

RECOGNIZING THE 2018–2019 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISION ON OBTAINING CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the educators serving in the Prince William County Public Schools Division on obtaining certification or recertification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Founded in 1987, the National Board was established by teachers for teachers as the premier vehicle for defining and recognizing accomplished educators. Today, this independent nonprofit organization remains dedicated to supporting excellence in education and is governed by classroom teachers, school administrators, school board leaders, governors, state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders.

A National Board Certification denotes the most respected professional certification available in the education field. Obtaining certification and completing the renewal process is a personal and public statement of one's commitment to the evolution of effective instruction methods. In order to obtain the distinction, teachers must display a mastering of the standards established by the National Board by successfully completing a rigorous multi-component assessment that demonstrates that he or she has acquired the knowledge, skills, and practices required of an accomplished educator. Certified educators support a vision of teaching based on the following five core propositions:

Teachers are committed to students and their learning;

Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students;

Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning;

Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; and

Teachers are members of learning communities.

I extend my personal congratulations and appreciation to the following 2018 National Board Certified Teachers for receiving their respective certifications and renewals:

Amber Tiernan, Patriot High School.

Amanda Proch, Gifted Education.

Amy Ivory, Colgan High School.

Christina Sherman, Marumsco Hills Elementary School.

Julie Faith, Stonewall Jackson High School.  
Carolyn Ciminelli, Old Bridge Elementary School.

Leah Krucelyak, Beville Middle School.

Ashley Marland, Covington-Harper Elementary School.

Andrea Wilkey, Featherstone Elementary School.

Allan Weberg, Potomac High School.

Todd Hayes, Hylton High School.

Chris Proch, Woodbridge High School.

Melonie Yielding, Ellis Elementary School.

Timothy L. Wilson, Mary F. Williams Elementary School.

Shannon Speights, Dumfries Elementary School.

Amy Wise, Rippon Middle School.

Jennifer Roberts, Piney Branch Elementary School.

Susan Bowden, West Gate Elementary School.

Melissa Callaghan, Cedar Point Elementary School.

Krista Oldenburg, Benton Middle School.

Connie Schumacher, Stonewall Middle School.

Kathleen Hugh, Woodbridge High School.

Stephanie Ryan, Coles Elementary School.

Donna C. Morgan, Professional Development.

Ashley Abraham, Brentsville District High School.

Kristen Augsburg, Battlefield High School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education, professional development, and the students of Prince William County Public Schools. The world-class education provided to our students is due to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard and I thank them for their invaluable contributions.

TRIBUTE TO PAT KRAMER—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, Pat Kramer of Sunland, California.

Pat Kramer is a communications expert who creates original content for business and corporate entities for their marketing, outreach and public relations efforts. For over thirty years, she has worked as a consultant to companies in education, entertainment, healthcare, financial services, real estate, transportation, politics, arts and culture, cities, agencies and non-profit organizations to improve their communications materials. Over the course of her career, Ms. Kramer has written for the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Business Journal, Variety, City News, and many industry-based publications.

Today, Pat focuses on ghostwriting memoirs, books and articles for her clients, and especially enjoys writing memoirs for senior citizens to help preserve their legacy for future generations. Pat is a regular guest speaker at various business events, and shares her expertise educating public high school students who are interested in communications careers. Some of the professional organizations Pat has been a member of include the National Association of Women Business Owners, Entertainment Publicists Professional Society, Independent Writers of Southern California and Business & Professional Women of Sunland-Tujunga.

A dedicated volunteer in her community, Pat's activities include over thirty years of participation in the Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, where she has held leadership positions and advocates for issues affecting the quality of life in the foothills. A Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) member for many years, some of her accomplishments on the council include helping to complete a decade-long project to create a new community park in Sunland, Oro Vista Park, as Inventory Chairperson, organizing the STNC's 2017 move to North Valley City Hall, which involved managing volunteers, overseeing inventory of supplies and historical records, and co-chairing the 2018 STNC's Emergency Preparedness Day. In addition, Pat chaired the Ad Hoc Signage Committee and currently chairs the STNC's Safe Traffic and Transportation Committee, which creates informative monthly meetings about improving safety on Sunland-Tujunga's streets.

In addition to her outstanding work in the community, Ms. Kramer is passionate about animal rescue work, and has been working to try to initiate the City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Service's Volunteer Animal Officer program and supports other worthwhile animal rescue organizations.

Born and raised in Worcester, Massachusetts, Pat credits her grandparents, immigrants from the Ukraine, with teaching her good values, installing in her the importance of hard work, while encouraging her to follow her dreams. As a result of doing what she loves and thanks to her grandparents' influence, Pat's full life includes hiking, gardening and caring for her three rescue dogs.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Pat Kramer.

HONORING MS. ANN M. GALLAGHER (NÉE BOYLE)

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the exemplary life of Ms. Ann M. Gallagher (née Boyle). Ms. Gallagher passed away on March 25, 2019 at the age of 96 and is survived by nine nieces and nephews, eleven grandnieces and nephews, and ten great-grandnieces and nephews.

Ms. Gallagher spent her life in distinguished service to her country, working as an intelligence operative during World War II for the Office of Strategic Services ("OSS"), the predecessor of the CIA, followed by a 30-year career as a civilian intelligence official in the Department of Defense.

Ms. Gallagher was born in 1923 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania and graduated from high school there in 1940. She began her career as a clerk-typist in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. before joining the OSS in 1943. While working at the OSS, Ms. Gallagher participated in an operation in the Mediterranean, parachuting into a small, German-held island and planting a listening device before successfully being ferried back to Allied lines by boat.

As a civilian intelligence official with the military post-war, Ms. Gallagher was posted with counterintelligence corps at the U.S. Embassy

in Berlin from 1964 to 1967. From June 1948 to May 1951 she served as the Civilian Director of Intelligence for the USAF. Following this, she was the Defense Attaché for the U.S. Air Force in New Delhi from May 1951 to August 1953. She rose to become Assistant Chief of Staff for the Air Force Intelligence Department in May 1954 until June 1962, when she began her 14-year role in counterintelligence with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering the life of Ms. Ann M. Gallagher (née Boyle).

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE AUBURN  
KIWANIS CLUB

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Auburn Kiwanis Club's 100th anniversary. Throughout the course of its history, the Auburn Kiwanis Club has tirelessly worked to serve our community and improve the lives of underprivileged children and adults.

Since its founding in 1919, the Auburn Kiwanis Club has included a diverse membership of men and women of all ages who are committed to public service. Members of the Auburn Kiwanis Club are focused on conducting service-oriented projects, undertaking a variety of initiatives such as fighting hunger and early childhood development.

In addition to focusing on service projects, the Kiwanis Club has also provided grants and scholarships to local individuals, charities, and causes. With the money raised from various events including the yearly Auburn Kiwanis Duck Derby, the Auburn Kiwanis Club has been able to sponsor two annual academic scholarships and award over \$750,000 over the past 30 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Auburn Kiwanis Club. This organization has consistently and diligently provided Auburn with a devoted group of public servants committed to supporting all members of their community. Central New York truly benefits from the Auburn Kiwanis Club's commitment to our region.

JEREMY POWELL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jeremy Powell for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments.

Jeremy is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Jeremy 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 Jeremy Powell for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY JANE ONOYE,  
ED.D.—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DIS-  
TRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

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Dr. Onoye holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a state Lifetime Elementary Teaching Credential from the University of California, Santa Barbara, a state Administrative Service Credential and Master of Arts degree from the California State University, Los Angeles, a Master of Science degree from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, and a Doctor of Education and a School Business Management Program Certificate of Completion from the University of Southern California (USC).

Kathy admirably served the Pasadena Unified School District for over four decades, beginning in 1971 as a classroom teacher at Audubon Primary School, then serving as a Principal, Curriculum Resource Teacher and Mathematics Resource Teacher at Willard Elementary School, until her retirement in 2014 as Executive Director, Elementary, K-6 & K-8 Curriculum and Instruction for PUSD. In addition, Kathy was a Master Teacher for USC, a Master Teacher for Pacific Oaks College, has conducted many educational conferences and workshops, and was instrumental in helping Willard Elementary School achieve its International Baccalaureate status.

A true leader in her profession, some of the educational organizations and committees Dr. Onoye has served on include the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), the Association of Pasadena School Administrators, Member of PUSD's Technology Committee, and a Member of the Advisory Committee for Professional Growth for the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, State of California. Kathy's past and present community involvement includes serving on the boards of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Pasadena, Young and Healthy, Pasadena Educational Foundation and Delta Kappa Gamma, as a member of the Greater Pasadena Japanese American Citizens League and the San

Rafael Library Associates, leadership positions at All Saints Episcopal Church and as a volunteer at Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Onoye has been the recipient of numerous commendations, including PUSD and ACSA Administrator of the Year Awards, the PUSD Outstanding Teacher Award, several Title I Academic Achievement Awards, a California Business for Educational Excellence and Just for Kids Star Honor School Award, USC Research Awards and the Women's Clubs Council of Pasadena's Outstanding Community Service Award.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Kathy Jane Onoye.

RECOGNIZING THE BURKE VOLUN-  
TEER FIRE AND RESCUE DE-  
PARTMENT

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department on the occasion of its 71st Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, and to thank its volunteers for filling an essential role in keeping our community safe.

The Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department was founded in January 1948, and for more than 6 decades it has provided life-saving fire suppression/prevention and emergency medical and rescue services to the residents of Burke and the surrounding communities. It also provides, houses, and maintains firefighting and emergency medical equipment, provides opportunities for professional growth and development for the membership, and maintains and fosters a strong viable organization.

As one of the county's most active volunteer fire and rescue departments, the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department works in cooperation with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to serve the community. In the last year, the Department responded to 3,829 incidents and provided over 22,000 hours of volunteer service to the community. I am honored to recognize the dedicated men and women who have volunteered for extra duty as Officers or as members of the Board of Directors and to include in the RECORD their names:

Board of Directors—President: Ian Dickison; Vice President: John Powers; Secretary: Amy Gold; Treasurer: Patrick Owens; Members at Large: Larry Bocknek, Matthew Bryant, Kenneth Senn.

Officers—Chief: Thomas Warnock; Deputy Chief: Tina Godfrey; Deputy Chief: John Hudak; Captain II: Melissa Ashby; Captain II: Larry Bockneck; Captain II: Keith O'Connor; Lieutenant: Emily Fincher; Lieutenant: Kevin Grottle; Sergeant: Peter Hamilton; Sergeant: Caitlin Curran; Chaplain: Harry Chelpon.

In addition to the men and women who have generously assumed the responsibilities of serving as an Officer or a member of the Board of Directors, the Burke Volunteer Fire Department is also presenting awards to the following individuals in recognition of their exemplary service during the last year.