

# 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