

exceptional performance over an extended period of time. Dr. Paul Antonik has been recognized among the handful of individuals for the meritorious senior professional award for his work in the Department of the Air force. These individuals are recognized for a sustained record of exceptional professional, technical, and/or scientific achievement.

It is truly an honor to represent such talented, dedicated individuals in Congress. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank him for his exceptional work and wish him the best throughout the rest of your career.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 18, 2019*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I missed the first vote series on Wednesday, December 11th, due to a groundbreaking ceremony for a business in my district.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 668; NAY on Roll Call No. 669; NAY on Roll Call No. 670; and NAY on Roll Call No. 671.

#### IN HONOR OF LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, PRINCE WILLIAM, INC. THE REWARDS AND RECOGNITION NIGHT

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 18, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the Literacy Volunteers of America, Prince William, Inc. and the 2019 award recipients. These honorees have dedicated themselves to promoting educational opportunities and to continuing their own education.

LVA-PW was formed in 1991 by a local librarian, joined by other librarians and teachers to provide adult literacy services. Its mission is to teach adults the skills of reading, writing, and speaking English in order to help individuals increase their chances of success and expand their professional and personal opportunities. With the help of more than 220 professionally-trained volunteer tutors, this program helps over 700 adults each year. It is the largest adult literacy non-profit in the county and is tuition free. At the Rewards and Recognition Night LVA-PW honors the Tutor of the Year, Student of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2019 award recipients:

Tutor of the Year—Richard Cantu: Richard has been an LVA-PW volunteer tutor for over five years. He also been a 1-1 tutor and tutored an Adult Basic Education class to help low-level students improve their reading and writing skills so that they can successfully enter the GED program. Richard has been instrumental in helping over 250 students during his time in our program. His hard work and dedication have positively impacted the lives of over 800 family members. Since becoming

a volunteer, he has contributed over 550 tutoring hours and over 220 hours on other activities including lesson-planning. His students have told our staff how much they look forward to Mr. Rick's class—he always has a smile and positive outlook and is encouraging to every student he tutors.

Student of the Year—Mashood Ahmed: Mashood is originally from Pakistan and moved here less than two years ago to be with his family. Mashood has been a student in the program for just over one year. He joined this program to better his life and further his education. His goal is to improve his reading and writing to earn his GED credential and eventually attend Northern Virginia Community College. Mashood works part-time at a local school cafeteria and Wendy's in Dale City, where he practices his English on the job. Since enrolling in our program, he has had over 150 hours of instruction, is passionate about improving his literacy skills and is committed to excellence at all levels. His tutors are proud of his work and Mashood sets an example for his classmates.

Volunteer of the Year—The Waite Family: Joe, Tiffany, Dora, and Maggie are examples of exemplary citizenship and nurturing spirit in the community. For over 10 years they have supported Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. They are also active in Azalea Charities and numerous other national and community endeavors. Their consistent involvement has helped elevate the LVA-PW program this last decade.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me once again in congratulating Richard Cantu, Mashood Ahmed, and the Waite Family, on being honored by the Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. and I wish them continued success.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND MILITARY SERVICE OF MR. ANDREW "CLYDE" NEAVES

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 18, 2019*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and military service of World War II veteran, Mr. Andrew "Clyde" Neaves, of Saltillo, Mississippi.

Mr. Neaves served as a Weapons Repair Specialist for the 1804th Aviation Ordnance with the United States Army Air Corps beginning in 1942. During his service, he spent over two and a half years in the South Pacific. He completed his service in 1945.

After the war, Mr. Neaves returned to Saltillo, Mississippi and was an employee of Phillips Day-Brite Industries for 35 years. He started a family and had four children with his wife, Mrs. Agnes Marie Neaves. Mr. Neaves has remained active in his beloved community of Saltillo. He has served on the Saltillo Board of Alderman, was Vice-Mayor, and was a recipient of the Saltillo "Citizen of the Year" award.

This year, Mr. Neaves celebrated his 98th birthday. Mr. Neaves is an American patriot who served our great nation and continues to set an example for others to follow. I wish him many more years of good health.

#### HONORING VERONICA McMILLIAN FOR RECEIVING THE WOMAN IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

### HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 18, 2019*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Veronica McMillian on receiving the 2020 Outstanding Woman in the Community Service Award for the Tide-water Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. This award was developed to honor women who are making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Ms. McMillian's lifetime of service and commitment to the uplifting and inspiring presentations on empowerment and love. She generously serves the community with civility and justice.

Ms. McMillian grew up understanding the importance of being an entrepreneur and serving her community. She is a Non-Profit Consultant & Trainer, renowned for her inspiring presentation. She is the Founder/President of The Micro-Nonprofit Network Inc. founded to help small organizations grow and to provide impactful and effective programs in the communities they serve. She also serves on the board of The World-Wide Women's Group Inc. and Beacon of Hope Inc.

Ms. McMillian devoted 25 years to education, training, community outreach, program development and counseling. Using her knowledge as an educator and trainer, she has helped empower individuals and transform organizations. In 2019, she was awarded the Community Impact Award from Christian Women Alliance. In 2018, she was awarded the MLK Nonprofit award from Global Ministries. In 2011, she received The Career Engineer's Non-Profit award. And in October 2009, Mrs. McMillian received the FBI's Community Director's Award for the Boys to Men program she created in 2008.

Ms. McMillian's dedication to educating and strengthening bonds among people is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Ms. McMillian's leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Coastal Virginia has significantly benefited from her presence.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF EVELYN M. VIRNIG

### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 18, 2019*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary woman, Evelyn M. Virnig who passed away on November 30, 2019 at the age of 93.

Evelyn Margaret Mary Theresa Brandenburger Virnig is lovingly remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, friend and community supporter by her 7 children, 19 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, 4 siblings and countless other family and friends. In