

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS OF HERNDON'S 10TH ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS COMPETITION AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the participants and winners from the Council for the Arts of Herndon's Tenth Annual Technology and the Arts Competition.

The Technology and the Arts program grew out of a desire to offer computer savvy teens a way to showcase their abilities in an artistic format. The innovative program challenges students in all Fairfax and Arlington county high schools to create works of animation, digital art, digital music, and digital photography by blending technology and artistry into one cutting-edge masterpiece. Students submit entries at their schools, and teachers select which works will be entered into the contest. Works are judged by professionals and experts in the field, and awards are given in each category. Additionally, this program also showcases how creativity extends beyond the arts into a crucial component of our local and national economies. Technology has been the driving force behind Fairfax County's economic expansion for the past two decades. Knowledge-based enterprises directly employ more than 140,000 people in Fairfax County and some of the world's leading technology firms are headquartered here. America remains the world's leader in technology innovation primarily because of the creativity and ingenuity of these companies. This event is not just about art, it is also about laying the foundation for America's competitiveness in a global market place.

I am pleased to congratulate the following winners of the 2014 Technology and the Arts Competition:

Arts Council of Fairfax Uphoff Scholarship Award: Frankenstein, Adrian Caballero of Falls Church High School

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

First Prize: Freedom, Chris Aguila of South Lakes High School

Second Prize: Mold Me, Madison Schultz, South County High School

Third Prize: History of a Gaze (Self Portrait), Anna Smith, Centreville High School

Digital Photography Honorable Mentions: Manipulated, Sue Minh Jung, Centreville High School

Bundle, Margaret Hollingsworth, Oakton High School

Monday's Mist, Gabrielle Bomberg, West Potomac High School

Things to Pack, Sarah Wasinger, Fairfax High School

DIGITAL ART

First Prize: Eye See You, Logan Darr, W.T. Woodson High School

Second Prize: Washington DC, Cheyenne Price Oakton High School

Third Prize: Welcome to the New World, Angela He, Oakton High School

Digital Art Honorable Mentions: Apparition, Tony Lunsford, Mt. Vernon High School

Conformity, Jesse Sands, Lake Braddock Secondary

ANIMATION

First Prize: Mind Games, Max Johnson, Falls Church High School

Second Prize: I Draw, Adrian Caballero, Lake Braddock Secondary School

Third Prize: The Fast and the Felines, Wesley Rogers, Falls Church High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating this year's winners and thanking the Council for the Arts of Herndon for promoting creativity and innovation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MINNETONKA GIRLS STATE TRACK CHAMPIONS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Minnetonka Girls State Track team on winning their second consecutive high school state championship.

Last June, the Minnetonka Skippers overcame the odds and defeated the favored team for the State Title. The girls knew a repeat wouldn't be easy with many strong contenders such as Cretin-Derham Hall, Lakeville South, Alexandria, and Prior Lake. But they remained focused on their goal and came out on top once again.

Seniors Elizabeth Endy, who won the 800 meter title and contributed to the 4x800 gold medal and 4x400 silver medal and Senior Mia Barron, who set all-time state high school records in both the long jump and triple jump events at the State Tournament. Their leadership and athleticism will be missed at Minnetonka next year.

The team sailed to victory due to the energy and vigor of the athletes throughout the season as well as at the State Tournament, where many strong performances had a hand in the win. The team emerged mid-season with strength in middle distance, relays and jumps. Key to the Skippers success is head Coach Reimer-Morgan, who has coached track at the school for 30 years.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the dedication of both Coach Reimer-Morgan and the members of the Girls Skipper Track Team. Winning a State Title is no easy feat, especially defending the title for a consecutive second year. This win is a testament to the power of teamwork and perseverance of the student athletes.

Once again, congratulations to the Minnetonka Girls Track Team on becoming state champions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, during roll-call 308 on the Democrat Motion to Recommit for H.R. 4457 to Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes—I was away from the floor handling issues for a constituent of my district and I intended to vote "no."

RECOGNIZING CONSTITUENT MICHAEL J. PARSONS, DEPARTING CHAIRMAN OF NAFCU'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael J. Parsons, President and CEO of First Source Federal Credit Union, in New Hartford, NY, as he completes his tenure as Chairman of the Board at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). First elected to the Board in 2006, Mike has been a devoted and effective leader in the credit union industry. Having known Mike for many years, I have always been able to turn to him for his expert analysis with respect to any credit union issue being debated in Congress.

Given the regulatory landscape facing the credit union industry in recent years, Mike's responsibilities as Chairman have been particularly daunting. Still, he has done an incredible job balancing his time as Chairman of the NAFCU Board and his responsibilities at First Source Federal Credit Union. Mike has over thirty-eight years' experience in the financial services industry, with 20 years at First Source Federal Credit Union, having served as President and CEO since 1999.

In addition to helping the credit union industry navigate the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Mike has also been proactive in educating lawmakers in Congress, the National Credit Union Administration, and White House officials on a number of issues impacting credit unions including: regulatory relief, housing finance reform, and lending standards.

In addition to his career accolades, Mike has gone above and beyond giving back to his local community as a trustee at Utica College, and a Board Member of Mohawk Valley Economic Development, and Utica Industrial Development Corporation.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will recognize 25 individuals, one investigative team, and one Operational Task