

residents are foreign born and approximately 40% 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% of total revenues generated by all minority owned businesses in this region.

In Fairfax County alone, more than 19,000 businesses are Asian-owned. These businesses generate approximately \$5 billion in revenue and create more than 30,000 jobs. 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 honorees:

Small Business Award: The Tu's Group
Champions of Diversity: Morgan Stanley
Asian Business Excellence Award: Zantech IT Services, Inc.

Non-Profit of the Year: Asian-American LEAD

Corporate Partner of the year: Capital Bank
Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the honorees of the 2015 Asian-American Chamber of Commerce Awards and in commending the Chamber for its work to support Asian and Pacific Islander owned businesses throughout our region.

HONORING SHANE FENLEY

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to recognize an act of great kindness by one of my constituents, Shane Fenley. Shane lives in Griffin, Georgia and has been a UPS employee since 1999. It was at his job that Shane met Wayne Goree, they've been coworkers and friends ever since. The Goree family lives in Senoia and they have a 14 year old son, Justin. Justin has been sick off and on for some time, and was in need of a kidney transplant. When Shane heard that his friend's child was in need, he volunteered his own kidney.

Shane went through the process of getting tested to see if he was a match. The results showed that he was a 90% match and the doctors knew that wasn't close enough. Next, Shane and Justin entered the Paired Donor Exchange program, where patients and donors are matched together. Because Shane wasn't a match for Justin, he gave his kidney to another person, who in return gave their kidney to Justin. Shane gave his kidney to a complete stranger, so that Justin could receive the kidney he so desperately needed. To give a child the gift of life is one of the most admirable acts a man can do.

My nephew Todd, has also worked at UPS with Shane for many years. When describing Shane, Todd explained that he has always been willing to give the shirt off his back to any one in need. Now he will be known as the

man who will literally give you the kidney out of his back and ask for nothing in return. Shane said the reason behind his donation was that he had 41 years of good health under his belt, and Justin, at the age of 14, had not had any. The selflessness and kindness that Shane displayed is lacking in our world today and we could use more people like Shane Fenley.

Shane and Justin—it is an honor to represent you. I wish you both a speedy recovery and that you both live a long and happy life.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT A. BAILEY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Scott A. Bailey, an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Moreno Valley, California are exceptional. Moreno Valley has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated people who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Scott Bailey is one of these individuals.

After graduating from Moreno Valley High School as an Eagle Scout, Scott married his wife Beverly and started working as an electrician in 1981. The couple had three children, bought a home in Moreno Valley, and had humble, yet unselfishly universal dreams about putting their children through college and saving enough to retire easily. Living in the economy of the early nineties, Scott and Beverly brainstormed about the best options to keep her from returning to her job in real estate and decided to start their own electrical contracting business out of their own home.

The Baileys had a remarkable vision to create a construction company based on an unwavering commitment to quality and not only did they achieve this goal, but by doing so, everything else seemed to fall into line. Stronghold Engineering built a solid reputation as the go to contractor for civil, design/build, and high voltage electrical projects on both a national and international level. This allowed the company to become ranked and win several awards.

Scott is responsible for day-to-day operations as the Chief Operating Officer and supports all Stronghold Engineering field personnel, resources, and projects. Over the course of the company's 23-year history, he has managed and directed over 450 projects, with the average project sizes ranging from \$500,000 to well over \$100,000,000.

Scott has always been a hands-on manager making visits to each project site ensuring only the best quality and safety standards are met whether he's making trips to Europe, South Africa, Russia, Canada, or Mexico, he remains humble and true to his roots by giving back to the world community as well as his own. Scott has chaired the ABC Craft Championships Committee, has helped in the rebuilding efforts in devastated New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and in Mexico, helped to build an orphanage for at risk children. Stronghold recently donated all labor in helping two local Riverside churches switch to solar energy.

In light of all Scott Bailey has done for the community of Moreno Valley, it is clear that he

deserves the Distinguished Citizen Award. Scott's tireless passion for the community has contributed immensely to the betterment of Moreno Valley, California. He has been the heart and soul of many community projects, and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING VFW POST 7327 AND THE 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Springfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7327 and the recipients of its 2015 Annual Awards.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) traces its beginnings to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish American War established local organizations to bring awareness to their service and to advocate for veterans retirement benefits and improved medical care. Annually, the nearly 2 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week.

With approximately 600 Comrades and 150 Ladies Auxiliary members, the Springfield VFW Post 7327 stands out for the depth of its commitment to our community. Often called "The Friendliest VFW Post in Virginia," Post 7327 has one of the most aggressive ADOPT-A-UNIT programs in the entire VFW organization to support our service members stationed overseas. VFW Post 7327 visits the VA hospital at least quarterly, bringing along goodie bags for our Wounded Warriors. Each Thanksgiving and Christmas, VFW Post 7327 adopts military families in need through the USO and provides them with meal baskets for each holiday, gifts for children, commissary cards for the parents, and a Christmas party where the children can meet Santa and receive a gift-filled stocking. The Ladies Auxiliary members collect, sort, and distribute more than 2,000 pieces of clothing each month to various charitable organizations. VFW Post 7327 is a strong supporter of local youth organizations including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League Baseball that contribute greatly to the education and well-being of our children.

Each year, VFW Post 7327 bestows awards to local students who have submitted outstanding essays on a theme and to local teachers and public safety officers in recognition of their extraordinary actions and dedication. I am honored to submit the names of the following 2015 honorees:

PATRIOT'S PEN

First Place—Connor Michael Ringvelski
Second Place—Margaret Odom—6th Grade, Keene Mill Elementary School
Third Place—Cameron Garber—6th Grade, Silverbrook Elementary School

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First Place—Regine Marie Victoria—12th Grade, Mount Vernon High School