

RECOGNIZING PRINCE WILLIAM CLEAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND ITS 2009 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR CONNIE MOSER

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Prince William Clean Community Council and its 2009 Volunteer of the Year, Connie Moser. With the help of dedicated volunteers like Ms. Moser, the Council works to eliminate litter and graffiti in Prince William neighborhoods and commercial centers.

The Council was conceived in 1982 during a spring cleanup effort led by a group of concerned Prince William County residents. These volunteers, who later became the founding members of the Council, immediately recognized the importance of litter prevention education as a way to long-term environmental protection and preservation. In 1986, the Prince William County Litter Control Council was born. The organization later changed its name to the Clean Community Council, and it became an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, a nationwide non-profit that uses education and hands-on stewardship to advocate litter control, waste reduction, and community beautification.

The Council's litter prevention and graffiti abatement efforts have not gone unnoticed. The Council's accolades include a 1994 Governors Award for Volunteering Excellence. The Council was a 2000 Virginia Stewardship Award Winner in the Communication/Education Category, and it received the Prince William County 2001 Partners for the Potomac Environmental Patron Award, 2000 and 2002 Keep America Beautiful National Awards and a 2008 Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Recognition Award.

The Council's volunteers always have been essential to its success and the 1st Volunteer of the Year Award is a way to recognize their invaluable support. The recipient, Connie Moser, is a resident of Dale City, Va., and sits on the Council's board of directors. She teaches the Council's principles and goals to a number of other organizations that benefit from her involvement. She is acting Secretary for the Dale City Civic Association, a volunteer for the Prince William County Habitat for Humanity, maintains two "Adopt-A-Spots" for the Prince William Clean Community Council, serves on the Prince William County Neighborhood Leader's Group and is the founder of the Lindendale Community Group. Remarkably, she found time this year to coordinate a clean-up effort for the Dale City Fourth of July parade route, a large scale community beautification effort that inspired others to take up the Council's mission. Ms. Moser is truly devoted to her community's quality of life and does not shy away from a long, hard day of work to make Prince William County a pleasant place to live.

Madam Speaker, we create safer, cleaner neighborhoods when residents take ownership over their communities. The Clean Community Council asks Prince William residents to take pride in their county and work to eliminate not just litter and graffiti but the carelessness that allows these community plagues to proliferate.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the successes of the Prince William Clean Community Council and congratulating Connie Moser on being named the recipient of its 1st Volunteer of the Year Award.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF RICHARD C. SHADYAC SR.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Richard C. Shadyac Sr. who served on the Board of Directors and Governors of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC) for more than forty years. Mr. Shadyac had a true passion and devotion to the children and families that fight catastrophic pediatric diseases at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Mr. Shadyac began his illustrious and influential career as a member of ALSAC and of St. Jude Hospital Boards of Directors and Governors in 1963. He also served as ALSAC's general counsel. In 1992, after the passing of Danny Thomas, the founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Mr. Shadyac became the CEO of ALSAC. Upon taking on his new leadership role, Mr. Shadyac worked tirelessly to continue the legacy and dream of his friend, Danny Thomas who said, "No child should die in the dawn of life." Mr. Shadyac served as the CEO until his retirement in 2005.

During the 13 years he led ALSAC, public funding for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital quadrupled. By 2005, ALSAC had become the third largest health-care charity in the U.S. and is currently the second largest. During Mr. Shadyac's tenure, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was also able to undergo a \$1 billion expansion that strengthened the hospital's capacity to focus on patient and family care and to conduct research for children with catastrophic diseases. His compassion and dedication to provide free care for the children and families who seek treatment was immeasurable and the driving force of his work.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Richard Shadyac Sr. who spent years of his life working on behalf of the countless sick and struggling children who come to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to fight, treat and care for what are often life threatening illnesses. It is clear that without his dedication and hard work, the triumphs in research, treatment and patient and family care that the hospital provides would not be possible. Mr. Shadyac will be missed by those whose lives were in some way touched by him.

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF UNITED STATES-POLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 14, 2009*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 266, celebrating 90 years of United States-Polish diplomatic relations. It was April of 1919 when the United States first established a diplomatic relationship with the Polish Republic, and for nearly a century our two countries have worked together to maintain this important bond. Throughout the course of this lasting friendship, we have seen Poland overcome a period of communist rule and a legacy of foreign occupation to emerge as the free and democratic nation it is today, showing the great strength and resolve of the Polish people.

The mark of a great nation, however, is not measured solely by the distance of its own advancement, but by its ability and willingness to help advance and protect other nations in the world community. Poland has collaborated closely with the United States in efforts to promote democratization and human rights in regions beyond the nation's borders. Additionally, the great nation of Poland has assisted the United States in fundamental efforts to limit nuclear proliferation, facilitate regional cooperation in Eastern Europe, and reform the United Nations.

As a proud member of the Polish Caucus, it is my honor to recognize Poland for its indispensable support and committed partnership with the United States in advancing worldwide liberty. Poland has continually supported the United States, both militarily and diplomatically, in efforts aimed at combating global terrorism.

I am proud to say that my home state of Connecticut has one of the largest Polish-American populations in the country. Polish-Americans play an active role in the community through the many cultural and civic organizations established in my district. This includes the Greater Hartford Polish Cultural Club, which was proud to host the 61st Annual National Convention of the American Council for Polish Culture in August of this year. The continued celebration of the vibrant heritage of Polish-Americans is a testament to the strength of the enduring partnership between our two great nations.

It is with great appreciation for Poland's efforts in upholding the ideals of freedom that I rise in support of House Resolution 266, celebrating 90 years of United States-Polish diplomatic relations.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISION OF A THOUSAND "POINTS OF LIGHT"

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the vision of a thousand "Points of