

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