

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF WILLIAM JOHN BETTERS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the late William John Betters for his distinguished service to our country and his community.

Born on December 1, 1924, William is a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force from 1942–1945. Like many of his fellow Americans at the time, William was proud to enlist at the young age of 17. During his service he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Purple Heart.

After returning from serving his country, William created a business as self-employed plumber and contractor, building housing in his hometown. He also devoted his life to family, marrying Eleanor Kurkoski in 1946, having 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. One of his granddaughters has followed in his footsteps and is serving our country as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and service of William John Betters.

CONGRATULATING BECKY SHEA

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Becky Shea, who recently retired from the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Shea worked with the Chamber for over 7 years and served as the Office Manager and Membership Director.

Although she was set to retire from the chamber last year, she decided to stay to help with the transition to the newest Chamber leader, who is now Andrew Cripps. Thanks to Becky's efforts to maintain the productivity and organization of the office as a whole, the Chamber was able to adapt to the leadership change and address the challenges from COVID-19 effectively.

Throughout Ms. Shea's service to the Effingham Chamber of Commerce, she delivered exceptional results for all who worked with her. Becky approached every day with a can-do attitude and always went above and beyond to help make Effingham live up to its full potential.

Her dedicated leadership set a positive example for all, and she will be greatly missed by the Effingham Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING KEN THOMAS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievements of Ken Thomas, a career Legislative Attorney with the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS), who retired from CRS on August 28, 2020, after 36 years of distinguished government service. In his 33 years with CRS, Ken became the leading expert on constitutional law, and he made invaluable contributions to the work of Congress with his substantive knowledge in various legal areas. He advised Congress on statehood and other political status changes for the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, federalism, individual and civil rights, criminal law and procedure, the federal judiciary and education law.

Over the years, House and Senate committees called on Ken to testify at hearings and share with them his expertise and non-partisan analysis of important issues. Last year, for example, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform invited Ken to testify at a hearing on the Washington, D.C. Admission Act (H.R. 51). During the course of this high-profile and contentious hearing, Ken answered numerous questions from Members about the constitutionality of granting statehood to the District of Columbia, key to passage of H.R. 51 by the House in June.

My staff and I, in particular, relied on Ken for his analysis of legal issues involving the uniquely complicated relationship between the federal government and the District of Columbia, ranging from constitutional law to the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to appropriations law. Ken always provided prompt, well-reasoned and well-researched legal analysis.

The following is a recommendation for one of the 28 CRS awards that Ken received:

During his tenure in the American Law Division, Ken Thomas demonstrated a level of energy and dedication to the mission of serving Congress that has been extraordinary. He has willingly and without hesitation undertaken challenging and difficult assignments from the Congress. He has been a prolific writer and has provided comprehensive and in-depth legal research and analysis in a number of legal areas He is always available for and capable of tackling new issues, especially those that pose complex constitutional questions. He regularly demonstrates a high degree of intellectual curiosity, a trait that inspires him to "go the extra mile" for his congressional clients.

During his career with CRS, Ken prepared over 200 written products for Congress, many of which have been cited in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, committee reports and congressional hearings. Academic law reviews and national publications, such as The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal and The National Journal, have also cited his work. Ken has also delivered many keynote Con-

tinuing Legal Education lectures sponsored by CRS to positive reviews.

From 1996 through 2013, Ken was one of the key contributors to the Senate document "The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation" (Constitution Annotated), serving as the Editor-in-Chief of the 2012 Centennial version of that volume, and he was the prime architect of the Constitution Annotated website. A public version of that website, constitution.congress.gov, was launched on Constitution Day 2019, and in the last 10 months, has had over 500,000 visits and one million page views.

Ken received a B.A. in philosophy from Colby College in 1980 and a J.D. from The George Washington University in 1983. He worked at the U.S. Department of Education and as a clerk to Judge Bruce Mencher of the D.C. Superior Court before joining CRS. Ken has provided exemplary service to Congress throughout his distinguished career at CRS. I believe that all in Congress who have benefited from his expertise and counsel join me in wishing him the very best in the years to come.

HONORING MR. LEE BOND AND THE SINGING RIVER HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Lee Bond and Singing River Health System for their outstanding service to the community of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Mr. Bond has significant family roots on the Gulf Coast. He was born at Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula, Mississippi. His great, great grandfather was Fernando Upton Gautier, the first settler of the City of Gautier, and its namesake. Mr. Bond earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of South Alabama, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Mr. Bond is currently the Chief Executive Officer at Singing River Health System. Outside of work, he has held community leadership roles in both Jackson and Harrison Counties. He has served on the Gulf Coast Business Council, the Bacot McCarty Foundation, the Pascagoula River Audubon Center, Ducks Unlimited Gulf Coast Chapter, the Board of Directors for the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Past President of the Gulf Coast Chapter of Mississippi Society of CPAs. Mr. Bond is a graduate of Leadership Jackson County, and was humbly recognized as a Top 10 Outstanding Community Leader for South Mississippi.

During these unprecedented times, Mr. Bond and the entire Singing River Health System has gone above and beyond to help the community suffering from this global pandemic.

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Singing River Health System is the largest COVID-19 provider on the Gulf Coast. It has cared for over 2,200 patients diagnosed with the virus. In response to the increased demand, it continues to make improvements to its critical care nursing units to meet the needs of the most ill patients, has established community-based clinical patient navigators to conduct local contact tracing, and supports patients recovering at home.

Mr. Bond credits the entire Singing River care and support services team for their efforts to deliver lifesaving care to those hit hardest by the virus and continue to be their greatest advocate. Despite all the long hours and very difficult days, he and the Singing River team have remained "Singing River Strong" and dedicated to their mission of improving health and saving lives.

CONGRATULATING PATRICK
ROMEO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Patrick Romeo, of Boardman, Ohio, on completing the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge in Panama City, Florida, this August.

Being one of a hundred motorcyclists traveling 10,000 miles on a country-wide, 13-day journey, Patrick embarked on an excursion intended to raise awareness for veterans with traumatic brain injuries. This endurance challenge was aimed at testing the physical, mental, and emotional limits of all participants.

Mr. Romeo demonstrated extraordinary leadership along with outstanding integrity and values, qualities that empower and inspire individuals and families to overcome their physical, mental, or financial challenges.

Resurrecting Lives Foundation, an Ohio-based nonprofit founded by Youngstown native Dr. Chrisanne Gordon, was Patrick's designated charity. So far, Mr. Romeo has been able to help raise \$16,000 for the charity, which advocates for veterans with traumatic brain injuries.

The dedication and enthusiasm Patrick directed towards this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity has left a positive impact upon the community. Patrick, you are truly an inspiration to all of us who serve the public, and for that, I am forever grateful.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UGA MARINE EXTENSION AND GEORGIA SEA GRANT

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of Georgia Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant for celebrating the 50th year since its founding.

In 1970, the University of Georgia initiated a marine extension service program with startup funds to assist the Cooperative Extension Service provided to agriculture. Edward Chin

led the original program, and also had responsibility for coordinating the university's marine programs on Sapelo Island and Skidaway Island.

Today, the UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant provides research, education, and training in science to assist Georgia in solving problems and recognizing opportunities for its coastal and marine environments.

Because of all the exceptional work they have done throughout the years, they have helped promote the economic, cultural, and environmental health of Georgia's coast. They have also aided in preparing Georgians to become good stewards of coastal ecosystems and watershed resources.

The Georgia Sea Grant College Program is part of a national network of 34 Sea Grant programs located in every coastal and Great Lakes state, Puerto Rico, Lake Champlain, and Guam. This program is among a network of over 300 institutions involving more than 3,000 scientists, engineers, educators, students, and outreach experts.

As the Representative for Georgia's coast, I can't thank them enough for the work they have done to help improve our environment to support Georgia's short- and long-term prosperity.

REMEMBERING RONNIE KOLE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to take the time to remember Ronnie Kole for his contribution to the musical community and his charitable work. I include in the RECORD the following article "Ronnie Kole, renowned New Orleans pianist who performed for 6 presidents and a pope, dead at 89" by Dominic Massa on August 28th from the The New Orleans Advocate:

Ronnie Kole, the renowned New Orleans pianist who performed for six presidents, a pope and audiences around the world, died Thursday. He was 89.

Kole, a consummate entertainer known for his boundless energy, had been in declining health but stopped performing only recently, according to his son. Kole's wife of 36 years, Gardner, died this past January.

Kole's career spanned nearly 70 years and took him to Carnegie Hall, concert venues and music clubs across the United States, Europe and Asia. He recorded dozens of albums and was a frequent performer in New Orleans, where he settled in the 1960s before moving to Slidell some 30 years ago.

Kole—who was tall, lanky, goateed and always immaculately dressed—entertained six U.S. presidents during his career. In 1987, he performed "Amazing Grace" for Pope John Paul II during the Holy Father's visit to New Orleans. Kole performed at the outdoor Mass celebrated by the pope near the UNO Lakefront Arena. Accompanied by a symphony orchestra and a 350-voice choir, Kole called the performance "the way I've always envisioned doing 'Amazing Grace,'" mixing the hymn with bits of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The song was a hallmark of most every Ronnie Kole concert. His set lists showcased a diverse range of musical genres from modern and traditional jazz to show tunes, clas-

sical music and everything in between. A typical show might feature "Rhapsody in Blue," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "What a Wonderful World," selections from Mozart or Beethoven, "Ave Maria" and a souped-up version of "When the Saints Go Marching In," just to name a few. In between songs at his concerts, he would frequently entertain his audience with jokes, anecdotes, self-deprecating asides and musical history lessons.

"My feeling is, anything your mind can think of, you can put down on a piano," he said in a 2004 Times-Picayune profile. "To me, a piano is an orchestra. It's a very imaginative instrument that you can do most anything on, which I try to do. I try not to have limitations. I have a lot of fun with it. I love to entertain."

According to Times-Picayune music writer Keith Spera, Kole was renowned for his showstopping, all-request Broadway medley, which concluded with him playing the main melodic theme with his left hand and a succession of requested melodies with his right—simultaneously.

Kole was a founder of French Quarter Festival, performing at the first event in 1984 and every festival since. He was scheduled to perform at this year's French Quarter Fest, as well as at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, both of which were canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. Kole had performed at nearly every New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival since its inception in 1970 and played at the modern event's precursor, the 1968 New Orleans Jazz Festival.

Born Ronald Kuhn, Kole was a native of Chicago. He suffered from a heart condition as a child, which limited his outdoor activities. "When I was feeling good, I wanted to go outside and play ball, but when I was sick I was sometimes laid up for a month and a half, two months in bed," he said in a 2012 WWNO-FM interview. "My aunt played piano by ear and she had a big old upright piano. She showed me how to play 'Chopsticks' . . . and my mother and father said, 'Maybe we should get him a piano. That would keep him from wanting to go outside to play baseball.'"

Kole recalled first tickling the ivories around the age of 13 and considered himself largely self-taught. He went on the road in the Midwest to perform when he was just 16.

Kole first came to New Orleans in 1957 to audition as part of a jazz trio. He didn't get the job but he fell in love with the city.

While back in Chicago, he crossed paths with New Orleans music great Al Hirt. Although Kole had already toured the country and made somewhat of a name for himself as a young jazzman, he was uncertain of his career path. Hirt, a nationally known jazz trumpeter, encouraged Kole's career and gave it a major jump start by asking him to bring his ensemble to New Orleans in 1964 to serve as the house band for Hirt's Bourbon Street club.

"I guess I owe everything to Al for bringing me down," Kole said in 1987. "And also for kicking me in the fanny a year or so prior to that, when I had totally given up and decided to play solo in a restaurant piano bar thing."

Kole worked at Hirt's club for several years before opening his own club, Kole's Korner, where he performed for six years.

"Man, I'm treated like a hometown boy here," Kole said of the city in a 1967 Times-Picayune profile. "The people are wonderful—even the club operators on Bourbon Street—there's none of the cutthroat competition here that I've found elsewhere. To us, New Orleans is the ideal place."

Before coming to New Orleans, Kole, who performed solo but also with a trio or septet, frequently played Las Vegas and on national

television, with appearances on “The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson,” “The Mike Douglas Show” and “The Merv Griffin Show.”

A dedicated civic booster, Kole served as president and chairman of the Sugar Bowl, chairman of the Louisiana Tourist Commission and president of the World Trade Center. He was also one of the investors in the New Orleans Buccaneers, the short-lived 1960s team affiliated with the American Basketball Association, which later merged with the NBA.

Kole was also known for his philanthropy. For nearly 30 years, the Jazz on the Bayou fundraiser, held at the Koles’ home on the banks of Bayou Liberty in Slidell, raised almost \$2 million for local charities. Beneficiaries included Easter Seals Louisiana, STARC, Safe Harbor, the Tammany Trace Foundation and other local charities. For many years, Kole also hosted the annual Easter Seals telethon on local television.

He was a gourmet and wine connoisseur whose personal cellar once contained more than 3,000 bottles of vintage wines. His love for French wines and vineyards began with his 1984 honeymoon in France, where he and his wife Gardner would return every summer.

Kole wrote several songs based on the vineyards and wines of France. He compiled them into a series of CDs, called “Music of the Vines.” The work earned him the honor of Chevalier of Arts and Letters, the highest award presented by the French government for achievement in the arts. “Music opens the door to anything in the world,” he once said, “and wine does, too.”

A life-size statue of Kole, donning a tuxedo and holding a glass of wine, is included in the New Orleans Musical Legends Park on Bourbon Street, alongside fellow icons Pete Fountain, Fats Domino, Chris Owens, Irma Thomas, Allen Toussaint, Louis Prima and Hirt.

Last year, the City of Slidell officially named its Heritage Park Amphitheater Stage “The Ronnie and Gardner Kole Stage” in recognition of the couple’s cultural contributions to the city.

Kole was inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame in 2012.

In addition to the loss of his second wife, Gardner Morrow Schneider Kole, the musician also lost a son, James F. Kuhn. His first wife, Violet Shafer Kole, is also deceased.

Survivors include five children, Sandra Kole Bernos, of Poplarville, Mississippi; Rhonda Kole Glassmeyer, of Slidell; Ronnie Kole Jr., of Lafayette; Bobbi Kole Ballero, of New Orleans; and James V. Kuhn, of Decatur, Illinois; three stepchildren, Pete Schneider, Chris Schneider and Doree Schneider Donovan, all of Slidell; as well as 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING THE 2020 NORTHERN VIRGINIA PTA AND PTSA AWARDS RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the 2020 Northern Virginia District PTA Annual Award recipients. Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSAs) in Northern Virginia serve a critical role in helping to provide the best possible educational environment for our students.

The Northern Virginia District PTA represents a region with 225 schools which includes 5 regions. Maintaining a healthy and strong organization is an important part of allowing these groups to have the greatest possible impact on the students they serve. To encourage such strength, it is important to note the individual PTAs that excel in this mission, as well as the volunteers and educators who support them. It is my honor to include in the RECORD their names.

2020 NOVA District PTA Elementary Volunteers of the Year Honorees: Kim Grant, Little Run ES PTA; Kia Haynes, Arlington Montessori ES PTA; and Molly Hunter, Olde Creek ES PTA.

2020 NOVA District PTA Secondary Volunteers of the Year Honorees: Andrea Hellier and Julie Shedd, LBSS PTSA.

2020 NOVA District PTA Outstanding PTA Award: Laurel Ridge ES PTA.

2020 NOVA District PTA Outstanding Educator of the Year Award: Stephanie Lin, Arlington Science Focus School PTA.

2020 NOVA District PTA Outstanding PTA iSTEAM Award: Arlington County Special Education PTA; and Fairfax County Special Education PTA.

I congratulate the following NOVA District PTA students who have earned the 2020 National PTA Reflections “Look Within” Awards:

Charles Nguyen, Photography, Award of Merit, Lake Braddock SS PTSA; Riley Zwiselsberger, Photography, Award of Merit, Charles Barrett ES PTA; and Theo Whiteman, Film Production, Award of Merit, McKinley ES PTA.

I also congratulate the following VA PTA Scholarship Award Recipients: Brynna Boyd, Thomas A. Edison HS PTSA; Areeba Hamid, Mount Vernon HS PTSA; Ashley Pearson, Hayfield Secondary School PTSA.

A special note of appreciation for dedicated service is extended to Debbie Kilpatrick, NOVA District Director, Tony Shivers, District Assistant Director, Denise Bolton, District Secretary/Treasurer, Julie Shepard, Advocacy Chair, Mike Woltz, Diversity & Outreach Chair, Toby Latham, Policy Chair, Cathy Petrini, Reflections Chair, Martha Coleman, Events Coordinator, Patricia Franck, Special Projects Chair, Jane Miscavage, Fairfax County Council PTA President, Maura McMahon, Arlington County Council PTA President, Katy Matthews, Alexandria City Council PTA President, Dr. Scott Brabrand, FCPS Superintendent, Donna Colombo, Virginia PTA President, and Speaker of the House Eileen Filler-Corn, Virginia Delegate, 41st District.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the outstanding achievements of the individuals, PTAs and PTSAs that are being honored tonight. Dedicated involvement from so many parents reflects a strong commitment to public education and community service that students in our schools are fortunate to experience. I offer my strong support for these organizations and their dedicated members and volunteers.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDY WILSON CAGLE

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Judy Wilson Cagle, who passed away on July 3rd at the age of 63.

Mrs. Cagle was the owner and manager of both Rockingham Paint and Glass and Rockingham Fitness.

Along with owning two businesses, Mrs. Cagle was a tireless animal advocate and served for several terms on the board of the Richmond County Humane Society. There, she spearheaded a partnership with the Richmond County Aging Services that allowed for low-income senior citizens to receive food for their pets. This partnership continues to this day.

Mrs. Cagle’s efforts in the community will last for many years to come. May her dedication to the Rockingham community and animal rights be an example for all of us.

REMEMBERING LAWRENCE CONNEFF

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Mr. Lawrence “Pete” Conneff of Savannah, Georgia, who went to be with the Lord at the age of 90.

Mr. Conneff attended Sacred Heart School, where he was a member of the drum and bugle corps, and graduated from Benedictine Military School, where he played football and basketball.

After high school, he attended The Citadel and Armstrong College, and eventually became a member of the Air National Guard.

He was a loving, devoted husband to his wife Ann, and wonderful father to his five children. He eventually became a treasured grandfather and great-grandfather to nineteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Among his several family titles, he was a master plumber and owned Conneff Plumbing Co. Inc. since 1960. With Pete at the helm of the company for 60 years, it became one of the leading plumbing providers in the area.

He was also a member of the Savannah St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee since 1954, a charter member of the Irish Heritage Society, a member of the Sinn Fein Society, a third-degree member of Knights of Columbus Council 631, and a charter member of Knights of Columbus Council 5588.

While there are many aspects to miss about Pete, his character and colorful storytelling always stood out and will leave a lasting impact on all the lives he touched. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with Pete’s friends and family during this most difficult time.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CHRONICLE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the founding of The Chronicle newspaper.

The Chronicle was established by Mark Frost in 1980 in Glens Falls, New York. Through hard work and determination, Mark turned an initial investment of \$1,700 into a successful and profitable newspaper. He remains the publisher and editor today, alongside staffers who have been with The Chronicle for decades. In that time, they have established a loyal base of readers and advertisers, becoming a cornerstone of the community.

The Chronicle has long hosted events to provide a forum for discussion and to bring Glens Falls residents together, especially through Autumn Leaves: The Chronicle Book Fair. The fair is an opportunity to highlight and connect local authors and publishers, and discover books of all genres. Annual events like this are important to strengthen and grow the fabric of our communities, and I know many who are looking forward to safely resuming them as soon as possible.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Mark and the entire Chronicle staff for their contributions to the community and congratulate them on reaching this important milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE 2020 NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES AND AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame (NVFHOF) and to congratulate the 2020 inductees and scholarship award recipients.

Participation in organized sports instills many values that will serve our youth well throughout life, including sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, and the work ethic developed by striving for success and working to achieve a common goal.

Celebrating its 30th year, the NVFHOF is recognizing the efforts of players, coaches, officials, and cheerleaders from local youth and scholastic football programs, and has inducted a few exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions to the game. In addition, the NVFHOF presents several student-athletes with scholarships to help defray the cost of college.

I commend the NVFHOF and congratulate the following students, coaches, and community leaders who are being recognized during the 30th Annual NVFHOF Awards Banquet:

\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipients: Daniel C. Flynn, Ryan W. Moses and Derick B. Sarpong.

Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame 2020 Inductees: Mark Cox, Robert "Bob" Fitzpatrick, and Ernest "Boomer" Deconti.

Football Officials of the Year: Keith Null and Donnie Henlsey.

Karl Davey Community Achievement Award: Dave Facinoli.

Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award: Ilryong Moon.

Gene Nelson Commissioner of the Year Award: Matthew Patterson.

High School Players of the Year: Matt Dzierski, Haris Khan, Matt Hibner, Noah Kim, Robert Longerbeam and John Pius.

High School Coaches of the Year: Monty Fritts and Gerry Pannoni.

Youth Coaches of the Year: Rob Hunt, Brian Conway, James Ingram and Matt Click.

Youth Players of the Year: Zaveon Coleman, Mark Griggs, Jr., Darius Burton, Coby Casalengo, Micah Neese, Jayden Harris, Christian Homsuwan, David Cage, Matt Gashi-Brito, Mekhi Lynn, Luke Hodgkinson, Trenton Fehrman, Robert Raines, Jordan Alexander Romero, Jason Woods, Jonah Howells, Oscar Moscoso, Jacob Kyger, Tyon Veney, Keyon Somers-Porter, Tyler D. Ohlmeyer and Ryan Duenkel.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mark Meana and the Northern Virginia Hall of Fame, as well as those students, coaches, and community leaders who are being honored at the 2020 Football Hall of Fame celebration.

CONGRATULATING USS
"TENNESSEE"

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the USS *Tennessee*, which is based at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay in the First District of Georgia, for winning the 2020 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Afloat Environmental Award.

The SECNAV environmental programs recognize Navy and Marine Corps ships, installations, and people for outstanding performance in promoting environmental stewardship.

These programs are important for achieving national defense strategy by taking a proactive role in enhancing mission effectiveness through the implementation of environmental programs.

Additionally, they have allowed for expanding mission requirements, protecting and improving the environment, avoiding and reducing future liabilities, and building trust with partner nations.

This is not the first time USS *Tennessee* has been honored for its success. In 2014, they won the SECNAV Award for Excellence in Submarine Safety, and they also won the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Awards in submarine category in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

USS *Tennessee's* leadership and crew has demonstrated sustained commitment and success in environmental protection because of their emphasis on the importance of each Sailor's role in environmental conservation. I am thankful for the entire crew's commitment to both serving our country and protecting our environment.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
PAMELA HALL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Pamela Gayle Cooper Hall, who passed away on August 1 after a courageous eight-year battle with cancer.

Pamela's life began on December 9, 1951; however, some may say, her cancer diagnosis was truly the start of her journey. A devoted Christian and member of Salem Baptist Church, Pam viewed her diagnosis as an invitation—an invitation to share her journey and lead by example. She spent her years in treatment, encouraging others who were in similar circumstances, making friends throughout the country in the process. Her passion and devotion to Christ made her a confidante and leader to many, as she always saw the goodness in others.

Pam was also a leader in the professional world, as she had a reputation for diligence and thoroughness, earning her a business management position as well as the position of Director of Finance at JME, Inc. for 25 years. Outside of her professional life, Pam also taught children's Sunday School and treasured her women's Sunday School Class.

Pam's colleagues became her family, and her diagnosis allowed her to inspire so many others. Her life was one of service, grace, and love for her family and community, and she will be greatly missed by all whom she encountered.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband Larry Murrah Hall; daughter, Amy Hall Jones; son, Justin Lee Hall; her grandchildren, as well as many other friends and extended family members.

RECOGNIZING THE 2020 BURKE
VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE
DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department on the occasion of its 72nd 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 six decades it has provided life-saving fire suppression, fire 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. I am honored to recognize the dedicated men and women of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department who have volunteered for extra duty as Officers or as members of the Board of Directors and include in the RECORD their names:

Board of Directors: President—Ian Dickin-son; Vice President—John Powers; Sec-etary—Kaitlin Lohrmann; Treasurer—Susan Weeks; Board Member—Kathleen Beer; Board Member—Larry Bocknek; Board Member—Kenneth Senn.

Officers: Chief—Thomas Warnock; Deputy Chief—Tina Godfrey; Deputy Chief—John Hudak; Captain II—Melissa Ashby; Captain II—Larry Bocknek; Captain II—Keith O’Con- nor; 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 ex-emplary service during the last year: Rookie of the Year—Tricia Counihan; Rookie of the Year—Christopher Hauge; Rookie of the Year—Caroline Hennings; Rookie of the Year—Mark Heyungs; Operational Member of the Year—Paul Stracke; Operational Member of the Year—Kevin Grottle; Career Member of the Year—Carlos Carrillo; (Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept.); Administrative Member of the Year—Nancy Stone; Chiefs Award—Justin Parrack (Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept.); President’s Award—Susan Weeks; Founder’s Award—Chuck Fry.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the department for 72 years of service and in thanking all of the brave volunteers who do not hesitate to drop everything when the community calls in need of help. To all of these men and women who put themselves in harm’s way to protect our residents I say: “Stay safe.”

HONORING RICHARD B.
BLACKWELL’S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th birthday of Richard B. Blackwell from Sacramento, Cali- fornia. Mr. Blackwell was born on August 28, 1920, in Franklin, Indiana where he lived and worked on a family farm and graduated from the local high school. Mr. Blackwell went on to receive his Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Indiana University.

Shortly after, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and attended Mid-shipmen’s School. Mr. Blackwell served aboard the USS *Colorado* in the Pacific The-ater during WWII as a Deck Gunner Officer. He bravely served the United States and re-ceived the Purple Heart and seven stars for his time in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre and Phil-ippine Liberation campaign.

After four years of service, he was honor-ably discharged in 1946 and moved to Cali- fornia to pursue his career. Mr. Blackwell

worked in marketing and insurance and worked his way to become Vice-President of Cal-Farm Insurance. In 1969 he married his late wife, Ana Maria Morales, and lived in Oakland before moving to Sacramento, where he still resides. I ask my colleagues to join me in sending Mr. Blackwell and his family best wishes and great thanks for his service to this country as they celebrate his 100th birthday today.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF
HAROLD LETINSKI

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Harold Letinski. Mr. Letinski will forever be remembered for his unwavering dedication to the Downriver com- munity, and he will be deeply missed.

Over the course of 101 years, Harold Letinski watched the United States transform and witnessed the great challenges, hard- ships, and victories our nation endured. A Downriver native, Mr. Letinski grew up in the Delray neighborhood of Detroit. As a child in the Great Depression, he rose at 5 a.m. each morning to deliver papers and knocked coal off train cars to ensure families in his neigh- borhood could stay warm. After graduating from Southwestern High School in Detroit, Mr. Letinski dutifully served his country with the Coast Guard during World War II.

After the war, Harold Letinski returned to Michigan and committed himself to bettering his local community. Throughout his 20s, Mr. Letinski lived in Dearborn with his parents, but later moved to Allen Park after marrying his wife, Josephine, and started a family. He be- came the patriarch of two children, seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He worked for over three decades at the Ford Rouge Plant in the hot strip mill and was a founding member of the Father Saylor Knights of Columbus in Allen Park. He was a generous volunteer, and encouraged all to live a life of faith, kindness, and compassion. Among his friends and com- munity, Mr. Letinski was known as a devoted family man who was gentle, kind, and loving. He rarely was upset, and always had a kind word to offer to others. Mr. Letinski’s passing is a loss to our entire community, but his warm legacy will forever endure. He and his generation’s contribution to progress will al- ways be remembered, and his strength, faith, and perseverance through turbulent times pro- vides a lasting example of what can be achieved when we all work together.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Harold Letinski. We will forever remember his remark- able life, work, and community impact. May he rest in eternal peace.

HONORING ROYCE CARTER

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Royce E.

Carter. Throughout his adult life, Royce has been a dedicated leader in his community. He has been a passionate and devoted Pierce County resident and played an instrumental role in the implementation of a roundabout that was recently approved by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners.

This roundabout is part of a realignment of County Farm Road to make way for the new Pierce County High School, and Royce was responsible for the oversight of the project from start to finish.

Because of his immense dedication not just to this project, but every project he has spear- headed in his community, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners named the round- about the Royce E. Carter Roundabout.

This dedication is a simple “thank you” for his leadership and for everything Royce has done to make Pierce County a better place. He has always approached every project and challenge with a can-do attitude, and he is kind to everyone he meets.

I am thankful to know Royce, and I know he will continue to be an asset for Pierce County.

RECOGNIZING MOUNT ZION BAP-
TIST CHURCH FOR THEIR SANCTU-
ARY’S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mount Zion Baptist Church on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its sanc- tuary.

Mount Zion moved into their new building in March of 2010 and have called this sanctuary their home ever since. The church was origi- nally organized in Stafford, Virginia in 1876 shortly after the end of the Civil War by Rev- erend Charles Gibson. In 1918 the church moved to Prince William County to better ac- commodate its growing membership. In 1922, Mount Zion built their first Prince William County sanctuary in Triangle, Virginia, creating a spiritual home for people in and around the county.

Since being founded in Prince William County, Mount Zion has played a fundamental role in building the community. Under the leadership of their Pastor, Reverend Dr. Alfred Jones, Jr. the Church has embodied its of “Living By Faith.” Since his installation, Rev. Dr. Jones has served an instrumental role in the growth of membership to over 2000 mem- bers and the development of five fundamental ministries: Evangelism, Inspired Arts, Christian Education, Discipleship Building and Family Life Principles. From these ministries, 37 sub- ordinate ministries were established reaching into the lives of those beyond the church walls to provide financial support, clothing assist- ance, and food assistance to the global com- munity. Because of this continued growth and expansion of its mission throughout the com- munity, Mount Zion opened a new sanctuary in 2010. The positive impacts on our region have continued to flourish this past decade through this new sanctuary. We in Prince Wil- liam are lucky to have Mount Zion in our com- munity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mount Zion Baptist Church

for its efforts to better the Northern Virginia region and in congratulating them on the occasion of this anniversary. It is a privilege to work alongside this great congregation in the community, and I wish them continued success through faith, family, and service.

REMEMBERING ROBERT EUGENE
HELTZEL, JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Eugene Heltzel, Jr., of Pepper Pike, Ohio, who passed away on August 17, 2020, at the age of 73.

Bob was born on January 22, 1947, in Warren, Ohio. He was the second eldest of seven children and attended St. Stephen's Elementary School in Niles, Ohio. Bob "Robbo" was a 1965 graduate of Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, OH. The friendships he made there remained a source of strength and joy for him his entire life.

In 1972, Bob married Heidi, the love of his life. They settled in Warren, OH, where they raised their five daughters. Bob was an active member of his community, generous benefactor, and tireless entrepreneur.

Bob founded Kenilworth Steel Company in 1981 where he served as CEO and President until his retirement in 2006 and remained a consultant until 2009. He dedicated almost 30 years of his life to establishing a thriving business driven by his desire to serve his family and the families of his employees.

A lifelong lover of the game of golf, Bob dedicated several years to coaching not only family members, but the men's golf team at John F. Kennedy high school in Warren, Ohio. Bob led the team to the State Tournament and became State Champions in 2001–2002. He was inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame for his role as coach in 2014. Bob passed on his passion for golf to his five daughters and enjoyed endless spirited rounds with his sons-in-law, grandchildren, and dear friends.

Bob was the loving husband of Heidi Heltzel (nee Browning) and devoted father of Jennifer Farrior (Julian) of Boulder, CO, Katie Ricotti (fiance Rocco DiPuccio) of University Heights, OH, Maggie Schumacher (Brett) of University Heights, OH, Robin Heltzel of Pittsburgh, PA, and Erin Moore (Tim) of Cleveland, OH. He was the proud grandfather of Robert and Leo Ricotti, Marley and James Farrior, Izzy and Andy Schumacher, and Elizabeth and Charlie Moore. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Eugene Heltzel, Sr. and Mary Jane Heltzel (nee Hazzard), and brothers Paul and Mark Heltzel.

Mr. Heltzel was the recipient of many honors throughout his life, but I have no doubt his greatest was being the husband to Heidi and the father and grandfather to his children and grandchildren. My deepest sympathies go out to Bob's family and to all whose lives he touched.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS
LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2020

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Congress Leads by Example Act of 2020, which would subject Congress and the rest of the legislative branch to many of the workplace laws that protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch. Congress should abide by the laws it imposes on the American people and businesses. In 1995, Congress passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA), which applied 13 civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws to Congress and legislative branch entities. In 2018, after reports of sexual harassment in Congress and in light of the #MeToo movement, Congress passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act (Reform Act), which changed the name of the Office of Compliance to the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights (OCWR), revised the process to resolve workplace claims and extended CAA protections to unpaid staff, interns and fellows. It also made Members of Congress personally liable for their own violations of harassment and retaliation laws. However, more remains to be done.

The CAA and the Reform Act were important first steps in making the legislative branch accountable for its employment practices, but they did not finish the job. As noted, the CAA did bring the legislative branch under 13 major civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws but it omitted important substantive and administrative protections. In its latest Section 102(b) biennial report to Congress, the OCWR identified additional provisions of federal workplace laws and standards that should be applicable to the legislative branch. OCWR's recommendations include providing whistleblowers with protection from retaliation by making the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 applicable to the legislative branch. My bill takes into account the OCWR report, and seeks both to apply the standard of fairness to employees in the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and to provide a safer work environment for Congress, Capitol Hill employees and visitors by bringing the legislative branch in line with the legal requirements of private sector employers and the executive branch.

My bill provides general whistleblower protections and anti-retaliation measures and makes additional Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) retaliation provisions applicable to the legislative branch. My bill also provides subpoena authority to OCWR to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations.

This bill also furthers the CAA's mission to prevent discrimination in legislative branch offices by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code.

Finally, this bill bolsters the CAA's record-keeping requirements. It extends the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise re-

quired by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws in the legislative branch.

By passing this bill, Congress would help restore the public trust in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support for this important measure.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
VENUS HOLMES

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Venus Holmes, who went to be with the Lord at the age of 82.

To know Venus was to love her. She was a beloved resident of Brunswick and Darien, and she was a woman of faith and character. She was also a champion for civil rights and was a member of the NAACP for over 53 years. Her life was marked by a long list of accomplishments and awards—she was truly a remarkable woman.

Venus served as the 3rd Vice President of the Georgia State NAACP Conference, and served as Secretary of the Georgia State Conference NAACP for nine years. In addition to her leadership titles, she received numerous accolades, including the Rudy Hurly Plaque Award for "Outstanding Service," as well as the Thomas B. Murphy "Lifetime Achievement Award."

Venus was also chosen as "Woman of the Year" for the NAACP twice, served 14 years on the Brunswick School Board, and served as Vice Chair on the Brunswick School Board, as well. She was also a devoted member to her church, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, where she was a musician for 39 years.

Although Venus is no longer here on earth with us, her legacy will remain for years to come. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING COACH GERRY
PANNONI AND THE 6A STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP SOUTH COUNTY
FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Coach Gerry Pannoni and to congratulate him and the South County High School football team, the Stallions, on their 6A State Championship.

The South County football team was undefeated during their 2019 State Championship run. This was the first time in school history the Stallions won a state title. Their 15–0 record demonstrates the team's dedication and hard work. The Stallions were led by head coach, Gerry Pannoni, who has been head coach at South County High School since 2011.

Coach Pannoni has been committed to the sport of football for several decades, both as

a player and a coach. After playing at Frostburg State, Coach Pannoni became an assistant Varsity Football Coach there in 1979. He then went on to build an extensive and successful career in numerous positions. He was a head football coach in Fairfax County and the surrounding area for more than 20-years before accepting the position of head coach at South County in 2011.

Coach Pannoni has received numerous awards and honors throughout his many accomplished seasons. In his eight years at South County Coach Pannoni and the South County Stallions won the District Championship 6 times and he was named District coach of the year all 6 of those years. The Stallions won the Regional Championship 2 times under Coach Pannoni and he was named Region Coach of the year both years. Coach Pannoni was the first inductee into the South County High School Football Ring of Honor, which has been named after him. He was named Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame Coach of the Year three times, in 2011, 2016, and most recently in 2019. During his tenure at South County, Coach Pannoni and the Varsity Football team have never had a losing record. Coach Pannoni has displayed strong leadership, professionalism, and dedication throughout his time at South County, and has been a true role model for all of the students on his team. I congratulate Coach Pannoni and the Stallion football program on winning the VHSL 6A State Championship. Although Coach Pannoni has relocated to another state, I wish him and the Stallions continued success.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in honoring Coach Pannoni and the South County Stallions in recognition of their undefeated 6A State Championship season.

CELEBRATING FREEDOM

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize composer Richard Fuchs of Coram, New York, and his 1983 composition entitled "Gettysburg." His music, set to the awe-inspiring address given by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, has given new, melodious life to those brilliant two hundred and forty words, reminding modern audiences of the sacred and revolutionary ideals our country strives to embody.

Just as Baltimore shopkeeper Thomas Carr first put Francis Scott-Key's poem, "The Defense of Fort McHenry", to music in 1814, creating "The Star Spangled Banner", Mr. Fuchs found a similar way to preserve the Gettysburg Address. Ever since he first saw the speech engraved on the side of the Lincoln Memorial at 9 years old, he wanted to honor its eternal message in song.

After years of tinkering with melody and meter, Mr. Fuchs finally published "Gettysburg" in 1983, just in time for the 120th anniversary celebration of the Gettysburg Address. Thirty four years after his first visit to the Lincoln Memorial, Mr. Fuchs performed his creation on the monument's steps during this celebration, playing piano alongside his

daughter and their hometown Centereach High School Choir.

Since that first performance, Mr. Fuchs composition has been sung by choirs across the nation, from Tucson, Arizona to the Smithsonian. Over nearly four decades, through his music, Mr. Fuchs has helped preserve President Lincoln's vision for America for an entirely new generation, trying every day to live up to the principles of freedom, happiness, and equality our country's founders spoke of.

In 2013, Mr. Fuchs' composition was performed with one hundred and fifty chorus members at the very place President Lincoln first delivered the Gettysburg Address. Each member of the chorus represented each year since the historic event.

Like President Lincoln's address, Mr. Fuchs' composition is yet another stark reminder of our constant, unfinished work as Americans to ensure liberty and justice for all.

HONORING ALANA SMITH SHEPHERD

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alana Smith Shepherd, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. She has lived a life of service, and has devoted her life to healing and helping others.

Alana and her family co-founded the world-renowned Shepherd Center in Atlanta in 1975. Over the years, the Shepherd Center has grown from a six-bed unit to a remarkable 152 bed rehabilitation hospital.

The hospital specializes in medical treatment, research, and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, and other neurological conditions. Thanks to Alana and her family's efforts, they have helped countless individuals get the lifesaving care they need.

In addition to her work with Shepherd Center, Alana has advocated for accessibility to Atlanta's MARTA bus system and the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, which is now one of the country's most accessible airports.

Alana was named one of the most influential people in Atlanta by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in 2014, among many other awards. She has also been a civic leader in her community, including serving as former vice president and current member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, and the secretary of the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Paralympic Games.

In 1989, Alana was the first woman elected to be a member of the Buckhead Coalition, and in 2003, the first woman elected as chairman of the Coalition.

I am thankful for the impact she has made on the state of Georgia, and I am blessed to know her.

RECOGNIZING JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Jacksonville, North Carolina Police Department on being awarded the 2020 Law Enforcement Agency of the Year by the North Carolina Police Executives Association.

These men and women go above and beyond the call of duty to keep our communities safe and our streets clean, while building trust and relationships within the community. The untold sacrifice and unwavering commitment by our law enforcement officials to serve in an increasingly polarized climate, riddled with hate and violence, deserves recognition.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring this distinguished department, their families and community. This is simply an outstanding accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DEPUTY DYLAN PICKLE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Deputy Dylan Pickle, who passed away on Sunday, July 26, while conducting a safety checkpoint.

Dylan was born on July 2, 1996, in Amory, Mississippi. At four years old, Dylan knew he wanted to wear a badge. After graduating from Amory High School, Dylan began to make that badge a reality. He pursued a degree in Criminal Justice at Itawamba Community College and joined the Army at only 17.

Joining the Army was only the beginning for Dylan. He earned a medal at Quantico and would later receive three more for his heroism in Syria, where he served as a Specialist, becoming known for his leadership and his care for others. In 2016, Dylan brought his passion for serving home and began working with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department as a patrol deputy.

Outside of his patrol duties, Dylan was a member of the First United Methodist Church. A momma's boy, Dylan always made time for his family, especially his niece and nephews, whom he adored and spoiled whenever he could. Although serving his country was his passion, he also enjoyed going to the shooting range, collecting guns, listening to country music, and of course, socializing with his friends.

Deputy Dylan Pickle's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

Left to cherish his memory is mother, Debi Pearson; sister, Kristin Vuncannon; brother, Drew Pickle; step-sister, Kayla Pearson; as well as many other friends and extended family members.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2020 FAIRFAX COUNTY STUDENT
PEACE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2020 Fairfax County Student Peace Awards.

The Fairfax County Student Peace Awards began with one high school in 2006 and was created to encourage high school aged students to think about peace as both a means and an end, and to recognize young people who work as peacemakers. By 2013, the program was being offered in every public high school in Fairfax County, as well as in three private schools.

Participating high schools choose one Junior or Senior, or one student group active in promoting peace and/or removing the causes of conflict. Examples of outreach include: committing to peace by engaging in activities that strive to end conflict, either locally or globally, seeking to discuss or otherwise resolve potentially controversial issues within the school or community, promoting the understanding of divisive issues and situations to bridge language, ethnic, racial, religious, gender, sexual orientation, or class differences, and working to resolve conflicts among students or members of the community who feel isolated or alienated.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2020 Student Peace Award recipients:

Manoucher (Manny) Precht, Annandale High School; Samantha (Sage) Quick, Cedar Lane High School; William (Will) LaWalt, Cedar Lane High School; Sophia Lee, Centerville High School; Anand Colaco, Chantilly High School; Kheira Bekkadj, Edison High School; Renee Richey, Fairfax High School; Patrick Cloud, Hayfield Secondary School; Naba Abdel Okhwa, Herndon High School.

GirlUp Club—Fariha Tasneem, Evie Garcés-Foley, Patricia Rue, Diana Chavez, Sloane Bailey, Zulma Solis, Katherine Fernandez, Justice High School.

Jena Musmar, King Abdullah Academy; Emily Smith, Lake Braddock Secondary School; Daniel Mousavi, Langley High School; Catherine Soto, Lee High School; Daphne May, Madison High School; Hannah Gyekye, Mount Vernon High School; Zamir Ticknor, Marshall High School; Sarah Gu, McLean High School; Betsabe Pardo, Mountain View High School; Roudah Chaker, Oakton High School; Andrew Keiffer, Quander Road School; Michael McCabe, Robinson Secondary School; Siedeem Ahmed, South County High School; Lindsey Hirschfeld, South Lakes High School; Amaani Mohamed, West Potomac High School; Salwa Zahid, West Springfield High School.

Bulldog Buddies—James Johnson, Carly Liesegang, Rachel Liesegang, Charlotte Tiss, and Maddie Woodward, Westfield High School.

Madam Speaker, the efforts of these young people are the building blocks of a more peaceful and tolerant world. I commend them on their efforts and dedication and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each award recipient as well as all the student and

student groups who participated in this program. I thank each of them as well as Fairfax County Public School System and sponsor organizations for all they have done for our community.

AMARI PRESIDENT

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Amari President.

Amari was only sixteen years young when he passed, but his wisdom was already far beyond his years. Despite being too young to vote, he knew the importance of his civic duty to hold public officials accountable and to be involved in his local community. That involvement brought Amari into my life when he attended one of my very first town halls and left me a question. In my subsequent conversations with Amari, it was clear his leadership and vibrancy were going to take him to big and wonderful places in life.

Anyone who was lucky enough to know Amari knew his dreams were big, but achievable for someone as bright and determined as him. You just knew Amari would find a way to achieve every single one of them, especially living up to his name and becoming a U.S. President one day. Amari had my vote. Beyond his ambition, his family knew Amari as compassionate, empathetic, and driven to serve others. Amari wanted to spread kindness and joy wherever he went. He went the extra mile to be a beacon of light and knew how to brighten your day by sharing his warmth through a big grin.

His sixteen years have left an indelible imprint on the Lowcountry and his legacy will be found in every heart Amari touched, including mine. I mourn this tragic loss with his family, classmates, and the massive community that was blessed to know Amari and his greatness.

**CONGRATULATING GENERAL
BOBBY CHRISTINE**

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate General Bobby Christine from Georgia's First Congressional District for being promoted from Colonel to Brigadier General on July 8. General Christine earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia, and achieved his Juris Doctorate degree from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham.

He worked in the District Attorney's Office in Augusta for a decade, and is one of only a few prosecutors in modern Georgia to win a conviction for a murder case where the body of the victim has never been located.

General Christine was appointed Judge of Magistrate Court for Columbia County in 2005, and held that post until November 2017, while serving as Chief Magistrate from 2009 to 2012. At the same time, he also maintained a private law practice.

On November 22, 2017, General Christine was sworn in as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, having been nominated by President Trump and confirmed by the Senate.

He has been an Army reservist since the age of 17, as a Combat Engineer and Judge Advocate. General Christine has a long list of military accomplishments, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and the parachutist badge.

I am sure he will continue to serve our country beyond expectations in his new rank, and I am thankful for his courage, leadership, and perseverance. I want to congratulate General Christine and his family again on this achievement.

**REMEMBERING ANNE MARIE
SIMON VROSS**

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Anne Marie Simon Vross, of Youngstown, Ohio, who passed away peacefully Monday, June 29, 2020, surrounded by her family at the age of 87.

Anne was born September 12, 1932, in Youngstown, the daughter of Alex and Tuban Simon. She was a 1951 graduate of Ursuline High School and attended Youngstown State University.

Anne was the beloved matriarch of her family. Always the best hostess, she made her home the common gathering place. Whether it was hosting Sunday dinner, planning her favorite holiday celebrations, or coordinating a reunion, she was always looking for ways to bring the family together, because that's when she was the happiest. She never grew tired of going above and beyond to make sure her family was happy and well provided for.

She was also a true professional career woman, serving in many different roles throughout her life. Despite her busy career, Anne always found time to volunteer.

Anne truly loved politics and the ability to help improve the quality of life for all. She was founder of Canfield Federated Women's Club, where she also served as a former president. She was a former member and corresponding secretary of Mahoning County President's Club and the Federated Democratic Women of Ohio, and she was a former member and executive endorsement committee delegate to the State of Ohio Democratic Convention. She was awarded Democratic Woman of the Year by the John F. Kennedy Democratic Women's Club and was named a Hall of Fame Inductee for her devotion and dedication to the Democratic party.

Anne will be fondly remembered for her love of decorating, cooking, entertaining, and shopping. She loved staying up on fashion so much that she was referred to as "the best-dressed lady in Mahoning County" on many occasions.

Anne was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by her children, Anthony (Christine) Vross, Dianne Wyant, Dr. Sue Ellen (Dr. Eric) Espinal and Jackie (John) French; her grandchildren, Linda Terlesky, Laura Terlesky, Keely (John) Welch, Chelsea (Eric) Hillard, Allison (Michael) Thomas, Marian (Phil) Nolletti,

Anthony Vross, Jr., Alexis Espinal, Drew Espinal, Leah Espinal, John French, Jr., Dr. Ashley French (fiance Danny Thomas) and Paul French; her great-grandchildren, Mariah Terlesky, Cora Welch and Louisa Nolletti; her brother-in-law, Jerry (Beverly) Vross; her sister-in-law, Sauda Simon; and her many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alex and Tuban Simon; her former husband, Ron Vross; her siblings, Sam Simon, Paul Simon, John Simon, Joe Simon, Jim Simon, and Minnie Simon; her sister-in-law, Julia Simon; and her son-in-law, Bob Wyant.

I am proud to be friends with Anne's son, Tony Vross, and her nephew, Alex Simon. Anne's loving spirit and hard work made her truly one of our Valley's own. My deepest condolences go out to Anne's family, and all whose lives she touched.

RECOGNIZING THE CAMELOT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Camelot Neighborhood Watch Program (CNWP) of Fairfax County, Virginia, and to congratulate it on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

Neighborhood Watch Programs (NWP's) are one of the oldest and best-known crime prevention efforts in North America. In the late 1960s, an increase in crime heightened the need for a prevention initiative focused on residential areas and involving local citizens. The National Sheriffs' Association responded by creating the National Neighborhood Watch Program in 1972 to assist citizens and law enforcement. Since that time, the mission of NWPs has expanded to include helping neighborhoods focus on disaster preparedness and emergency response.

While there are thousands of Neighborhood Watch Programs in the country all of which deserve our recognition and appreciation, the Camelot Neighborhood Watch Program stands out as one of the best in the Nation. The CNWP is the oldest, continuously active Neighborhood Watch in the United States. In the 40 years since its inception, the CNWP has achieved great success, helping lower the general crime rate in its community.

In fact, the Fairfax County Mason District Police Department has recognized the CNWP as one of the most effective crime reduction units in the county and Camelot is one of the most crime-free communities in Fairfax County. The Virginia Crime Prevention Association has recognized the CNWP as the Best Neighborhood Watch in Virginia and it has also been commended by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Over the last four decades, more than 70 volunteers have contributed 27,000 hours conducting 20,500 patrols and logging 220,000 miles. This dedication is a tribute to the residents of Camelot and to the leadership exhibited by the program coordinators, past and present.

Northern Virginia, particularly Fairfax County, is known as one of the best places in the

nation in which to live, work and raise a family. One of the main reasons for this designation is the community spirit that is on display in every corner of our region and exemplified by the Camelot Neighborhood Watch Program.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Camelot Neighborhood Watch Program for 40 years of dedicated service to its neighbors. Programs like the CNWP are vital in our efforts to combat crime. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the CNWP's past accomplishments and in wishing the program continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEUBE. Madam Speaker, I missed votes due to family obligations.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 179—PQ H. Res. 1092; NAY on Roll Call No. 180—Rule H. Res. 1092; YEA on Roll Call No. 181—MTR H.R. 8015, and NAY on Roll Call No. 182—H.R. 8015.

CITIZEN COSPONSORS OF THE GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on June 25, the House passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to address systemic racism and police misconduct, increase accountability and transparency, and change the culture of law enforcement. Since passage, thousands of Americans have visited the website JusticeInPolicing.us to learn about the bill, weigh in with their support, and sign on as citizen cosponsors in support. I would like to include in the RECORD the following names of citizen cosponsors:

Sue Compton, Malvern, PA; Marc Anthony Nuñez, Addison, TX; Nicole, Cynthia, Boise, ID; Sharon Gagnon, Glendale, AZ; Anastasia, Portland, OR; Katherine Johnson, Phoenix, AZ; Teddi, Las Vegas, NV; McKenna Inrig, Yorba Linda, CA; Crystal Holmes, Fairmont, WV; Grace Flynn, Newburgh, NY; Howard Glick, Phoenix, AZ; Roy Wasson Valle, Phoenix, AZ; Lorena Zaragoza, Richmond, CA; Ashens Limon, Fresno, CA; E. Gluckert, Sun City West, AZ; Danyelle Carpenter, Santa Cruz, CA; Carolina Quevedo, Reidsville, NC; Anna, Baytown, TX; Jasmine, Winter Garden, FL; Nasirah, Clifton, NJ; Faith, Hopewell, VA; Lancey, Alpharetta, GA; Stacie, Tinley Park, IL; Raquel, Palm Harbor, FL; Andrew Jones, Dayton, OH; Eduardo Espinoza, Lynwood, CA; Stacey Jaimes, Bastrop, TX; Julian Moore, Fort Worth, TX; Maile, Wailuku, HI; Morgan Mayfield, Fort Worth, TX; Dorothy Honza, Albuquerque, NM; Nia Marsh, Mansfield, TX; Jessi Black, Phoenix, AZ; Kate Incube, Attleboro, MA; Amanda Mauldin, Houston, TX; Jennifer Losito, Middle Village, NY; Hector Serrano, Brooklyn, NY; Elizabeth Lopez, Homestead, FL.

Marina Kottler, Cincinnati, OH; Stephanie Olea, Dacula, GA; Nancy Guo, Chicago, IL; Jenn Mulford, Pittsford, NY; Mary Kate Nacke, Phoenix, AZ; Tracy Gutin, Madison Heights, MI; Erica Sturwald, Scottsdale, AZ; Mr. and Mrs. West, Dunkirk, MD; Savannah Minichello, Eden, NC; Nuala Carpenter, Wayne, PA; Christopher Pendry, Lawrence, KS; Monica William, West Bloomfield, MI; Corine Borrero, Succasunna, NJ; Edward Mason, Fort Myers, FL; Sachi, Wailuku, HI; Emma Goldman, Eagle Mountain, UT; Allan Moore, Bingham Canyon, UT; Heather Lewis, Phoenix, AZ; Leo Tolstoy, Bonanza, UT; Howard Zinn, Salt Lake City, UT; Sacco and Vanzetti, Clearfield, UT; Francis M. Pierros, Phoenix, AZ; Gil Padilla, Richmond, KY; Jon Allen, Phoenix, AZ; Yanet, Long Beach, CA; Gale Shafkind, Royal Oak, MI; Danny, Magnolia, TX; Brittany Swearingen, Lawrence, KS; Lindzay Baez, Sahuarita, AZ; Joseph Ortiz-Noriega, Albuquerque, NM; Yajaira, Lakewood, CA; Caitlin Klink, Highland, MD; Lynn Van Perez, Westfield, NJ; Lana Dyson, Eden, NC; Chris Norton, Phoenix, AZ.

Caroline Payne, Phoenix, AZ; Kelda Fowler, Huntsville, AL; Celeste, Santa Maria, CA; Bernice Brown, Stamford, CT; Erica Pilar Brown, New York, NY; Curtis Evans, Atlanta, GA; Kay, Sterling Heights, MI; Hope Reyes, Santa Maria, CA; Mario Morales, Fairfax Station, VA; Robbie Behrens, Pacific Grove, CA; Ravyn Stokes-Willuhn, Fort Worth, TX; Pierre-Denise Gilliam, Southfield, MI; Regan Herberg, Great Falls, VA; D. Underwood-Austin, Fort Worth, TX; Emily Dematatis, Laurel, MD; Addie Stone, Phoenix, AZ; Alexis H. Wasson, Glendale, AZ; Dorothy Mayberry, Gilbert, AZ; Pat Kennedy, Salinas, CA; Allison Vanover, Fort Worth, TX; Lynn Wyckoff, Lynnwood, WA; Zack Cerza, Boulder, CO; Ernesto Ortiz, Albuquerque, NM; Ellen Clark, Hillsboro, OH; Ruby, Peoria, IL; Karen Grimmer, Castroville, CA; Dan, Carlisle, PA; Maya Schatzki, Tempe, AZ; Hayden Shrewsbury, Statesville, NC; Brandon Torres, La Puente, CA; Kay M., Phoenix, AZ; Andrei-Stefan Cinculescu, Phoenix, AZ; Jehron Smith, Tuba City, AZ; Cris McDaniel, Phoenix, AZ; Libbie Miller, Phoenix, AZ; Michael Gifford, Phoenix, AZ; Reid Bathgate, Hayward, CA; Lindsay Owen, Phoenix, AZ; Carter D. Nacke, Phoenix, AZ.

James Blazor, Garden City, ID; Michelle Facos, Bloomington, IN; Gia Warren, Phoenix, AZ; J. Blackwood, Hyattsville, MD; Jamie Duncan, Danville, KY; Aundrya Montgomery, Plainville, CT; Meghan, Ft. Mitchell, KY; Chase Sabadash, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Helen Emond, Teaneck, NJ; McCoy, Jacksonville, FL; James Lawrence Lipton, Bloomfield Hills, MI; Liliya Katrych, Brooklyn, NY; Caleb Cage, Bowie, MD; Tracy Boyd, Jackson, TN; Kayla Eplin, Winder, GA; Steven David Arnold, Clinton Township, MI; Dina Elhanafi, Hollywood, FL; Nick Peciaro, New York, NY; Tinatuh Kolleh, Charlotte, NC; Shawn Bates, Chehalis, WA; Dan and Stephanie Hickey, Pasadena, CA; Jacklyn Patchen, Staten Island, NY; Chenelle N. Idehen, New York, NY; Carlos Uribe, Monterey Park, CA; Barbara A. Walt, Phoenix, AZ; Chantel Haughton, Santa Barbara, CA; Mary Ryan, Austin, TX; Daniel Kim, Englewood, NJ; Alyssa Roby, Phoenix, AZ; Susan Blanc, San Leandro, CA; Rebecca Ioffe, Brooklyn, NY; Isabella, Fort Worth, TX; David Jaulus, Tempe, AZ.

Deborah Harris, Bronx, NY; Winter Teller, Lowell, MA; Gina Zinn, Gig Harbor, WA; Peter K. Ewald Jr. Eastpointe, MI; Naomi Gordon-Karten, Delray Beach, FL; Kimberly Higgins, Glendale, AZ; KBW, Philomath, OR; Debra Gilliss, Alameda, CA; Chris Silvey, Meridian, ID; Annie Wright, Towson, MD; David Lupien-Parrish, Berkley, MI; Jessica

Dow Meyer, Greenville, SC; Marisha Cosby, Yakima, WA; Cecelia Lawson, Buffalo, NY; Rasvinder Dhaliwal, New York, NY; Phyllis Hightower, Detroit, MI; Janae Ben-Shabat, Phoenix, AZ; K.C. Boyd, Beltsville, MD; Chris McClendon, Florissant, MO; Kathleen Kadane, Sterling, VA; Edith Carranza, South Gate, CA; Veronica Weinstein, Astoria, NY; Alana Tivnan, Phoenix, AZ; Yvette Parra, Phoenix, AZ; Joanne Kallhoff, Madison, SD; Shonda Hertle, Phoenix, AZ; Mary Jackson, Windsor, CA; Christina Alva, Cotati, CA; Jane T. Brazianas, Seattle, WA; Debbie Parks, Weaverville, CA; Kimberly Mell, Eureka, CA; David Belcheff, Phoenix, AZ; Helene Weinberg, Teaneck, NJ; Naomi Guerrero, Tucson, AZ; Bob Bogardus, Carmel, CA.

Abigail Roche, Lakeland, FL; Jayne, Bridgewater, NJ; Jessica Schriver, National Park, NJ; Giavanna Lofton, Saint Petersburg, FL; Allie Ochsner, Cedar Rapids, IA; TaMyrah McTear, Hebron, IN; Amy Hall, Columbus, OH; Dominic Novielli, Phoenix, AZ; Steven P Sterner, Clementon, NJ; Shannon Minnie, Cloverdale, CA; J.C. Hines, Gulfport, MS; Nichelle Pace, Sicklerville, NJ; Erin Quinn, Columbus, OH; Tahira, Clementon, NJ; Kaylene Compton, Chesapeake, VA; Sara Valade, Norwich, CT; Sara Eliot, Los Angeles, CA; Diana Rice, Olympia, WA; Mindy Juntti, Blackwood Ter, NJ; Edward Martin, Stratford, NJ; Catherine Snyder, Indianapolis, IN; Sharon Otis, Arcata, CA; Laurel Bunce-Polarek, Sausalito, CA; Harish Sharun, Albuquerque, NM; Hugo Miranda, Pennsauken, NJ; Tristan Celayeta, Sonora, CA; Emily Kulpa, Woodbury Heights, NJ; Alaina Adams, Bangor, ME; Diane Zanestephens, Magnolia, NJ; Laurie Hirst, Delaware, OH; Linda Leonard, Kensington, MD; Salma, Decatur, IN.

Jessica Lofton, Oxon Hill, MD; Maggie Trinkle, Tucson, AZ; Kenneth Macauley, Pasadena, CA; Kelly Mancini, Blackwood, NJ; Jasmine Jamison, Lees Summit, MO; Amanda Comstock, Centerburg, OH; Jess Smiley, Columbus, OH; Douglas Cionrad, Willits, CA; Molly Kozlowski, Windsor, CA; Shelby Staats, Columbus, OH; Jon Snell, Gloversville, NY; Rhonda Marker, Hightstown, NJ; Megan Fox, Montclair, NJ; Terri Phillips, West Palm Beach, FL; Charles Del Camp, Medford, NJ; Kristen Magis, Corvallis, OR; Maria Torres, New York, NY; Kevin Tang, New York, NY; Nathaniel Hughes, Seattle, WA; Jennifer Chicon, New York, NY; Susan White Wood, Ventura, CA; Gomati Wilson, Tucson, AZ; Danielle Malament, Jersey City, NJ; Casey Magis-Agosta, Portland, OR; Lauren Davis, Phoenix, AZ; Zoe B., East Brunswick, NJ; Jill Marlowe, Tucson, AZ; Mekdele Ejigu, Altadena, CA; Angeliq Soenarie Blair, Mesa, AZ; Kathleen O'Neal, Signal Hill, CA; Elizabeth Lake, Albuquerque, NM; Dani Olorenshaw, Henderson, NV; Chris Leavy, New York, NY; Terry Kerkman, Union Grove, WI; Irene Merrill, Salinas, CA.

Bryan E. M. Winbush, Columbus, OH; Laney Tuttle, Albuquerque, NM; Kim Brown-Mason, Stafford, VA; Wendy Richardson, Fort Washington, MD; Breyahn S. Richardson, Fort Washington, MD; Jennifer L Ackerman, Lakewood, WA; Jessica Bice, Herndon, VA; Larry Hallman, Plano, TX; Karen Van de Castle, Dunellen, NJ; Ben Heller, Sioux Falls, SD; Stephen Ander le, Puyallup, WA; Ngozi, Pasadena, CA; Sachin, Belmont, CA; Theresa Woodburn, Leonardtown, MD; Jean Richardson, New York, NY; Ed Dowling, Little River, CA; Diana Juridini, Everett, WA; Claire Hennigan, New York, NY; Sheryl Smith, Atlanta, GA; Mary Terry, Hickory, NC; Kevin Karpiak, Ann Arbor, MI; Aislinn Brophy, Decatur, GA; Casey Davison, Los Angeles, CA; Karen Poling, Cherry Hill, NJ; Kate Lundy, Pompano Beach, FL; Brittany Myers, Conyers, GA; Kristen Hogue,

Bowie, MD; Sarah Swanby, Coeur d'Alene, ID; Tanya Hand, Berkley, MI; Gladkowski Cynthia, Boston, MA; Paul Olson, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Devin Hand, Madison Heights, MI; Serene Salmon, New Rochelle, NY.

Katheleen Margarete Ruppel, Santa Clara, CA; Jared Baird, San Anselmo, CA; Erik Mansfield, Phoenix, AZ; Julie Levin, New York, NY; Samantha Vandermeade, Phoenix, AZ; Caroline Meade, Rye Beach, NH; Kathleen Baeza, Phoenix, AZ; Robert Nolan, Lafayette, CA; Pearl Castro, Atascadero, CA; Sarena Tyler, Melvindale, MI; Leslie Hollins, Warren, MI; Shane Kinnison, Glendale, CA; Claud, Romeoville, IL; Charlotte White-Gray, Clinton, MD; Susan Kilmnik, Arlington Heights, IL; James Vollmer, Herndon, VA; Katrina Halverson, Elk Mound, WI; Virginia Bradshaw, Decatur, GA; Jay Aquino, Los Angeles, CA; Susie Arena, San Jose, CA; Haunani Langenstein, Chicago, IL; Andrea Rideout, Cincinnati, OH; Tara Peterson, Glendale, CA; Michael Seibert, Philadelphia, PA; Andrea Levere, Philadelphia, PA; Julie McDaniel, Santa Clara, CA; Daniel Dobkin, Sunnyvale, CA; Dustin Lockwood, Santa Clara, CA; Edwin Aiken, Sunnyvale, CA; Mark Timothy Moberg, West Richland, WA; Ellen Hayenga, San Jose, CA.

Celine Washington, San Jose, CA; Lena, Denver, CO; Meriam Ahmad, San Jose, CA; Stephanie, Cupertino, CA; Kathryn Gray, Redding, CA; Tamara Games, Fremont, CA; Laura Pruett, Phoenix, AZ; Linda M. Ikeda, Cupertino, CA; M. Franklin, New York, NY; Rosa L. Antoine, Lynnwood, WA; Ashley Wong, Fremont, CA; Anne Clark, Seattle, WA; Marc Wong, Fremont, CA; Joanna McKeever, New York, NY; Lisa Whitaker-Harding, Avon, IN; Beverly Eschenburg, Fremont, CA; Amelie Fournier, Chicago, IL; Katie Reif, Kingwood, TX; Laura Robichek, Sunnyvale, CA; Fiona Cheung, San Jose, CA; Diana Bush, Milpitas, CA; James Johnson, Birmingham, AL; John C. Lavigne, Winchester, MA; H. Gilbert, New Orleans, LA; John M. Connolly, Wynnewood, PA; Deborah A. Chambers, Dorchester Center, MA; Kirstin Nix, Tuscaloosa, AL; Jacob, Houston, TX; Tamara Cummings, Murrieta, CA; Alexander Anvari, South Londonderry, VT; William Weidner, Provo, UT; Christina Scaringe, Miami Beach, FL.

John Shea, Falls Church, VA; Alan Mitter-Burke, Cambridge, MA; Frances C. Kormann, Leesburg, VA; Thomas Polito, Ponca City, OK; Carol Heagy, Ponca City, OK; Diamond Wallace, Falls Church, VA; Jill Bacon Madden, Akron, OH; Amanda Campbell, Santa Monica, CA; Amber Aviles, Ontario, CA; Paul Brathwaite, Fulton, MD; Joe Bell, Durham, NC; Chonya Davis Johnson, Beltsville, MD; Austin Bazydo, Madison, WI; Stephen Willard, Oakland, CA; Jackie, Johnson City, TN; Zachary Wimbush, Waldorf, MD; Juliana Hill, Decatur, GA; Memi, Beltsville, MD; Ron Bowen, Chino Valley, AZ; Deborah Collins, Royersford, PA; Donald Helwig, Norristown, PA; Robert Camilleri, Honolulu, HI; Susumu Kudo, Chicago, IL; Maytte Colorado, San Francisco, CA; Kevin Compton, Ashland, KY; Frances M. Richardson, Moreno Valley, CA; Gregory Stahl, San Antonio, TX; Keverne Gomar, Annapolis, MD; Rhonda Atkins, Oklahoma City, OK; S. L. Voyles RN, South Beach, OR; Timothy J. Ryan, Wyandanch, NY; Shawn Kann, San Mateo, CA; Johanna Bialostosky, Portland, OR; Lenorel Arons, Brooklyn, NY.

Jessica Liles, Carthage, TX; Alexis Jeffries, Levittown, PA; Allen Davis, Richford, VT; Sarah, Saint Paul, MN; Ella, Denver, CO; Ken Culler, Santa Clara, CA; Elizabeth Barna, New York, NY; Stephen Roy, Chicago, IL; Georgena Felicia, Albuquerque, NM; Shannon Villanueva, Brentwood, CA; Krystina Barner, Little Rock, AR; Esther L. Patton, Cincinnati, OH; Keara Mil-

ligan, Saint George, UT; Sophie Merickel, San Francisco, CA; Daniel Klimovich, Kennebunkport, ME; Sultan Nico D. Ollie, Frisco, TX; Tim Chang, Monterey Park, CA; Albi Hayes, Belmont, NH; Kierei Broadus, Independence, MO; Katie Meisterich, Raritan, NJ; Dalia Moroyoqui, Benson, AZ; Kimberly Stanton, Silver Spring, MD; Madelyn Talbert, Springdale, AR; James Staton, Hermitage, TN; Abigail Pierson, Silver Spring, MD; Corey Jackson, Bronx, NY; Matthew, Springdale, AR; Pamela Harris, Urbana, IL; Steven, Delray Beach, FL; Andrea C. Currie, Schenectady, NY; Heidi Sallows, Ajo, AZ; Alissa Hixson, Silvis, IL; Sarah, Davenport, IA; Kelly Orellana, Clementon, NJ; Laurence L. Succi, Esq., Alexandria, VA.

Joe Sharamitaro, Beverly, MA; Ayyah, Key West, FL; Kalyn, Hollywood, FL; Dalia Mermelstein, Teaneck, NJ; Ivey, Cedar Hill, TX; Ruby Munro, Naugatuck, CT; Caitlynn, Conroe, TX; Melinda Gray, Chicago, IL; Kaelyn Putnam, Kennesaw, GA; Alexandria, Waipahu, HI; Brett Krambeer, Fort Worth, TX; Angie, Pomona, CA; Maddie Redwine, Grapevine, TX; Cadence Hammell, Bethlehem, PA; Noah, Topanga, CA; Maggie Brown, Richmond, VA; Teresa, San Jose, CA; Jade, Janesville, WI; J., Easton, PA; Britni Miles, Many, LA; Faith Cook, Fairfax Station, VA; Erin Krol, Chicago, IL; Judith and Myron, New York, NY; J.E., Dayton, OH; Evaine Li Mei Greenberg, Rochester, NY; Nancianne Campbell, Greensboro, NC; Susan Poster, Altadena, CA; Eric Campbell, Greensboro, NC; Delores M. Walters, Delray Beach, FL; Rose, Fontana, CA; Patricia E. Byrnes, Preston Hollow, NY; Lexie Bell, Burlington, NC; Diane Reumont, Dryden, MD; Wilfred Times, Harvey, LA; Michael Spak, Washington, D.C.

CONGRATULATING HOWARD SEPP

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Howard Sepp of Georgia's First Congressional District who retired on July 1.

Howard was a long-time vice president and administrator of the Southeast Georgia Health System's Camden campus since 2003. He had overseen the Camden hospital for more than 17 years, during which he oversaw a \$30 million renovation and the addition of a wide array of medical services.

Thanks to Howard's efforts, the hospital grew remarkably, including adding cancer care services in 2012, the Camden Medical Plaza in 2013, and a new, state-of-the-art care center which recently opened. He also helped spearhead the Coastal Community Health affiliation with Baptist Health System, which led to significant cost savings and improved coordination through the Emergency Care Center.

In addition to being a leader for the hospital, he has also been an active civic leader. He has held positions with the Camden County Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Camden County, and has helped with Leadership Camden. Howard also serves as chairman of the Camden Partnerships and is a board member for the Coastal Georgia council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Camden County is better because of Howard, and I can't thank him enough for his over 17 years of hard work to ensure people in

Camden receive the hospital care they need. Congratulations, again.

RECOGNIZING THE 2020 VFW POST
7327 AMERICANISM AWARDS RE-
CIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7327 in Springfield, Virginia and the winners of its 2020 Americanism Awards.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) traces its beginnings to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish American War established local organizations to bring awareness to their service and to advocate for veteran's retirement benefits and improved medical care. Annually, the nearly 2 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week.

With approximately 600 Comrades and 150 Ladies Auxiliary members, the Springfield

VFW Post 7327 stands out for the depth of its commitment to our community. Often called "The Friendliest VFW Post in Virginia," Post 7327 has one of the most aggressive ADOPT-A-UNIT programs in the entire VFW organization to support our service members stationed overseas. VFW Post 7327 visits the VA hospital at least quarterly, bringing along goodie bags for our Wounded Warriors. Each Thanksgiving and Christmas, VFW Post 7327 adopts military families in need through the USO and provides them with meal baskets for each holiday, gifts for children, commissary cards for the parents, and a Christmas party where the children can meet Santa and receive a gift-filled stocking. The Ladies Auxiliary members collect, sort, and distribute more than 2,000 pieces of clothing each month to various charitable organizations.

VFW Post 7327 is a strong supporter of local youth organizations including the Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League Baseball that contribute greatly to the education and well-being of our children.

Each year, VFW Post 7327 bestows awards to local students who have submitted outstanding essays on a specific theme and to local teachers and public safety officers in rec-

ognition of their extraordinary actions and dedication to the community.

I am honored to include in the RECORD the names of this year's award recipients.

Patriot's Pen: 1st Place—Aleksandra S. Foss, 2nd Place—Manas A Puri, 3rd Place—Angelica M. Shea.

Voice of Democracy: 1st Place—Prescott D. Farris.

Elementary School (K–6): Janet Basselgia, Kristin Tull.

Middle School (7–8): Cindy A. Downing, Lisa Reaves, Andrea Stanton.

High School (9–12): LTC Thomas "Tim" Lambert.

EMT Awards: Firefighter Medic Erin T. Eusanio.

Law Enforcement Awards: PFC Mark Tenally.

Firefighter Award: Firefighter Medic Timothy Gensimore.

Community Americanism Award: SevaTruck Foundation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking VFW Post 7327 for its continued efforts on behalf of our community and in congratulating the honorees of the 2020 Americanism Awards.