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Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the month of May as Direct Deposit and Direct Payment via ACH Month, and I urge all members of the community to consider Direct Deposit and Direct Payment as a valuable option to make and receive payments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 179, Number 177, Number 176, Number 175, Number 172, and Number 171 I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on passage.

SUPPORTING WORK OF THE
HIGHLAND CENTER

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, Highland County, Va., is a little slice of heaven. Anyone who lives there or has visited this beautiful area knows exactly what I mean. I am honored to represent the Sixth Congressional District in the House of Representatives, including this unique region of the Commonwealth.

Part of what makes Highland County special is that it is remote. It is a living example of how vibrant rural America remains. That has plenty of advantages and in many ways Highland County remains a well-kept secret. But that also comes with a unique set of challenges, including limited access for businesses and limited opportunities for growth. In a region that continues to be known for its heavy reliance on an agri-business economy, the Highland Center is an important asset in helping preserve jobs and encourage new enterprises.

With the mission of serving all citizens of Highland County by being a catalyst for cultural and economic development, the Highland Center in Monterey, Va., has become a gathering place and treasured landmark in the community. Since its inception in 1998, I have visited the facility to see its programs in action and have been kept well-informed about the variety of ventures that it supports in the Alleghany Highlands.

The Highland Center has spent a great deal of time building public and private connections to sustain its many operations, including a business incubator, a farmers market, and the Youth Employment Program. Today, the Highland Center houses 13 tenants representing a mix of small businesses, individual artists, and

non-profit organizations. It also serves as a public venue for community events.

Most recently, the Center has embarked upon an effort to renovate the old school building that serves as its headquarters. On May 1, the Highland Center will hold a ribbon-cutting to officially unveil its newly renovated facility. While the Highland Center was temporarily relocated to the historic Highland Inn during construction, the organization's work in the community did not cease. The improvements made to the Highland Center over the past 13 months will aid in the Center's innovative and collaborative work as well as efforts to further integrate this vital community center into the local economy.

The reopening of the Highland Center is a long-awaited occasion. I thank the Highland Center Board members, Executive Director Betty Mitchell, and the countless volunteers for their hard work and dedication to seeing this through. I wholeheartedly support the Highland Center's drive to develop creative solutions to rural Virginia's needs. I wish the Center great success as it reopens its much-improved facility.

RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES OF
THE 2016 NORTHERN VIRGINIA
FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame (NVFHOF) and to congratulate the 2016 inductees and scholarship award recipients.

Participation in organized sports instills many values that will serve our youth well throughout life, including sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, and the work ethic developed by striving for success and working to achieve a common goal.

For 26 years, the NVFHOF has recognized the efforts of players, coaches, officials, and cheerleaders from local youth and scholastic football programs and inducts a few exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions to the game. In addition, the NVFHOF presents several student-athletes with scholarships to help defray the cost of college.

I commend the NVFHOF and congratulate the following students, coaches and community leaders who are being recognized during the 26th Annual NVFHOF Awards Banquet:

\$1,500 Scholarship Award Recipients: Madeline Maria Morgan, Riley Newell, Michael Vaughn, and Kullen Kritsky

Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame 2016 Inductees: Eugene Y. Chung, Robert Meadows, and Brian Newell

Football Officials of the Year: Brian Pelleteir, Dave McKee, Darelle Crandall

Karl Davey Community Achievement Award: Michael Godwin

Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award: Bill Curran

Gene Nelson Commissioner of the Year Award: Brian Edwards

High School Coaches of the Year: Kyle Simmons, Jason Dawson

High School Players of the Year: Tyler Scanlon, Ceneca Espinoza, Jr., Kevin Allen, Zac Kerxton, Josh Hurlburt, Zach Burdick

Youth Coaches of the Year: Brian Conway, Rex Petrey, Phil Anderson, and Randy McCargo

Youth Sports Players of the Year: Max Garrison Gomez, Christopher Allen, Jalen Thomas Walker, Chet Kane Collins, Charlie O'Connor, Will Allen, Luke Fernandez, Clayton Rosenberger, Tyga Golden, Henry Hogan, Brodie Carroll, Michael Honesty, Mason Miles, Dayton Lipscomb, Scott Woods II, Nate Williams, Matthew Flenniken, Darius Brown, Clayton Sheffield, Nick Anderson, Dominick Keator, and Andrew Margiotta

Youth Cheerleaders of the Year: Ariana Lewis, Natteria Tillery, Aislinn Emery, Jessica Daly, and Janelle Lenore

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Northern Virginia Hall of Fame as well as those students, coaches and community leaders who are being honored at the 2016 Football Hall of Fame celebration.

HONORING LT. PRESLEY NEVILLE
O'BANNON

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, Presley Neville O'Bannon. He was born in Virginia in 1776, where his father served as a captain in the Continental Army. O'Bannon was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in 1801 and was quickly promoted to First Lieutenant in 1802. He served on the USS *Argus*, one of many ships used in the protection of United States commerce against the Barbary pirates. In 1805 he was selected for a special mission. During a storm, the USS *Philadelphia* went aground off the coast of Tripoli and the 180 member crew was captured and imprisoned at Derne. Lieutenant O'Bannon led a few brave Marines through fierce enemy fire, took possession of one of the enemy's batteries, and planted the American flag. He became the first American to raise our flag on foreign soil during a time of war. Weeks of fighting ensued and finally the captured Americans were freed. The bravery of Lt. O'Bannon and others is forever commemorated in the Marine Corps Hymn in the words "To the Shores of Tripoli".

Hamet Karamanli, the new leader of Tripoli, was so appreciative of the actions of Lt. O'Bannon that he presented him with the now famous blade of Damascus, a jeweled sword with a Mameluke hilt. U.S. Marine Corps officers still wear the Mameluke sword today as part of their dress uniform.

Lieutenant O'Bannon left the Marine Corps in 1807 and moved to Logan County, Kentucky to live for the rest of his days. He served in both the Kentucky House of Representatives and the Kentucky Senate. He died on September 12, 1850 at the age of 74. The Daughters of the American Revolution removed his remains to the cemetery in Frankfort, Kentucky in 1920 and erected a memorial to this "Hero of the Derne".

Lieutenant Presley Neville O'Bannon was a true American hero and I am proud to honor his memory before the United States House of Representatives.