

Command, and at the National Security Council before joining Secretary of State's Executive Secretariat in the summer of 2017. As part of secretariat staff, he advanced travels for the Secretary of State to Manila, Beijing, Doha, Mexico City, Brasilia, and Paris, among other places.

Daniel dedicated his life to his country and his loss will be felt deeply at the State Department. To his coworkers, Daniel was thoughtful and intelligent. They could always rely on his calm demeanor and valuable insight into policy and the State Department's role in the world.

Daniel was a husband, son, and friend. He is survived by his wife Renae Ask; his mother Marcia del Castillo; his two older sisters Deborah and Michele del Castillo; nieces Isabella and Cezanne; nephews Giovanni and Alessandro; and two great-nephews, Hayden and Hudson. My prayers are with them as they mourn his loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE,  
LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF MR.  
RICHARD GENAL

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the life, legacy, and service of Mr. Richard Genal.

Mr. Genal graduated from Appleton High School in 1959. Feeling the call to serve his country, he enlisted in the United States Army. Under the buddy program, he completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After further training at Fort Ord, California, he began active duty on June 22, 1959 as a construction draftsman.

Mr. Genal served many assignments in the U.S. during his time on active duty, including stations at Fort Belvoir and Fort Lee in Virginia. On July 23, 1960 he married Mary Lou Gerth, and they had two children, Eugene and Rene. While in service, he was diagnosed with myxedema and discharged with a 10 percent disability rating on August 8, 1962.

Following Mr. Genal's discharge, he furthered his education and graduated from the Milwaukee School of Engineering with a master's degree. After successful careers with Master Lock in Milwaukee and Nu-Line Industries in Suring, Mr. Genal retired from being an engineer and started enjoying life on the golf course.

Even though Mr. Genal removed the uniform, his service did not end. Mr. Genal was involved in many veteran organizations. Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin, an organization with a mission to foster a sense of support, pride, and enthusiasm among veterans in Oconto County, became his passion. Before his death, Mr. Genal started plans for a flag memorial at Riverside Park in Suring. To honor Richard's legacy, Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin will carry out his mission and see the memorial through fruition.

On April 23, 2019, Richard Lee Genal of Suring, Wisconsin left our lives to be with his heavenly Father and family.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize Mr. Genal's selfless service to our country. His love for his country, veterans and

community will always be remembered. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family.

HONORING DR. JOSÉ SIMÓN VILLA

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. José Simón Villa, an educator, philanthropist, and leader.

Dr. Villa is a proud native of San Juan, Texas. José became the first in his family to graduate from college when he earned his bachelors degree from the University of Oregon. Dr. Villa went on to complete his Ph.D. in educational administration at the Ohio State University. His dissertation research focused on the educational aspirations and opportunities of migrant youth and children. Dr. Villa served many years in higher education at Ohio State as the Assistant Vice Provost for the Office of Minority Affairs, Director of the College Assistant Migrant Program, and Program Coordinator for Hispanic Affairs. Additionally, he has served as Program Consultant for the U.S. Department of Education and as an Educational Consultant and State Director of Migrant Education for the Ohio Department of Education.

Furthermore, Dr. José Simón Villa has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project (ECMHSP) for the past five years. The ECMHSP is the largest Migrant and Seasonal Head Start provider in the country with 38 centers across the area from Lake Okeechobee in Florida to Lake Erie in Pennsylvania. It is a non-profit organization that advocates for farm worker communities and provides quality Head Start services to young children. Under the leadership of Dr. Simón Villa, the ECMHSP has helped over 10,000 children and has expanded further into Florida to include Palmetto and Jennings.

Madam Speaker, Dr. José Simón Villa has worked tirelessly to give migrant families and children the opportunities they need to succeed. He serves as both a light in our community and as a generous leader. It is an honor to represent a dedicated and selfless individual who has greatly impacted the educational journey of thousands of children across the United States. I wish Dr. Villa the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
ROGER CLECKLEY

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2019*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant and dear friend, Roger Cleckley. Roger is a man driven by faith, duty and honor. He has spent most of his career in public service and all of us are the beneficiaries of his tremendous commitment to building a better community, state and nation.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "everybody can be great . . . because anybody

can serve . . . you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." By that definition, Roger Cleckley is among the greatest among us.

Roger is a native of the Cope-Cordova community of Orangeburg County, South Carolina. He was the third of four children born to Solomon and Celia Mae Cleckley. He attended G.W. Carver High School and Voorhees College both in Denmark, South Carolina. He has also earned a Certificate of Leadership Training from the University of South Carolina.

He began his commitment to service by joining the United States Army. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam as a combat infantryman. His distinguished service earned him numerous awards and medals. After two years on active duty, Roger received an honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant (E-5).

A veteran of the Civil Rights Movement, Roger never shies away from standing up for what he believes is right. After returning from Vietnam and a year in Washington, D.C., he took a job with Tepeck Industries in St. Matthews, South Carolina, and quickly discovered that racial injustice in his home state were still prevalent. He fought against these injustices in his workplace, which ultimately resulted in his dismissal from the company.

Undeterred, Roger found work selling insurance at the A.L. Williams Insurance Company and became active in the NAACP. In 1986, he felt the call to public service and ran for Orangeburg County Auditor. His hard-won victory made him the first African American elected to serve in this capacity in South Carolina since the post-Reconstruction era. When I offered for Congress in 1992, Roger and his wife hosted my maiden community event in their home and he became my Orangeburg County Chairman. When Roger retired he held the distinction as the longest serving local elected official in Orangeburg County.

Over the years, Roger has tirelessly worked for his church and community and has been a relentless voice for the voiceless. He is presently Chairman of the Forfeited Land Commission, Secretary of the Orangeburg County Fiscal Education Commission, and Chairperson of the County Democratic Party Nominations Committee.

Roger has held many positions in the African Methodist Episcopal Church from Sunday School, Steward Board, Class Leader, and the Lay Organization. He is currently the outgoing Seventh Episcopal District Lay Organization President, which comprises the entire state of South Carolina.

His wife, Bessie Idella Cleckley, has been his partner and soul mate for fifty years. She has always been a tremendous source of encouragement to him as he served the people of South Carolina. They are the parents of sons, Roger "Al," Adrian, and Kendrick, and the grandparents of five.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in offering congratulations and sincere gratitude to Mr. Roger Cleckley on the occasion of his retirement. His extraordinary work has had a profound impact on all who have been touched by his selfless service. I believe he exemplifies the sentiment found in Matthew 25:23, "well done, my good and faithful servant," and I offer my best wishes as he embarks on this new phase of his life.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2019*

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained from the floor on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. I missed roll call votes No. 245 and No. 246.

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 245, I would have voted "YEA".

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 246, I would have voted "YEA".

HONORING BETTY DEAN AND HER SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of outgoing Chairman of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, Betty Dean and to thank her for her immeasurable contributions to Prince William County businesses and residents.

In 2000, Betty moved to Occoquan in Prince William County from Delaware. For nearly 20 years she has given much back to our community through her advocacy, volunteerism, and desire to leave a positive impact in the county. Betty joined the Prince William Chamber in 2001, and she has been one of the most active members since that time. She spent nearly two decades in marketing research and planning, but most importantly, she worked diligently to strengthen business-to-business ties and business-to-community ties. In 2016, she started Betty Dean & Associates, which provides marketing and strategic planning advocacy services for nonprofits and small businesses. Due to the success of her business, her active community involvement, and continued work in the Chamber, she was elected Chairman of the Chamber in July of 2018.

Betty said that as Chairman she wanted to be a vocal advocate for the business community and continue encouraging chamber members to do business with one another. Through her leadership the Chamber did just that, and her hard work did not go unnoticed. This year she was named one of Prince William's Most Influential Women by Prince William Living, a well-deserved recognition of her leadership in empowerment and commitment to service and our community. She is truly one of the most influential persons in both the county and the Northern Virginia region. Betty is a pillar of the community and we thank her for her service to the Prince William Chamber.

Betty's dedication to improving our community has extended far beyond the Chamber. She is the immediate past president and current president of the Greater Prince William Coalition for Human Services, is the co-founder and president of Occoquan River Communities, serves as a member of the board of directors and chair of the communications committee of People, Inc., and is past secretary and service chair of the Rotary Club of Lake

Ridge. She is fondly known as the "Queen of the Occoquan," a title she has earned through her advocacy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Betty Dean on a successful term as Chairman of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce. I commend her for her efforts on behalf of the business community and County and wish her continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS OF THE MANASSAS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company and its outstanding members who have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and are the 2019 recipients of the prestigious Prince William Chamber of Commerce Merit Award and Valorous Unit Award for their service. The annual Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals.

For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to our firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service. These brave men and women put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. These dedicated service members of a combination career and volunteer system fight fires, provide emergency medical services, perform rescues, and work in our community to promote fire safety and prevention. In recognition of their acts of valor, it is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company public safety personnel:

Bronze Medal for Valor: Firefighter Terry Norling.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women truly merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company public safety professionals for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 TOWN OF VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedi-

cation to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 41st Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present 123 awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories including the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze and Silver Medal of Valor.

MPO Neil Patrick Shaw of the Town of Vienna Police Department is being awarded the Certificate of Valor this year for his exceptional service in the line of duty. It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD his name.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the 2019 Valor Award Recipients, and thank all of the men and women who serve in the Town of Vienna Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on its 50th anniversary. This momentous occasion carries great significance for me, as I served as Chairman of the NVRC during my time as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Serving on a regional board or commission is a unique responsibility and can place a politician in an unusual position: advocating for and working for someone else's constituents. More often than not, you have to travel outside of the district or community that you represent and you have to make decisions that balance the interests of the region, not just your constituents. It can often be a thankless task, but it is so important to the continued long-term health and viability of our community as a whole. That's why it is so critical that we continue to plan at the regional level and beyond. Indeed, in Northern Virginia, part of the reason why we enjoy such a high quality of life is because we have placed such a high emphasis on coordination and planning at the regional level. That emphasis goes back decades, as evidenced by this anniversary.

While there are many different ways that regional planning has benefitted Northern Virginia, two areas in particular come to mind. The first is the environment, where NVRC has been an invaluable partner on a hosts of projects including expanding solar power through Solarize NoVa, protecting and maintaining local water resources through the Occoquan Basin Nonpoint Pollution Management Program, and cleaning up and preserving the Chesapeake Bay for future generations.