

RECOGNIZING BUFFALO SPREE  
UPON BEING AWARDED AM-  
HERST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2014 STEWARDSHIP AWARD

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Buffalo Spree, a magazine that showcases Western New York's rich beauty, on being awarded the Amherst Chamber of Commerce 2014 Stewardship Award. Buffalo Spree performs a function that provides measurable value to the community.

The magazine was founded in 1967 by Richard G. Shotell and Johanna Hall Van De Mark as an outlet to celebrate Western New York. Later, under Van De Mark's leadership, the magazine became an outlet for creative writers, along with contributions by local historian Austin Fox and architectural expert John Conlin. Buffalo Spree was bought in 1998 by Larry Levite and David McDuff and published six times a year. Content was also added, including a focus of arts, entertainment, lifestyles, and featured articles on local projects and issues.

The magazine now publishes an issue once a month, along with yearly supplements. They have been nationally recognized by the City and Region Magazine Association and locally by the WNY chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Preservation Buffalo Niagara, and the Burchfield Penney Art Center. Buffalo Spree has enhanced its community involvement by relocating their headquarters and by their integration into the digital realm.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to recognize with pride the accomplishment of Buffalo Spree on their commitment to excellence in the Buffalo Niagara region. The publication showcases Buffalo and provides proof of the depth of the Western New York area.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF AIR  
FORCE LT. HANK SCIARONI, MR.  
GIOVANNI SILVIERO, MR.  
FRANCESCO MONTEVANI AND  
MR. SERGIO MONTEVANI.

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and courage of my distinguished constituent, Air Force Lieutenant Hank Sciaroni, a recipient of the Bronze Star for bravery during World War II.

In 1944, Lt. Sciaroni had to crash-land his B-24 Liberator bomber on an enemy-held beach in Italy. Were it not for the bravery of three Italian fishermen, he and his three Sergeants, Leonard Meton, Olin Houghton and Al Doerwald, would have been captured. Mr. Giovanni Silviero, Mr. Francesco Montevani and his son, Sergio Montevani, endangered their own lives to save our servicemen who they also housed and fed for nearly two weeks. They put themselves at even greater risk in procuring a small boat which the servicemen used to make their escape.

On November 1, 1944, Lt. Sciaroni and his men successfully escaped from enemy terri-

tory, setting sail for the Ally-controlled port of Cesenatico, where they would finally receive medical attention. Although he has often thought of the three Italian fishermen, Mr. Sciaroni has not seen the men to whom he and his three sergeants owe their lives since.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Lieutenant Hank Sciaroni who represents the great courage of American soldiers during World War II; his men, Sergeants Meton, Houghton and Doerwald; and equally important, the brave Italians who selflessly protected our countrymen from certain capture by enemy forces, Giovanni Silviero, Francesco Montevani and Sergio Montevani. I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for their remarkable service to our great nation.

CONGRATULATING HARRISON D.  
MCIVER III FOR RECEIVING THE  
CHARLES H. DORSEY AWARD

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Harrison D. McIver III of Memphis, Tennessee for receiving the American Bar Association's (ABA) Charles H. Dorsey Award, which is awarded to attorneys who work in legal aid or legal service corporations representing low-income people. He has been at the helm of legal aid organizations from Mississippi to our nation's capital, working to ensure that all people have access to legal representation regardless of their economic backgrounds.

McIver received his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia before earning his doctor of Jurisprudence from Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey. He began his legal career as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow with North Mississippi Rural Legal Services and later became a managing attorney for the Southwest Mississippi Legal Services and North Mississippi Rural Legal Services. McIver was Executive Director of the Central Mississippi Legal Services in Jackson, Mississippi before becoming Executive Director of the Project Advisory Group in Washington, DC, which is the national organization for legal service programs. He served in this position when Charles H. Dorsey, Jr. sat on the organization's board of directors.

In 1998, Harrison joined the Memphis Area Legal Services Inc. (MALS) as the Executive Director and gave the program new direction and focus as well as expanded the program's outreach potential. He was responsible for creating the program's first vision and mission statements, and strategic and business plans that were focused around a common purpose. McIver also worked to improve access to services by streamlining the program's delivery system. Additionally, Harrison formed partnerships and collaborations with the private bar to maximize resources. Under his leadership, MALS became the first legal aid organization participant in the Program for Nonprofit Excellence, which is a nationally recognized capacity building program that assists in providing high quality legal service. His dedication to client services has been outstanding and his 15-

year leadership at the Memphis Area Legal Services is testament to his work, vision and commitment to providing legal aid services to the Memphis community.

During his 15-year tenure at MALS, Harrison has been involved in legal aid work at the local, state, regional and national levels, including at the Memphis Bar Association; the Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association; the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services; the Tennessee Bar Association; the Southeast Project Directors Association; the National Legal Aid & Defender Association; and the American Bar Association. Harrison has received the Ben F. Jones A. A. Latting Award, the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services' B. Riney Green Award, and has been inducted as a Fellow by the Tennessee Bar Foundation, the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Harrison D. McIver has served the Memphis legal community well and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on receiving the American Bar Association's 2014 Charles H. Dorsey Award.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF  
THE 2014 NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
LEADERSHIP AWARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2014 recipients of the Northern Virginia Leadership Awards presented by Leadership Fairfax.

Leadership Fairfax is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to finding, training, and growing leaders in Northern Virginia. The mission of Leadership Fairfax is to educate, prepare, inspire, and connect leaders to serve and strengthen our community. Graduates from its programs become part of a fast-growing network of civic leaders. I've always said, "When you walk into a crowded room, it's easy to spot the graduates of Leadership Fairfax—they just stand out!"

Leadership Fairfax alumni and the general public submitted nominations for the 18th annual Northern Virginia Leadership Award, and a panel of community and business leaders made the final selections. It is my honor to enter the following names of the 2014 Northern Virginia Leadership Awards recipients into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The recipient of the 2014 Regional Leadership Award is Mary Agee, LFI '91, President and CEO of Northern Virginia Family Service, in recognition of her three decades of work to transform the lives of thousands of families in Northern Virginia, her influence on public policy in the region and the Commonwealth, and her service on the boards of directors of a wide variety of human services organizations.

Steve Gladis, PhD, CEO of Steve Gladis Leadership Partners is the recipient of the Trustee Leadership Award in recognition of his long-standing commitment to civic, academic, and philanthropic leadership and for inspiring others through his role as team builder, coach, and mentor. As an author, professor an organizer, Steve has developed and inspired a new generation of philanthropists and has

been among the most visible proponents of development and fundraising in the public and private sectors.

The Non-Profit Leadership Organizational Award is being presented to Homestretch and its Executive Director, Christopher Fay, LFI '12, in honor of Homestretch's commitment to providing comprehensive services to address every aspect of a homeless family's situation. Homestretch engages business, non-profits, and volunteers in the transition of families to self-sufficiency and success.

The Non-Profit Leadership Individual Award is being presented to Rosemary Tran Lauer, LFI '11, for establishing Devotion To Children, a charitable organization committed to providing access to high-quality educational and childcare programs for young children from economically disadvantaged families. Since 1994, Rosemary has worked collaboratively

with volunteers and partner organizations to make a difference in the lives of young children and their families.

The Corporate Leadership Award is being presented to Tim Sargeant, Dominion Resources, LFI '03, in recognition of his outstanding corporate citizenship through his representation of Dominion Resources, and his active role in the community. Tim serves on the Fairfax County Planning Commission, the Board of Visitors of Gunston Hall, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Foundation Board, the Northern Virginia Community College Foundation Board, the Board of Leadership Fairfax, Inc., and several area Chambers of Commerce.

The Educational Leadership Award is being presented to Jim Holcombe and Gloria Rubin, from J.E.B. Stuart High School, in recognition of their leadership of the Interact Club and

partnership with the community. Each year Jim and Gloria engage 70–100 students from a socio- and economically diverse school and provide them the opportunity to become civic leaders, participate in community service and training sessions, and receive support and scholarship opportunities for college applications.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of these individuals and organizations are one of the reasons why Fairfax is such a sought after community in which to live and work, and this year's honorees highlight the legacy of Leadership Fairfax in preparing our community's future leaders to address the challenges we face. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees and thanking them for their service to Northern Virginia.