and the inclusion of service projects working with the disabled (veterans and young people) through sitting volleyball and leadership in adaptive sitting volleyball development and outreach.

Triangle Volleyball Club is just one example of many great youth sports organizations in this country, and we likewise commend all those that work and volunteer to allow the youth this Nation to gain the benefits of youth sports participation and helping to prepare our next generation of leaders.

We commend Triangle Volleyball Club for this wonderful achievement, and the great work they are doing.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COM-
MANDER JERRY McNEW, U.S.
NAVY

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding work of Lieutenant Commander Jerry McNew.

McNew joined the United States Navy in 1989, entering Basic Training at the Naval Station in Chicago, Illinois. He later attended Tactical Training Center Atlantic, located in Dam Neck, Virginia, graduating with honors as an Operations Specialist Seaman.

Spanning three decades, McNew's career has taken him on eighteen deployments, thirteen of those in combat missions. His dossier reads like something out of a Tom Clancy novel. From weapons tactics to Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer, to Civil Affairs, Command Staff, Air Intercept Controller Supervisor, Battle Watch Captain, Surface Warfare Officer,