

Senior Christian Service Award: Miss Dene Middleton, Master Latrell Riley.
Junior Leadership Award: Master Kyle Stokes.

Junior Christian Service Award: Miss Faith Leftridge, Master Samuel Thomas.
2013 High School Senior Scholarship Recipients: Miss Tyra Bland, Miss Marquetta Inabinet, Miss Dene Middleton, Master Latrell Riley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the 2013 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards recipients for their dedication to building and maintaining a thriving community. Each recipient has made an impact on Dale City and with these awards we hope to show them how much their contributions are appreciated.

RECOGNIZING THE BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT 65TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BANQUET

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, which is hosting its 65th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, to thank its volunteers for filling an essential role in keeping the community safe.

The Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department was founded in January 1948, and for 65 years has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of Burke, Fairfax County, and the surrounding communities. It also provides, houses, and maintains firefighting and emergency medical equipment; provides opportunities for professional growth and development for the membership; and maintains and fosters a strong viable organization.

As one of the most active volunteer fire and rescue departments in Fairfax County, the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department works in cooperation with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to serve the community. Last year alone, the Burke station handled 3,384 incidents and 4,881 unit responses.

For 2013, the following dedicated men and women deserve special recognition for stepping up to become officers and members of the board of directors:

- Chief: Thomas Warnock.
- Assistant Chief: Lawrence Bocknek.
- Deputy Chiefs: Tina Godfrey and John Hudak.
- Captain; Melissa Ashby.
- Lieutenant: Keith O'Connor.
- Sergeants: John Rose and Jennifer Babic.
- President: Patrick Owens.
- Vice President: John Powers.
- Secretary: Larry Barnett.
- Treasurer: Sheryl Gilhooly.
- Board Members: L. Joseph Dumas, Crystal Eden, and Alisha Sunde.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the department for 65 years of service and in thanking all of the brave volunteers who do not hesitate to drop everything when the community calls in need of help. To all of these men and women who

put themselves in harm's way to protect our residents I say: "Stay safe."

CELEBRATION OF ALFRED T. LILLY, FLORENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 200th birthday of Alfred T. Lilly, founder of the Lilly Library in Florence, Massachusetts.

Mr. Lilly was a cornerstone of the Florence community: He began as a superintendent of the Nonotuck Silk Company, eventually becoming part owner of the company after Nonotuck became one of the largest and best-known manufacturers of silk in the United States. Mr. Lilly helped found a number of businesses in Florence, including the present-day Florence Savings Bank. He believed that local businesses were an integral part of any vibrant community.

Mr. Speaker, in 1888, Mr. Lilly recognized the need for a library in his community. By deeding the land where the building was to be constructed, donating a considerable portion of his personal library, and providing financial support, Mr. Lilly led the efforts to construct the library that now bears his name. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lilly was a philanthropist in the purest sense of the word and cared deeply about his community. His dedication, Mr. Speaker, is the reason why, two centuries after his birth, Alfred Lilly's spirit thrives in the institution that he helped to form.

It is in recognition of his dedication and passion, Mr. Speaker, that I ask my fellow Members of the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the great contributions Mr. Lilly made to the community of Florence.

RECOGNIZING THE 2013 ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Asian-American Chamber of Commerce and the recipients of the 2013 Asian-American Chamber Awards.

The Asian-American Chamber of Commerce, AACC, is dedicated to improving economic development for Asian Pacific American Owned businesses in the Washington, DC region. The 11th District of Virginias is blessed by its diversity. Roughly 1 in 4 residents are foreign born and approximately 40 percent are minorities. Half of our foreign-born population emigrated from Asia and more than 80,000 of our neighbors speak an Asian language at home. Northern Virginia has a robust international business community and is home to the largest concentration of minority-owned technology firms in the nation. The AACC and its members contribute greatly to our economic strength and stability; Asian-American businesses generate more than 52 percent of

total revenues generated by all minority owned businesses in this region.

Each year, the AACC recognizes businesses and non-profits in the Asian-American community for their outstanding contributions to the Metropolitan Washington community and economy. I congratulate the following individuals and businesses for receiving one of the 2013 Asian-American Chamber of Commerce Awards:

- Asian Business Excellence Award: Pragmatics, Inc.
- Small Business of the Year: APS Pest Services.
- Asian Business Leader of the Year: S. Tien Wong (Lore Systems, Inc.).
- Outstanding Corporate Partner Award: Wells Fargo.
- Non-Profit of the Year: Becky's Fund; Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Fairfax Region.
- Volunteer of the Year: Le Ha Anderson, Andrew Bittan.
- Government Agency of the Year: Fairfax County Economic Development Agency.
- Emerging Business of the Year: The W Salon.
- Next Generation Investment Award: Erie Insurance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the honorees of the 2013 Asian-American Chamber of Commerce Awards and in commending the Asian American Chamber of Commerce for its work to support Asian- and Pacific Islander-owned businesses throughout our region.

RECOGNIZING MS. JEAN PACKARD ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend and mentor Jean Packard on her 90th birthday.

Jean, who moved to Fairfax County in 1951, got her start in public life the same way I did—as president of her neighborhood civic association. She likes to say that her first "win" was convincing the county to pick up trash—a humble start to what would become five decades of community leadership, particularly on the environmental. Jean was unabashed environmentalist long before most people knew the meaning of that word.

Jean's activities soon branched out beyond her neighborhood, and she was elected president of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations. She was elected Chairman of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, serving from 1972 to 1976. During that time, she also served as chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. She later became the first woman in Virginia elected to serve on a regional soil and water conservation district board, a post in which she still serves today. She has held numerous other positions including: the state Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the Fairfax Land Preservation Trust, and the Sierra Club's national board.

For her extraordinary service to the citizens of Fairfax County, Jean has received many