

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

talents, but he is always patient, even with a future Congressman who struggled to extract melodious sounds from a baritone saxophone. By the end of each school year, however, the students have become a cohesive team, an accomplishment made evident in the annual spring concert in which his students play while marching in formation down Charlottesville's Market Street. In helping each student reach his or her potential, he has consistently created accomplished ensembles of young musicians dedicated to ensuring the school music program's continued success. He has been important to my whole family, particularly my late father, Vito Perriello, who found in Gary a like-minded music lover as well as a teacher he could trust to share such a love with his— and others'—children.

Many of Mr. Fagan's students have been inspired to enter the field of music and performing arts as a career, and their accomplishments will continue his legacy. For those of his students who have gone to other fields, his invaluable lessons of teamwork, dedication, and striving for personal excellence still persist. On behalf of Albemarle County and Virginia's 5th District, I thank Mr. Fagan for his generosity and devotion in sharing his talent throughout the years and wish both him and Phyllis all the best in their retirement.

HONORING MONUMENT BANK

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and opening of the new headquarters for Monument Bank in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

This day 141 years ago marks the anniversary of the official dedication of the Doylestown Monument. The Doylestown landmark commemorates the officers and men of the 104th Pennsylvania Regiment who fell in the Civil War, and serves as the namesake for Monument Bank.

The founding members and shareholders of the new Monument Bank have a proven history of successful local banking. They have provided some of the most outstanding professional banking services in our area, recognizing the importance of local community relationships and support. Their service and community leadership will undoubtedly be an important asset to Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

I applaud Monument Bank for moving forward in these trying economic times to provide valuable banking services to our community. Madam Speaker, I proudly recognize Monument Bank and I extend my congratulations on the dedication of their headquarters today.

RECOGNIZING EMMA JURADO

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Emma Jurado, a member of my staff. Friday, May 29, was Emma's last

day as a Legislative Aide and Scheduler in our office. Emma served the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois with distinction from 2003–2005, returned in 2007, and deserves our wholehearted appreciation for her efforts.

After graduating from Georgetown University in 2005, Emma went to work for my predecessor, Rahm Emanuel, beginning as a Staff Assistant. After spending a year working for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and the National AIDS Marathon Training Program, Emma returned to Congressman Emanuel's office in January 2007, working as a Legislative Aide and Scheduler.

In addition to doing superlative work for my predecessor, Emma has been an extraordinary asset to my office as we've managed the transition process. This process has been a lot of hard work, but that is nothing new to Emma. Whether it was handling science and technology, art, innovation, or postal issues legislation, assisting the people of the Fifth Congressional District during the interim period, or establishing my scheduling operation, Emma has always given her all.

I would like to wish Emma the best of luck working in President Obama's Administration. I am confident that she will find success in whatever path she chooses, and I thank her for her service to the people of Illinois' Fifth Congressional District.

JOHN HORTON

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 John Horton who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. John Horton is a senior at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by John Horton 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 John Horton for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

HONORING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BAY TRAIL PROJECT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, the Bay Trail Project will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on July 6, 2009 at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center in Hayward, California. A commemorative event will highlight the adoption of the Bay Trail Plan by the Association of Bay

Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board since July 1989 and will point to the accomplishments and importance of the Bay Trail over the past 20 years. California State Senator Bill Lockyer will be honored for his contributions of creating and preserving the Bay Trail.

In 1987, then-California State Senator Bill Lockyer conceived the idea of a hiking and bicycling trail that would encircle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. His plan was often called "Ring Around the Bay." Lockyer authored Senate Bill 100 authorizing ABAG to, "develop and adopt a plan for a continuous recreational corridor which will extend around the perimeter of San Francisco and San Pablo Bays." SB 100 required that the plan include: a specific trail route, connections to parks and other recreational facilities, links to existing and proposed public transportation facilities, an implementation and funding program for the trail, and provisions for implementing the trail without adversely affecting the natural environment of the Bay. SB 100 was passed into law with widespread support.

A broad-ranging advisory committee to ABAG developed the Bay Trail Plan over a 2-year period and its policies continue today to guide the development of the Bay Trail.

For oversight of the Hayward section of the Bay Trail, the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA) was formed in 1971. HASPA continues to preserve and advocate for the Hayward shoreline as part of the Bay Trail. To date, slightly more than half of the Bay Trail's ultimate alignment, approximately 293 miles out of the envisioned 500-mile trail, has been completed.

I join the Bay Area community in honoring State Treasurer Bill Lockyer for his vision in authoring SB 100, ABAG for developing the plan for the recreational corridor, HASPA for its oversight and stewardship of the Hayward section of the Bay Trail and all the individuals who continue to contribute to the success of the Bay Trail. The Bay Trail is a treasured gift for all to enjoy.

HONORING CHIEF MASTER
SERGEANT JOHN SLEDZ

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Master Sergeant John Sledz upon his upcoming retirement from the United States Air Force after 30 years of service to our country.

Chief Sledz has reached the pinnacle of enlisted service, the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Less than 1 percent of airmen are allowed to hold this rank, and achieving it is a testimony to the extraordinary abilities that Chief Sledz has put to work for the protection of our nation.

He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, among many others awards and decorations. He has served on three continents and five different states, and is concluding his career in