

training and educational opportunities for BAC contractors. Moreover he supervised the International Unions programs and ensured that all activities were in accordance with policies established by the International Unions conventions and constitution.

For more than 60 years, Flynn used the discipline and persistence that he learned during his early years as a boxer to help him become a true advocate for the members of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers and all workers.

Although he has been honored with numerous awards for his service, no award can accurately reflect the tremendous impact he has had made on the union movement. I am pleased to congratulate John Flynn for his lifetime of service and unwavering dedication to the labor community. I wish John and his wife, Joyce, the very best.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF MR. DON AMMERMAN

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Military Appreciation Month. This month, I would like to recognize a phenomenal service member from central Florida who is making a distinguished contribution to my district, the great State of Florida, and to our Nation as a whole. Today, I honor former Orlando City Council Commissioner Don Ammerman.

Mr. Ammerman graduated from Indiana University with a BS in Real Estate & Marketing and an MBA in Real Estate Marketing/Finance. He is a recipient of two Ford Foundation Grants for overseas study while in graduate school. He also completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government for senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University.

Mr. Don Ammerman began his military career in 1968 at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and from there served with the 83rd ARCOM in Columbus, Ohio. He completed his service in the reserves in Orlando in 1974. He was hand selected by the U.S. Navy Academy to serve as a Blue and Gold Admissions officer at Annapolis. His dedication to our country and our military is shown through his volunteering spirit. Mr. Ammerman continues to mentor hopeful academy members by offering young adults with aspirations of attending an academy his guidance and support. Currently, Mr. Ammerman serves as a board member for the 8th District Veterans Advisory Board and Military Academy Nominations Board.

Mr. Ammerman has contributed greatly to the central Florida community. He has served on the municipal Planning Board (1983–1989, 2 terms as Chairman), Chairman of the Orlando Growth Management/Concurrency Implementation Committee and Chairman of the 1991 Orlando Redistricting Committee. Mr. Ammerman successfully ran for the office of District 1 City Commissioner. Mr. Ammerman also served as a Board Member of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority and he is a past member and Chairman of the Sunshine State Governmental Finance Commission for 20 years. Nationally, he served on the Leadership

Training Council for the National League of Cities. Mr. Ammerman finished his City Council service in June of 2002.

Mr. Ammerman's commitment to community service is unyielding. He served as Philanthropy Chair and active member of the Board of Directors for the Orlando Regional HealthCare Foundation. He is a trained volunteer with the Neo Natal Unit for 22 years at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children. He serves as a teacher at the First Presbyterian Church. Additionally, Mr. Ammerman is a member of the Florida Citrus Sports Association, the Greater Orlando Leadership Foundation, a graduate of Leadership Orlando and Leadership Florida, as well as the Dr. Phillips Foundation Grant Review committee. His other involvements include past National Admissions Chairman/Society of Industrial & Office Parks Realtors and past President of the Central Florida Chapter of the National Association of Industrial/Office Parks (NAIOP).

Madam Speaker, during Military Appreciation Month, it is my honor to recognize this remarkable public servant whose dedication to our country and community can be shown through his great achievements in the State of Florida. Commissioner Ammerman has been working for the people of Florida since 1972 and I applaud his civic and military accomplishments in our central Florida community, our great State and our Nation.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH  
WEEK

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 268, which supports the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week and requests that the President of the United States issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Women's Health Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. This is an important measure that will increase public awareness of the critical issue of women's health.

I thank Chairman TOWNS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I would also like to thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman HINCHEY, for his dedication to ensuring that women's health is a national priority.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that our nation adopt a heightened focus on the issue of women's health. Women of all backgrounds should be encouraged to reduce their risk of common diseases through preventative measures, such as engaging in regular exercise, eating a nutritious diet, and visiting a healthcare specialist to receive regular checkups and preventative screenings. These healthy habits begin at a young age and so we must stress the importance of preventative health measures to children in homes and schools across the country.

Unfortunately, there is a high prevalence of disease and health complications among minority women. African-American women, Asian-American women, and American Indian

women all face a high risk of contracting diseases. As the representative of a district that is home to large African American and Latino populations, as well as the largest Cambodian population in the country, I understand the crucial importance of improving public awareness about women's health and the unique health challenges for minority women.

Thanks to the historic passage of health care reform, we have taken a giant step in the right direction for women's health. All Americans will have access to affordable, quality care and no longer will women be discriminated against by insurance companies. We owe it to all women in this country—now and in future generations—to continue this effort to increase awareness regarding women's health.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res 268.

RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES OF  
THE 63RD ANNUAL ANNANDALE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
AWARDS BANQUET

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the 63rd Annual Annandale Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

The Annandale Chamber of Commerce is a thriving volunteer organization with more than 200 active members. The members represent businesses, industries and professionals who work together to maintain a favorable business climate while improving the quality of life for all residents.

Each year, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce honors a few select individuals who have distinguished themselves as exemplars of the community. It is my honor to recognize these fine recipients and the contributions that they have made to the community:

Student Achievement Award for Falls Church High School: Dennis Nolasco. Dennis is a marketing student who was instrumental in the development and promotion of the School's Jaguar Joe Coffee Project. Dennis has an outstanding work ethic and serves as an effective role model to his peers. After graduation from Falls Church High School, Dennis plans to major in finance or business administration at George Mason University.

Student Achievement Award for Annandale High School: Emma Dorothy Whitmyre. Emma is an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate and has served as president of both the National Honor Society and the Jewish Culture Club. Emma has a strong commitment to social action. She volunteers at a homeless shelter, tutors, and runs a winter coat drive for those who are less fortunate. This fall, Emma will be attending New York University where she plans on majoring in anthropology or psychology.

Student Achievement Award for Northern Virginia Community College: Jacquelyn Shanahan. Jackie, as she is known by her friends and family, has nobly served our nation in the United States Marine Corps. She recently received the Liberal Arts Division academic award and has completed the Honors

Curriculum at NOVA with a GPA of 4.0. Jackie has served as president of the Honors Community Annandale Honors Club and as a chair for the Relay for Life. Jackie has been accepted into the Marymount University Honors Program and plans to major in English.

Citizen of the Year Award: Irv Denton. Irv has dedicated his time and efforts to the residents of Annandale for many years, having served on the boards of the Annandale Central Business Planning Committee and the Annandale Chamber of Commerce. After his distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force, he focused his energies in the field of education and taught classes at the Northern Virginia Community College. His commitment to our country, our community and our future is an inspiration to us all.

Firefighter of the Year Award: Apparatus Technician John Lockhart. John has given more than 25 years of service to the residents of Fairfax County, including 14 at the Annandale Station. John also serves as a tremendous community resource, instructing the younger firefighters in the safe usage of the equipment, and helping to ensure that Annandale residents will continue to receive the highest quality rescue care into the future.

Police Officer of the Year Award: Detective Horace Lawalt. Horace has served the residents of Fairfax County for more than 11 years, including 5 years at the Mason District Station. As a detective in the Criminal Investigation Section, he has helped keep the community safe from burglaries, robberies and grand larcenies. Despite having one of the lowest per capita police forces, Fairfax County enjoys one of the lowest crime rates of any jurisdiction its size due to the exceptional work and dedication of Horace and his fellow officers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Dennis, Emma, Jacquelyn, Irv, John and Horace, the honorees of the 2010 Annandale Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, and thanking them for their service to our community. Each honoree is a role model for his or her peers and an invaluable member of our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DURHAM LITERACY CENTER AND HONORING ITS FOUNDER, MRS. MARY WHALEY PAUL

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Durham Literacy Center and to honor its founder (and my constituent), Mrs. Mary Whaley Paul. Mrs. Paul has led a remarkable life and, along the way, she managed to spearhead the campaign against illiteracy in Durham, North Carolina.

Like so many people who achieve great things, Mrs. Paul didn't set out to become a literacy advocate. In 1975, she was a widowed mother of two nearing retirement age. But she attended a workshop on teaching literacy skills to illiterate adults, and the course of her life was forever changed. By 1978, Mrs. Paul had begun leading her own literacy-instruction

workshops, and she had become director of the Yates Baptist Literacy program that same year.

The creation of the Durham County Literacy Council in May of 1985 was a direct result of Mrs. Paul's efforts to spread adult literacy instruction and increase the number of literate adults throughout Durham County. This Council later became the Durham Literacy Center.

The Durham Literacy Center targets the provision of its services to those most in need: adults who lack basic literacy skills, recent immigrants, and out-of-school teenagers. Since its inception, a small but dedicated staff has trained more than 2,000 literacy tutors who have served more than 12,000 Durham residents. The Center currently serves more than 550 adults per year at seven locations in Durham.

Growing along with Durham, the Center has evolved from a small organization to a pivotal provider of a variety of educational services. In addition to instruction in reading and writing, the Center helps individuals gain educational credentials (such as a GED) and provides instruction in workplace, computer, financial, and health literacy.

The impact of the Center on the lives of its graduates is Mrs. Paul's most compelling legacy. For starters, graduates earn an average of \$7,500 more per year than their counterparts who lack a GED or are not proficient in English. But in addition to securing better employment because of the skills they learn at the Durham Literacy Center, they also go on to receive promotions, purchase homes, improve their health, and enjoy a better quality of life.

Over the years, the Durham Literacy Center has become one of Durham's greatest assets, and the organization's achievements have much to do with the foresight and dream of Mary Whaley Paul and those who followed her. Mrs. Paul helped to illuminate a hidden segment of the Research Triangle populace—the non-reader—and has been instrumental in alleviating the severe economic and social stigma under which they struggle. She also has been a beacon of hope and inspiration for thousands to volunteer and make a difference in the Durham community.

It is in that spirit that I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Durham Literacy Center and in honoring Mrs. Mary Whaley Paul for her efforts to empower the people of Durham County through literacy.

OFFICER DANIEL FAULKNER CHILDREN OF FALLEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 959, the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act, which provides financial assistance for higher education to the children of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Representative Patrick Murphy and I introduced this legislation so that a child of one of these fallen service men and

women would become automatically eligible for the maximum Pell Grant amount. This benefit already exists for the children of military service members who are killed in action.

This legislation is aimed at ensuring we do right by police officers, firefighters and other first responders who put their own lives at risk everyday to keep us safe. Making a college education more accessible to the children of these fallen heroes is an important expression of our Nation's gratitude. This legislation is a justified price for our Nation to pay to ensure that those serving on the front lines in our communities know that a higher education will be within their children's reach should the unthinkable happen. I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation and yield back the remainder of my time.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "SHOOTERS" OF TRAINING SQUADRON SIX

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Shooters of Training Squadron SIX. Through times of war and through times of peace, Training Squadron SIX has served our country with great distinction and valor. For that reason, I am proud to recognize the Shooters of Training Squadron SIX for their exceptional training and excellent performance over the last 50 years.

Training Squadron SIX has picked up the torch lit by their predecessors on May 1, 1960, and continued the legacy of producing the best combat aviators the world has ever seen. On that day, Training Squadron SIX was commissioned with the task of providing primary flight training to a younger generation of student naval aviators. Since being commissioned, more than 15,000 students have been trained and in excess of 1.1 million flight hours performed.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Training Squadron SIX for going above and beyond the call of duty on their 50th anniversary. To this day, Training Squadron SIX continues to provide the highest quality training to student aviators from the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and several Allied Forces.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. ROBERT WYDRA

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and regional contributions of Mr. Robert, Bob, Wydra, Executive Director of the Tri-City Regional Port District.

Bob Wydra has been with the Tri-City Regional Port District since 1982. Under his leadership, the Port—which includes the former Melvin Price Army Depot—has been an economic engine for Southwestern Illinois and is