

the 2020 Congressional Art Competition. Due to the coronavirus, this year's competition was held remotely. The theme of this year's artwork focused on the Indian River Lagoon.

This year a total of thirty-one students from high schools across the Space and Treasure Coasts submitted artwork—all very talented students with creative and imaginative pieces. Three finalists were chosen, and two entries were also selected for special recognition.

This year's winning piece, titled "The Promise" by Michael Spears of Master's Academy will be displayed in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. His teacher is Gerry Geary.

The runners up included: Adam Hicks of West Shore Jr./Sr. High for "Mosquito" earned the Third Place Award. His teacher is James Finch. Rain Perlman of Merritt Island High for "At the Beach" earned the Second Place Award. Her teacher is Lara Klopp.

This year the judges also selected two pieces of art for Special Recognition. Krystal Reither of Merritt Island High earned a Special Recognition for her piece "Lagoon Panoply". Her teacher is Lara Klopp. Kevin Olson of Indian River Charter High School also earned a Special Recognition for his piece "Goo Lagoon". His teacher is Amelia Strazzulla.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these fine students for their creative efforts and saluting all students across the United States who accepted the challenge to participate in this year's Congressional Art Competition.

RECOGNIZING THE EARLY DEER PARK SETTLERS TEXAS HISTORICAL MONUMENT DEDICATION

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Deer Park Early Settlers Texas State Historical Marker in Deer Park, Harris County, Texas. The text of marker reads as follows:

In 1928, Shell Oil Company purchased land in Deer Park, Texas for a new petrochemical refinery. Surveyors discovered a marble headstone broken into four pieces. Shell reassembled the headstone and maintained the area as an actual gravesite. In 1976, Shell was given permission from the Texas Historical Commission, as well as the Harris County attorney and Harris County judge to relocate the marker and disinter any remains. In March of 1977, the marble headstone and a small cement casket, from the original site, were moved to Dow Park in the City of Deer Park.

The inscription on the headstone gave the name of two siblings, Mary W. Jackson and William Wilson. These early settlers died in 1834. William Wilson purchased land in the early 1830's and built a cabin on the bank of the Buffalo Bayou with his wife and children. This was adjacent to what became the site of the Battle of San Jacinto that secured Texas' independence from Mexico in 1836. William Wilson also owned land near the settlement of Crosby. Humphrey Jackson, one of the "Old 300" settlers, owned land near the Wilson property in Crosby. It was presumed that Mary W. Jackson was somehow associated with Humphrey, based on a judgement

recorded in Harris County records in 1852. This could explain why Mary Wilson became Mary W. Jackson.

The 186-year-old headstone is one of the oldest marked headstones in Harris County and Deer Park's oldest artifact. The historical marker reflects the history of Deer Park, as well as the history of Texas. The historical marker presents a glimpse of ordinary people in Texas in the 1830's and commemorates these early Deer Park settlers.

As a former member of the Texas Historical Commission, I know that this is a great honor for the community. I wish all of my friends in Deer Park well as they celebrate the dedication on October 20th.

HONORING DR. BETTINA "TINA" ATKINS

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Bettina "Tina" Atkins, a pioneer in education who passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2020, at the age of 61.

Dr. Bettina "Tina" Atkins was born in Des Moines, Iowa, later moving to South Texas as a teenager. She graduated from McAllen High School in 1977 and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors in Communication from the University of Texas, Pan American (UTPA) in 1981, now the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV).

Dr. Atkins went on to earn a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership at UTPA in 1993 and a Ph.D. in Organization Leadership from Our Lady of the Lake University in 2015. She shared her love of and commitment to lifelong learning with thousands of children in South Texas.

Dr. Atkins' dedication to educational equality made her one of the most influential women in South Texas in the field of higher education. Dr. Atkins spent 24 years with Region One, an organization that assists school districts improve student performance and implement initiatives assigned by the state legislature or education commissioner. During her tenure with Region One, Dr. Atkins helped bring the first GEAR-UP grant to South Texas in 1999. These grants are designed to provide more low-income students with the tools and resources needed to succeed in postsecondary education.

Eventually, Dr. Atkins became the Director of several GEAR-UP grants, helping over 25,000 students and their families reach postsecondary education, changing their lives forever. Dr. Atkins also helped launch Project Heal2, which supports students who are interested in pursuing a nursing degree in high school through college. Dr. Atkins' accomplishments do not stop there, but I would like to take a moment to talk about her love for her family.

Dr. Atkins achieved all these incredible feats while being the "happy coordinator" for her family and her friends. She was a proud sister, aunt, and daughter. She emanated joy and positive energy everywhere she went.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Bettina "Tina" Atkins was an incredible leader and a shining light for South Texas. Her accomplishments will certainly be remembered for generations to

come. I stand here today to thank Dr. Atkins for her contributions to the world, and I wish her family peace during these difficult times. She will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING HOLLEY DEAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Holley Dean of Savannah, Georgia, for being named to Forbes' America's Top Women Wealth Advisors List for 2020.

Ms. Dean is remarkably one of ten women who were selected from a pool of 32,000 nominations.

Top advisors across the country were nominated by their firms and then researched, interviewed, and assigned a ranking within their respective states.

Service models, investing process, client retention, experience levels, review of compliance records, and firm nominations are some of many factors considered.

The decision is also based on quantitative criteria, such as assets under management and revenue generated for their firms.

Holley currently serves as a financial advisor for Stifel, which is a diversified global wealth management and investment banking company.

Her hard work and dedication throughout the years has clearly paid off, and she deserves to be honored and celebrated for this amazing accomplishment.

I wish her the best of luck in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIDDLEIDGE COMMUNITY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Middleridge community.

Located in the heart of Fairfax County and the 11th Congressional District of Virginia, Middleridge is a tight-knit community and the land on which it is built is steeped in history. The very name of Middleridge was derived from a 1766 decision of the Vestry of Truro Parish, including George Washington and Colonel George William Fairfax, to establish the new Payne's Church at the "middle Ridge" of Ox Road.

On July 17, 1970 the grand opening of Section 1 Middleridge, consisting of 39 lots, was announced in The Evening Star. It was advertised by the developer as being in "the best of Virginian tradition." "Surrounded by the rich history of the county, its homes radiate with old charm and aristocratic character." Today the community consists of 578 homes situated on approximately ninety-five acres and boasts amenities including a lake, large park, basketball and tennis courts, and swimming pool.