

the development of the national cemetery system. Citing the VFW mission "to honor the dead by helping the living" through veterans service, community service, national security and a strong national defense, the 289 members of Post 345, ranging in age from 21–94, participate in various volunteer projects with local hospitals and schools.

Madam Speaker, for 80 years the Don Sherman Hubert VFW Post 345 has maintained a prominent presence in the Metropolitan Detroit area as a leader in service to veterans and civilians alike. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the storied soldiers of Post 345 and recognizing their years sacrifice and loyal service to our veterans, our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF EDUCATION AS A KEY COM-
PONENT IN HAITI'S RECON-
STRUCTION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to acknowledge the role of education as an essential sector for effective and durable economic and social development, all of which should be fundamental in the rebuilding of a great nation, such as Haiti.

The Haitian government has reported that the January earthquake has caused the destruction of 95 percent of schools in the Port-au Prince area. It is my belief that an uneducated population has the potential to become a national security threat and considering this dramatic situation, we must confront the crisis head on. In our effort to assist Haiti in becoming self-sustainable, education is the first step.

Without the promotion and cultivation of human capital, there can be no substantial poverty reduction. We know that educational attainments improve the livelihoods of the poor and reduce the likelihood of becoming poor.

Since Haiti has one of the largest income gaps between the rich and the poor in the world, providing accessible education is instrumental to creating a strong middle class, as well as sustaining small business and stimulating entrepreneurship.

There needs to be a plan in place that utilizes the skills of highly educated staff and the input of leading experts in the field of education. This is needed to provide improvements to the Haitian educational system but also serve as a platform for innovation. High quality education and partnerships between Haitian and foreign educational institutions are attainable goals.

The Government of Haiti has indicated its intention to promote free quality education and it is imperative that the United States and other friends of Haiti mobilize their efforts to provide easy access to education for all Haitian children. Let this be our gift to the children of Haiti in return for their ancestors' sacrifice for democracy.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL E. HALL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Paul E. Hall of Viper, Kentucky, whose tireless efforts and trusted partnerships have improved the basic infrastructure and quality of life for people living in the Kentucky River area of southeastern Kentucky.

In 1993, Paul Hall began working at the Kentucky River Area Development District, KRADD. His exemplary Leadership and visionary skills were highly noted amongst peers and 3 years later, he was appointed executive director. Since then, Paul has been a vital voice for the leaders of the same rural, impoverished cities and counties, as well as our beloved Appalachian region. Paul has served on the Kentucky Appalachian Commission, served as chairman of the Kentucky Association of District Directors and as the Kentucky representative on the Development District Association of Appalachia.

Before working with KRADD, Paul spent 24 years in the mining industry where his duties spanned every position ranging from equipment operator to vice president and general manager of Diamond Shamrock Coal Company, Falcon Coal Division. It was his experience in the coal industry that provided him the foresight and understanding to work on behalf of counties that depend on our rich natural resource.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Paul E. Hall for his dedication and service to the leaders and families of eastern Kentucky.

VALERIA SAPUNOVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Valeria Sapunova who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Valeria Sapunova is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Valeria Sapunova 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 once again to Valeria Sapunova for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

COMMENDING THE PUBLICATION
OF THE SAVILLE INQUIRY AND
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE
TRAGIC EVENTS OF "BLOODY
SUNDAY"

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, on June 15, 2010, the British Government published the conclusions of Lord Saville's comprehensive report on the tragic events in Northern Ireland of January 30th, 1972, otherwise known as "Bloody Sunday."

After 38 years this full and sober account of the events of that day at last made unmistakably clear that 14 innocent civilians lost their lives in one of the worst episodes of a dark era in the history of Northern Ireland.

Nothing can erase the pain endured by the families and loved one of those who were killed in the unjustifiable Bloody Sunday shootings. However, the admissions of the Saville Inquiry have helped advance the healing process of those affected and the country as a whole.

It also serves as a reminder of how far the peace process in Northern Ireland has come; how many brave steps have been taken on both sides; and how firm the commitment to peace and reconciliation has proven itself for more than a decade now, since the 1998 signing of the historic Good Friday Agreements.

The Saville Inquiry was commissioned in 1998 and opened in 2000 in response to outcries from the families of the victims of Bloody Sunday. This Inquiry was specifically tasked to resolve unanswered accusations left after a previous inconclusive tribunal immediately following the shootings, as well as the establishment of a definitive account of events.

For ten years the Saville tribunal heard testimony from witnesses in order to fully ascertain the truth of what happened that terrible day in 1972. The findings of the Saville Inquiry state unambiguously that the conduct of British Army soldiers on January 30, 1972, was "both unjustified and unjustifiable."

It concludes that certain British soldiers "reacted by losing self-control . . . forgetting or ignoring their instructions and training." Without provocation, the soldiers fired the first shots at unarmed civilians.

Many of those civilians had been marching in protest to a policy of internment without trial introduced in response to rising sectarian and paramilitary violence particularly against British soldiers, during the height of the period known as "The Troubles."

It is clear that the recent history of Northern Ireland is a painful one with deep divisions and violent sectarian clashes in which thousands of people on all sides lost their lives, lost loved ones, and suffered terrible injustice as a result of the escalation of tensions and force. Over 3,500 people from every community lost their lives in the violence in Northern Ireland.

However, the history of Northern Ireland is also a shining example of the resilience and determination of the will to live in peace, and how people with the strength to cross the divide can indeed build a better future together. Northern Ireland can and should be very

proud of the remarkable peace and cross-community cooperation it has accomplished.

While there are many more unanswered questions lingering in Northern Ireland, and many unacknowledged tragedies across each community, no step to resolve these is trivial. The publication of the Saville Inquiry is an important component of the ongoing reconciliation process in Northern Ireland.

I commend Lord Saville and the members of his tribunal for their determination to bring the truth to light. I also commend former British Prime Minister Tony Blair for his leadership in helping to begin this critical process, and current Prime Minister David Cameron for taking up that torch in offering his heartfelt apology on behalf of the British Government for the events of Bloody Sunday. His Statement to the House of Commons on June 15, 2010, was deeply moving.

This Inquiry at last lays to rest one of the most tragic events in the history of Northern Ireland. And I hope it will help bring closure to the affected families and further the healing process in Northern Ireland. There is still more work to be done, and I stand ready, with my colleagues, to lend assistance to our friends in the British Government, and the people of Northern Ireland, to ensure that peace and reconciliation continue to progress in Northern Ireland.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE S. SYKOFF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lawrence Sykoff for his contribution and commitment to his community, and the subsequent honor he has received from the American Cancer Society (ACS) in appreciation of his efforts. Lawrence Sykoff is a valuable member of my district. I would like to congratulate him on being the honored individual at ACS's Annual Golf Classic 2010.

Lawrence Sykoff has been the Headmaster of Ranney School since 1993, a private elementary school in Tinton Falls, NJ, committed to high quality education. Mr. Sykoff is a highly influential force in the field of education, having been a teacher and administrator for over 35 years, as well as an active member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS). The publications he has written for NAIS and doctoral dissertation on child education marks Mr. Sykoff as an exceptionally dedicated intellectual leader in the field of education. Moreover, in addition to his successful professional career, Mr. Sykoff is an active member of his community. He is on the Board of Trustees of the Count Basie Theatre, the Board of the Riverview Medical Center Foundation, as well as on the Board of the American Cancer Society. I, myself, have honored Mr. Sykoff on two occasions with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for his community service. He is unquestionably deserving of our praise and attention.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank Lawrence Sykoff for his immeasurable

contributions to my district and his community, and to again congratulate him for the honors he has received from the American Cancer Society in this year's Annual Golf Classic.

CONGRATULATING KAROLE WHITE FOR HER NOMINATION TO THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS HALL OF FAME

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of my district's outstanding citizens, Karole White. Karole was recently nominated to the Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) Hall of Fame because of her service to my home state of Michigan.

Karole is best known for her selfless work on behalf of the MAB. For nearly 25 years, she has dedicated herself to the growth and improvement of that organization.

When Karole joined the MAB, the organization had minimal resources, and membership was at about half of what it could have been. She played a large role in growing the MAB into one of Michigan's most respected trade associations and among the nation's finest state broadcaster associations. Karole's strong leadership and innovation have helped the MAB integrate into all areas of the broadcasting industry. Currently, over 89 percent of individuals, companies, and organizations affiliated with broadcasting in Michigan have joined the MAB.

As you know, Karole is a highly respected member of the broadcasting industry, and her related expertise has allowed her to build a strong relationship with my staff and me. She often provides valuable input on telecommunications issues and is always eager to collaborate with others for the public good. Most importantly, however, her integrity and reliability make me consider her a close friend.

Karole continues to employ the MAB's resources to benefit Michigan's communities through the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation. She is truly deserving of her nomination to the MAB Hall of Fame, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this honor.

McLEAN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of McLean, Virginia, and the celebration event held on June 26. I want to thank the McLean Community Center, honorary chair former Virginia Governor and Senator Charles Robb, master of ceremonies former Delegate Vince Callahan, and McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia board of directors for making the centennial celebration possible.

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia was founded to perpetuate and promote the preservation of local history. It grew out of the

local organization founded in 2003 as part of the statewide celebration for the 400th anniversary of the settlement at Jamestown and has worked tirelessly to organize the 100th anniversary celebration for the McLean community.

The small village that grew to become McLean began when John R. McLean and Senator Stephen Elkins of West Virginia obtained a charter to operate a trolley line called the Great Falls & Old Dominion Railroad to promote the scenic beauty of the Great Falls of the Potomac. The 14-mile electrified railroad linked Washington, D.C., to the falls on the old Aqueduct Bridge. Over the last century many people have made McLean their home, seeking a refuge from the hectic lifestyle of the nation's capital. The beauty and mixture of farmland, forests, and the Great Falls of the Potomac make McLean a truly unique and special place.

While McLean has grown over the years it has managed to keep its community spirit and rural flavor. With first class schools both public and private, safe neighborhoods, and special sense of community, the "village" of McLean is indeed a welcoming place to live and raise a family.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to represent the McLean community and to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of this special community.

VANESSA VASQUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Vanessa Vasquez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Vanessa Vasquez is a 12th grader at Pamona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Vanessa Vasquez 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 once again to Vanessa Vasquez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR THOMAS J. REED

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the School of Law at Widener University, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the achievements and contributions of the talented and altruistic public servant, author, professor, warrior, and history buff Professor Thomas J. Reed, J.D. A