

AAPI, community in to this country. The AAPI community is the fastest-growing minority group in the United States. The Census Bureau estimates that by 2050 more than 33.4 million Asian Americans will live in the United States.

I am extremely proud to represent several emerging AAPI neighborhoods in my District representing cultures from Vietnam, Korea and China just to name a few. In particular, the Chinatown neighborhood located in Oakland, California has grown and evolved into one of the most cohesive and vibrant business and arts communities in the, Ninth Congressional District.

As we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, I encourage the people of my district and this nation to learn about the rich and proud heritage of Asian Pacific Americans.

HONORING THE OAR OF FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 2009 VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARDEES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Opportunities,

Alternatives and Resources (OAR) of Fairfax County and its 2009 Volunteer and Community Partner Awardees.

OAR of Fairfax County is a community-based non-profit with 38 years of experience providing a continuum of pre-release and post-incarceration services for offenders and their families in Fairfax County. OAR's mission is to rebuild lives and break the cycle of crime with opportunities, alternatives and resources for offenders to create a safer community. To accomplish this, OAR's professional staff and its trained volunteers develop, promote, and operate cost-effective programs to restore criminal offenders to productive roles in the community. OAR also offers options to prosecution and/or incarceration and provides support services to families. In offering assistance to offenders, OAR promotes the principles of restorative justice, which holds offenders accountable for their crimes and requires that they provide restitution for the harm caused to the entire community.

The effectiveness of OAR is evident. In 2006, OAR provided services to more than 3,000 clients. In addition, OAR of Fairfax has been recognized by the Catalogue for Philanthropy as one of the best small charities in Greater Washington.

OAR would not be able to achieve these stellar results without the selfless dedication of its volunteers. It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the names of the

OAR 2009 Volunteer and Community Partner Awardees:

Volunteers of the Year: Linda Grill of Clifton and Dana McMillen-Paz of Fairfax

William H. Sandweg Award for Advocacy and Financial Support: The Apex Foundation of Herndon

The Nancy Cornelius Memorial Award for Leadership and Support in the Criminal Justice Community: Col. David M. Rohrer, Chief, Fairfax County Police Department

Marjorie Ginsburg Award for Service to Families: St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, Fairfax, Carol Mayfield, Social Ministry Director

Corporate Partner Award: Casual Male Big & Tall Outlet Store, Woodbridge

Executive Director's Award: Lonny Ford of Gainesville

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude for the efforts of these volunteers and their colleagues at OAR of Fairfax County. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides enumerable benefits to Northern Virginia and life-changing services to the clients and families being served.