

Services, OSS. The OSS was America's first centralized intelligence agency and the foundation of our nation's Special Forces units. In the cabins, the laughter of children was replaced by the booms of demolition ranges and the tapping of Morse Code. At Chopawamsic, the art of spying and enemy infiltration was honed by a new agency that helped America succeed in World War II.

In 1948, Chopawamsic was renamed Prince William Forest Park. Since its inception the park has been a magnet for outdoor recreation for young people and adults alike and a true asset to our community and nation. The park's 375,000 annual visitors enjoy 37 miles of hiking trails, 21 miles of bicycle accessible roads and trails, 4 campgrounds, 5 historic cabin camps, and 15,000 acres of pristine Piedmont Forest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the 75th anniversary of Prince William Forest Park, and I urge all residents of Northern Virginia to explore this gem of the Park Service in our own backyard.

IN HONOR OF RONALD H. TYLER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career and public service of Ronald H. Tyler. Mr. Tyler passed away on January 27. He will be remembered for his several decades of work to improve the agriculture industry in Monterey, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties.

Ronald graduated from the University of California Davis with a degree in Pomology in 1955. After graduating, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army, and served

two years active duty before rising to the rank of Captain in the California National Guard. In 1957, he joined the University of California Agricultural Extension Service where he became Farm Advisor to San Benito, Santa Clara and Monterey Counties.

Among his many elected and appointed positions, Ronald was a member of the Agricultural Board of Directors, and a founding member and president of the Agricultural History Project. He served as County Director and Farm Advisor in Santa Cruz for three decades, from 1971 until his retirement in 1991.

Ronald exhibited a passion for agricultural development on California's Central Coast. His research involved rootstocks and training for high density apple orchards, irrigation, pest and disease control, and cranberry production. In honor of his research, he was cited for distinguished service by state and national Agricultural Extension organizations and was the first recipient of the Al Smith Friend of Agriculture Award from the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Ronald Tyler. I know I speak for the whole House as I recognize his life and work. I commend him for all he accomplished and contributed to California's agriculture industry, and the communities he lived and worked in. I would also like to extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends and those who benefitted from his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTON CHILDREN'S CENTER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague, Congressman JAMES MORAN (VA-08), in congratulating the Reston Children's Center on the occasion of its 45th anniversary.

The education and well being of our children are among the highest priorities that we as a community share. The Reston Children's Center provides a safe, nurturing, instructional atmosphere that promotes creativity, curiosity, independence, and cooperation.

The Reston Children's Center, RCC, is a nonprofit, parent-owned cooperative. This structure creates a strong bond and partnership between the staff and the parents. Parents are required to contribute at least 2 hours per month to the school by serving on the board of directors or a committee, providing office support, chaperoning field trips, or assisting with fundraising activities.

Because of this holistic approach and the communal efforts to benefit the children, many of the teachers have been at RCC for more than 10 years. In addition, many parents who once attended RCC themselves have now entrusted the care of their own children to this center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join us in congratulating the Reston Children's Center on its 45th anniversary and in commending the leadership of Executive Director, Fahemeh Pirzadeh, as well as the staff and parents for their unwavering devotion to our children.