

# 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 Dzerski, 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 SANCTUARY’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