

HONORING THE NUTLEY VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY AND RESCUE SQUAD

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad, located in the Township of Nutley, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

The Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad has served the Township of Nutley since 1953, providing a high quality of emergency medical and rescue services. Before its inception, emergency care in Nutley was only available through the Police Department. It was in 1953 that Jess Booth, Wally Eckhardt, and Dave Marshall, all members of the Police Reserves, set out to form a First Aid Squad. After attending District meetings of the New Jersey State First Aid Council, plans for the potential Nutley squad were formulated and presented to Mayor Harry W. Chenoweth. The Mayor then took the idea before the Town Commission, where it won approval. On March 3, 1953, the Nutley First Aid and Rescue Squad was officially created to provide Nutley with immediate care by well-trained women and men in any emergency.

The Squad began with a 1947 Buick ambulance, which they refurbished and equipped for use. At its conception, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad only had eleven members, providing service from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., and were supplemented by the Nutley Police Department. The courtroom above the Chestnut Street Fire House served as a meeting area for business and training, while the ambulance was parked at the Warren Street entrance of the Fire House. Duty crews stood by in the Police Headquarters, and the records were housed at the homes of the first officers.

Within the following two years, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad was permitted to utilize the Red Cross building for meetings and conducted their first fund drive with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary. The proceeds enabled the replacement of the old Buick with a new 1955 Meads-Miller Cadillac ambulance. The success of the drive prompted the formation of an Ambulance Association, and the fundraiser became an annual event. By 1958, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad had outgrown the spaces allotted to them, and refurbished the old town garage under Police Headquarters to suit their needs. This provided a bay for two rigs, meeting rooms, and an area for the crew to stand by. The following year, the Police ambulance was replaced with a new Eurika Cadillac ambulance. The ever-increasing amount of calls for aid led to the beginning of 24-hour coverage for the Township of Nutley in 1961.

Since 1973, the Squad has been a live-in Squad, with members required to remain at headquarters for the entire length of their shifts. That same year, bunkrooms were constructed to accommodate the late-night crews between calls. The dedicated members, having all qualified as New Jersey State Emergency Medical Technicians, changed the name from Nutley First Aid and Rescue Squad to the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc. in 1976 to reflect their train-

ing, and the advanced care they provide. The equipment and volunteer members are kept current. The member training includes Standard and Advanced First Aid Courses, ambulance procedures, rig driving lessons, emergency childbirth, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training. More recently, the Squad also has a Scuba Team, Water Recovery and Rescue, and a Bike Team. A shortage in volunteers led to the hiring of two paid EMTs in 1988, and again in 1999. The Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad maintains these employees solely through fundraising and donations.

Though 60 years have passed, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad has maintained the two original goals: dedication of members to service to the Township of Nutley with the highest quality of care, and services rendered free of charge to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad as they celebrate their 60th anniversary.

HONORING DREW LINN

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Mr. Drew Linn, President and owner of the Birmingham, Alabama, based Southland International Trucks for his selection as 2013 Truck Dealer of the Year. Mr. Linn was nominated by his peers and selected from a field of nominees by an independent panel of judges from Indiana University's Kelly School of Business. The national award, which is co-sponsored by the American Truck Dealers and Heavy Duty Trucking Magazine, focuses on excellence in dealership performance, as well as industry and community leadership.

Mr. Linn began his career with International Harvester, now known as Navistar, in 1965. Throughout his extensive career, he cites his success as due to his focus on providing excellent service to his customers. His dedication is evident from his successful business, Southland International Trucks, that operates six locations throughout Alabama.

Mr. Linn has had a distinguished career and has been recognized with more than a dozen corporate and industry awards, including the International Circle of Excellence, International Dealer of the Year (2008) and H. Chester Webb Distinguished Service Award (2009) from the Alabama Trucking Association.

I am thankful for Mr. Drew Linn and Americans like him that work to provide great products and service to consumers and support our nation's workforce with good, dependable jobs.

A TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY SHERIFF
ERIC LARSON

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and fellow

law enforcement officer Patrol Deputy Sheriff Eric Larson of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sheriff Larson was wounded on March 30, 2013, while bravely serving in the line of duty.

Deputy Sheriff Larson has been honorably serving in the Alameda County Sheriff's Department for over 19 years. He worked his way up through the ranks, previously serving in the Coroner's Office before becoming a Patrol Deputy Sheriff.

As a former prosecutor, I know the importance of courageous and experienced police officers, like Deputy Sheriff Larson, who work day in and day out to keep our streets and communities safe.

Deputy Sheriff Larson's efforts on the day he was wounded helped to protect his fellow officers. He is a shining example of the best and bravest officers in our country; he is willing to put himself in danger for the benefit of others.

Deputy Sheriff Larson is a fourth generation resident of Alameda County, where he continues to reside with his wife and three children. Before joining the Alameda County Police Department, Deputy Sheriff Larson attended San Lorenzo High School. He continues to be active in his community by coaching a variety of youth sports such as baseball, soccer, basketball, and t-ball.

I am thankful for the dedication and sacrifices of Deputy Sheriff Eric Larson and all of the Alameda County police officers who continue to put themselves in harm's way every day to protect the neighborhoods of the East Bay. I wish Deputy Sheriff Larson all the best as he continues to recover at home with his family.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF
MADISON'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Madison, located in Madison, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Madison is a branch of the worldwide network of Rotaries, which inspire individuals to transform their passions into relevant social causes to improve lives in communities. The first Rotary Club in the world was organized in Chicago, Illinois in 1905 by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer. He gathered together a group of men, each from a different sphere of public service, to form the first club. The club would rotate their meeting place between the places of business of the members, which suggested the name "Rotary." These men met with the goal of developing fellowship and understanding among businesses and professionals in the community, promoting improvement of the community through high ethical standards in occupational practice, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace. These ideals of thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others are the same that are held fast by the nearly 33 thousand Rotary Clubs, with over 1.2 million members, that exist today.

The Madison Rotary is among these clubs that carry on the proud tradition. In the early