gone to their final resting place, but bereavement services that extends beyond that timeframe and as needed. Therefore, it is important for me to recognize the many organizations that provide these specialized services in a nation that is hurting from so many crises on a daily basis. I want to recognize and honor these facilities around the world.

## RECOGNIZING FACETS AND ''A TASTE OF FALL''

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today to recognize FACETS, a Northern Virginia non-profit that is a leader in providing dynamic and responsive service to those suffering from poverty and homelessness. Tonight we are here for the ''Taste of Fall'' in support of this organization.

Founded in 1988 by Ms. Linda D. Wimpey and three Episcopalian churches, FACETS works to address the needs of those living on the brink of homelessness. To successfully work towards this goal, FACETS has grown its partnerships in the community, drawing in faith organizations, businesses, individuals, and local government. In the past year, nightly meals and Sunday morning breakfasts were served by a core group of 35 faith partners and 1000 volunteers who cooked and delivered more than 42,000 meals to men, women, children who are homeless in Fairfax. With the help of an additional 400 volunteers, FACETS also provides social work services, housing, and supportive programs for individuals and families that are homeless or living in government-subsidized housing sites in Fairfax County.

FACETS approach to its quality service is in its guiding values of dignity, commitment, and integrity.

The homeless suffer from the stigmas and biases, making it difficult to navigate the challenges they face. Recognizing this shortcoming, FACETS has committed itself to treating clients with dignity and respect. Understanding without judging is important to promoting the self esteem necessary to self improvement.

Through a strong commitment to its volunteers, staff, partners, donors and clients, FACETS works to foster an atmosphere of camaraderie and teamwork in achieving their goal of ending homelessness and poverty. The caliber of work FACETS performs is a testament to the people involved in this mission.

Integrity of operations and transparency in management is critical to FACETS' ability to maintain high quality services. FACETS holds the communities trust in its stewardship of resources, and its discipline in providing the best quality service possible.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking FACETS for its work to end homelessness and poverty in Fairfax County. It is the collaboration of volunteers, donors, government, and businesses that enable FACETS to carry out its mission. You have the appreciation of the Northern Virginia community, and my personal thanks for your important service.

## REMEMBERING JOHN ALVIS

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, ten years ago today, our world lost a great champion for global democracy and the rule of law.

John Alvis, a close friend and constituent of mine, was murdered on November 30, 2000 in Baku, Azerbaijan where he was working for the cause most dear to his heart spreading democracy around the globe. For those of you who never had the honor to meet John, I'd like to tell you today about this 36 year old idealistic warrior for international democracy who never met a stranger.

I first got to know John when he helped guide my first campaign for Congress and in 1999, I was honored to witness first hand John's impact around the globe as he assisted the Republic of Georgia in their transition to a democratic government. His passion to export American democratic principles was unrivaled and that lead him from his home in Texas to the former Soviet Union.

John's young life was ended by an unknown assailant while he serving as a resident director of the International Republican Institute, training campaign workers and election officials in Azerbaijan. One of his colleagues there probably described John best as someone who ''touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with.'' I and members of my staff remember John for his infectious laugh, his great sense of humor, his passion for all things politics, his love for man's best friend, his Dalmatian Jersey, and his innate ability to keep people together even in the toughest of times.

Even though it was just two weeks before John was due to return home to celebrate Christmas that he was killed, this proud Aggie lives on through the recipients of the John Alvis Memorial Scholarship at Texas A&M University who exemplify his passionate American Patriotism through their public service.

I am concerned that John's murder remains unsolved. Madam speaker, I want to take this opportunity to impress on the Government of Azerbaijan and the FBI the necessity to continue to press to bring those responsible for this heinous act to justice.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I intended to vote ''nay'' on rollcall vote 584 taken on November 30, 2010. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD currently lists me as an ''aye'' vote on this measure. As a fiscal conservative, I cannot support $4.6 billion in government spending in a period of record federal deficits and budget constraints facing American families.

## HONORING SERENA SUTHERS AS A RUNNER UP IN THE 2010 ''GOLDEN CARROT AWARDS'' FOR INNOVATION IN SCHOOL FOODSERVICE

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Serena Suthers for receiving the runner-up award in the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine's (PCRM) Golden Carrot Awards celebrating innovation in school foodservice. PCRM established The Golden Carrot Awards in 2004 to recognize exceptional efforts to improve the nutritional value of school lunches. It identifies school programs that have encouraged students to eat fresh fruits and vegetables, while also offering students plenty of healthful options.

Ms. Suthers serves as the Director of School Food and Nutrition Services for the Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS). As part of an initiative to make healthy eating habits and nutrition education fun and engaging for students, PWCS offers various events and programs to promote a healthy diet. The school system offers daily vegetarian and vegan meal options and other healthy choices such as whole grains, soymilk, brown rice, and granola bars. It also hosts tasting parties featuring a fruit or vegetable of the month and has developed a partnership with a local vendor to provide lettuce for PWCS' salads.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Serena Suthers for receiving the PCRM's Golden Carrot runner-up prize for her dedication to child nutrition and innovation in school foodservice. I would like to congratulate her for her achievement in creating a more healthy community for the students of Prince William County Public Schools.