

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