

legislature, Bob was appointed to serve as Chair of the State Parole Board by Republican Governor Pete Wilson and, later, to serve as Secretary of Youth and Adult Corrections by Democratic Governor Gray Davis.

Senator Presley was predeceased by his first wife, Ahni Ratliff Presley. He is survived by his second wife, Susan Foreman Presley; his three adult children; Robert Presley, Jr., Donna Danielson, and Marilyn Raphael; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Presley family, his friends, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Although Bob may be gone, the many life-changing contributions he made in Riverside County will have a lasting impact.

HONORING THE YALE UNIVERSITY BANDS ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 27, 2018*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, It gives me great pleasure to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Yale University Bands—the first American University Band to present a concert tour abroad in 1959—as it celebrates its centennial anniversary.

The activities that led to the birth of the Yale University Band were organized by Joseph R. Ellis in 1918 when he was a lieutenant in the United States Army assigned to the Yale Student Army Training Corps. Prior to being stationed in New Haven, he had been posted in Washington, D.C. where his work was to secure players and leaders for bands throughout the training camps of the country. Upon his arrival at Yale, he started planning the formation of a band. Finding no funds available, Lieutenant Ellis took up a collection from the military units which were then in training. He secured the services of a professional coach, Charles F. Smith, a New Haven musician who had considerable band experience, a few instruments were purchased, and musical talent was recruited from the S.A.T.C. (Student Army Training Corps). This first Yale band provided music for military formations until the Corps was demobilized in December 1918, after the Armistice. The instruments were turned over to the University with the hope that they would provide the nucleus for a student band in the future.

Lieutenant Ellis remained at Yale and went on to become Registrar of Freshmen. On October 1, 1919, he and Charles Smith succeeded in persuading twenty students to form the Yale Band which played at some of the minor football games that fall. It was from those twenty students a century ago that the Yale Bands have expanded to include the Yale Jazz Ensemble, the Yale Precision Marching Band, and the Yale Concert Band—producing a combined thirty national and international concert tours.

In its one hundred years, the Yale Bands has been served by just six directors: Charles Smith, Alvin Etler, Keith L. Wilson, Keith Brion, Richard Thurston, and today's director, Thomas C. Duffy who has held the position for thirty-seven years.

The Yale Bands have amassed an impressive record of musical commissions, world

premieres, and service to civic, academic and national events, all combined with a commitment to music as a social force. Yale Bands have produced benefit concerts to raise relief money in response to natural disasters, have performed in a Syrian refugee camp in Athens, Greece, and regularly directs the talents of its members in performances that support philanthropic, educational, and social programs.

For its formative place in the development of the 20th-century American Wind Band, for its pioneering work with the commissioning of new band works from important composers, for its long-standing commitment to music as a social force and its impact on the local New Haven community and those around the world, I am proud to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Yale University Bands as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. I wish them all the best for another century of fine performances, artistic leadership, and service through music.

RECOGNIZING WESTMINSTER AT LAKE RIDGE ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 27, 2018*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Westminster at Lake Ridge on its 25th anniversary and to commend the staff, residents, and volunteers for their commitment to the community and their dedication to the well-being of all who call Westminster home.

Although we are celebrating Westminster at Lake Ridge's Silver Anniversary, the origins of this exceptional community date back more than 40 years to 1977, when the late Myles Golbranson began his efforts to establish a Presbyterian-sponsored life-care retirement community in Northern Virginia. For the next 8 years, he led an Ad Hoc Committee to assist with exploring options. In 1985, it appeared that the unwavering efforts to establish a retirement community were within reach when Mr. S. Parker Oliphant offered to donate a 37-acre parcel of land located in Centreville, VA. Project design and site-analysis began, as did fundraising efforts for pre-construction expenses. In 1988, the project was suddenly derailed due to water management and zoning complications. Later that year, an alternate 62-acre site was identified in Lake Ridge, VA. In 1993, Westminster at Lake Ridge opened its doors, finally fulfilling Myles Golbranson's dream.

In the last 25 years, Westminster at Lake Ridge has grown significantly and is now home to approximately 400 residents. Amenities and services are available to suit the interests of the residents—whether it is joining a book club, participating in fitness classes, fishing in one of the two ponds, or strolling through the wooded trails to the Occoquan River. Residents are also actively engaged in the community—volunteering with local schools, hospitals, and at civic and cultural events. The Flying Fingers, a group of residents who knit and crochet items, has created countless articles of clothing and blankets for many charities including Ellie's Hats, which provides the handmade caps to children who

have lost their hair due to chemotherapy treatments.

The activities, amenities and health services provided by Westminster at Lake Ridge are guided by its mission: to provide a continuum of care to older adults that fosters independence, dignity, and self-determination. These core values have been central to every expansion of activities and health care services including the Memory Support Neighborhoods for those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. To ensure the safety of those suffering from debilitating memory issues, Westminster at Lake Ridge has partnered with the Prince William County Sheriff's Office on Project Lifesaver—a GPS program that can instantly locate a participating resident who may have wandered into an unsafe environment.

In 2015, in recognition of its exceptional care and opportunities for older adults, Westminster at Lake Ridge was fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities—Continuing Care Accrediting Commission (CARF-CCAC.) In the United States, fewer than 10 percent of all continuing care retirement communities have received this accreditation, which is granted only after successfully completing an in-depth, multi-day audit by CARF-CCAC. In addition, Westminster at Lake Ridge has received the highest rating possible, a 5-star overall rating from Medicare.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent this extraordinary facility. Westminster at Lake Ridge provides an exceptional quality of life for active retirees, as well as more intensive compassionate care when needed. I thank the staff and volunteers for their dedication to their mission and commend them as well as the hundreds of residents for their service. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Westminster at Lake Ridge on its 25th anniversary and in wishing all who live and work in this vibrant community continued success.

IN CELEBRATION OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 27, 2018*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish all people celebrating Taiwan's National Day, a Happy Double Ten Day.

The United States and Taiwan are united in common interests and commitment to freedom and democracy. The Taiwanese people share our values of human rights, adherence to the rule of law, and freedom of speech. Taiwan is a shining example of democracy, exemplified by multiple peaceful transfers of power following free elections.

In addition to our close cultural and political partnership, the United States and Taiwan also share a booming economic partnership. Bilateral trade between our countries surpassed \$86 billion in 2017, making Taiwan the United States' 11th largest trading partner. Taiwan is also a partner with the United States in our resolute efforts to combat global terrorism. For example, its contribution to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS will assist refugees as they return to their homes and begin rebuilding their communities.