

The Patrons of Cedar Brake Park in Montgomery have partnered with the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation and the Historic Montgomery Business Association to hold a 175th Anniversary Celebration for our great flag on Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Special thanks to Bill Koltlan, Shannan Reid, Sonya Clover, Julia Wall and Patti Stafford and other volunteers for coordinating this event to celebrate the birth of this iconic symbol of our state.

May our Lone Star Flag always wave proudly over the great state of Texas.

HONORING GABRIELLE NICOLE  
TERRETT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 17, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented young lady, Miss Gabrielle Nicole Terrett.

Gabrielle Nicole Terrett is the 14-year-old daughter of Dr. André and Attorney Toni Terrett. She is the eldest of five and a 9th grader at Warren Central High School in Vicksburg.

Gabrielle is an all around student that has excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities. She is a member of the Warren Central Big Blue Band flute section. She also plays the violin and has performed at local nursing homes over the years.

Gabrielle has received several awards including placing 1st in Jewelry in the Hobbs-Freeman Art competition-2012, 2nd place in the Hobbs-Freeman Art competition-2012, 2nd place in the 2013 Blacks in Government Oratorical Contest, 3rd in the 2012 NAACP essay contest, and 2nd Runner Up in the 2013 Miss Southland Pageant.

Gabrielle volunteers at the Mountain of Faith Women's Shelter Retail Store. As a volunteer she helps stock shelves, organize the store and assist customers to the store. She is very pleasant to work with and supports the Women's Shelter as often as possible. In her spare time she enjoys quiet time reading, preparing for pageants, and shopping.

She is a faithful member of Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Vicksburg, MS where she is active in Sunday school.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Miss Gabrielle Nicole Terrett for her hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

RECOGNIZING THE 24TH ANNUAL  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
YOUTH ORATORICAL COMPETITION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 17, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its Education Foundation.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. left an indelible mark on our nation in his pursuit of civil rights through civil dialogue. Despite the violence perpetrated against Dr. King and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King responded with reverent oratory and nonviolent resistance to condemn the injustice of social inequality. His legacy is one of tolerance and steadfast commitment to principled and peaceful communication.

Contestants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Competition pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy with their ability to exercise the strength of the spoken word. This skill will serve them well as they seize future leadership opportunities and forge the personal relationships necessary for effective community engagement and organizing.

I congratulate and applaud the following contestants in the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition:

Middle School Contestants  
Morgan Foster: Manassas Park Middle School

Ayesha Khurshed: Graham Park School  
Emmanuel Murphy: Parkside Middle School  
High School Contestants

Jacob Gonzalez: Thomas Jefferson High School

Norman Jones: Stonewall Jackson High School

Issac Mensah Yeboah: Osbourn Park High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for recognizing the benefit that Dr. King's teachings bring to the development of our youth. We lay the foundations of a more tolerant society when we nurture the ability to engage and communicate with one another in a way that respects our common humanity.

HONORING THE RESIDENTS OF  
ADAMS, NEW YORK

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 17, 2014*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to focus the Nation's attention on the residents of Adams, New York. Adams is a small village located near Interstate 81 and about forty minutes south of the U.S.-Canadian border. The residents of this town recently demonstrated why small towns like those dotting the North Country are what give America its strength.

Recently, a major storm featuring bitter cold and as many as four feet of snow closed I-81, a major artery for travelers and trucks, and stranded about 150 people in Adams. According to local news reports, this town rallied around their unexpected guests. About 100 volunteers headed to the town's firehouse to brew coffee and assemble cots. Local businesses donated nearly 2,000 sandwiches and slices of pizza. Around 40 families opened their homes so their visitors had a comfortable place to sleep.

One story in the Watertown Daily Times said the town's residents used social media to help find places for the stranded truckers and travelers to spend the night. Other fire halls in the area also accommodated stranded travelers and the local chapter of the American Red Cross helped supply cots.

In another article, the Syracuse Post-Standard reported Adams resident Mollie Bangs, who is 93, and her caregiver Michael Smith hosted a family from Quebec who were on their way home from Florida. Most of the family spoke only French and none had winter clothing. Ms. Bangs and Mr. Smith lent them winter clothes and entertained them in Ms. Bangs' home.

The stranded travelers pitched in too. The Post-Standard told of how a stranded soldier from Fort Drum in Watertown, NY named Jesse Brown helped shovel four feet of snow at the home of Kathy Sheley, the Adams resident who took him in.

Many communities across the country would be crippled for days by the volume of snow the area received. The town's fire department worked with a local pharmacy to bring medicine and supplies to those in need. Crews of State and local snow plow drivers and New York State Troopers worked around the clock. The local and State workers were able to reopen the highway for the stranded travelers just a day after the storm hit.

Mr. Speaker, cynics have said that our Nation is losing its sense of community. I submit this story as proof to the contrary. Please join me in recognizing the residents of Adams, the local fire and public works departments, the American Red Cross, the New York State Troopers serving in the North Country and the employees of the New York State Department of Transportation whom it is my privilege to represent in Congress for their selfless actions during this recent storm.

DUNN LORING VOLUNTEER FIRE  
AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 17, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, and to congratulate the 2013 award recipients and incoming 2014 officers and board members.

The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (DLVFRD) is 1 of 12 volunteer fire departments in Fairfax County, and since its founding in 1942, it has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention, and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of the Dunn Loring area and the surrounding community.

Currently, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Ladies Auxiliary operates from Station 13 on Gallows Road and boasts 80 active members. Alongside career firefighters, these brave volunteers contribute more than 29,000 hours each year to enhance public safety for the approximately 22,000 citizens of Dunn Loring.

Each year DLVFRD recognizes those volunteers who have excelled in service and commitment, and it is my honor to enter the following names of the 2013 honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Firefighter of the Year—Adam Nielson  
EMT of the Year—Houmam Ali  
EMS Rookie of the Year—Robert Seoane  
Robbie Allen Award—Terri Fisher  
Distinguished Service Award—Kenneth Kubiak