

# IN RECOGNITION OF HOOSAC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

## HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hoosac Valley High School girls' basketball team on winning the 2019 Massachusetts Division III championship. Hoosac Valley defeated St. Mary's (Lynn) 66–49 in the final championship game. The win capped a 21–4 season and the first State Championship for Hoosac Valley's girls' basketball team after five post-season appearances in the last six years.

The team's tremendous dedication and commitment to excellence was led by Head Coach Ronald Wojcik, and the impressive efforts on the court were led by senior captains Alie Mendel and Lexi Mercier—both thousand-point scorers—and junior captain Riley Robinson.

It gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the entire team, which also included Annie Canales, Cairagan Green, Shaliegh Levesque, Kaley Winn, Faith Hall, Abby Hugger, Rylenn Witek, Averie McGrath, Sarah Field, and Abby Bird. These student-athletes should be proud of their contributions to this victorious season that furthers the legacy of Hoosac Valley athletics.

Madam Speaker, the players, coaches, and entire school community should be very proud of their accomplishments and exemplary character. I wish the graduating seniors all the best in their future endeavors and good luck to those who will return for a chance to win again next season.

# RECOGNIZING THE 2019 DALE CITY MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND WINNERS

## HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2019 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund winners.

For 35 years, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund has been dedicated to promoting higher education by providing young adults with partial or full scholarships. Sponsored by the Dale City Christian Church and through its work with area youth and community partners, it advocates and encourages achievable independence. This is done through providing guidance and financial assistance to high school graduates and continuing this guidance as they begin their next academic chapter in higher education. In its years of service, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$300,000.00 in scholarships for higher education. Through its partnership with local leaders and other groups it has been able to unite the community and inspire these young adults.

The annual banquet honors graduating high school students as well as church and com-

munity leaders and has become a signature community event highlighting distinguished speakers and showcasing the community's "best." The Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund's mission is to "help educate the youth of today, to become outstanding citizens of tomorrow." It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2019 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards & Scholarship Fund recipients:

Pastoral Leadership Award: Pastor Gibrilla Bangura.

Religious Leadership Award: Mrs. Barbara Murphy.

Lifetime Humanitarian Award: Mrs. Joann Bagnerise.

Community Service Award: Ms. Sharon Stone, Mrs. Lisa Hicks.

Business Achievement Award: Jirani—Coffee House, Dawne Horizons—Spa & Wellness Center.

Public Service Award: Ms. Diane Raulston. Professional Leadership Award: Dr. Vanessa Gattis.

Christian Service Award: Mrs. Aleshia Thomas-Miller, Mr. Alonzo Johnson.

Faithfulness Award: Ms. Jera Stubblefield, Mr. Tyrell Allen.

Dedicated Christian Family Award: Ms. Katrese Harris & Family.

Senior Christian Service Award: Mr. Aaron Dade.

Junior Christian Service Award: Miss Jade Spurlock, Mr. Rey'Jzon Roundtree.

Youth Christian Service Award: Miss Deja Conner, Mr. Brandon Holloway.

2019 Seniors: Mr. Aaron Dade, Miss Desiree Freeman, Mr. Samuel Mitchell, Mr. Kalil Parson, Mr. Keonte Parson.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2019 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund recipients and in commending the Dale City Christian Church for its dedication and commitment to educating the leaders of tomorrow.

# HONORING FRANK BARBARO

## HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor lawyer and friend Frank Barbaro for his many years of service to Orange County.

Frank was born in Detroit, Michigan and moved to Orange County at the age of 11. He was raised by a single mother who taught him the importance of hard work and dedication to fighting for justice. At the age of 14, Frank hosted his own radio show to help young people find employment opportunities.

After attending University of Southern California for his undergraduate and law degrees, Frank started his career as an insurance defense attorney at Rodiger, Graf, Dewberry, and Spriggs. However, he soon discovered his true passion for personal injury, medical malpractice and public entity liability.

Frank has tried over 100 personal injury cases and has argued in front of appellate and supreme courts. In his landmark case Soule vs. General Motors Corporation, Frank argued

in front of the California Supreme Court and won \$1.65 million for his client Terri Soule in an automobile defect case against General Motors. Law schools across the country teach this case to discuss the consumer-expectation test for products liability. In 2018, Frank was inducted into the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association Hall of Fame.

Frank has also been a leader in our community outside of the courtroom. He has fought for judicial independence through his work with the bipartisan Committee to Preserve a Responsible Judiciary. He has served on both the Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee for Orange County and the Orange County Fair Board. Frank was also Chair of the Democratic Party of Orange County and Orange County Campaign Chair for several presidential campaigns, including President Jimmy Carter, President Barack Obama, and Secretary Hillary Clinton.

Frank is a true inspiration to our community. I am honored to pay tribute to Frank and his work on behalf of Orange County.

# TRIBUTE TO JEANNE BROBERG—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

## HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Jeanne Broberg of La Ca-ñada Flintridge, California.

Born and raised in Glendale, California, Jeanne attended Glendale public schools, graduating from Herbert Hoover High School as Valedictorian prior to attending Brigham Young University and Glendale Community College. In 1970, Jeanne and her late husband, Dr. Charles Broberg, an obstetrics and gynecology specialist, settled in La Ca-ñada Flintridge, where they raised eight children.

A selfless advocate for children and committed to enriching the lives of children, Jeanne became active in the La Ca-ñada Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), where she worked on a successful effort to have sidewalks built on La Ca-ñada Blvd., and eventually serving as President for a total of six terms of various PTAs and the Council PTA. Along with her husband, she volunteered with La Ca-ñada Flintridge schools, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America, YMCA day camps and sports programs, thespian and choral activities and the American Youth Soccer Organization.

In 1993, Mrs. Broberg was elected to the La Ca-ñada Unified School District Governing Board, where she served two terms until 2001, and was re-elected again in 2007 for a third term, serving as President for three various years. Jeanne was an active participant in the 5 Star Coalition, an affiliation of school officials from the La Ca-ñada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank school districts that addresses regional issues.

A dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in La Ca-ñada