

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JESSICA LOPEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Lopez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jessica Lopez is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jessica Lopez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jessica Lopez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PUEBLO EAST HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pueblo East High School Eagles wrestling team for its first ever 4A State Championship win.

The Eagles finished first at the Colorado State Wrestling Tournament in Denver, Colorado, with 200 points. Pueblo County was runner-up with 181.5 points, while Centennial was in the top five with 76.5 points.

The Eagles performed well as a team, with every single wrestler scoring at least one point during the tournament. The team had three overall state champions, including Andy Garcia, Dominic Robles, and Zion Freeman. All three of these young men won their weight classifications.

Andy Garcia accomplished a first for the team, earning a 4–3 decision over his opponent and becoming the team's first three-time champion, despite having an injured knee on competition day. Dominic Robles had a phenomenal performance, getting a pin at 1 minute and 36 seconds in the first period against an opponent from Canon City. Zion Freeman was the first Eagles wrestler to win a title at the tournament, ultimately scoring a perfect 38–0 record for the season.

Madam Speaker, we are proud to have these incredible students representing Pueblo and the people of the Third Congressional District. They have proven themselves to be individuals with sportsmanship, tenacity, and

perseverance. I offer them my sincere congratulations and I wish them luck in their future endeavors. I am eager to see what they will accomplish going forward.

CELEBRATING THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAUNCH OF EMERGENCY AIR MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE BIG BEAR

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Big Bear Fire Department and Mercy Air on a successful year of Emergency Air Medical Services for the Big Bear Valley.

The mountain communities of my district are uniquely rugged, and ground based responses are oftentimes too slow or limited by terrain to provide lifesaving medical care in a timely fashion. Air ambulances have the ability to rapidly transport patients to treatment centers, and emergency air medical services improve the survival and recovery rate of those in need. On February 14, 2018, Big Bear Fire Authority (BBFA) and the BBFA Critical Care Medical Air Ship crew undertook their first flight. Over the past year, arrival times have decreased, lives have been saved, and over 300 missions have been safely and successfully flown.

I applaud the BBFA and the BBFA Critical Care Medical Air Ship crew, and their partners Mercy Air, Big Bear Valley Community Healthcare District, and Big Bear Airport District for their commitment and dedication to bringing this lifesaving service to the Big Bear Valley. I wish them many years of safety and success ahead as they work to keep our community safe.

MIGUEL LOPEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Miguel Lopez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Miguel Lopez is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Miguel Lopez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Miguel Lopez for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING BILL HEDGEPEETH: SELECT BANK & TRUST AND SELECT BANCORP INC., THE 2019 REALTOR CUP AWARD WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Bill Hedgepeth with Select Bank and Trust and Select Bancorp Inc. for receiving the 2019 Realtor Cup award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

Bill has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Select Bank & Trust and Select Bancorp Inc. since 2008. This includes 19 branches in North Carolina and South Carolina. Bill is known for not just his exemplary work in real estate, but his commitment to lead in the community.

Throughout his career, Bill has been recognized for his effort and natural talent. He has been named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and in 2015 received the Business of the Year Award on behalf of Select Bank & Trust and Select Bancorp Inc.

Not only is Bill dedicated to seeking excellence in his career but he currently serves as the Board Chair of the United Way of Cumberland County, the Greater Fayetteville Chamber board Treasurer, the Fayetteville and Cumberland County Vision 2026 Board, the Highland Country Club Board of Directors and the Fayetteville Technical Community College Board of Trustees.

Bill is very deserving of this award, and I couldn't be prouder of the example he set for our county and beyond.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Bill Hedgepeth on receiving the 2019 Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Realtor Cup.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, my apologies for my absence. During the roll call numbers listed below, I was at the Utah State Capitol addressing the state legislature. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 104, and "yea" on Roll Call No. 105.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

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JESSIE MARTINEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessie Martinez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jessie Martinez is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jessie Martinez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jessie Martinez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2019

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Outpatient Mental Health Care Act of 2019.

Medicare Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHPs) provide a structured and clinically intensive alternative to hospitalization for patients who otherwise might require sustained inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. PHP psychiatric patients typically receive four to six hours of treatment per day, five to six days a week in hospital-based settings and community mental health centers. However, the severity of a patient's illness often prevents that individual from obtaining or seeking transportation to a PHP facility, or from accessing high quality food. Additionally, some psychiatric medications that are prescribed to the patient cannot be safely administered without food.

Currently, Medicare does not cover the costs of nutritional planning, meals or transportation for patients who receive psychiatric treatment in PHP programs. Therefore, PHP facilities are responsible for the cost of providing food and transportation. This exacerbates financial burdens that many PHPs and countless other community organizations are experiencing in these difficult economic times.

Medicare also does not provide for vocational counseling. However, this counseling provides a direction for patients that they might not find on their own. Therefore, vocational counseling is vital for individuals while they work through their treatment allowing them to set employment goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.

Madam Speaker, my bill will require Medicare to reimburse PHPs for providing transpor-

tation, food, nutritional services and vocational counseling. The bill also establishes a Behavioral Health Advisory Committee in which a diverse group of behavioral health stakeholders would examine and provide recommendations on how to address the persisting challenges of access, stigma, quality and operability in the mental health delivery system.

PHPs are a cost effective alternative that can prevent mentally ill individuals from facing expensive inpatient care, incarceration, or institutionalization. The growing role of mental health PHPs in our health care system requires that we amend the law to assist PHPs in delivering the services, care and support to those who are living with severe and chronic mental illness.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this critically important legislation.

HONORING GARY ROGERS, THE 2019 FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Gary Rogers for receiving the 2019 Ambassador of the Year award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

Gary is a Senior Marketing Consultant with the Beasley Media Group that represents many of our local radio stations. He has an esteemed passion for radio and an unmatched drive that makes him a sound resource for our community.

This prestigious honor is not the first for Gary. He was included in the Fayetteville 40 Under 40 Class of 2018, Ambassador of the Year in 2016, and was the recipient of the Chairman's Award in 2017. He continues to serve his community by investing and volunteering with non-profit organizations such as the Media Team and Children's Ministry at Breezewood Church.

While he is dedicated to his career and service in the community, it is clear his real passion is his marriage to his wife and being a father to his three year old, Charlie. In his efforts to set a wonderful example for his son, he serves as an ambassador with the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and has been for the last four years.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Gary Rogers on receiving the 2019 Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year award.

JEMIMA NGOMA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jemima Ngoma for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jemima Ngoma is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jemima Ngoma is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jemima Ngoma for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING KRISTINE PETERSEN IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month, I rise today to honor Kristine Petersen, whose long-term service in law enforcement has had a significant impact on Southern Florida.

Over thirty years ago, Kristine, a single parent, moved to Hendry County and worked as a waitress and secretary. In 1986, she began her career in law enforcement as a dispatcher with the Hendry County Sheriff's Department. After successfully completing the Southwest Florida Criminal Justice Academy, Kristine was appointed as a Sheriff's Deputy for Hendry County, making her the second female to do so. Through this role, Kristine helped build Hendry County's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program, an important initiative that teaches middle schoolers the danger of substance abuse. During this time, she dedicated her evenings to working as an instructor with the Criminal Justice Academy for the Lee County School Board. Her passion for community service is of the highest caliber, and her selfless character is truly demonstrated in her work for public safety.

In 1998, Kristine began working as a detective for the City of Clewiston's Police Department. In 2003, she became the Assistant Police Chief where she served in this role until 2012. Her honorable work ethic and determination has extended beyond law enforcement. Kristine was appointed to Clewiston's City Commission where she won consecutive four year terms in 2014 and 2018. She also served as Vice Mayor from December of 2014 to December of 2016. Currently, Kristine is employed by the Hendry County School Board to serve as Clewiston High School's Public Safety Academy Teacher. In addition to this role, Kristine also participates in the City of Clewiston's Chamber of Commerce Board.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to know Ms. Petersen and it is a privilege to acknowledge the dedicated work she has done for Hendry County. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 104, and YEA on Roll Call No. 105.

ANTONIO PORTILLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Antonio Portillo for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Antonio Portillo is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Antonio Portillo is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Antonio Portillo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING ON-AFTER BAR AND GRUB FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate On-After Bar and Grub for receiving the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award.

On-After Bar and Grub has established itself as a staple in the community and does more than just serve a great meal. They have proven to be a reliable leader in the community and continue to go above and beyond to support the community where ever it is needed.

Joseph Dewberry, or known around the bar as Bear, has been a driving force in adding meaning to their slogan "Our day begins, when your shift ends." Over the past few years they have hosted events like the Autism Awareness cook off, Hurricane Florence Relief, Every Child Deserves a Christmas, and Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevent Day. In addition to hosting events they emphasize the importance of recognizing the service our local law enforcement, emergency services, and military provide. The entire community is grateful for On-After Bar and Grub, myself included.

Bear and all the staff at On-After Bar and Grub are deserving of this award and I wish them success as they continue to provide excellent service to our community. I personally look forward to my next visit while I'm traveling across the district!

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Joseph Dewberry and On-After Bar and Grub Restaurant on receiving the 2019 Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award.

ADRENA ROCHA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Adrena Rocha for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Adrena Rocha is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Adrena Rocha is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Adrena Rocha for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

VETERANS-SPECIFIC EDUCATION FOR TOMORROW'S HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVEN C. WATKINS, JR.

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1271, the Vet HP Act.

The Vet HP Act would be a significant advancement for two critical issues burdening Eastern Kansans.

My district, being both rural and home to tens of thousands of veterans, is a medically underserved district. With both VA and rural hospitals lacking a steady pipeline of health professionals, access to quality health care is not guaranteed for many of these folks back home.

Secondly, aspiring health professionals from underserved areas are not afforded the same opportunities for clinical observation hours as medical school applicants in major cities, putting them at a disadvantage during the admissions process.

The Vet HP Act would provide an opportunity for health students to gain clinical observation hours at VA hospitals, prioritizing students in health professional shortage areas, first-generation college students, students referred by minority-serving institutions and veterans, and, importantly, students who wish to

train and stay in health professions experiencing staff shortages.

This is a true two-birds-one-stone approach. Across the country we have aspiring health professionals who lack opportunity, and we have VA and rural hospitals desperately in need of a health professional pipeline. The Vet HP Act is a massive step forward for both issues.

I urge passage of this common-sense, bipartisan bill.

RECOGNIZING ANA MARIA RODRIGUEZ IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month, I rise today to honor Ana Maria Rodriguez, who has faithfully served the City of Doral and the wider Miami region for many years.

Born and raised in South Florida to Cuban exiles, Ana Maria has been heavily involved in the Southern Florida community since graduating from Florida International University in 1999 with a Bachelor's degree in communications. In 2009, she furthered her education by gaining her Master's degree in leadership from the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business at Nova Southeastern University. Ana Maria worked for a number of years in public relations and the governmental affairs sector, where she presently serves as the Vice President of Government Affairs for the Miami Association of REALTORS.

Ana Maria's dedication to supporting Southern Florida's community is further demonstrated in her position as an elected official. Elected in 2018, Ana Maria currently serves as a Florida House State Representative for the 105th District. Prior to this impressive achievement, she served as Vice Mayor for the City of Doral and previously on the City Council. Ana Maria executed these roles in a professional and honest manner at all times, proving to be a true asset to the City of Doral.

Her passion for community work goes beyond elected service. In 2007, Ana Maria launched the Southeast Region for Connect Florida, a leadership development program, and in 2009 served as Statewide Chair. For over a decade, she has been a dedicated and active member of the Doral Business Council and also served as Vice Chair for the City of Doral's Parks & Police 4 Kids Advisory Board.

It would be remiss to honor Ana Maria without touching on the number of awards she has received for her ongoing commitment to her community. In 2011, she was selected as Humanitarian of the Year by the March of Dimes and in 2015 she received Advocate of the Year by the Miami Association of REALTORS. In 2017, Ana Maria was presented the Public Service Award by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and most recently, in 2018, the Salute to Miami's Leaders Government Award by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. These accolades are a just a small testament to Ana Maria's determined and selfless character. It is truly a privilege to know that she will continue to make a significant difference in the community she serves and the people that she touches.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to know Ana Maria Rodriguez and to have the opportunity to acknowledge her amazing work for Southern Florida. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

ESMERALDA ROJAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Esmeralda Rojas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Esmeralda Rojas is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Esmeralda Rojas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Esmeralda Rojas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING SHARON MOYER, THE
2019 ATHENA AWARD WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Sharon Moyer for receiving the 2019 Athena Award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

The Athena award is highly coveted and is presented to the individual that represents the greatest support for the goals of professional women. Recipients of this award demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their profession and provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the lives of others in the community.

Sharon Moyer has proven worthy of this award time and again with her innovative thinking, natural leadership, and ability to meet competitive deadlines. She inspires others with her personable attitude and her willingness to work hard and invest in the growth and success of others around her. Sharon has been an active part of the Partnership for Children program and initiated "Historic Hauntings: A Ghastly Ghost Tour" to help children learn the history of Fayetteville. I have personally attended one of her annual soirees for the Partnership for Children and have seen the product of her leadership firsthand.

There are many children in our community more prepared to reach their full potential due to Sharon's philosophy "persistence beats resistance." Our community is better because of Sharon and I am thrilled she is being recognized for her talent and dedication.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Sharon Moyer on receiving the

2019 Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Athena Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, my return flight to Washington, D.C., was delayed due to technical difficulty, and I was unable to attend the legislative session on March 5, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 104, and "yea" on Roll Call No. 105.

SIDNY ROJAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sidny Rojas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Sidny Rojas is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sidny Rojas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sidny Rojas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
WALTER B. JONES, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of our colleague, and my dear friend, Congressman Walter Jones.

Walter was a man of principle and patriotism.

Who was dedicated to serving his District and his country.

He was deeply concerned about the state of our nation's politics.

Especially the growing inequities within our campaign finance system.

I had the distinct privilege of working closely with Walter over the past three years.

As co-founders and co-chairs of the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Caucus.

And throughout our work together, I witnessed firsthand his willingness to reach across the aisle and put people before politics.

Walter was a model public servant who held tightly to his passions and his unyielding faith.

His independence in this chamber demonstrated his relentless devotion to doing what he believed was right.

It's no surprise that he was widely respected and admired throughout these halls.

My thoughts are with Walter's family and his Congressional staff at this time.

And I ask my colleagues to join me in taking a moment to celebrate the life of our friend, Walter.

And to honor his legacy of honesty and integrity.

HONORING SANDY AMMONS, THE
2019 FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE CHAIRMAN
AWARD WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Sandy Ammons for receiving the 2019 Chairman's Award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

Sandy has been a constant positive force in the community when it comes to the world of business development and marketing services. She currently serves as the Director of Business Development and Human Resources for Highland Construction and Restoration where she oversees marketing and communication, business development, and administrative functions including human resources and recruitment.

Sandy is a highly valued and trusted resource who is always generous in offering guidance to others. She has been conquering all aspects of this industry since 1999 and owned her own successful marketing firm for 14 years. Her ability to capture elegant and innovative design is only part of her unmatched talent. During her time with Methodist University she was able to provide unparalleled guidance as the Vice President for Advancement and University Relations. She continues to serve the community with her fierce work ethic and amazing attention to detail.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Sandy Ammons on receiving the 2019 Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Award.

JASON SENA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jason Sena for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jason Sena is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jason Sena is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels

strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jason Sena for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DOUGLAS CORBIN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Douglas Corbin for his dedication and service in the Bay Area.

Born in Rochester, New York, Douglas attended St. Lawrence University before receiving a law degree from George Washington University. After working as a patent attorney in Washington, D.C., his work brought him to San Francisco.

In San Francisco, Douglas became involved in local politics and eventually transitioned to public defense. In his new role, Douglas defended the Bay Area's LGBT community from harassment and submitted bids on houses on behalf of African American families who had seen their own bids unfairly rejected.

After meeting his wife Rosemary, the couple moved to Richmond where Douglas was named Contra Costa County's first Juvenile Court Referee. In addition to this new role, Douglas co-chaired the effort to designate Pt. Pinole as a regional park. His wife Rosemary also went on to be the first woman elected to serve as Mayor of Richmond.

In his retirement and between excursions to Spain and Mexico, Douglas continued to be active in the East Bay community. He served for decades as a board member and chairman for the Early Childhood Mental Health Program, as well as a supervisor for the development of town homes in Richmond by Habitat for Humanity.

Douglas will long be remembered for his knowledge, spirit, and commitment to the Richmond community.

RECOGNIZING PRISCILLA W. GRANNIS IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Priscilla Grannis, whose inspiring life journey and determined work ethic has had a major impact on those around her and the wider Southern Florida community.

Throughout her eventful life, Priscilla has proved that she is a strongminded and driven person who has risen to match many challenges in a multitude of areas. After receiving

her undergraduate degree in music from Florida State University and a Master's of Music from Yale University, she joined the Miami Opera and performed with them for two seasons. She then furthered her music career by moving to Germany and performed overseas. While in Germany, Priscilla joined Hewlett Packard and became the Executive Assistant to the German CEO for a number of years.

Her sheer will to achieve has constantly been displayed in her ability to adapt to any line of work. After moving back to Florida due to the unexpected death of her father, she took over the management of her family's cattle farm despite having no prior knowledge or experience in the industry. With her natural determination and enthusiasm, Priscilla turned the farm into a largely successful business centered on an ethical and responsible management style.

In the late 1980s, Priscilla made the decision to enroll in Miami's St. Thomas University's law school, where she was a high-achieving student and graduated with honors. She then became an attorney in Naples and practiced law until retiring from the legal profession in 2014. Throughout her life, she has been heavily involved in politics and remains active in public affairs today. Priscilla previously served two years as the third Vice President of the Women's Republican Club of Naples Federated until being elected President of the Club, where she honorably served for six years before becoming treasurer, a position that she still holds today. Her dedicated involvement to the Women's Republican Club of Naples cannot be understated. Under her leadership, the club grew from about seventy-five members to over two hundred. Presently, Priscilla works for Florida House Representative Bob Rommel as his District Secretary.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to know Ms. Grannis and I greatly admire her commitment to Southern Florida. Her natural motivation and determination have allowed her to make an impact everywhere she goes and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

GABE SIMON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gabe Simon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Gabe Simon is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Gabe Simon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Gabe Simon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE MILLER FAMILY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joel Miller and his wife, Megan Bel Miller, on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Frances Miller.

Caroline was born on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at 8:25 p.m. Joel and Megan's pride and joy came into this world weighing in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces and 20 inches in length.

With Joel, my previous Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director as her father, and Megan, also a long-time Capitol Hill staffer, as her mother, I trust Caroline will have a bright and successful future ahead of her.

Joel recently went on to a new opportunity after being an integral part of the legislative operation in my office for over five and a half years. I am thrilled to witness him continue in his most important role yet, as a father. I have no doubt that Joel and Megan will be wonderful and inspiring parents, who are devoted to their daughter's well-being.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Miller and Bel families.

HONORING PASTOR FRANKLIN WOOD, SR.

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Pastor Franklin Wood, Sr., of Whittier Lane Baptist Church who has played an integral role in his community and congregation for nearly half a century. The United States of America was founded by patriots like Pastor Wood who believed that faith and freedom of religion was of paramount importance to building a strong society.

That truth is evident in our National Motto: in God We Trust.

Faith remains the bedrock of American life, and one of the reasons for that is the Church. Local churches, such as Whittier Lane Baptist Church in New Castle, IN, have always been at the forefront of service to communities large and small. As worshippers put their trust in God, they looked to Pastor Wood for guidance and counsel. I have no doubt that Pastor Wood's leadership played a vital role in the spiritual health and wellbeing of so many individuals in his congregation.

As he begins a well-deserved retirement, I want to acknowledge Pastor Wood and sincerely thank him for dedicating his life to serve God and the Church. It is a true honor to serve a Hoosier who has demonstrated such deep commitment to his community. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING HANNA BRITT, THE 2019 FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Hanna Britt for receiving the 2019 Young Professional of the Year award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

I have a profound respect for successful individuals taking the time and patience to offer mentorship to other aspiring young professionals. Hanna has been with H&H Homes since 2013 and is currently serving as the Corporate Director of Marketing.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Marketing from Appalachian State University, Hanna taught English in South Korea. She came back to Fayetteville in 2013, and has been passionate about supporting the community. She is a member of the Fayetteville Young Professional program and served on the leadership committee for two years. Additionally, she is a past member of the Junior League of Fayetteville.

Hanna is well deserving of this award and provides a wonderful example for other young professionals in our community. Her passion is shown in all that she does and it is with great pride that I acknowledge her achievements today.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Hanna Britt on receiving the 2019 Young Professional of the Year award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. ROBERT "BOB" CAMACHO ON HIS 34 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a genuine public servant and friend, Chief Robert "Bob" D. Camacho on his retirement from the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA) police department after 34 years of service to Guam and to the nation.

Bob has a long history in public service. After serving 11 years in the United States Army, where he received numerous awards and decorations, Bob began his civilian career as a parole officer in the Guam Department of Corrections, eventually advancing to the post of Director of the Department. As Director, Bob's innovations included making the Department of Correction a tobacco-free environment and effectively restructuring prison food services. These changes significantly reduced health-care costs for employees as well as inmates and saved millions of dollars in food costs and wastage for the government of Guam.

Bob served in other senior executive positions within the law enforcement field including in the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency

and the Guam Police Department. It is no surprise that Bob also excelled in these other positions, constantly exemplifying the definition of a public servant.

Appointed to the Chief of the Guam International Airport Authority police department in 2009, Bob effectively responded to the increased security risks imposed by the tragedy on September 11, 2001. Bob continued to ensure that the GIAA and his department kept pace with new and constantly changing U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Transportation Security Administration mandates as well as keeping pace with the constantly growing passenger and freight workload. He was instrumental in promoting and securing funding for "Project Hulo," a much needed, and significant increase, in services, operations, and security for the airport, which has become a major Pacific hub for both domestic and international travel and freight.

Bob continued to trailblaze in the Guam law enforcement community when he served as Chairman of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, setting appropriate standards for hiring, training, ethical conduct, and retention of peace officers throughout the territory of Guam. Bob has dedicated his life serving our community, exemplified the best in leadership qualities, and has continued inspire those around him. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation for Bob's commitment to public service. I congratulate him on his retirement and offer him best wishes on his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE RECRUIT CLASS 2018-02 OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the recent graduates of the Prince William County Public Safety Academy. These men and women will soon join the ranks of those who have served and continue to serve in the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue.

Since its inception in 1966, the Department of Fire and Rescue has led the way. In 1967, Prince William County became the first jurisdiction on the East Coast to implement the 911 System. That same year, Prince William became the first county in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the National Capital Region to implement a physical ability exam for career firefighters. In 1994, Mary Beth Michos was hired as Chief and became the first female fire and rescue chief of a metro-sized department. The Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue continues to maintain one of the most forward-thinking combination fire departments in the country, and its legacy of "firsts" continues. It is one of only three jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Virginia with delegated training authority, granted by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Class 18-2 spanned 3 seasons: Summer, Fall, and Winter. They encountered everything from sun and humidity with unseasonably high temperatures, to frigid cold and wind. Dealing

with some rain events and even snow and ice at times. This rigorous training process exceeded 1,300 hours. Upon successful completion of this program, each recruit is eligible to graduate and become a Fire and Rescue Technician with the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue.

The training and certification required to achieve the status of a Fire and Rescue Technician cannot be accomplished without significant dedication and hard work. Today's graduates have completed more than 600 hours of the required coursework for certification in Emergency Medical Technician, Infection Control, CPR, Firefighter I & II, Advanced Fire Behavior, Hazardous Materials Operations, LPG Emergencies, Rural Water Supply, Stress First Aid, MAYDAY Firefighter Down, Rapid Intervention Team Operations, Technical Rescue Modules 1 & 2, Vehicle Rescue Level I, and Emergency Vehicle Operator I, II, & III.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue recruit class graduates: Nicholas A. Beede, Ashford P. Bemby, Mollie L. Bodmer, Dominic J. Clarke, William B. Cornwell, Brent A. Corrinne, Pierre L. D'Elia, Sean K. Denise, Andrew R. Denner, Kevin W. Fagga, Ian E. Franklin, Matthew K. Harris, Talia B. Hedley, Aaron M. Kearns, Joshua J. Labuhn, Michael D. Lamb Jr., Zachery E. Lloyd, Tobin A. Olafisoye, Alexander J. Otto, Jeffery R. Payne, Rachel K. Payne, Kimberly C. Peele, Logan J. Penry, Lawrence J. Price, Brandon S. Rice, Lindsay E. Savat, Matthew G. Truslow, Juliana C. Veloso, Jacob W. Vetter, Randy L. Williams, Brian T. Zimmerman.

As the newest members of the Department of Fire and Rescue, these graduates join the department as integral parts of the emergency response and community safety team.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. I am confident that recruit class 2018-02 will serve the residents of Prince William County with honor and distinction. In the tradition of their new firefighting family, I say: "Stay safe."

RECOGNIZING PAUL RECKLAU ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Paul Recklau on the occasion of his retirement from the General Services Administration following a 40-year career in the federal government. I thank him for his life-long dedication to public service and to our country.

Paul Recklau was born and raised in Feasterville, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1978 with a degree in Accounting. He began his career in civil service in January of 1979 in a 16-month training program at the Savannah Army Depot in Illinois. Paul trained to be a QUASAS, a Quality Assurance Specialist, Ammunition Surveillance, which is the oldest career program in the Department of Army. Paul then got his

first duty assignment at the Pueblo Army Depot in Colorado continuing to gain experience as an ammunition inspector and an explosives safety expert. After serving a couple of years there, he received his second assignment at the Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant in Texas. He was then transferred to Longhorn Ammunition Plant in Karnack, Texas to act as a GS-11 level QUASAS.

Paul then spent 6 years at the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant in Kansas, south of De Soto. In 1988, only 9 years into his career, he was promoted to a GS-12 and acted as Chief of Quality Assurance at the plant. In 1990, he moved into a new role as an Industrial Specialist for the Defense Logistics Agency in Columbus, Ohio. For 9 months, Paul commuted to Dayton, Ohio and performed his duties at the Defense Electronic Supply Center. Upon returning to Columbus he became a Contract Specialist. In 1999, he was promoted to a GS-13 as an Acquisition Specialist for the Military Traffic Management Command in Northern Virginia. Then, Paul started at the General Services Administration in 2002 working for the Federal Systems Integration and Management Center (FEDSIM) as an IT Specialist. Approximately 2 years later he was promoted to a GS-14 Senior Project Manager. After 10 years at FEDSIM, Paul moved to the Office of Strategy Management within GSA and finally in 2014, ended up in the Office of General Supplies and Services as a Program Analyst where he ended his career on March 1, 2019. Throughout his career, Paul successfully worked with other federal employees as well as outside contractors to complete projects and keep day to day processes running smoothly. Civil servants like Paul are vital to the continuous operation of the government and I am grateful to Paul for spending the entirety of his career in service to our country.

Paul resides in Woodbridge, Virginia with his wife, Maureen, who has been a reading tutor at a local Prince William County public elementary school for 15 years. Their daughter, Jean Recklau, is a junior at the University of Virginia studying Public Policy. In retirement, Paul plans to travel and complete home improvement projects around the house. In addition, he will continue to serve on his local homeowner's association board of which he has been a member for 18 years, including 4 years as president.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating my constituent, Paul Recklau on his retirement and in wishing him all the best in the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN D. JENKINS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my dear friend, Supervisor John D. Jenkins, who passed away on February 6, 2019. John was the longest serving incumbent supervisor in Prince William County, proudly serving as the Neabsco Supervisor for 36 years. In 2009, I entered a tribute to John Jenkins into the United States CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in recognition of his dedication to the community and his work with the Boy Scouts

of America. I am sad to do it again under these circumstances, but honored to do so for a great man and the legacy he is leaving behind.

John Jenkins dedicated his life to public service. John served honorably and with distinction in the United States Army for more than 25 years, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was highly decorated, earning a National Defense Service Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Clusters. He retired from the Army in December, 1980, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1973, John moved to Dale City with his beloved wife, Ernestine. Although he was still serving in the U.S. Army, he immediately became involved in the community by joining the Dale City Civic Association. John and Ernestine also mentored area youth. They were involved in the Dale City Little League, Dale City Sports Club, Boy Scouts of America, and Gar-Field Senior High School Athletic Boosters Club. John also devoted countless hours to assisting veterans through his leadership in several veteran service organizations.

In 1982, two years after his retirement from the U.S. Army, John was appointed to the Board of County Supervisors to fill the Neabsco District seat which was vacated by James McCoart. While serving the constituents of the Neabsco District was always John's primary objective, he was also able to effect change and shape progress for all of Prince William County. He advocated successfully for the construction of the Dale City Recreation Center, the McCoart Administration Center, Pfitzner Stadium, the county's Boys' and Girls' Home, the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center, Chinn Park Regional Library, and many more major civic investments including numerous schools, public safety facilities, and senior centers. John worked tirelessly to improve our local schools and the quality of public education. He was a champion of economic and infrastructure development in the county.

But what everyone loved most about John was his care for all people. Regardless of sex, race, or creed, John supported all rights. As a life-long civil and human rights supporter, John asked the board to initiate a local investigation of a Dale City restaurant for refusal of service based on race. Then just last year in 2018, John supported a vote on the board to make June "LGBTQ and More Pride Month." Throughout his tenure, John worked for the people of Prince William County, making sure their next day was better than the last. Through the past four decades John was both elected and appointed to several distinguished committee seats. John served two terms as Vice Chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors as well as two terms as Chairman of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, State President of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions, State President of the Virginia Association of Counties, Chairman of the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board, and Chairman of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission.

John served as a member of the Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board and was appointed by two governors, Governor MARK WARNER and Governor TIM KAINE, to serve as a member of the

Virginia Geographical Information Network (VGIN) Advisory Board. In addition, John served on numerous boards and steering committees, including the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the National Association of Counties, and represented the Board of County Supervisors on the Quantico Marine Corps and Fort Belvoir Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) advisory committees.

John received numerous awards in recognition of his life-long commitment to service including the Robert W. Baker Award and the Blue Victory Award. In addition, in 2015 the Virginia Railway Express honored him for his key role in establishing a commuter rail service by having his name placed on the front of a VRE locomotive. Gar-Field High School also honored John for his support of athletic and academic programs as a booster club president, parent, and county supervisor.

John is survived by his wife Ernestine who is also a dedicated community activist as well as a former public school employee, who worked in Prince William County Public Schools for 30 years as a teacher's assistant and staff member. Ernestine has been John's rock for more than six decades. She was just as involved in John's public service as anyone. John is also survived by his three sons, Warren, Mark, and Gordon and numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Prince William County and the entire northern Virginia region has lost a great leader, mentor, public servant, and icon. John Jenkins' life was one spent in service to his country and his community. He could and would move heaven and earth for his constituents. John knew your name, he knew your kids' names, he probably even knew your grandkids' names. He cared about people and made sure they knew it. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the memory and honorable service of Supervisor John D. Jenkins. He was my dear friend, mentor, a colleague, and his absence will create a void in Northern Virginia that will be impossible to fill.

HONORING THE 136TH ANNIVERSARY OF EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 136th anniversary of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Ebenezer Baptist Church was founded by Reverend Lewis Henry Bailey. After being separated from his family in Alexandria, Virginia, Lewis Henry Bailey was sold into slavery and was enslaved in Texas throughout his youth and early adulthood. Once Bailey was freed, he walked from Texas to Virginia to rejoin his family. He found employment with a railroad company and later graduated from Wayland College. In 1882, he was ordained as an itinerant minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Alexandria. With aspirations of sharing the Gospel with residents of the Town of Occoquan, Reverend Bailey walked to and from the town to hold religious services for the black members of the community. In appreciation of his tireless efforts, white members of

the community provided land for a church and a place for Reverend Bailey to live. The Clerk of the Court for Prince William County approved the deed on March 8, 1883, and Ebenezer Baptist Church celebrates its anniversary on the first Sunday of March in recognition of this momentous occasion.

Bailey started the New School in Occoquan, serving as a precursor to the establishment of the New School Baptist Church, which later became Ebenezer Baptist Church. The cornerstone of the church was laid on the first Sunday in May 1883 and the building was dedicated in 1885. Reverend Bailey, who had long been the inspiration and driving force for the establishment of this church, led the congregation from 1885–1891.

The church has endured setbacks and faced community challenges during its 136 year history. After the original church structure burned to the ground in 1923, Ebenezer Baptist Church was rebuilt in 1924 where it remains today in the same historical site. The church was also instrumental in the integration of the county's public schools in the 1960s, as well as several other Civil Rights accomplishments. I was honored to include the oral histories of three members of Ebenezer Baptist Church in my Northern Virginia Civil Rights Archive project.

Throughout its history, Ebenezer Baptist Church has been led by pastors who have served the church and the congregation faithfully. Their most recent pastor, Reverend Charles A. Lundy, was called to the pulpit to lead the church and has done so righteously since June 23, 1990. Under Reverend Lundy's leadership, Ebenezer Baptist Church has flourished and its membership has expanded from 120 members to more than 800 today. To accommodate this growing church family, weekly worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church has been relocated to Telegraph Road. Ebenezer Baptist Church has been and remains a monumental, historical, and spiritual structure in our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 136th anniversary of Ebenezer Baptist Church and in thanking the church and congregation for their contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE WILLIAM "BILLY" ELLIS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of George William "Billy" Ellis, former Chief of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Ellis recently passed away at the age of 81 following a brief illness, surrounded by his friends and loved ones.

My congressional district includes the town of Vienna, Virginia, a vibrant and active community of 16,000 residents. In 2013, Money Magazine ranked it the third best place to live in the nation. If you were to ask the residents of Vienna, they would unanimously say that it should have taken first place.

There are many reasons why residents of Vienna take such pride in their town—the annual town festivals and concerts, the incredible

Vienna Youth sports program, the outstanding schools and services, and even a local restaurant that serves the best chili dogs. Perhaps the most important reasons are the community spirit that is so prevalent, and the willingness of the residents to work together for the betterment of all. This of course includes the men and women who protect the town as members of law enforcement and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Ellis joined the Vienna Volunteer Department at the age of 18. For more than 50 years, he epitomized the spirit of volunteerism, devoting his time and energy to serving his community. In 1980, he became the chief of the department, a position he held until 2001 when he and his wife, Joan, decided to move to Culpepper County where he lived up until his passing. But even a move to a quieter community couldn't keep Chief Ellis away from a fire station. Following the move, he quickly joined the Salem Volunteer Fire Department and spent many more years driving apparatus to emergencies. Serving others was in his DNA.

Chief Ellis was preceded in death by a son, Charles. He leaves behind a wife of 58 years, Joan Scott Ellis, his sons David (Jennifer) and Robert (Lori), his daughter Jennifer, and his four grandchildren, Alison, Jacob, Ashley and Hunter. He also leaves behind an incredible legacy of charity, commitment and dedication in a community that will be indebted to this great man for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the selfless dedication and commitment to serve of Chief George William "Billy" Ellis, and in extending my deepest condolences to his family. May you rest in peace, Chief Ellis.

RECOGNIZING GUAM'S AUTISM COMMUNITY TOGETHER AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 12TH ANNUAL AUTISM AWARENESS FAIR

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Guam's Autism Community Together (ACT) as they celebrate their 12th annual Autism Awareness Fair, appropriately themed "Get Your Blue on Guam, Support Autism." During Autism Awareness Month, ACT and organizations across the country work together to provide every individual with autism spectrum disorder with the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life. This year, ACT and their partners want to do more than just promote autism awareness. They want to motivate friends and collaborators to become active partners in the movement towards acceptance and appreciation. As the father of an autistic child, I am aware of the impact that autism has on parents, family, and friends. It is imperative that the whole community becomes involved. Although much has been accomplished, much more remains to be done to raise worldwide awareness of these issues.

ACT is an organization based in Guam as a support group for families with autistic children. It is one of Guam's principal organizations leading the efforts to increase autism

awareness across our community. ACT is dedicated to helping individuals and parents find resources, support, and training while making diligent efforts to increase the awareness of autism spectrum disorders. ACT advocates for effective services to meet the unique needs of individuals with autism and their families.

Madam Speaker, I further commend Autism Community Together as it continues to host the 12th Annual Autism Awareness Fair World Autism Day. The Autism Awareness Fair is the largest event hosted by ACT throughout the year and brings together government agencies, non-profit organizations, service providers, and support vendors with the intent to provide information and resources on the various disability-related programs and services available on Guam. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Guam, I thank Guam's Autism Community Together and all government agencies and community partners for their assistance in spreading autism awareness and acceptance. I look forward to future contributions by Autism Community Together to provide more opportunities for those in community living with autism.

CONGRATULATING THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (the "Federation") and to congratulate its recently elected officers who will serve in leadership positions for the 2018–2019 term.

Founded in 1940 and re-incorporated in 1995, the Federation is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations who work together to promote and support initiatives that will benefit the community as a whole. The Federation realized early in its existence that by joining with other civic and homeowners associations from every corner of the county and speaking with one unified voice, its influence and contributions would be far more powerful and effective.

The Federation is comprised of thousands of volunteers who actively participate in matters of local and state government that impact their communities. Individual members serve on countless task forces, boards and commissions to help preserve the quality of life that is enjoyed by all who call Fairfax County home. As a former two-term President of the Federation, I understand that those who volunteer their time, energies, and talents to civic activities play a vital role in making Fairfax County one of the best places in the nation in which to live, work, and raise a family.

The Federation would not be nearly as successful and effective without the leadership of its officers. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following newly elected Federation officers:

President: William S. Barfield. Bill resides in the Braddock District and has an extensive history of civic engagement including serving as President of the Country Club View Civic

Association, Chairman of the Braddock District Council of Community Associations, founding member and vice-chair of the Braddock District Land Use and Environmental Committee, and 2nd Vice President of the Federation.

First Vice President: Matt Dunne. Matt and his family live in the Mount Vernon District. He is active in the Stratford Landing Citizens Association and serves as the Educational Liaison to the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations.

Second Vice President: Alejandro Mattiuzzo. Alejandro and his wife live in the Mason District and he is an accounting professional by trade. He has served as Treasurer for the Federation and is committed to using his skills to best suit the mission of the organization.

Treasurer: Leslie Braun. Leslie resides in the Sully District and has served on the Franklin Farm Community Association Board and the Foxfield Community Association Board. In addition, Leslie served for more than two years as Treasurer of the Northern Virginia Section of the American Society of Quality.

Recording Secretary: Flint Webb. Flint resides in the Providence District and is a member of the Dunn Loring Gardens Civic Association. In 2011, he received the Providence District Council's Community Service Award. In addition, he has served as Chair and Co-chair of the Environmental Committee of the Federation and has represented it on the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee Technical Advisory Committee.

Corresponding Secretary: Erica Yalowitz. Erica resides in the Providence District and serves on the board and various other committees of the Rotunda Condominium Association where she resides. She is the current Vice-President of the Providence District Council and a member of the Emerging Leaders Council of the Tysons Partnership.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking all of the individual members of the Fairfax Federation of Civic Association and in congratulating the 2018–2019 officers on being elected to lead this dynamic organization. I commend them for their efforts on behalf of the community and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Pastor Marshal L. Ausberry and the congregation of Antioch Baptist Church on the occasion of their 30th anniversary.

Founded on January 8, 1989 by Pastor John Q. Gibbs, Antioch Baptist Church has been a thriving member of the Fairfax County community. Pastor Gibbs was responsible for many of the significant milestones in the church's history, including the purchase of the land where the current building now stands, as well as the construction of the building that would become the new and expanded sanctuary.

Just as the physical presence of Antioch Baptist Church has expanded over time, so too has their presence in the community. The congregation provides witness to their faith through a variety of missions, including programs assisting the homeless population, the elderly, those suffering from illness and those who are incarcerated. The congregation has also participated in international relief efforts, such as the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Haiti in 2010.

As someone who attended seminary and seriously considered entering the Catholic priesthood, I can attest that being called to ministry is a special responsibility. The burdens and rewards that are represented by this calling are neither widely understood nor appreciated, but they are uniquely enriching.

I have often found a pastoral aspect to my constituent service work as a Member of Congress and I trust that Antioch Baptist will continue to be a pastoral force in the community for many years and decades to come. I am confident that Antioch Baptist Church will continue to prosper and provide the community with the spiritual guidance so needed in today's complex world. Their dedication to ministry and to their faith is to be commended, and I thank them for their dedication to their congregation and our community.

On behalf of the 11th Congressional District, I again congratulate Pastor Ausberry and the entire congregation on this momentous anniversary. I ask my colleagues to please join me in offering their congratulations to in wishing Antioch Baptist Church continued success in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING NACHA—THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS ASSOCIATION, ONE OF THE 2019 BEST PLACES TO WORK IN VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize NACHA—The Electronic Payments Association, and to congratulate them on their recent designation as one of the 2019 Best Places to Work in Virginia by the Virginia Business and Best Companies Group. Determined by a statewide survey competition, the annual list honors the best places of employment in Virginia.

NACHA's designation as one of the 2019 Best Places to Work in Virginia is a fitting acknowledgment of its many contributions to Virginia's economy, workforce, and business community. Headquartered in Herndon, Virginia, NACHA proudly employs 61 Virginians, and three of their 42 Direct Members are based in the Commonwealth: Navy Federal Credit Union, Capital One, and ePayResources.

NACHA serves as trustee of the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network, enabling payments such as direct deposit and direct payment via ACH. Today, NACHA's work is more important than ever, as more than 80 percent of U.S. workers now receive their regular pay using Direct Deposit via ACH, and consumers

now pay 800 million bills each month with Direct Payment via ACH. In 2018 alone, 23 billion ACH payments, valued at a total of \$50 trillion, moved across the ACH Network.

I am thrilled to recognize NACHA's commitment to creating and fostering an award-winning work environment, and I commend them on their efforts to strengthen the ACH Network. I am proud to represent in Congress one of the 2019 Best Places to Work in Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing NACHA's successes, and in congratulating them on the well-deserved honor of being named one of the 2019 Best Places to Work in Virginia.

RECOGNIZING THE NOMINEES FOR THE 2018–2019 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the 2018–2019 Prince William County Public Schools Principal of the Year Award.

Principals who meet the criteria for the award are those who effectively manage, demonstrate, and encourage creativity and innovation, foster cooperation between the school and community by maintaining an open dialogue with students, parents, faculty, and staff, and exemplify commitment to providing a quality education for all students to learn and develop. The selected winner will be named the Prince William County Principal of the Year.

As the second largest school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Prince William County Public Schools educates 90,000 students in ninety-eight schools. The efficiency and impact of these teachers is apparent as PWCS ranked the highest in the entire state with their on-time graduation rate.

I extend my personal congratulations to the following nominees for the 2018–2019 Prince William County Public Schools Principal of the Year Award: Neil Beech, Osbourn Park High School; Mary Jane Boynton, Parkside Middle School; Hamish Brewer, Fred Lynn Middle School; Kathryn Forgas, Coles Elementary School; Latiesa Green, Potomac View Elementary School; Sheila Huckestein, Saunders Middle School; Richard Nichols, Stonewall Jackson High School; Jennifer Perilla, Tyler Elementary School; Amy Schott, Rockledge Elementary School; Aerica Williams, River Oaks Elementary School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for 2018–2019 Prince William County Public Schools Principal of the Year Award and in thanking them for their dedication and leadership to the students, teachers, and faculty to ensure a bright future for all who pass through the doors of their schools. Their continued service is truly commendable and worthy of our highest praise, and their efforts ensure that our Prince William County students are provided a world-class education in a vibrant learning community.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2019 PRINCE WILLIAM COUN-
TY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2019 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) implemented the Human Rights Ordinance January 15, 1993, formally establishing the Human Rights Commission. Two years prior, the BOCS formed the Human Rights Study Committee to explore the needs of a community that was growing in population and diversity. An exhaustive effort that included numerous committee meetings and public hearings identified a strong community desire for a human rights ordinance and an agency to enforce it. The Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability, as well as in the consideration of employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit, in Prince William County.

The BOCS approved the ordinance in September 1992 to ensure that “each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law, and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights, and privileges of community life.” Residents enlist the services of the commission if they feel their rights have been violated in the areas of employment, fair housing, credit, education and public accommodation.

In celebration of Universal Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that promote the principles of human rights in Prince William County. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the recipients of the 2019 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards: Phyllis Aggrey, John Harper, The National Coalition of 100 Black Women—Prince William County Chapter, Potomac Health Foundation, Graham Park Middle School, Minnieville Elementary School’s Family Engagement Team.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2019 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

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 Thursday, March 7, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 11

5:40 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Ronald D. Vitiello, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Joseph V. Cuffari, of Arizona, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

S-216

MARCH 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Semi-Annual Report to Congress.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and reducing the burden of verification.

SD-430

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations.

SD-G50

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the road ahead for the World Trade Organization.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine artificial intelligence initiatives within the Department of Defense.

SR-232A

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine the impact of broadband investments in rural America.

SH-216

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine recommendations from the President’s

task force on the United States Postal Service, focusing on a path to sustainability.

SD-342

MARCH 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SR-328A

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Air Force.

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the new space race, focusing on ensuring United States global leadership on the final frontier.

SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2019”.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a new approach for an era of United States-China competition.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To receive a closed briefing on the most significant threats to United States Naval Forces and how Naval Forces plan to operate in a contested environment.

SVC-217

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020.

SD-608

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian programs on the Government Accountability Office High Risk List.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine cyber crime, focusing on the threat to small businesses.

SR-428A

MARCH 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

10 a.m.			
Committee on Appropriations	of the Congo and other emerging	Committee on Banking, Housing, and	
Subcommittee on Departments of Labor,	health threats.	Urban Affairs	
Health and Human Services, and Edu-		To hold hearings to examine Financial	
cation, and Related Agencies	SD-124	Stability Oversight Council nonbank	
To hold hearings to examine the Ebola		designations.	
outbreak in the Democratic Republic			SD-538