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It is with great pride that I enter into the record the names of the recipients of the 2006 Valor Awards in the Fairfax County Police Department. Receiving the Lifesaving Award: Master Police Officer James J. Greeves; Police Officer First Class Chris R. Musser; Officer Travis L. Tate; the Certificate of Valor: Officer Robert M. Bauer; Officer Connie E. Gerten; Police Officer First Class Timothy A. Judd; Officer Ryan A. Kaspar; Police Officer First Class Michael S. Lamper; Police Officer First Class Gregory McNiff; Officer Thomas E. Wilbert; the Bronze Medal: Police Officer First Class Keith J. Baker; Police Officer First Class Raymond E. Betts; Police Officer First Class Jonathan J. Bobel; Master Police Officer John D. Brocco; Police Officer First Class Sean M. Brodrick; Second Lieutenant Michael L. Connor; Master Police Officer Paul G. DeHaven; Officer Ryan L. Fisher; Police Officer First Class Edward F. Hanko; Officer Louis J. Marino; Officer Brandon C. McAleese; Master Police Officer Michael L. Mountjoy; Police Officer First Class Michael S. O'Brien; Master Police Officer John F. Pennington; Officer Anthony N. Taormina; Sergeant Paul Thompson; the Silver Medal: Police Officer First Class Anthony D. Erway; Police Officer First Class Lance T. Guckenberger; Officer Paul A. Meler.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

**CONGRATULATING JOEL B. BULLARD, JR. FOR RECEIVING TIME MAGAZINE'S 2006 QUALITY DEALER AWARD**

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. Joel B. Bullard, Jr., President of Joe Bullard Cadillac-Hummer on the occasion of receiving the 2006 Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award.

Joe has been a vital member of the Mobile, Alabama, community all of his life. He began his career at his family's car dealership, Joe Bullard Oldsmobile, in 1972 and rose through the ranks to become dealer in 1980. Under his leadership, the dealership has expanded, and he recently opened a 6.5 acre Cadillac and Hummer business.

In addition to his professional successes, Joe has long been a supporter of community organizations. He serves as a trustee of the United Way of Southwest Alabama, and he is past chairman of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as a director for the Mobile Kiwanis Club, the Federal Reserve Board of New Orleans, the Mobile Air-

port Authority, Mobile Economic Development Council, and the Mobile Community Foundation.

Joe's long-standing commitment to the community combined with his business successes led to this well-deserved nomination. He was one of only 66 automobile dealers, from more than 19,500 nationwide, nominated for the 37th annual award. The Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award is the most prestigious and highly coveted award for car dealers, and the recipients are among the nation's most successful auto dealers.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to Joe for being named Time Magazine's 2006 Quality Dealer Award recipient and for his many professional achievements. I know his wife, Foncie, his two children, and his many friends join with me in praising his accomplishments.

**TRIBUTE TO HELPING THE HURTING, INC.**

**HON. NATHAN DEAL**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, not-for-profit charitable organizations provide an essential service in meeting the needs of the down-trodden and forgotten of our nation. Today I rise to recognize the honorable service of one such organization from my district that supports many who have fallen through the cracks. This group, Helping the Hurting, Inc., is dedicated to providing free counseling to single mothers as well as abused women and children, many of whom do not have Medicare, Medicaid, or any other kind of insurance. This guidance has assisted thousands during their time of deepest need in circumstances ranging from substance abuse to marital hardships to managing personal finances. Helping the Hurting's aid goes beyond counseling services to offering a food bank, clothes closet, and even helping low-income individuals find ways to get their prescriptions at a lower cost through Patient Assistance Programs. The organization's founder Daniel Staats has helped many through his 17 years of service who felt forgotten by all those around them, and I salute his admirable sacrifice and dedication to those in need.

**RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATIONS "GO RED FOR WOMEN" EFFORT IN FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE**

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States. The numbers are staggering. Each year heart disease claims the lives of more than 475,000 women and yet less than 15 percent of women know that this disease is a major threat to their health. Clearly education is critical to fighting this disease.

The American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" effort is a movement committed

to wiping out heart disease by educating women on steps they can do to reduce their risk.

On May 4, 2006 hundreds of women will be gathering in Franklin, Tennessee to show their support for the "Go Red for Women" campaign. I want to join them in speaking out on this issue and thank our community for focusing on this issue.

**RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2006 VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes individuals who have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety with the prestigious Valor Award. Several members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department have earned this highest honor that Fairfax County bestows upon its public safety officials.

There are several types of Valor Awards that are awarded to a public safety officer: the Lifesaving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal of Valor.

It is with great pride that I enter into the record the names of the recipients of the 2006 Valor Awards in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Receiving the Lifesaving Award: Apparatus Technician Cliff E. Sweeney; the Certificate of Valor: Lieutenant David P. Conrad; Firefighter Lawrence L. Ellison; Firefighter Kimberly A. Schoppa; Technician Jeffrey S. Seabright; Captain II Clayton Thompson; Lieutenant Chester E. Waters; the Bronze Medal: Firefighter Justin D. Childs; Lieutenant Gary C. Dize; Firefighter James P. Hobgood; Captain IVEMS Supervisor Lorenzo M. Thrower.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of the Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

**CONGRATULATING DR. SAMUEL EICHOLD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Dr. Samuel Eichold on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

As a Marine, internist, University of South Alabama medical school professor, founder of Camp Seale Harris for diabetic children, and creator of the Mobile Medical Museum, Sam Eichold has dedicated his 90 years to helping others.

Dr. Sam has been active in Mobile's medical community throughout his life. It was at the age of 59 when he left his private practice to become a medical professor at the University of South Alabama, where he still keeps an office.

In 1989, Dr. Sam was named Mobilian of the Year. He has also devoted much of his time to Mobile's art community. He has even served as a board member of the Mobile Symphony Orchestra, the Chamber Music Society, and the Mobile Opera Guild, among others. He was given a Greater Mobile Arts Award by the Mobile Arts Council in October, and an art gallery at Spring Hill College bears his name.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. I know Dr. Sam's colleagues, his family, and his many friends join with me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of Mobile and the First Congressional District.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR  
ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITY

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the thousands of small businesses across the United States which, by definitional size, are classified as micro enterprises. More than one-half of the nation's economic engine is fueled by small businesses.

Micro enterprise embraces strategic economic development relative to the smallest of the businesses, generally with five employees or less. Once called "mom and pop" businesses, they no longer equate to the folksy moniker. In many cases across rural America, the micro enterprises become capital for human development and poverty alleviation. It is documented and recognized that micro enterprises create jobs, generate income, build assets and enhance interpersonal skills among its owners and their employees.

Micro enterprises utilize a valued conduit for financial training, business development and loans. Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) earn this designation through rigorous Department of Treasury standards. The CDFIs interface with the men and women who have a dream of owning and growing a small business; it is they who extend credit and become de facto partners in entrepreneurial enterprises throughout the land.

Micro enterprises and CDFIs also partner with foundations, community banks, regional banks, state economic development agencies, the Small Business Administration, the Federal Home Loan Bank and other like-missioned federal agencies such as the Appalachian Regional Commission. As traditional working capital is beyond the financial reach of many, a unique collaboration steers these business entities toward success and self-sufficiency.

The Association for Enterprise Opportunity strives to assist underserved entrepreneurs in starting, stabilizing and expanding businesses. As its national conference is held in May in Atlanta, the economic capital of the southeastern United States, I welcome them to my state.

The host of the national conference is the Georgia Micro Enterprise Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to making a difference in the economic lives of Georgians. The conference will celebrate the vision of micro enterprise success, and we, as Members of Congress applaud that success and commend the myriad ventures which make our nation's great economic quilt as strong as ever.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

iff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL ON THEIR 2006 5A GIRLS' STATE INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor St. Paul's Episcopal School on their 2006 5A Girls' State Indoor Track and Field Championship.

Head Coach Jim Tate has led St. Paul's to 32 state championships. Since 1983, Coach Tate's teams have claimed 74 separate state team championships in track and cross-country. Twenty-five of his former athletes have gone on to compete at the collegiate level in either track or cross-country. In 1999, Coach Tate was selected as the national cross-country coach of the year.

The St. Paul's girls' cross-country team holds the national record for the longest consecutive state championship streak in the nation, winning the state championship for 16 consecutive years (1983–1998). This year's girls' team proved to be champions in their victory on February 4, 2006, at Celebration Arena in Priceville.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating St. Paul's Episcopal School on a great season and their state championship. This school deserves public recognition for this great honor, and I extend my congratulations to each member of the team and coaching staff:

St. Paul's Girls' Varsity Indoor Track Roster, Emily Bender 9th, Eleanor Brown 9th, Malise Collins 8th, Emily Collins 11th, Paige Cunningham 12th, Maggie DeLaney 12th, Sophie Eldred 8th, Norah Gufstason 8th, Margaret Harkness 7th, Angelica Howard 11th, Kayleigh Hudson 7th, Mary Carleton Johnston 10th, Hannah Jones 7th, Allison Kneip 11th, Allison Lerner 11th, Taylor Luckey 8th, Mary Win McCarthy 10th, Molly McGee 11th, Brenna McGee 10th, Jordan McMullan 11th, Coco Montgomery 7th, Kelsey Outlaw 7th, Hannah Samman 7th, Jeannie Schottgen 7th, Katelyn Simpson 12th, Mae Stimpson 10th, Ellie Stimpson 8th, Victoria Strange 8th, Nancy Taylor 9th, Summer Thomas 7th, Neal Tisher 9th, Sydneyjane Varmer 10th, Angel Watson 9th, Katherine White 7th, and Morgan Yeager 10th.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach: Jim Tate, Assistant Coaches: Kelli Etheredge, Lyndell Farmer, Erin Moore, and Bill Quina.

HONORING RHONDA KENNEDY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Rhonda