

Mason District: Lady Suzanne Holland and Lord Kevin Holland

Mt. Vernon District: Lady Christine Morin and Lord Gilbert McCutcheon

Providence District: Lady Lola Quintela and Lord G. Ray Worley

Springfield District: Lady Leslie Carlin and Lord Erik Hawkins

Sully District: Lady Patricia "Trish" Strat and Lord David L. Lacey

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides innumerable benefits to Northern Virginia and serves to strengthen and enrich our communities.

RECOGNIZING MARILYNN RUBIO

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marilynn Rubio, a member of my staff. Friday, May 29, was Marilynn's last day as the Congressional Aide in our office. Marilynn has been serving the people of the Illinois Fifth Congressional District with distinction since 2007, and deserves our wholehearted thanks for her efforts.

After graduating from DePaul University in 2007, Marilynn went to work for my predecessor, Rahm Emanuel, beginning as an intern. After spending a few months working for Emily's List, Marilynn returned to Congressman Emanuel's office in April 2008, working in the District Office and the Washington Office as a Congressional Aide.

Marilynn has been extremely helpful to me as I've begun my time in Congress. I have certainly benefited from her experience handling casework for Spanish-speaking constituents, managing the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois office in the interim period, and assisting with travel, records and logistics for our new office.

I would like to wish Marilynn the best of luck in her future endeavors, whether it be teaching English to students in Brazil, attending law school, or any other adventure. I know that she will find success in whatever path she chooses, and I thank her for her service to the people of the Illinois Fifth Congressional District.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE'S 114TH ANNIVERSARY AND DEPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK, JULY 19, 2009—JULY 25, 2009

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and 114 years of dedicated service to our service men and women.

Founded on August 25, 1895, the War Department envisioned an exchange at every

post where practical to bring our troops a taste of Americana. Since then AAFES has expanded to over 3,100 facilities worldwide. The growth and success of this exchange service is due in large part to the numerous employees, now totaling over 43,000 associates, dedicated to serving and supporting our service members and their families. For Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, over 450 associates annually volunteered for deployment, choosing to follow our troops wherever they may go and proudly upholding the AAFES motto of "We go where you go!" Their dedication, courage, and patriotism are commendable and resonate deeply within each of us, as we stand united in our support for our soldiers and AAFES.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating AAFES for 114 years of exemplary service and in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for their unwavering support of our armed forces.

DARBY HIEB

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Darby Hieb who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Darby Hieb is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Darby Hieb is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Darby Hieb for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD PROTO

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with special and personal gratification that I introduce into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for the Nation and the people of my District, especially in my home town of New Haven, Connecticut, the enormously gratifying and important tribute that was paid to Richard Proto on May 18, 2009, by the United States National Security Agency. who died last July after a hard-fought bout with cancer, was recognized by the NSA with the naming of the "Richard C. Proto Symposium Center" within the NSA compound at Fort Meade, Maryland. It is only the second time the NSA has formally named one of its facilities.

Richard was born and raised in the Fair Haven section of New Haven, a graduate of

the city's public schools—Strong, Fair Haven, and Wilbur Cross High School—and the son of Matthew and Celeste Proto, both active in the political life of our community at the same time as my own parents. Like many of the children of immigrants—Richard's mother was born in Italy and immigrated with her parents in 1916 at six years old, and both his grandparents were immigrants from Italy as well—his parents encouraged education, broadly defined, and a commitment to public service as a way of ensuring more fairness in the Nation they now called home. Richard was educated at Fairfield University, where he received his bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1962 and at Boston College, where he received his master's degree in mathematics in 1964. He then joined the NSA.

His contribution to the Nation—he served at NSA for thirty-five years; its Director of Research from 1994 to 1999—was described by the current Director of Research, Jim Schatz, in these terms during the ceremony: Richard was "Universally regarded as one of the Agency's most visionary thinkers. He influenced NSA unmatched by anyone else in recent history . . . Nearly twenty years ago, when large scale networking was still in its infancy, Richard anticipated the emergence of cyberspace as a battleground for national defense, and committed himself to ensuring NSA was prepared. . . . [His] life was a celebration of intellectual power dedicated to the service of his country. He was an exemplary American . . . NSA and the Nation owe him a debt of gratitude." Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI (Maryland), in her capacity as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, in a letter following Richard's death, wrote that "By any definition of the words, Mr. Proto was a warfighter and a patriot. He set high standards of performance at NSA and inspired others to conform to his expectations. He dedicated his life to the security of this Nation and has left a contribution that will endure for decades." During his career, Richard received the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Service and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal. Since his retirement in 1999, he remained as an adviser to the intelligence community, the national laboratories, and the Institute for Defense Analysis at Princeton, until his death.

Richard's family was present and participated in the ceremony, including his brother, Neil Proto, also a New Haven public school graduate and now a lawyer in Washington, D.C. and a professor of public policy at Georgetown University, and his sister, Diana Proto Avino, an educator and mathematics consultant in the public school system in Clinton, Connecticut, and formerly a nationally-recognized teacher of the year. Richard had been raised in New Haven among twenty-six cousins, four of whom made the journey from Connecticut. Richard was truly a product of his community and his Italian-American heritage. He was a member of the famed 1958 Wilbur Cross team that won the New England High School basketball championship in the Boston Garden that captured the soul of our community when I was a teenager. Mr. Proto also was the founder of the Antonio Gatto Lodge of the Sons of Italy in Laurel, Maryland.

I am personally gratified to recognize Richard; a wonderful American who exercised his

responsibility when the duty was his; who helped ensure the safety of our men and women soldiers in the tumult of combat; who rose to the highest rank of a dedicated public servant from the neighborhoods of New Haven, and who never lost sight of his origins and their values; the son of an immigrant insistent on defining America in its highest ideals.

HONORING JUDGE PAUL V.
GADOLA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Judge Paul V. Gadola. The Greater Flint Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union bestowed the 2009 Thomas A. Baltus Civil Libertarian of the Year Award upon Judge Gadola at a dinner held last Thursday, May 28, in my hometown of Flint Michigan.

Paul Gadola graduated from Michigan State University in 1951 and received his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1953. After serving in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955, he returned to his home in Flint and started a private practice. President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment in October 1988, and on January 6, 1989 he took office. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 2008.

Judge Gadola is certified as a Diplomat in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, a Lifetime Fellow of the American Trial Lawyers Foundation, served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, a mediator for the Circuit Courts of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties, and is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. Judge Gadola is a member of the Executive Board of the Federal Bar Association—Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, the Board of Directors of the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court of Eastern Michigan, the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society, the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies and the Advisory Committee of its Michigan Chapter. He is a member of the Philadelphia Society, the Economic Club of Detroit, Committee of Sponsors of the Flint College and Cultural Development Fund, the Hannah Society, and he has served as the President of the Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers. As an alumnus of Michigan State University he has served the school's President's Club, the Board of Directors of the MSU Development Fund, and as a member of Directors of the school's Alumni Association. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Mott Community College Foundation.

Over the years he has served the Urban League of Flint as President, the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation of Genesee County as President, the March of Dimes of Genesee County as Chairman, Genesee County Legal Aid Society as Vice-President, he has been a Director of the Flint Environmental Action Team and the Flint Area Convention and

Tourist Council. Preceding his time on the bench, Judge Gadola was elected to the Board of Trustees of Mott Community College from 1969 to 1989. He served as Chair from 1983 to 1989.

Madam Speaker, Judge Paul Gadola was a founding member of the Flint Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union when the organization formed in 1963. The American Civil Liberties Union gave this award to him because of his hard work on behalf of the right to free association, the right to equal protection of the laws, the right to free speech, and the right to effective assistance of counsel. I have known Judge Gadola for many years and have benefited from his legal counsel and sage advice. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him as he is honored for his work on behalf of our civil liberties.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2009 FAIRFAX EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION HUMAN AND CIVIL
RIGHTS COMMITTEE WALT MIKA
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the awardees of the Fairfax Education Association (FEA) Human and Civil Rights Committee Walt Mika Awards. The mission of the FEA Human and Civil Rights Committee includes advocacy and review responsibility to ensure that the policies, practices and programs of the Fairfax County Public Schools are inclusive and represent all ethnic, minority, gender and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLTB) groups. The Committee recommends strategies to address GLTB, racial, ethnic and gender issues to ensure a quality educational experience for all students. In addition, the Committee promotes diversity awareness to recognize and celebrate the diverse cultures that enrich Fairfax County.

These awards are named after Walt Mika. Mr. Mika dedicated more than 30 years to the education of our youth as a teacher and also as former FEA and Virginia Education Association President. With the establishment of the FEA Retirement Housing Corporation and the development of the Educational Employees Supplemental Retirement System for Fairfax County, Mr. Mika has made significant improvements in the lives of thousands of retired teachers and Fairfax County Public School employees.

The recipients of the Walt Mika Award are recognized for their outstanding commitment to the education of children in Fairfax County. In addition to serving as notable educators, these individuals serve as role models for their students through their many and varied activities outside the classroom.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the following recipients for their positive influence in the lives of students and their roles in promoting diversity:

Deb Crierie, Retired Art Teacher
Robbie Ellen, Instructional Assistant
Illyong Moon, School Board Member
Janice Winters, PhD, Community Activist.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the contributions these individuals and all of the educators serving the children of Fairfax County. They provide enumerable benefits to Northern Virginia and life-changing experiences to the children they mentor.

TRIBUTE TO GARY HOLMES
FAGAN

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Gary Holmes Fagan upon his completion of 34 years of service to Albemarle County Public Schools. For 32 of these years, he served as the Band Director at J.T. Henley Middle School, imparting to thousands of young students the lasting gift of a musical education. As one of the many students privileged to have studied with Mr. Fagan, it is an honor to acknowledge his contribution to the community.

Gary Fagan was born and raised in Frederick, Maryland, the son of a teacher and a musician. He earned his undergraduate degree in Music Education at Bridgewater College and his master's degree in Music Education from James Madison University. He has taught music since 1973, moved to Albemarle County to teach in 1975, where he lives today with his wife, Phyllis. A fellow lover of music, Phyllis will also retire this year from her position as Choral Director for Henley Middle School. He is active in the Music Educators National Conference and the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association, the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, and the National Band Association, as well as playing percussionist with the Charlottesville Municipal Band and composing over 30 original pieces of music.

During his time at Henley Middle School, Mr. Fagan was the recipient of numerous accolades and honors from the community and beyond, including the Piedmont Council of the Arts Outstanding Educator Award, the Central Virginia Outstanding Middle School Teacher of the Year by the UVA chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, the WINA Teacher of the Month, National Band Association "Band Booster Award," membership in the James Madison University Music Education Advisory Council and the Phi Beta Mu International School Bandmasters Fraternity, and a Presidential Citation from the Governor's School of Virginia for the Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Richmond. Under his tutelage, the Concert Band has consistently attained superior ratings at the District Band festival, the Jazz Band has brought home 1st place at the Tri-State Jazz Festival for 3 out of the past 5 years, and the Marching Band has received scores of prestigious awards, including trophies from the Dogwood Parade, the Harrisonburg Poultry Parade and the Culpeper Firemen's Parade.

Throughout his career, Mr. Fagan has consistently brought out the best in each student, whether the student began middle school having played music for years or never having read a note of music. His students have widely varying backgrounds, abilities, and unique