

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 32ND ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 37th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and the cornerstone of the event, the 32nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest, hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Each year, the members of the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated invite community members to gather on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to reflect upon the past year and receive a message of hope from the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow. Dr. King will forever be enshrined in our history as the formative figure in the quest for justice through civil dialogue. Responding through peaceful and principled communication to condemn the injustice of social and racial inequality, Dr. King worked tirelessly to establish a more fair and equal society. Our nation still faces obstacles that Dr. King fought to remove, and it is imperative that we continue his work for our next generations. Dr. King's words continue to inspire our youth, molding the future leaders of our country.

Participants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Contest pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy with their ability to communicate with passion and clarity, just as Dr. King did. This year, the competition challenged students to stretch their imaginations and bring inspirational meaning to Dr. King's vision. Specifically, students sought to honor the work of Black women, the unsung heroines of the Civil Rights Movement past and present.

Three middle and three high school orators demonstrated how the vision and tireless work of these women aligned with Dr. King's vision and maintained his legacy. I congratulate the following contestants and commend them for their participation in the 32nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest:

Mahmud Ibn Abdul-Rahman Khabir—Bull Run Middle School, Makaya Elizabeth Freeman—Graham Park Middle School, Shavonne Davis—Marsteller Middle School, Varsha Jyothikaa Palaniyandy—Gar-Field High School, N'Na-Mayi Akosua Tama—Osborn Park High School, Kenedi Cheri Wiley—Hylton High School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for showcasing the power of purposeful and meaningful communication reminiscent of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in congratulating the talented youth of the 2022 MLK Youth Oratorical Contest. Let us learn from the young people and renew our fight against

injustice, ensuring that all Americans will enjoy the equality they deserve.

LUCA MESTEMAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Luca Mestemaker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Luca Mestemaker is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Luca Mestemaker is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Luca Mestemaker for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF HIALEAH IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize the Women's Club of Hialeah, whose dedication towards bettering Southern Florida and giving back to the community has had a significant impact on Florida's 25th Congressional district.

The Women's Club was founded in the house of Mrs. James Bright and Mrs. Lua A. Curtiss on May 4, 1922. These dedicated women lived in Hialeah and created the club with the goal to form a library for the city. The first venue used for the library was the porch of one of the ten members, all the books for the library were donated by members for the community. As the club started to evolve it became part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, with their first project being art classes for children. The Women's club moved locations of their library multiple times over the years and were challenged when a hurricane wiped away one of their sites. Regardless of the obstacles that had to be overcome, they remained hopeful and persistent.

After many years of searching for a clubhouse to call home, the Women's Club of Hialeah moved into the Old Chamber of Commerce building in Hialeah. While there they held different events such as a dance for the Senior High students, sponsored a free clinic for babies, and donated dresses and clothes to the PTA for children in need. The club also worked on multiple projects around Hialeah to brighten the city and to eliminate pollution. Due to many of the projects done in Hialeah the Women's Club was able to create the Hialeah Pollution Environmental Control Board that was adopted in 1971.

The Women's Club of Hialeah has been organizing events and acts of services for now 100 years in May. Some of the events that have been held here are monthly Bunco parties for seniors and others, cooking classes for mothers and daughters, an annual Pink Party to raise money and awareness for cancer research, painting classes, a High School Arts scholarship, volunteer support with our County Commissioner and State Senator for Thanksgiving food giveaways and pet adoptions. The club has made an overall impact to not just the city of Hialeah but to many in South Florida.

Madam Speaker, as a beacon of service, it is truly a privilege to work with the highly esteemed Women's Club of Hialeah. Their determination to help others and their continuous generosity in our community has never wavered, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding club.

RECOGNIZING MARY ANN HIRN ON BEING NAMED THE 2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE CASS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Ann Hirn on being named the 2022 Citizen of the Year by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Ann began her career as a nurse, and later owned a business with her late husband Bob, who was named Citizen of the Year in 2003. She has also been involved with many groups in the Cass City community, including the local Catholic church, the Cass City Historical Society, the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, the Friends of Rawson Memorial Library, and the Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary.

One recommendation letter rightly proclaimed, "Look about and you will see her footprints throughout the community." I thank Mary Ann for her years of humble service to the Cass City community and congratulate her on earning 2022's Citizen of the Year award. As someone who does not do this for the attention or acclamation, I am confident she will continue to make an imprint on the community she loves for years to come.

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HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF PAUL HERZOG

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Bradley Men's Basketball Public Address Announcer, Paul Herzog, on his retirement after 45 years.

Paul Herzog has been announcing Bradley University men's basketball home games since the 1976–77 season. Paul had never missed announcing a game until the COVID–19 pandemic forced him out of the booth during Bradley's 2020–2021 men's basketball campaign. During his time as the public address announcer, Paul called 660 games which matched his idol's, Willie Mays, 660 home run total.

Paul has always been committed to his work and his community. It is my privilege to congratulate Paul on his retirement. We have all been blessed to have had Paul on the microphone for so many memorable and pivotal Bradley basketball moments.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2020 FAIRFAX COUNTY FED- ERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIA- TIONS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations 2020 Citizen of the Year Awards.

The Federation is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations who work together to promote and support initiatives that will benefit all. Each year, the Federation honors individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following individuals:

Paul Hammack is a retired local attorney, who has contributed his wisdom and efforts to civic life in Fairfax County for decades. He served on the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals for 39 years, from 1982 to 2021, and was its Vice-Chairman for the last 30 years. Paul has volunteered in many Bar Association activities and leadership roles, and exemplifies the selfless participation of attorneys in community activities.

Lance Beets volunteers in many capacities for Volunteer Solutions, a program housed in the Fairfax County Agency on Aging. Mr. Beets' efforts are directed at helping older adults and adults with disabilities age in place safely and with dignity by assisting them with transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, meal and supplement delivery, and the prevention of social isolation.

JoEllan Frasch has dedicated herself to serving the younger members of our district, inspiring literacy by reading stories in Fairfax County Public Libraries. She expanded on her passion for education, serving as an organizer for High school band, football, and chorus events for years.

Jeff Parnes was a voice for interconnectivity in the region and a consistent presence advocating for the transportation needs of the residents in Northern Virginia. Jeff has literally walked the walk, leading transportation reforms from firsthand experience on buses and beyond.

James Migliaccio was the Lee District representative on the Fairfax County Planning Commission from 2010 through 2019, where he devoted long hours to making Fairfax County an outstanding place to live. He coupled his own talents with compassion for his peers to build consensus and reform county-wide procedures for land use.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. Civic engagement is the foundation of a healthy community, and Fairfax County residents enjoy an exceptional quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

KENDRYL GILLETTE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kendryl Gillette for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kendryl Gillette is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kendryl Gillette is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kendryl Gillette for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GAZETTE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of The Gazette, the largest publication and hometown paper of Colorado's 5th Congressional District.

On March 23, 1872, just a year after William Jackson Palmer founded the city, the publication began as 'Out West.' The paper relaunched as 'The Colorado Springs Gazette' in 1873, was known decades later as the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph or just the GT, and then as 'The Gazette' starting in

1997. Over time, The Gazette and the city of Colorado Springs have risen and fallen and then risen again, victoriously.

The paper had humble beginnings, opening in a two-story frame house on the northeast corner of Tejon Street and Colorado Avenue. In that simpler era, the newly minted city had just over 2,000 residents, and a subscription to the four-page weekly paper cost \$3 annually.

In its 150-year history, The Gazette's size and structure have reflected the community in which it serves. When the city was small, The Gazette was small. When the city grew, so did The Gazette. During World War II, the Pikes Peak region military bases had a massive influx of troops and construction, which breathed new life into the local economy and The Gazette. With business booming, The Gazette merged with its competitor, the Telegraph, in 1947.

Years later, in 1990, The Gazette was awarded its first Pulitzer Prize for feature writing.

In 2012, The Gazette was purchased by Clarity Media Group, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Anschutz Corporation.

Soon after, The Gazette won its second Pulitzer Prize in 2014 for national reporting on combat veterans who were discharged "other than honorably."

Over the past decade, The Gazette has expanded its reach and launched into the digital future. In 2020, The Gazette expanded north into the Denver news market, with the launch of the Denver Gazette.

The Gazette is more than a newspaper for those living in Colorado's 5th Congressional District. It is a source of meaningful, well-composed news and information that reaches multiple generations of our community. For decades, The Gazette's staff and editorial board have told Southern Colorado's stories, shaped public opinion, and given readers something to think about.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in recognizing The Gazette for its legacy of delivering the news to its patrons and setting the bar high when it comes to quality and content.

I commend Philip and Christian Anschutz and the entire team at The Gazette for their hard work and contributions to the Pikes Peak region, which have made Colorado Springs a wonderful place for families to live and businesses to grow. Here is to another 150 years.

HONORING CARL RAY SNODGRASS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Carl Ray Snodgrass of Wise, Virginia, who passed away on February 3, 2022, at the age of 84. Mr. Snodgrass was foundational to the region and the Wise County community.

Mr. Snodgrass graduated from J.J. Kelly High School and Clinch Valley College. He went on to serve in the United States Army and Army Reserves from 1960 to 1967. At the start of his professional career, he began banking with the Wise County National Bank—later to become President of First State Bank.

The steadfast work of Mr. Snodgrass overflowed into his service to his community. He served on the Wise Town Council and as Mayor of the Town of Wise. For the last three decades, he has been an active, vital leader for the economic development initiatives in Wise County. He devotedly served with Wise County Economic Development and the Industrial Development Authority. He held a fundamental role in bringing the Dominion Power Plant and the Lonesome Pine Business and Technology Park to the area.

Mr. Snodgrass cherished his faith and devotion to the Lord. He was a member of the First Church of God. His life was evidence of his selfless heart of service unto others. He left a profound impact on the Wise community, and he will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Fredrick and Pearl Frazier Snodgrass; as well as sisters, Laura Ellen Grasham, Mary Arlena Little, Mavis Light, Eula Mae Conklin, and Velma Snodgrass; and brothers, Charles Sidney Snodgrass and William Albert Snodgrass.

Mr. Snodgrass is survived by his wife of 58 years, Louise Adams Snodgrass; son and daughter-in-law Scott and Beth Snodgrass; granddaughters, Lily Elkins, and her husband, and Emma Snodgrass; sister, Doris Aileen Snodgrass; and many other beloved friends and family. I would like to offer them my condolences.

RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATION OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT 151ST RECRUIT CLASS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the graduates of the 151st Recruit Class. As they prepare to join the ranks of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, I encourage the six graduates to reflect on the history of the department and the contributions and dedication of the brave men and women who have served before them to protect our community.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's 151st Recruit School consisted of a thorough eight-week scenario and refresher course for prior experienced and certified firefighters/EMT's.

These recruits have the distinct honor of joining one of the best Fire and Rescue Departments in the United States. The efforts of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department have been recognized across this country. Members from the Department serve on the elite VA Task Force 1, which is among the first units called to disaster zones to provide search and rescue support. Members of that Task Force were recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs with the Benjamin Franklin Award for Valor as a result of their efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes that struck Nepal in 2015.

They also saw extensive work in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands as part of disaster relief and rescue ef-

forts in the aftermaths of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

Fairfax County is fortunate to have such excellent ambassadors for our community and I commend them for all that they have done to protect lives and property not only here in Fairfax County, but around the world. As the newest members of the Fire and Rescue Department, the 151st Recruit Class graduates join the department as integral parts of our community's emergency response and public safety team. I am confident that this graduating class will serve the residents of Fairfax County with honor and distinction. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 151st Recruit Class:

Lucas Gray
Ivanovich Lesefka
Michael Loblanco
Michael Such
Hunter Talbot
Benjamin Wilson

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. I thank them for their service to their community and to all members of the Fire and Rescue Department, past and present, I say: "Stay safe."

ROEN CASARI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Roen Casari for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Roen Casari is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Roen Casari is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Roen Casari for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT VAZQUEZ

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Puerto Rico's Women Veterans Day with a special story that reflects the bravery and sacrifice of our servicemembers. Earlier this year we celebrated the 100th birthday of First Lieutenant Carmen Vazquez. Carmen was born in Cidra, Puerto Rico, on February 15, 1921 and was raised by a single mother. She chose to enlist

as a Nursing Aide during WWII, bucking social conventions of the time while performing essential medical care for the war's wounded. For her actions, she received the WWII Victory Medal, the American Theater Campaign Medal, and the Overseas Service Bars. After a short interlude of peace, she would receive a piece of mail from President Dwight D. Eisenhower asking her to return to service once more. She again answered the call, but this time she served as an officer in the newly minted United States Air Force. Her passionate service to country reflects the very best our nation can offer. Her service, like the service of all those who have served honorably in our Armed Forces, is an example for all of us during these difficult times when peace is too short, and wars are too common. On this Women Veterans Day, I hope we may all learn from Lt. Vazquez's example of enduring courage in the days to come, as each of us are asked to sacrifice in different ways for a greater good.

CONGRATULATING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2022 H.E.B. ISD AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate thirty-three students from the Hurst Euless Bedford Independent School District. These incredible students have been selected to receive the District's Awards of Excellence for the 2021–2022 school year.

Through their talent, hard work, and unmatched dedication, this year's group of recipients earned awards in a variety of fields that include visual and performing arts, business and industry, science, mathematics, and communications, among others. It is an honor to highlight the following young men and women for their unique talents: JaNya Chandler, Elise Pham, Christian Amayat, Nicholas McDaniel, Patrick Hannigan, Nathaniel Taylor, Peyton Stevens, Christopher Coleman, Emma Brambila, Payton McAdams, Rachel Chen, Matthew Nguyen, Leticia Aguilar, Maurecia Bessman, Analicia Alonzo, Kaylee Flippin, Courtney Wash, Wyatt Stafford, Thomas Haak, Mizan Mohammedt, Ellion Norwood, Maverick Ganzo, Nicholas King, Amirah Wooden, Isabella Cruz, Ethan Anderson, Sophie Hawkins, Ethan Rangel, Taylor King, Edith Lara, Colton Neuville, Tanvi Rajpurohit, and Sean Powell.

In addition to recognizing the students, I would be remiss if I did not thank their mentors who ensured they remained diligent and focused in their efforts. It is a privilege to recognize the following teachers from L.D. Bell High School, Buinger CTE Academy, KEYS High School, and Trinity High School for their vital role as educators: Sarah Coronilla, Kathleen Chase, Susan Kaufman, Benjamin Maughmer, Doyle Bellville, Jo Ann Antinone, Michael Dean, Allen Matthews, Nora Borgan, Julie Quinn, Evan Hoffman, Christopher Dunn, Kristen Smith, Cathy Kazyaka, Sarah Keith, Latonya John, Ken Davis, Derek Thom, Jo Ann Antinone, Jay Fitch, Courtney Miller, Jay Fitch, Sandra Hone, Travis Clark, Christopher Bruhn, Susan Alcalá, Eric Oglesby, Blanca

Diaz, Candace Harris, Kendal Fries, Tamara Haddad, and Hildegard Lombardo.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, on March 2nd, 2022, due to a visit by Vice President Kamala Harris to my congressional district, I was unable to be present to cast my votes for amendments to H.R. 3967, the Honoring our PACT Act of 2021, and H.Res. 956, a resolution supporting the people of Ukraine. Had I been present for roll call No. 51, 52, 53 and 54, I would have voted "YEA" on H.Res. 956, voted "YEA" on the Bipartisan En Bloc No. 1 offered by Mr. Takano, voted "NAY" on Amendment No. 5 offered by Mrs. Miller-Meeks and Mr. Bost, and voted "YEA" on Amendment No. 6 offered by Mrs. Brownley and Mrs. Miller-Meeks.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations 2019 Citizen of the Year Awards.

The Federation is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations who work together to promote and support initiatives that will benefit all. Each year, the Federation honors individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following individuals:

Lisa Sales has been a tireless advocate in our community focusing on advancing civil rights, fighting against violence, and prohibiting discrimination. Her community activities recently have led to several key accomplishments, Lisa worked closely with county officials and other community volunteers to identify a property along Richmond Highway that could be used to establish a new domestic violence shelter, resulting the opening of Artemis House. Lisa was a critical player to ensure Virginia's Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Lisa also serves on the Fairfax County Commission for Women.

Dorothy Keenan has worked with older adults for over 45 years and has spent her career planning and providing classes, programs and workshops.

Holly Seibold is an incredible example of how one citizen can identify a community need and organize to fill it.

Sharon Bulova was reelected as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on November 5, 2015. Sharon believes an informed and engaged community is a well-served constituency.

John Cook served on the Board of Supervisors, representing the Braddock District from

2009 to 2019, working to reform Fairfax's criminal justice system and reduce the use of force in the area's policing.

Kathy Huggins served on the Board of Supervisors for twenty years, where she has championed affordable housing and advocated tirelessly for the Hunter Mill District.

Linda Smyth has dedicated over a decade of her life to fighting for Providence District as their Supervisor. She has been called the county's leading expert on zoning, and has never stopped working to ensure her community's needs are met.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. Civic engagement is the foundation of a healthy community, and Fairfax County residents enjoy an exceptional quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

THADDEUS EVANS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Thaddeus Evans for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Thaddeus Evans is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Thaddeus Evans is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Thaddeus Evans for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LOUIS GREGORY III

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former County Commissioner and law enforcer Louis Gregory III. A beloved member of our community, Commissioner Gregory exhibited the highest level of commitment to protecting and serving others.

As a young man, Mr. Gregory served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years before pursuing a career in law enforcement where he would continue to positively affect countless lives. For 38 years he climbed the ranks of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad's police agency before retiring as Superintendent of Police for

CSX Transportation's North-End region. Perhaps most impressively, he became a member of the FBI's Joint Command Staff of their anti-terror task force in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

After moving to Moore County in 2003, Mr. Gregory immediately began benefiting the lives of those in our community. Promptly named Chief of the Whispering Pines Police Department, Commissioner Gregory is remembered for the lasting impact that his leadership had in building a strong police force of quality officers. To this day, his tenure is known for instituting a culture of excellence that helped drive down local crime rates. After his career in law enforcement, he was elected to the Moore County Board of Commissioners where he served multiple years as vice chairman. Among other roles, he served as the board's liaison to the Board of Health and was a member of the Transportation Advisory Board. Outside of local government, he served as the past president of the Moore County Republican Men's Club and was a member of both the Masons and Rotary International.

Commissioner Gregory passed away on March 5, 2022, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who knew and loved him. As a Marine, member of law enforcement, and County Commissioner, Commissioner Gregory extended great personal sacrifice in dedicating himself to the service of others. I join our entire community in gratitude as we honor his extraordinary life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Commissioner Louis Gregory III.

HONORING TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the many police officers who serve communities in Texas, and I continue to be inspired by their acts of heroism and dedication to protecting others.

Now we are facing a time where there has been a tragic increase in police officers being targeted and killed while on the job as violent crime skyrockets across America. Last year alone 346 officers were shot in the line of duty, the highest in 20 years.

One of Texas 25th's own Hill County Constable Kevin Cordell was shot multiple times while on a high-speed car chase. One bullet went through the windshield of the vehicle, struck him in the head, and exited through his neck. By God's grace, he survived the shooting and recovered after surgery.

Liberal Activists who care more about political agendas than public safety are making our cities unsafe. Last year Austin, Texas submitted to the radical left's anti-police hatred and cut \$150 million from their police department. This budget cut put Texas families and residents at greater risk for longer emergency response times and paves the way for lawlessness to run wild in the city.

Now more than ever we need to back the blue and restore law and order on our streets.

May their sacrifice not be in vain, and may God continue to keep them safe as they work tirelessly to put service above self.

RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATION
OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE
AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
149TH RECRUIT CLASS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the graduates of the 149th Class. As they prepare to join the ranks of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, I encourage the 30 graduates to reflect on the history of the department and the contributions and dedication of the brave men and women who have served before them to protect our community.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Recruit School consists of an extensive and demanding 26-week program. In addition to two weeks of orientation, recruits completed nine weeks of EMT training and fourteen weeks of fire suppression training. Upon graduation, these recruits will be certified at the level of Firefighter 1/11 by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

These recruits have the distinct honor of joining one of the best Fire and Rescue Departments in the United States. The efforts of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department have been recognized across this country. Members from the Department serve on the elite VA Task Force 1, which is among the first units called to disaster zones to provide search and rescue support. Members of that Task Force were recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs with the Benjamin Franklin Award for Valor as a result of their efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes that struck Nepal in 2015.

Fairfax County is fortunate to have such excellent ambassadors for our community and I commend them for all that they have done to protect lives and property not only here in Fairfax County, but around the world. As the newest members of the Fire and Rescue Department, the 149th Recruit Class graduates join the department as integral parts of our community's emergency response and public safety team. I am confident that this graduating class will serve the residents of Fairfax County with honor and distinction. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 149th Recruit Class.

Mohamed Ahmed
Patrick Alden
Jayquan Anderson
Andrew Bryant Jr.
Zachery Buttenshaw
Nicolas Cicero
Alexander Clark
Matthew Clark
Alexander Cope
David Danielson
Justin Efav
Rickardo Evans
Kassandra Haakansson
Ashley Heck
Marcin Ligocki
Tyler Lomax
Rachel Long
Shannon Martin
Johnathan Matrone
Cameron Mazhari

JohnPaul McGurk
Frank Merritt
Kent Miller
Caleb Mitchell
Matthew Mullins
Patrick O'Connor
Von Powell
Shane Scott
Matthew Smalley
Dominique Wallace

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. I thank them for their service to their community and to all members of the Fire and Rescue Department, past and present, I say: "Stay safe."

MAYA CALDERON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maya Calderon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Maya Calderon is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maya Calderon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Maya Calderon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

**HONORING MAYOR GREG HANDSHY
OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER**

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Greg Handshy of South Toms River. A former U.S. National Guardsman and member of American Legion Post 129, Mayor Handshy continues his dedication to public service as he enters his 10th year as an elected official, with three of those years serving as Mayor.

Greg is a retired member of Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local 9 where he worked as a licensed plumber. True to his nature, Greg has always been willing to help his neighbors by volunteering to fix a plumbing leak or assist in local food bank distributions.

His impact is felt throughout South Toms River through the many social programs he has spearheaded. He is the founder of the South Toms River Community Garden which has brought joy to green thumbs and fans of garden vegetables alike. He also started the very successful After School Homework Club

that provides young people in the community both academic and recreational opportunities.

I am so very proud to have leaders such as Mayor Handshy in my district and on behalf of all of the constituents of the New Jersey 3rd Congressional District, I thank Mayor Handshy for years of selfless service to our community.

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
STILLBIRTH PREVENTION ACT
OF 2022**

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, today, I proudly introduced the bipartisan and bicameral Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act of 2022, alongside Representative HINSON, Senator MERKLEY, and Senator CASSIDY.

For too long, stillbirth has been a silent crisis. According to a recent study, nearly 1 in 4 stillbirths are potentially preventable. And the data comparing the United States to other countries informs that our nation can do more to prevent stillbirth.

In our nation, an alarming 23,500 babies are stillborn every year. This is greater than the number of babies that die during the first year of life and more than ten times the number of babies that die annually due to sudden infant death syndrome.

While the rate of stillbirth has declined since the 1940s due to improvements in maternity care, in recent years, the decline has slowed or halted. Stillbirths increase the risk of maternal mortality and morbidity and negatively impact parental mental health and family well-being.

Like many of the health crises in our country, disparities exist, and Black women are over two times more likely than White women to have a stillbirth. Stillbirth rates are also high for American Indian or Alaska Native women, who are almost 1.5 times as likely to have a stillbirth compared to White women. Hispanic women also experience higher rates.

Despite impacting families from all backgrounds and women with otherwise healthy pregnancies, stillbirth is more common for women who are 35 years or older, of lower socioeconomic status, for women who have multiple pregnancies, like twins or triplets, and women who have already experienced the loss of a pregnancy.

In addition, stillbirth also occurs more commonly amongst women who smoke while pregnant or are diagnosed with certain medical conditions like hypertension, diabetes, or obesity.

Further, women from less advantaged backgrounds and who are marginalized, continue to experience a greater burden of stillbirth. And these disadvantages are further impacted by the social determinants of health. For example, women in maternity care deserts and rural areas have fewer healthcare providers. Nationwide, approximately 10 percent of births take place in counties with limited access to maternity care.

According to The Lancet, in a 2016 study, the United States ranked number 48 out of 49 high-income countries in annual stillbirth rate reduction. Furthermore, in comparison with the

same group of countries, the United States stillbirth rate per 1,000 births was higher than 24 other countries.

All the available data suggests that further reduction in the incidence of stillbirth is possible. And the Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act will help reverse this shocking trend of stillbirths and maternal mortality in the United States.

My bill amends Title V, the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant of the Social Security Act, to clarify that stillbirth prevention activities are an allowable use of funds. This clarification will support stillbirth prevention activities, thereby saving the lives of mothers and babies.

In 1966, at a press conference for the Second Convention of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and the most inhuman because it often results in physical death".

The Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act will help address this health injustice and ensure that more babies experience a healthy birth and make it home with their families.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK FOUNDATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

The Fairfax County Park Foundation has channeled the generosity of others into projects that benefit the entirety of Fairfax County.

The Foundation has provided an avenue for many members of our community to give back in a tangible way. As the former Chairman of Fairfax County, and now as a Congressman, I understand that nonprofits are vital to meeting the needs of our communities that our local and federal government cannot. Fortunately, for the past 20 years, the Park Foundation has helped to fill some of those gaps in funding for a host of park projects throughout the County.

The Foundation has played a role in many of the district's most meaningful events. From funding the 4-H Carnival in Frying Pan Park to cleaning the watershed at Hidden Oaks, their work has been admired by thousands of families. They collected contributions for open space preservation as well, adding to the tens of thousands of acres of parkland in the County. Each year, the Foundation's PACT scholarships allow children in supportive housing to attend summer camps, and it sponsors programs throughout the school year to bring STEM education to local students.

Every year, the Foundation highlights community members and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to parks by presenting them with the Eakin Philanthropy Award. Congratulations to this year's awardees:

Individual Award: Wayne, Angela, and the Valis Family

Organization Award: Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home and Fairfax Memorial Park

Friends Group/Park Volunteer Team Award: Friends of Colvin Mill

Easy access to parks, green spaces, and recreation areas is critical to our wellbeing. From improving the health and wellness of residents to creating a healthier physical environment, parks are vital to the future of America. I commend the Park Foundation for two decades of progress and service. I encourage all of you to join me in thanking the Park Foundation staff for many amazing years of work. We're looking forward to the next twenty years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fairfax County Park Foundation for their 20th anniversary. Their efforts provide immeasurable benefits to their fellow neighbors and serve as a reminder of why Fairfax County remains such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

NATHAN BIERBRAUER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nathan Bierbrauer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nathan Bierbrauer is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nathan Bierbrauer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nathan Bierbrauer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOUNT ORAB MAYOR BRUCE LUNSFORD

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mt. Orab Mayor Bruce Lunsford, who passed away on February 21, 2022, at the age of 68.

Mayor Lunsford was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather as well as a diligent public servant who was an unwavering advocate for Mount Orab. His love of country and commitment to bettering his community were as indisputable as they were indispensable.

Bruce Lunsford began public service with the Mt. Orab City Council at the age of 18 and served as Mayor of Mount Orab for over 41 years.

He made a lasting impression on this Earth and his community. Bruce's impact on Mt.

Orab, Brown County, and all that knew him will be felt for generations as his legacy lives on.

With the greatest respect, we are all forever grateful for the service of Mayor Bruce Lunsford and I am personally proud to have known him.

I ask for everyone to join me in praying for Bruce's wife, Becky, his family and friends, for the community he served, and the lives he touched.

Rest in peace, Mayor Lunsford.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MEL F. CAMPBELL

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mel F. Campbell of Chillicothe, Illinois, who passed away on January 12, 2022, at the age of 96.

Mel Campbell, born on August 6, 1925 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, was a distinguished World War II veteran who served in the United States military with the 87th Infantry Division in Europe. During his service career, Mel received a Purple Heart after receiving wounds from a grenade in 1944. After being transferred to a hospital in Nancy, France, he quickly recovered and rejoined his unit just days after sustaining his injury. Only a few months later, he received a Silver Star due to the heroic role he played in capturing German engineers who were attempting to detonate charges on a bridge to delay Allied movements. His actions allowed Mel and his Regiment to cross without delay. In addition to receiving the Silver Star and Purple Heart, Mel received three Bronze Stars during his service.

After his military service, Mel went on to be a leader and pillar of his community through his long career as a banker and his involvement in community affairs. After graduating from Muskingum College with his bachelor's degree, Mel attended the University of Wisconsin's Graduate School of Banking and pursued a career in banking where he worked for 24 years. During his tenure, Mel was the president of the Chillicothe State Bank, and then became the Secretary of the J.T. Fennel Co. Inc. prior to his retirement in 1988. He continually served others throughout the community and most notably served as a member of the Advisory Board of Heritage Manor in Chillicothe, the president of the Chillicothe Rotary Club, the president of the "Chillicothe Development Company, the president of the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, and a charter member of the Pearce Community Center. Through his 36 years in the central Illinois region, Mel made many contributions to better the lives of those in his community.

Mel will be remembered for his love and commitment to his wonderful family. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean, whom he was married to for 66 years, as well as his brother Richard. He was blessed with one son, Clyde, three grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

I want to offer my condolences to the Campbell family and the people of Chillicothe on the loss of a great man. Mel left a lasting

impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him. May his memory be eternal.

HONORING CHIEF WAYNE PAYNE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Wayne H. Payne's accomplished career and outstanding service to law enforcement in the State of Mississippi.

Chief Wayne Payne is a native and lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He graduated from Gulfport High School and earned his Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1991. Chief Payne and his wife, Paula, have been married since 1974 and have two sons, Wayne and Joey, both law enforcement officers. They also are blessed with three grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Kimberly and, Haily.

Chief Payne is an accomplished public servant and Law Enforcement Executive with nearly 50 years of public service. In 1976, Chief Payne transitioned from his position as a firefighter for the Gulfport Fire Department to the Gulfport Police Department, where he started as a patrol officer and quickly rose through the ranks. Notably, Chief Payne has served as the Chief of Police for the City of Long Beach, the Major of Operations for the Gulfport Police Department, and the Chief of Police for the City of Gulfport.

Chief Payne served a total of 30 years with the City of Gulfport before retiring in 2004. After his initial retirement, Chief Payne decided to continue his public service as the Major of Operations for the Harrison County Sheriff's Department.

In 2007, Chief Payne was selected as the first Chief of Police for the City of D'Iberville Police Department. As D'Iberville's first Chief of Police, Chief Payne has utilized his years of professional expertise and experience to build out his department and guide the next generation of police officers who serve and protect the State of Mississippi.

The City of D'Iberville's Police Department motto is "Serving our citizens with Dignity, Honor, and Integrity" and there is no doubt that Chief Payne has exemplified this saying throughout his many years of dedicated service.

Chief Payne is among many brave Mississippians who understood the risks of the profession, and still chose to serve our communities as law enforcement officers. The sacrifices that Chief Payne and his family have made over the years have not gone unnoticed. On behalf of Mississippi's fourth congressional district, as his Congressman I thank him and his family for their immense sacrifice and his service.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2022 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2022 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards.

On January 15, 1993, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) implemented the Human Rights Ordinance which formally established the Prince William County Human Rights Commission. Two years prior, the BOCS had formed the Human Rights Study Committee to explore the needs of a community that was growing in population and diversity. After an exhaustive effort that included numerous committee meetings and public hearings, the study found that many residents of Prince William County felt that the county needed a human rights ordinance and an agency to enforce it in order to ensure that every resident is treated fairly.

The Human Rights Commission seeks to eliminate discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement and to establish equal opportunity for all persons within the county through advocacy and education. The Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability, as well as in the consideration of employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit, in Prince William County. The Commission receives and investigates complaints filed by any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against.

In celebration of Universal Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that promote the principles of human rights in Prince William County. It is my honor to include in the Record the recipients of the 2022 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards:

Carried to Full Term; Frank Washington and the Coalition to Save Historic Thoroughfare; Prince William County Police Department; Tummy Yum Yum; Yaqub Zargarpur; Omicron Zeta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2022 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. These honorees dedicate themselves to the residents of Prince William County and through their work, they make sure that all residents, including the most vulnerable in our society, are being looked out for. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

LAILANI AQUIRRE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lailani Aquirre for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lailani Aquirre is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lailani Aquirre is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lailani Aquirre for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING LORENZO FLORES OF BRIDGEPORT ON HIS VICTORY IN THE MLB JUNIOR HOME RUN DERBY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lorenzo Flores of Bridgeport, Connecticut on his victory in the MLB Junior Home Run Derby on November 1, 2021. The MLB Junior Home Run Derby is a free homerun hitting contest that allows young athletes from all over the world to practice skill and sportsmanship while competing for a chance to play in the MLB Little League World Series (LLWS). Over 40,000 players entered the competition last year, only 16 of whom qualified for the LLWS—Lorenzo Flores was one of those 16. He advanced through three levels of rigorous competition to clinch the title of 12U New England region champion and earn himself a trip to the Little League World Series.

Lorenzo's victory is well earned: he began playing baseball at the age of four and has excelled in both school and sport for the past eight years with the love and support of his family and community. A student at John Winthrop Elementary School in Bridgeport, Lorenzo plays for Bridgeport North End Little League and is a big fan of the New York Yankees. He possesses a strong work ethic and unshakeable passion that children and adults alike can aspire to. I am proud to represent a young man like Lorenzo.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating Lorenzo on this immense accomplishment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE IZAAK
WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA), an association of dedicated fishermen, outdoorsmen and women, hunters and conservationist that have fought relentlessly to maintain and improve our environment. Over the past 100 years, they have advocated for strong state and national policies to protect our air, water, and wildlife.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the Izaak Walton League of America. May God bless the next 100 years of their conservation work, and I look forward to seeing their excellence for many years into the future.

**CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH**

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to celebrate Women's History Month and its 2022 theme—Providing Healing, Promoting Hope.

Each year, the National Women's History Project selects a unifying theme to recognize and promote Women's History Month. Generations of women of every race, class, and ethnic background have worked tirelessly to make our Nation more resilient. This year's theme recognizes the relentless efforts of women during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the thousands of ways they have provided healing and hope throughout history.

Today, I would like to honor Sandra Noe, Executive Director of the Meals on Wheels in Northwest Indiana, who has notably brought healing and hope to Indiana's First Congressional District during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sandra has worked with Meals on Wheels for 36 years, and this organization is dedicated to combating senior isolation and hunger.

During the pandemic, Sandra was on the frontlines delivering hot meals and making at-home check-ins to seniors and other homebound individuals. As the demand for services increased over the past year, Meals on Wheels rose to the challenge. In 2021, they delivered over 1,700 meals daily, provided over 750,000 wellness checks, and celebrated its nine-millionth delivery.

Sandra is also a member of the Nutrition Fellow Leadership Institute, an Alumnus of Leadership Northwest Indiana, and serves on numerous local boards focused on improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana.

Madam Speaker, as we recognize Women's History Month, please join me in thanking Sandra and everyone at Meals on Wheels for

the extraordinary services they provide to Northwest Indiana.

Let us recommit to continuing to support their invaluable work and recognize this month and every day the invaluable ways that women continue to provide healing and promote hope not just in caregiving, but in all aspects of our society.

**RECOGNIZING DIANE VAN PARYS
IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH**

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Diane Van Parys whose dedication towards bettering Florida and giving back to her community has had a significant impact on Southwest Florida.

Born in Naples, Florida, Diane moved away to attend Boston College majoring in Political Science. Diane continued her education at the University of Massachusetts achieving a master's in business. Upon completion Diane began her professional career working in human resources, as well as sales and marketing for several prominent companies. Throughout her career Diane's impressive commitment towards helping her community has been notable. During Diane's time in Georgia, she volunteered for multiple organizations including the Republican Party, and as an Officer of the Forsyth County Republican Women. Upon her return to sunny Southwest Florida, Diane has remained an active member in the community.

Diane's drive to continue her involvement in her community, specifically in Collier County speaks volumes. She was elected by her peers to serve as the President of Republican Women of SWFL in 2015, a leadership role that she still currently holds. Diane also participates in the Florida Citizens Alliance, and the Collier County Republican Executive Committee- Precinct Committee Woman. Ensuring her faith-based community is well-represented, Diane also serves on the board of St. Vincent de Paul and is President of the St. Elizabeth Seton Conference. Although Diane commitment to her community keeps her extremely busy, she does enjoy playing tennis and golf with her husband Mike in her free time.

Madam Speaker, as a lifelong public servant, Diane has proven time and time again her unwavering commitment to the community and it is truly a privilege to know and work with her. With that being said, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 4374,
BROADBAND INTERNET CONNEC-
TIONS FOR RURAL AMERICA ACT

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 4374, the Broadband Internet Connections for Rural America Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, November 29, 2021.

Hon. DAVID SCOTT,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4374, the Broadband Internet Connections for Rural America Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jon Sperl.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 4374, BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTIONS FOR
RURAL AMERICA ACT AS REPORTED BY THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE ON AUGUST 6, 2021

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2022	2022–2026	2022–2031
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appro- priation (Outlays)	157	9,005	33,461

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 4374 would establish or reauthorize programs administered by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to increase broadband connectivity in rural areas and would authorize the appropriation of specific annual amounts over the 2022–2029 period. Because specific amounts are already authorized for most of the programs, this cost estimate accounts for the difference between the amounts specified in the bill and those authorized under current law.

On net, H.R. 4374 would authorize the appropriation of about \$42.3 billion. Using historical spending patterns for similar activities and information provided by USDA, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4374 would cost \$9.0 billion over the 2022–2026 period, \$33.5 billion over the 2022–2031 period and \$7.0 billion after 2031, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF H.R. 4374

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—											
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2022–2026	2022–2031
INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION												
ReConnect Rural Broadband Program: ^a												
Estimated Authorization	4,150	4,150	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0	21,800	35,300
Estimated Outlays	125	540	1,173	2,245	3,211	3,962	4,164	4,261	4,137	3,690	7,292	27,505
Middle Mile Broadband Program: ^a												
Estimated Authorization	290	290	300	300	300	300	300	300	0	0	1,480	2,380
Estimated Outlays	9	38	82	155	223	275	292	294	285	255	506	1,906
Innovative Broadband Advancement Program: ^a												
Authorization	290	290	300	300	300	300	300	300	0	0	1,480	2,380
Estimated Outlays	15	52	111	199	268	282	290	294	279	240	644	2,029
Community Connect Grants: ^a												
Estimated Authorization	100	100	150	150	150	150	150	150	0	0	650	1,100
Estimated Outlays	3	18	50	85	120	136	146	147	143	120	276	967
Distance Learning and Telemedicine: ^a												
Estimated Authorization	0	68	150	150	150	150	150	150	0	0	518	968
Estimated Outlays	0	2	25	67	103	131	144	146	143	98	196	857
Broadband Connectors Program:												
Authorization	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	0	0	125	200
Estimated Outlays	6	14	21	25	25	25	25	25	19	11	91	196
Total Changes:												
Estimated Authorization	4,855	4,923	5,425	5,425	5,425	5,425	5,425	5,425	0	0	26,053	42,328
Estimated Outlays	157	663	1,460	2,776	3,949	4,811	5,061	5,166	5,006	4,414	9,005	33,461

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

^aSpecific authorizations already exist for these programs through fiscal year 2023. This estimate shows only the incremental increases in authorizations that would be created by H.R. 4374. CBO thus estimates that the bill would increase authorizations in each year over the 2022–2023 period by the difference between the amount that would be authorized by H.R. 4374 and the amounts authorized under current law for each of those years.

H.R. 4374 would authorize the appropriation of the following amounts over the 2022–2029 period:

\$4.5 billion annually for grants and loans under the ReConnect Rural Broadband Program. Under current law, \$350 million is authorized to be appropriated annually for 2022 and 2023.

\$300 million annually for grants and loans to expand rural “middle mile” broadband infrastructure. Under current law, \$10 million is authorized to be appropriated annually for 2022 and 2023.

\$300 million annually for grants and loans under the Innovative Broadband Advancement Program. Under current law, \$10 million is authorized to be appropriated annually for 2022 and 2023.

\$150 million annually for grants under the Community Connect Program. Under current law, \$50 million is authorized to be appropriated annually for 2022 and 2023.

\$150 million annually for grants and loans under the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program. The program received supplemental appropriations of \$531 million in 2021. Because CBO estimates budgetary effects under continuing resolutions on an annualized basis, in 2022 CBO assumes that the same amount will be available under the current continuing resolution (Public Law 117–43). Therefore, CBO estimates that H.R. 4374 would not increase net authorizations in that year relative to amounts already assumed in the baseline. Under current law, \$82 million is authorized to be appropriated for 2023. The annual incremental increase that year is \$68 million—the difference between the \$150 million annual authorization under the bill and the current-law authorization of \$82 million for that year.

\$25 million annually for USDA to provide technical assistance to rural communities under the Broadband Connectors Program.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jon Sperl. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

RECOGNIZING THE 24TH-ANNUAL WASHINGTON REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) and their continued dedication to the elimination of impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington metropolitan area.

WRAP is a public-private partnership that works with law enforcement, community stakeholders, and advocacy groups in Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland. Through educational and innovative public programs, WRAP is credited with keeping Washington area alcohol related death rates consistently below the national average. Programs and resources include Youth Outreach, Adult Outreach, and Public Education programs designed to educate students and the general public on the dangers of alcohol and drugs, particularly driving while under the influence. Through the WRAP Holiday SoberRide program, individuals who are impaired can request a free cab ride home. In 1982, the year that WRAP was founded, 26,173 people in the United States lost their lives in alcohol-related car accidents; 60 percent of all traffic fatalities involved drunk driving. Due to the tireless efforts of WRAP, other organizations such as MADD and SADD, local and state police, and enforcement of more stringent anti-drunk driving laws, alcohol-related traffic fatalities decreased to 9,878. But WRAP has worked tirelessly to ensure these statistics weren't repeated. WRAP also reached the “80,000-served” level of total ridership for WRAP's SoberRide program and nearly tripling SoberRide's annual ridership between 2016 and 2019.

Since 1997, WRAP has sponsored an annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony to honor local law enforcement professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the fight against drunk driving. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2021 Law Enforcement Award of Excellence recipients:

Corporal Steven Mather—The Town of Herndon Police Department.

Officer William J. Ward—Prince William County Police Department.

Officer Ryan Corrigan—United States Capitol Police.

Officer Alexander Rodriguez—Arlington County Police Department

Officer Sean Poveda—Arlington County Police Department.

PFC Bryce A. Cooper—City of Falls Church Police Department.

Deputy Tyler Giles—Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

Sergeant Wilber Alvarez—Prince George's County Police Department.

District Officer Margodane Vanriel—Metropolitan Police Department.

Trooper Carlos Alejo—Virginia Department of State Police.

Corporal Stephen Mann—Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

Master Police Officer Steve Faett—Fairfax County Police Department.

Sergeant Patrick Keep—Montgomery County Maryland Department of Police.

PFC Zachary Davis—City of Fairfax Police Department.

Officer Jordan Hunneyman—Alexandria Police Department.

Trooper Logan Speak—Maryland State Police.

Officer Benjamin R. Tomasiello—United States Park Police.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Washington Regional Alcohol Program and the 2021 Law Enforcement Award of Excellence recipients. Their efforts provide immeasurable benefits to their

fellow neighbors and serve as a reminder of why Fairfax County remains such a great place to live.

LYLA SKUBISH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lyla Skubish for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lyla Skubish is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lyla Skubish is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lyla Skubish for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ALEX HOPPER ON BEING NAMED THE 2022 JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE CASS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Alex Hopper on being named the 2022 Junior Citizen of the Year by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

Alex has spent 254 hours of his time volunteering for relief efforts, school and community service projects, and highway clean ups. Alex is also the Cass City High School's Student Council President, Rotary Interact Club President, and National Honors Society President. Along with his academic honors, Alex has also received the Greater Thumb Conference Scholar Athlete Award for basketball, cross country, and track.

Alex is currently preparing to join a prestigious pre-med and medical school program to become a practicing physician, and plans to pursue his undergraduate studies at Northern Michigan University. I am confident he will continue to excel academically and continue to volunteer in his community.

I thank Alex for his tireless dedication and selfless service to the Cass City community, and I wish him well in his future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, on March 8, 2022, the House voted

on H. Con. Res. 70, a measure condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities and reaffirming support for HBCUs and their students. I was not present for this vote, but had I been in the House Chamber, I would have voted Yes on H. Con. Res. 70.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY HISTORY COMMISSION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County History Commission on the occasion of the 17th Annual Fairfax County History Conference.

Since 1969, the Fairfax County History Commission has worked to identify, document, record and preserve the history of our region. Few areas in the country are as rich in history as ours. Indeed, the history of this region is the history of our country. The History Conference provides an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and to recognize our neighbors who have made significant contributions to preserving and promoting our local history. Through the dedicated efforts of the History Commission and its many volunteers, we are assured that our history will not be lost and will be available for future generations.

This year, two of these dedicated individuals are being honored for their commitment to the preservation and education of history. I am proud to include in the RECORD their names:

Ms. Maura Keaney for her tireless efforts to inspire the next generation of historians. As a School-based Technology Specialist at Laurel Ridge Elementary School in Fairfax County, Ms. Keaney utilizes online research methods and crosses disciplinary boundaries to explore quantitative analysis of how to publicly document and celebrate history. Ms. Keaney has taught her students to think critically and quantitatively, examining the people and events being commemorated and who and what might have been left out of the narrative for too long. Ms. Keaney's dedication to the promotion and preservation of history is only surpassed by her dedication to her students.

Mr. Jeff Clark for his decades of work capturing and exhibiting Fairfax County's history. Mr. Clark has worked for the Fairfax County Public School system (FCPS) as the Video Producer and Director of Communication and Community Relations for the past 21 years. In his role, Mr. Clark has been able to produce multimedia content that tells the storied history of our county. He is considered to be the "official historian" of the FCPS and never hesitates to go the extra mile when it comes to preserving and showcasing Fairfax County's history and its impact on the country.

I commend the Fairfax County History Commission for helping to ensure that the abundance of history that is available to our community will be preserved far into the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating all the honorees and thanking the Fairfax County History Commission for the important work they do for the Northern Virginia community.

ZANDER DYER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zander Dyer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Zander Dyer is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Zander Dyer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Zander Dyer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF MOTOR MACHINIST MATE 2ND CLASS ROGER H. SPOONER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today, to pay tribute to an extraordinary sailor, World War II veteran, and dedicated civil servant, Mr. Roger H. Spooner, who transitioned from labor to reward on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the age of 99. His funeral service was held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. under the "Spooner Oak" on Bartow Gibson Highway in Seminole County, Georgia.

Roger Hern Spooner was born November 18, 1922, as one of eight children to the union of Lewis and Delia Spooner. In his pursuit of a life outside of farming, Roger answered the call to serve his nation when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October of 1941 at the age of 18. After completing boot camp, he was sent to the aircraft carrier, USS Yorktown, with a destination of Pearl Harbor, which had just been bombed. After arriving at Pearl Harbor and witnessing the remnants of damage and lingering smoke from the invasion, the crew of 2,500 sailors headed to the coast of Australia. In May of 1942, during the Battle of the Coral Sea, Roger saw action when the USS Yorktown endured damage, and the crew suffered 61 casualties. Following the gruesome battle, the carrier and crew returned to the Navy yard at Pearl Harbor for repairs. Once repairs were made, the crew made their way to Midway Island to join other ships in preparation for the Battle of Midway, which took place in June of 1942. Many historians consider it to be the most important battle in the Pacific during World War II as it was a clash between the U.S. Navy and the Imperial Japanese Navy six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

During the Battle of Midway, the USS Yorktown incurred a massive hit beyond repair,

and the crew was told to abandon ship. One-by-one every crew member went down a line into the water with their life preservers into water that was so oily that once they were covered, you could only see the whites of their eyes. After being stranded afloat for a day, Roger and his crewmates were rescued.

Roger served another four years in the Navy, where he attended submarine school and completed nine war patrols out of Perth, Australia. He was later discharged from the Navy as a Motor Machinist Mate Second Class, after being involved in a motorcycle accident. Following his military service, he continued to serve his community and make an impact in the lives of others by serving his fellow Veterans as a member of the American Legion Post 157, Donalsonville.

In addition to serving, farming, and raising his family, Roger also ventured into the trucking industry. He worked for a company for almost 18 months before he decided to go into trucking for himself in 1948. From there, he started his company, Spooner Farms Trucking, LLC. His first truck was a 1940s model "gas burner" GMC, but over the years, he acquired several Kenworths and Peterbilts. Roger's sons, David and Dennis; and his grandson Jake, joined his trucking business, which had as many as seven trucks running and always transported produce within a 125-mile radius of the shop.

Roger's love for his wife, his service, and his passion remained active until his passing. As such, he made sure to renew his licenses and maintain the upkeep for his 1999 Peterbilt 379 affectionately named "Miss Eloise", which he used to haul agricultural products, including bagged and liquid commodities. The truck's number (CV5) represented the USS Yorktown's identification number with a 12.7 Detroit engine and a 10-speed.

Mr. Roger H. Spooner lived his life by the Golden Rule which states "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." A man of great morals, he demonstrated this principle throughout his career and life, outstanding achievement, service, and public distinction. Our community, our state, and our Nation are better because of him.

Roger accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his family including his late wife, Eloise; and his sons; David and Dennis, and his grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Roger H. Spooner for his remarkable service to his community, his nation and to humankind. Moreover, we extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, loved ones, and all who grieve during this difficult time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 60 and YEA on Roll Call No. 61.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF BISHOP DANIEL JENKY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Bishop Daniel Jenky, the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, who is retiring after 20 wonderful years of service across Central Illinois.

Bishop Jenky attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Theology degrees. Bishop Jenky spent the beginning of his service in the priesthood at his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, where he spent 25 years as a priest and as Rector of the Sacred Heart Basilica. He was later ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in December 1997. Bishop Jenky served as the Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend for five years until his next appointment as Bishop to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

Appointed by Pope John Paul II in February of 2002, Bishop Jenky served the Diocese of Peoria for two decades. His passion about Catholic education and supporting the poor and marginalized led to numerous community projects, most notably, the diocese's construction of the Spalding Pastoral Center and Sacre-Coeur Retreat Center. In addition, Bishop Jenky led the charge as the primary advocate for the canonization of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, a Peoria, Illinois native.

Bishop Jenky's commitment to lead, educate, and strengthen the Roman Catholic community embodies the attributes of a true servant of Christ. As a native of Peoria and practicing Catholic, it is my privilege to honor and thank Bishop Jenky for being a faithful servant to Illinois' Eighteenth Congressional District.

HONORING ROGER HOLLANDSWORTH

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Roger Hollandsworth of Floyd, Virginia, who passed away on January 27, 2022, at the age of 64. Mr. Hollandsworth served the Floyd County community as an emergency first-responder and a businessman.

Mr. Hollandsworth was a graduate of Floyd County High School and Virginia Tech. For 33 years, he was the owner of a cherished Floyd business, the Xpress Market. Through his

business, he graced everyone that walked in with his kindness and friendly nature.

His love and service toward others were reflected in his work as a member of the Floyd County Lifesaving and First Aid Rescue Squad. He faithfully served for more than 40 years. Throughout the majority of that time, he acted as the squad's treasurer.

Community members and fellow Rescue Squad members speak very highly of Mr. Hollandsworth and his legacy in Floyd County. There have been countless rescue stories displaying his courage and heroism. His kindness on and off the job made a profound impact on all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Rowena Albert Hollandsworth; and brother, Don Wayne Hollandsworth.

His survivors include his wife of 39 years, Jennifer R. Hollandsworth; son, Dustin N. Hollandsworth and his wife; grandchildren, Shauna, Garrett, Kylie, Wyatt, Arick, Lilah and Emberly, as well as many other loved ones. I offer my condolences on their loss.

RECOGNIZING THE 30-YEAR CAREER OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF DAWN HARMAN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Prince William County Assistant Police Chief Dawn Harman and to congratulate her on her retirement following 30 years of dedicated service to county residents.

The Prince William County Police Department was founded on July 1, 1970 and serves as the primary law enforcement agency for the county and the towns of Dumfries, Occoquan, Haymarket, and Quantico. At the time of its founding, the Department had a staff of 52 which included police officers, commanders, dispatchers, and secretaries, with an operating budget of \$750,000. Today, the Department has grown to nearly 1,000 individuals with an annual operating budget of \$116 million.

Major Dawn Harman is a life-long resident of Prince William County and graduated from Garfield High School. She graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in Animal and Veterinary Science, she was hired by the Police Department as a Deputy Animal Warden in September 1991, and then promoted as a Police Officer in January 1994.

Throughout her 30-year career with the Police Department, Major Harman served in numerous assignments including animal control, patrol operations, crime prevention, accreditation, and support services. She rose quickly through the ranks due to her exemplary leadership and commitment to improving the agency. She served as the Director of the Animal Control Bureau and the Western District Commander before being promoted to the rank of Major in September 2014. She holds the distinction of being the first female Assistant Chief in the Department's history.

Through her time as an Assistant Chief, Major Harman worked on several capital improvement programs including the planning

and construction of a new Animal Services Center and the expansion of the Public Safety Training Center. While serving her community, she also obtained a Master of Public Administration from George Mason University, where she has served as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Criminology, Law, and Society.

Throughout her career, Major Harman has made a positive impact in every assignment she has held, always looking for ways to improve the Department's ability to provide quality services to the community. Her professionalism and commitment to service have left a lasting impact on the police department and the citizens of Prince William County. Major Harman made it a priority throughout her career to mentor and develop the next generation of leaders ensuring the continued success of the department.

Her husband Mark is a retired member of the Police Department as well, and they have four children who were all born and raised in Prince William County. Two of her sons are also members of the Police Department, carrying on Dawn and Mark's legacy of public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the 30-year career of Assistant Police Chief Dawn Harman with the Prince William County Police Department and thanking her for her tireless service to our community. I wish Major Dawn Harman and her family continued happiness and success in all things.

2022 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the, 2022 International Women's Day as an important time to celebrate women and the great strides made with gender equality. Today is an opportunity to highlight the tremendous accomplishments of women all over the world for their achievements and continue the work to appreciate our differences whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political and celebrate those who help pave the way for future generation.

Women's rights are an important issue for our country. As a father of daughters, I value the contributions women make to our country and our communities. That is why I supported both the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to help close the gender gap that currently exists between men and women. We must work to ensure equal pay for equal work and support women and their families in the workplace and at home. On a global scale, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is working to ensure the rights of women in every country. I support these efforts and all other efforts to

ensure women are treated equally in the United States and across the world.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all attendees today for recognizing the contributions of women around the world and celebrating the 2022 International Women's Day.

FULL EQUALITY FOR PUERTO RICO

SPEECH OF

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 105th anniversary of Puerto Ricans gaining the right to U.S. citizenship. For the past 105 years, Puerto Ricans have served this country with the utmost distinction, especially the more than 235,000 Puerto Ricans that have donned this country's uniform.

During this time of celebration, I would also like to bring to the House's attention the Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act, which would grant Puerto Rico statehood. I wholeheartedly support this bipartisan piece of legislation that simply executes the wishes of the people of Puerto Rico. Puerto Ricans have spoken, and it is time for us to listen.

As a Member of Congress from a territory, I can tell you that a lot has been said in recent years about the status of U.S. territories and their place in America. A lot of the noise that has been generated has been from people and groups outside the territories, who cannot comprehend the complexities of life in the territories. In my view, it is up to the people in each of our territories to express their wishes for their own futures.

This bill is the manifestation of those exact wishes. On November 3, 2020, a majority of Puerto Ricans answered with an emphatic 'Yes' when asked if they wanted to be a state. No ifs, ands; or buts.

It is our duty as Members of Congress to immediately follow through on the demands of the people of Puerto Rico, and anything less would do them a great disservice. I am proud to stand with my good friends Representatives JENNIFFER GONZALEZ-COLON of Puerto Rico and DARREN SOTO of Florida as they seek to deliver for Puerto Ricans.

SUSPENDING TRADE RELATIONS FOR RUSSIA BELARUS ACT

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, this weekend, I heard direct pleas for help from President Zelenskyy.

He asked for defense resources and supplies.

He asked us to cripple Russia's economy.

We heard his pleas and are acting with urgency.

Russia must be removed from the World Trade Organization for its unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.

There is no good reason for Russia to be part of our international and trade communities.

Good neighbors don't invade sovereign nations.

We are using America's economic might to isolate Russia as a pariah to the whole world.

Today, we take an essential step to weaken Putin and cripple his ability to save Russia's teetering economy.

In 2019, our former President withheld military aid from Ukraine to extort President Zelenskyy.

Then, 100 percent of House Republicans turned their backs on Ukraine. But I hope Republicans will support Ukrainians in their hour of need today.

SUPPORT FOR U.S. SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING RESEARCH FUNDING

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I want to commend the authors of the Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations bill for including funding for two programs that work in concert to stand up critically needed, secure, leading-edge domestic semiconductor manufacturing technology.

Specifically, the additional \$20 million in funding for the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Program's (IBAS) machine tooling and advanced manufacturing within the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide account; and additional \$10 million in funding for Aerospace Sensors' zero-trust environment for semiconductor technology within the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force account.

Microelectronics support nearly all DoD activities, enabling capabilities such as the global positioning system, radar, command and control, and communication. Ensuring secure access to leading-edge microelectronics, however, is a challenge. The pandemic has shined a light on the challenges associated with the global supply chain, the changing global semiconductor industry, and the sophistication of U.S. adversaries, who might target military electronic components.

I am proud of the work being undertaken in my district, at NeoCity, to support domestic semiconductor manufacturing technology development as they work to address the supply chain. I believe Congress should continue to provide the resources necessary to update our domestic microelectronics security framework and I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to support this goal.