

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 Augsburger, 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

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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

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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