

wellness centers in high-need schools, so these schools could play a more important role in providing wrap-around supports for communities. That same year, ICS joined forces with the Advancement Project and Community Coalition on a successful campaign which led to LAUSD's adoption of a resolution to equitably distribute new state funding, called the Local Control Funding Formula, to the highest-need schools. The campaign argued that areas in the Eastside and South LA deserved an equitable distribution of funding, based on decades of disinvestment that had led to higher concentrations of poverty and trauma in these areas.

Earlier this year, ICS moved into a bright new era when it opened the InnerCity Struggle Youth and Community Center. This permanent headquarters will serve as the political hub for the Eastside and inspire a new generation of leaders to transform their neighborhoods. The center will be a place where young people can find their voice, and parents can advance change.

On October 3, 2019, InnerCity Struggle will commemorate its 25th anniversary, and I will be joining more than four hundred supporters who are expected to attend their celebration. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating InnerCity Struggle for being a leading voice for progress on the Eastside of Los Angeles and reaching this historic milestone.

FLORIDA 16TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL FIRE AND RESCUE AND EMS AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire and Rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Often times, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

In 2012, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired Fire and Rescue personnel living in the district:

Lt. Ryan Anusbigian of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue and Captain Thomas "Mike" Blosski of the Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District were chosen to receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Deputy Tyler Ackerman, Deputy Timothy Collins and Deputy Brian Hart of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office were chosen to receive the Preservation of Life Associate Service Award.

Donald O'Leary, Retired Commissioner of the East Manatee Fire Rescue District and the New York City Fire Department was chosen to receive the Career Service Award.

Manatee County EMS Ambulance Strike Team 601 was chosen to receive the Unit Citation Award. This unit is comprised of the following personnel: District Chief Mark Regis, Charge Paramedic Richard Johnson, Charge Paramedic Erwin Evelynne, Charge Paramedic William Cheek, Charge Paramedic Nick Horvath, Charge Paramedic Beth Harmount, Community Paramedic Earl Kulpa, Paramedic Dominick Reale and EMT Justin Woods.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE FALIVENA

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lawrence "Larry" Falivena from Apex, NC. Two years ago, Larry was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Following this news, Larry has fiercely dedicated his time to his family and the ALS community. After speaking with the CEO of the ALS Association about how he could make a positive and lasting impact for those impacted by the disease, Larry created the "Iron Horse Tour". On the tour, Larry, his wife Shana, and his two sons, set out to visit all 30 Major League Baseball parks during one baseball season in order to spread national awareness and raise funding for research to combat ALS.

On September 8th, Larry attended his thirtieth and final game at SunTrust Park in Atlanta, GA. At each stop along the way, Larry met and spoke with several incredible people who were also courageously battling the disease. He shares their stories to spread awareness and encourage others to assist in the fight against ALS. Larry has successfully raised over \$29,000 for ALS research thus far and has gained wide-spread attention across the nation. Larry's commitment to helping combat the disease and educating others is an inspiration to us all.

Larry represents the best of our nation. He is a true role model and I am very proud to recognize his efforts and accomplishments. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Larry Falivena.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed Rollcall No. 544. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall No. 544.

HONORING ARBOR HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Arbor Housing and Development for the fiftieth Anniversary of its founding.

In 1969, Arbor Housing and Development was founded as Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty. The organization began as a volunteer driven service offering poverty relief services. At that time, the organization had eight part-time volunteers focusing on self-help housing.

Arbor Housing and Development has grown over the years and has fully embraced a mission of enhancing the quality of life within its community by building independence and creating housing options. Growing from the small, volunteer-based service to an organization that has one hundred and twenty full-time employees, it is evident Arbor Housing and Development is deserving of recognition.

Arbor Housing and Development President Jeffrey Eaton has been with the organization since 2000, and has been greatly involved in its success. Under his leadership, the organization has been involved in the Neighborworks program; development of the Gerard Block Apartments; the development of the former Northside Blodgett site; and many others.

Arbor Housing and Development serves many people over the span of seven counties in New York State and has also expanded to Northern Pennsylvania. The organization offers residential behavioral health and domestic violence services to help people live safely on their own, owns nine hundred units of affordable housing in three states and also provides assistance for renters and home-buyers to create a pathway to security and stability for housing.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize Arbor Housing and Development on their fiftieth Anniversary.

CONGRATULATING BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA SHERIFF MIKE BROWN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bedford County, Virginia, Sheriff Mike Brown on his retirement. After nearly 50 years of service Sheriff Brown will retire as the longest serving sheriff in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In 2017 Sheriff Brown was named National Sheriff's Association Sheriff of the year.

In his time as Sheriff Mike has been a leader in advancing new technology in policing. These efforts include creating the Cyber SWAT task force. This organization helps teach children to identify cybercrimes and make sure that they do not fall victim to them. Sheriff Brown has also done incredible work in