

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

developing into a true intermodal transportation facility. Prior to coming to the Port District, he was Director of Planning for Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission for 15 years. Bob also spent 2 years with his wife, Kay, in India and Israel in Economic Development work as American Peace Corps volunteers.

Bob has a Master's of Science Degree in Community Development and Regional Planning from Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville. He also has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Education from SIU—E.

Bob is very active in numerous professional organizations. He is a member of the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones, St. Louis World Trade Center, Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals, Illinois Development Council, Southwestern Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Water Resource Congress, American Association of Port Authorities, St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association, Military Affairs Committee of the Leadership Council, St. Louis World Affairs Council, Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission Executive Committee, and Traffic Club of St. Louis. Bob is a Past President of the Illinois Association of Port Districts, board member of the Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council and member of US MARAD's Maritime System of the Americas Advisory Committee, among other committee positions.

In addition to his professional affiliations, Bob has also found time to help with various community activities. He has been an active fundraiser for the United Way Tree of Lights Campaign and was Chairman for the Salvation Army for 2 years.

Bob Wydra has received the St. Louis Commerce and Growth Association's "Sold on St. Louis" Award for promoting the St. Louis area in the world economy. In 2002, he received the "Salute from Southwestern Illinois" Award from the Leadership Council. The Port received the "Outstanding Development of the Year" Award in 2002 from the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority and, also in 2002, the "Marketing Award for Excellence" from the National Association of Developers. Bob received the "Art of Business Leadership" Award from the Southwestern Madison County Chamber of Commerce in 2005.

Bob has been married to Kay Lee Wydra for 45 years and they have two children: Nicole who lives in Glen Carbon, Illinois, with her husband, Kurt, and their two children, Trey and Caitlyn; and a son, Paul who lives in the Nashville, Tennessee, area.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Robert Wydra for his many contributions to the Southwestern Illinois and Metropolitan St. Louis regions and to wish him and his family the very best in the future.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSES' WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, in recognition of National Nurses' Week, I rise to say a few words in honor of these indispensable and often overlooked public servants.

As the saying goes, nurses are our "angels in comfortable shoes." From the days of the first "Lady with the Lamp," Florence Nightingale, their selflessness, their dedication to their patients, and their deep reservoirs of compassion have helped illuminate the path to healing for millions of Americans.

Anyone who has suffered from a serious ailment or injury—I myself am a survivor of ovarian cancer—knows how important good nursing is for restoring one's health. Nurses are both the frontlines and the glue of our health care system, and their commitment, caring, and sacrifice goes unrecognized far too often.

I am particularly proud that we have honored nurses this year not only in word, but in deed—by passing comprehensive health reforms which allow them, doctors, and other health care professionals to do what they do best—help people to heal—without the continual interference of the insurance industry.

I am also glad we made strong commitments in this health care legislation through grants, loan forgiveness, and other key programs to encourage more young men and women to take up a career in nursing, and to give today's nurses more freedom and opportunities to ply their craft where they are desperately needed.

In my home state of Connecticut, we are short more than 11,000 registered nurses this year. By 2020, that number is projected to double, leaving the state with fewer than half the nurses it needs. In the face of a rising senior population, supporting our nation's nurses becomes especially critical, and I am glad we have done right by them in the health care bill.

To the nurses of Connecticut and all across the country, I applaud you for your service. And I encourage my colleagues to express their support for our nurses—in both word and deed—this week, and in the months and years to come.

RECOGNIZING DR. STEVE GAYNOR'S DECADES OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS A LEADER IN EDUCATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Steven Gaynor, the distinguished Superintendent of the Bloomfield Hills School District, on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 35 years of service to countless families and children of Southeast Michigan through his work as an educator, administrator and leader.

Almost 35 years ago, Dr. Gaynor embarked upon a career in education that would span the geography of Southeast Michigan and the broad breadth of service in education. Steve began his career in 1975 as a social studies teacher and special education teacher consultant. He served the communities of Livonia, Madison Heights, Walled Lake, Davisburg, Holly and Royal Oak before becoming the superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools where, for the past 8 years, he has served the families and community of Bloomfield Hills.

Steve's tenure at Bloomfield Hills Schools was during a most tumultuous and challenging

time for public education. Despite dwindling state and local revenue sources and the severe economic downturn in Southeast Michigan, Steve made the best of shrinking resources and pressed forward with important and innovative projects. Steve's vision and dedication led to the creation of multiple International Baccalaureate programs, an increased use of innovative technology in the classroom, improved professional development for teachers and administrators, and overall academic achievement by putting students first. He has been recognized for his unwavering focus on securing the future of the schools with boundless energy, good humor and strong leadership.

Through these busy years, Steve remained active in key community organizations including the Oakland County Superintendents' Association, the North Central Association state committee, where he received an award for instructional leadership and school improvement, and as a founding member of the Learning Achievement Coalition, a project focused on eliminating achievement gaps among children. Moreover, he pioneered important partnerships including one with the municipalities of Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township to preserve historical assets. With other Oakland Schools and the Oakland Intermediate School District, Steve pooled funds to rebuild Wing Lake Development Center to a \$10 million state-of-the-art educational facility for our most challenged students in Oakland County.

Madam Speaker, as parents of Bloomfield Hills Schools students, my wife Colleen and I are pleased to call Steve a much admired and appreciated friend. Undoubtedly, we join the scores of children and families whose lives have been touched by Steve's hard work, dedication and caring. I ask my colleagues to join me today as I honor Dr. Steve Gaynor for his lifetime commitment to bettering the lives of children through education, on the occasion of his retirement from Bloomfield Hills Schools.

A TRIBUTE TO DART CONTAINER CORPORATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dart Container Corporation and its Horse Cave plant located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This past April, Dart Container Corporation, headquartered in Mason, Michigan, celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

The company established a plant in Horse Cave, Ky., in 1980, and has been delivering quality goods ever since. Dart Container Corporation's Horse Cave facility is currently the largest employer in Hart County and continues to expand.

The plant started 30 years ago with 25 employees and had a 230,000 square foot facility. Today, it has grown to employ 1,090 individuals and now covers almost 3 million square feet.

The Dart Container Corporation and its Horse Cave facility have a long history of community involvement, including participating in Hart County's Relay for Life and the Horse Cave Heritage Festival. Over the years the