be deferred to future years due to lack of available funding.

In addition, the Harbor Fairness Act of 2011 would require the Administration to identify future allocations of operation and maintenance funds, on a harbor-by-harbor basis. This information will allow commercial harbors to more accurately plan future operation and maintenance expenditures, both short-term and long-term, and more efficiently make critical decisions on the most efficient way to maintain safe commercial shipping at local harbors.

The central focus of the Harbor Fairness Act of 2011 is the requirement that expenditures for maintenance dredging is equitably allocated among all eligible commercial harbors. To accomplish this, the legislation requires the Secretary of the Army: (1) to utilize the information obtained from the assessment of dredging needs; (2) to consider the national and regional significance of harbor operation and maintenance; and (3) to make allocation decisions on factors beyond simply the amount of cargo tonnage transiting through a commercial harbor.

While the Corps is completing its assessment of national maintenance dredging needs, this legislation establishes a short-term, minimum allocation for maintenance dredging at midsize and small commercial harbors. The 40 percent guaranteed allocation for mid-size and small commercial harbors for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 represents only a modest increase in the allocation for these harbors over the previous two fiscal years (33.7 percent in fiscal year 2012 and 33.4 percent for fiscal year 2011), in part to address the disproportionate backlog faced by mid-size and small commercial harbors.

In addition, this mandatory allocation of 40 percent is temporary, and will be replaced in fiscal year 2014 by an allocation based on the actual maintenance dredging needs of all harbors, as identified by the Corps.

Mr. Speaker, the Harbor Fairness Act of 2011 recognizes the fundamental importance of all commercial harbors to the national, regional, and local economies. It calls for fairness in the allocation of critical maintenance dredging funds among large-, moderate-, and small-commercial harbors. But, most of all, it recognizes the importance of the nation's ports to America and to American workers. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this very important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE 2011 ELLY DOYLE PARK SERVICE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2011 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards. These awards, sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board, recognize individuals and organizations for their extraordinary contributions to our environment and public park system.

Fairfax County is regarded as one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and our nationally-recognized park system has played a key role in that distinction. Our community has a strong commitment to promoting and preserving our environment, including our public parks and outdoor spaces. Each year thousands of volunteers donate their talents and time to protect our natural and cultural resources and enhance public educational and recreational services.

The Elly Doyle Service Awards were established in 1988 in honor of former board member Ellamae Doyle's many years of outstanding service. In addition, recipients have also been named for the 2011 Eakin Philanthropy Award, named in honor of the Eakin family who donated the first parcels of parkland to the Park Authority over 50 years ago, and the 2011 Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, named after the late Sally Ormsby who was a champion of environmental stewardship. I congratulate each of the 2011 recipients of these prestigious awards.

2011 Eakin Philanthropy Award Recipients:

Craig and Belinda Stevens for their generous financial support of numerous Park Foundation projects; and

Cox Communications, for their ongoing funding of the Summer Entertainment Series.

2011 Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award Recipient:

Stella Koch, in recognition of the central role she has played in many environmental issues including development of policies and preservation of our natural resources.

2011 Elly Doyle Service Award Recipients:

Friends of the Hidden Oaks Nature Center—For their exceptional efforts in supporting programs, activities, and facilities at the Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annandale.

Charles and Jacque Olin—For the establishment of the Analemma Society in 1998 and their efforts in creating Observatory Park at Turner Farm.

Chris Robichaux—For creating the Mason District Dog Opportunity Group in 2000 which worked with Park Authority staff to identify suitable parkland for an off-leash dog area.

2011 Elly Doyle Special Recognition Awards Recipients: Jim Franks, Lynne Glasser, John Hopkins, James Jamison, and Judy Kirby, and student honoree, Morgan Volpe.

I also commend the 18 individuals who comprise the Class of 2011 Outstanding Volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking these honorees for their demonstrated commitment to our open spaces and public parks. Fairfax County is able to enjoy a high quality of life because of the efforts of these individuals and they are deserving of our praise and appreciation.

HONORING DONNA GORITY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and mark the retirement of Blair County Commissioner Donna Gority. Donna is a friend and colleague whose work has left an indelible mark on her community. It has been an honor to work with her over her extensive career in the Commissioner's office to help improve the lives of our shared constituents. I join many other local elected officials, friends and neighbors in wishing her well in her retirement.

It is difficult to fit in all of the things Donna has accomplished over her 28 years in public office. First and foremost, Donna has the distinction of serving as the first female member of the Blair County Board of Commissioners. Donna has long been known for being a champion for children and health and human services issues throughout the county. Over her time in office, Donna developed a track record as a strong advocate for funding the county's Human Services Office, which provides support for homeless families and juvenile delinquency prevention.

In addition, Donna has been deeply involved in a program that is also very important to me: Operation Our Town in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Operation Our Town is a successful partnership between businesses and communities throughout Central Pennsylvania whose mission is to rid neighborhoods of drugs and drug-related violent crime. Operation Our Town completes its mission through community policing and proven treatment and prevention techniques. I am proud to have had her as an ally in applying Operation Our Town's techniques to Altoona.

Donna has been the recipient of a number of awards over her career. She was recognized as part of the ''Outstanding Young Women in America'' in 1978, was named Boss of the Year in 1986 by the American Business Women's Association, won the President's Award by the County Commissioner's Association of Pennsylvania in 1994, received the Leadership Award from the Blair County NAACP in 2003 and the Lifetime Achievement Award this year by Blair Countians for Drug Free Communities. Again, these are but a few of her accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Donna Gority on her successful 28 years in public office and wish her well in her retirement. She will leave Blair County's government and the people it represents in better shape than when she found it. In the end, I believe that should be the goal of every public servant. Without question, Donna accomplished that goal.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 913, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

IN RECOGNITION OF REV. DR. KENNY SMITH AND HIS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF VIENNA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend Dr.

Kenny Smith and to celebrate his 25 years of service to the First Baptist Church of Vienna.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Pastor Smith earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1977, his Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University in 1987, and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology in 1992.

In December 1986, Pastor Smith arrived in Vienna, Virginia, with his wife, the Reverend Dr. Mary Smith, and he assumed leadership of the First Baptist Church. A relatively small church at the time, the membership of First Baptist was fewer than 200. Under his guidance and stewardship, First Baptist has witnessed significant growth and now has more than 30 active ministries, which provide spiritual guidance for its members and the entire community. I have had the pleasure of worshipping at First Baptist Church of Vienna on many occasions, and I always have been moved by Pastor Smith's words of inspiration and faith.

Like so many men of faith, Pastor Smith does not confine his dedication to within the walls of the sanctuary. He has ministered to the poor and disadvantaged in Nigeria, Ghana, Haiti, Coahoma, Maryland, South Carolina and Biloxi, Mississippi. First Baptist Church of Vienna contributed more than $53,000 to aid the victims of the Haitian earthquake and donated 1,000 bottles of multiple vitamins to aid the medical effort. Partnering with a sister church, Pastor Smith and the First Baptist Church family assisted with the finance of two Habitat for Humanity homes, contributing in excess of $42,000 for each home. He has established a Federal Credit Union with assets of more than $1 million, which provides members with safe and fair financial services.

Pastor Smith has long been recognized as a leader in faith and community service. He serves or has formerly served as president of the Baptist General Convention, president of the Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP, moderator of the NOVA Baptist Association, adjunct professor at Howard Divinity School and Wesley Theological Seminary, board member of the First Baptist Church of Vienna Federal Credit Union, board member of the Vienna Church Coalition for Housing, board member of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, and as a trustee of Virginia Union University.

His many accolades from the community include the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Omicron Kappa Kappa) 2006 Citizen of the year award; the James F. Jenkins Pillars of Faith Award (2005); Outstanding Service Award, Fairfax County Branch, NAACP (2004); the Dean's Pastor's Award, Howard University School of Theology (1999); the Outstanding Achievement in Religion Award, Howard University Alumni Club of Northern Virginia (1999); the Religious Affairs Award, Fairfax County Branch, NAACP (1998); the Outstanding Leadership Award, Northern Virginia Baptist Association (1998); Community Service Award, Horizon Community Outreach Group (1996); the Golden Eagle Award, Fairfax County School System (1994); the Award of Merit presented by the Old Dominion Bar Association (1994); the 1992 Human Rights Award presented by the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission (1993); the D. B. Barton Award in Pastoral Theology (1987); and the Joseph H. Jackson Award (1986) for Academic Excellence. He also was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities (1986/1987).

Pastor Smith does not only preach his faith; he lives his faith. He and his wife, Reverend Dr. Mary Smith, lead by example in their dedication to God, the community, and mankind, and I am proud to call them my friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Kenny Smith on the occasion of his Silver Anniversary as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Vienna and in wishing him continued success.

HONORING MARY DONOVAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Donovan, a valued Marin County employee who is retiring after over 36 years of service. As the Program Manager II of the Employment and Training Branch within the Department of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Workforce Investment Board of Marin, Ms. Donovan's skilled management and expertise has made a significant contribution to the effectiveness of this department.

In September, 1975, Ms. Donovan began her career with the County as an Eligibility Worker and earned repeated promotions over the years. Along the way, she was recognized for her calmness under pressure, delegates work well, has ability in a leadership role and her truly amazing ability to change roles, assume new tasks, learn new programs, and gain the respect of all around her. In 1994, she was named Program Manager II and continued to make full use of all these skills.

In her years of work within the County Ms. Donovan has managed many social service/public assistance programs including Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamps, MediCal, County Medical Services Programs, Job Training Partnership Act, Workforce Investment Board, and CalWORKs Welfare to Work. While serving on the newly formed Marin Child Care Commission, she provided key expertise in the navigation of the new CalWORKS program.

Originally from Pittsburg, PA, Mary Donovan was the oldest of 13 children. She is very family oriented with three children, all of whom were born in Marin. Jared, the oldest, works in Washington, DC; Logan is an actor in Southern California, and Margo works to travel. Mary, too, plans on traveling as well as enjoying a healthy lifestyle.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mary Donovan for her years of service and wishing her well in retirement.

HONORING CAPTAIN ERWIN J. KORCZYNSKI

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, on January 5th, Captain Erwin J. Korzynski passed away from prostate cancer. Today we honor Erwin as he was a great patriot and lead a selfless life.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 30, 1942. He was the product of first generation Polish American parents. His mother and father owned the Elm Hotel Restaurant in Chicago's Wicker Park Neighborhood from 1937 to 1947. His father also served as the Chief Chef on the Ann Rutledge train car operated by the Alton Railroad. Here he had the distinct honor of preparing meals for President Harry S. Truman aboard the Armed Forces Troop Trains. From 1947 to 1958 his parents became the owners of Helen's Food Shop, in the Gragin neighborhood of Chicago.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski learned the value of public service while in Boy Scout Troop 153, eventually earning membership in Order of the Arrow by the Boy Scouting elite. He graduated from Chicago's Henry D. Lloyd Elementary School as a member of the class of 1956, and graduated from Chicago's Lane Technical High School in the class of 1960. During his time at Lane Tech he "lettered" on six separate occasions, as well as winning many state championships during his four-year athletic endeavors.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski marched in the Chicago Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps from 1956 to 1963 and served as a lifeguard at the Knollwood Country Club before Northern Illinois University. He was selected as Lifeguard of the Year for saving the life of a young swimmer. He later enrolled in the Priesthood at St. Ambrose Seminary in Davenport, Iowa, followed by his novitiate for the Christian Brothers at St. Mary's College in Winnona, Minnesota.

In 1963, one year prior to graduation, he wanted to demonstrate his selfless commitment to serve our country during the Vietnam War, so he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was attached to Marine Attach Squadron, VMA 131. He attainted the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged from active duty on December 1st, 1969.

Erwin then went on to receive Eastern Airlines Flight Academy training in Miami, Florida, obtaining the rank of Captain and was awarded a Type Rating in a Boeing 727 series 100–200–225. As Captain, Erwin flew for Eastern Airlines, Evergreen Airline of McMinnville, Oregon, Emirates Airlines of Dubai, UAE, Saudia Airlines of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Air Lanka of Colombo, Sri Lanka, USAfrica of Cape Town, South Africa, and Eva Airlines of Taipei, Taiwan.

From 1990 to 1991, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski acted as Pilot-in-Command, flying twenty-five missions during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Captain Erwin J. Korczynski must be saluted for his bravery, courage and aeronautical abilities. He volunteered to fly in the Persian Gulf, and so did with the highest level of distinction. For the second time in his life, he demonstrated his selfless commitment and patriotism to serve our country.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski is the shining example of the citizen-soldier. He supported our military actions while maintaining his civilian obligations and participated in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) Operation during Operation Desert Storm. Although an honorably discharged United States Marine, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski was not an activated reservist during this conflict and instead served as a volunteer.