

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

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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