

Although Chief Rohr is leaving the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, he will continue to serve residents in the 11th Congressional District as the new fire chief for Fairfax City. His reputation as an effective leader made him the ideal candidate for the position and he was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Fairfax City Council.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking David Rohr for his years of service to the citizens of Fairfax County and to congratulate him on his new position as Fire Chief for the City of Fairfax. He, along with first responders in every community, are deserving of our deepest respect and gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOR
PROFIT COMMUNICATOR OF THE
YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Jessica Morris upon receiving the For Profit Communicator of the Year Award from the Pensacola chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association. The people of Northwest Florida and International Paper have greatly benefited from Jessica's dedication to her work.

Ms. Morris is highly deserving of the For Profit Communicator of the Year award for her ability to balance the unique needs of her job as Communications Manager to International Paper, located in Pensacola, Florida. Not only does Ms. Morris effectively fulfill her responsibilities of communicating with the mill's 530 employees, she routinely connects employees through a weekly employee newsletter of her own creation. Moreover, she goes the extra mile to reach the public. Ms. Morris has spent a great deal of time ensuring that the environmental concerns and contributions of International Paper are known throughout Northwest Florida.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I proudly recognize Ms. Jessica Morris as the Florida Public Relations For Profit Communicator of the Year. Her steadfast work ethic and creative ideas have benefitted many in my district. My wife Vicki and I wish Ms. Morris and her loved ones all the best for the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PHILADELPHIA
PRIME MOVERS PROGRAM AND
ACEL MOORE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Philadelphia Tribune, the oldest, continuously published African American owned newspaper in the nation. For 125 years the Tribune has chronicled the African American story while also being an important part of that story.

The Tribune was founded in 1884 by Christopher Perry only 19 years after the end of the U.S. Civil War. Perry, born in Baltimore, Mary-

land, in 1856, moved to Philadelphia at the age of 17, intent on starting a newspaper. He said, "For my people to make progress, they must have a newspaper through which they can speak against injustice."

Perry published the first edition of the Tribune Weekly when he was 28. To put the debut of the one-page and one-man operation newspaper in an historical context, that same year African American inventor Lewis Latimer began working for Thomas Edison, Tuskegee Institute was founded by Booker T. Washington and Harriet Tubman was still alive. After Perry died in 1921, the leadership of the newspaper passed to his son-in-law, E. Washington Rhodes.

From 1922 to 1970, Rhodes was at the helm of the newspaper as publisher. An attorney, Rhodes was also an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District, appointed by President Calvin Coolidge. He was the first Black to be appointed to that position. Additionally, he served as president of the National Bar Association; was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1938; and, was president of the National Publishers Association (NNPA), a national trade organization of African American owned newspapers.

Over the past decades, committed to the newspaper's mission as stated by Perry, the Tribune has been led by Eustace Gay, John Saunders, Alfred Morris and Waverly Easley. And today, under the leadership of Chairman Walter Livingston, Jr., and President/CEO Robert Bogle, the Tribune newspaper continues to expand and has been the recipient of numerous national awards including the NNPA's John B. Russwurm Award for "Best Newspaper in America Award and the A. Philip Randolph "Messenger Award."

President Bogle stresses that after 125 years the mission of the Philadelphia Tribune has not changed very much. "For 125 years the Tribune has been the voice of those who would have been voiceless." And, for that reason today Madam Speaker, I salute the proud history, advocacy and courage of the Philadelphia Tribune. The Tribune is an historic trailblazer whose light continues to lead on the path to justice and equality for the voiceless.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NON
PROFIT COMMUNICATOR OF THE
YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Jeff Nall upon receiving the Non Profit Communicator of the Year Award from the Pensacola chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

Mr. Jeff Nall frequently goes above and beyond his responsibilities as the Vice President of Communications and Marketing for the Council on Aging of West Florida. To achieve the Council's mission of educating the community to the unique needs of seniors, Mr. Nall utilizes an assortment of media tactics. His innovative techniques include a weekly television show geared toward seniors and monthly email newsletters. Due to his proactive approaches to reaching the public, many senior residents have benefitted.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I proudly recognize Mr. Jeff Nall as the Florida Public Relations Non Profit Communicator of the Year. I am grateful for the positive work he does to improve the lives of seniors in my district. My wife Vicki and I wish Mr. Nall and his family all the best for the future.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
CAMPOREE FOR THE NATIONAL
CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF THE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BOY SCOUTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and to extend my congratulations on the occasion of the 100-year anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This month also marks the Centennial Camporee for the National Capital Area Council, "Scouting in Action, A Century of Values." Thousands of attendees will participate in the 2010 Camporee which will be held in Goshen, Virginia.

The Boy Scouts were founded in the United States on February 8, 1910, by William D. Boyce when he incorporated the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts of America instills in young Americans the values and traits of being a good citizen. After 100 years of scouting, these founding principles have guided over 100 million Boy Scouts to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

The National Capital Area Council has a distinguished history within the Boy Scouts. Its predecessor, the District of Columbia Council was the first area Council for the Boy Scouts of America. In 1913, the DC Council was recognized by President Woodrow Wilson for its service during his Presidential inauguration, which began a tradition of Boy Scout involvement in presidential inaugurations. With the addition of Arlington, the District of Columbia Council was reorganized and renamed the National Capital Area Council.

The link between citizenship and scouting, combined with strong leadership and proximity to the Federal Government, has enabled the National Capital Area Council to be a leader within the Boy Scouts of America organization. This Council is now one of the largest in the country and is comprised of troops from 10 counties in Northern Virginia, six counties in Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

The influence and importance of scouting cannot be overstated. Scouting instills and reinforces strong character traits such as commitment to the community, value of working to achieve a goal, discipline and honesty. Scouting alumni include world leaders in virtually every field: Politics, medicine, entertainment, sports, and science.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of their 100th anniversary as well as in extending our best wishes for a successful and fun filled Camporee. I

also would like express my deep appreciation to the troop leaders and parents for their commitment to teaching our youth the skills and values that will serve them well throughout their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CRISIS
COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Sonya Daniel upon receiving the Crisis Communicator of the Year Award from the Pensacola chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

In her role as the Public Information Officer for Escambia County, Ms. Sonya Daniel is responsible for disseminating vital information to the public during times of crisis. During tropical storms and hurricanes Ms. Daniel has remained calm and levelheaded. Amidst panic, she effectively relayed important information to residents of Escambia County on how to prepare and respond to crises. She was recognized by the Florida Public Relations Association for her streamline approach to communicating with the media. Ms. Daniel is known for utilizing all the resources of local media to reach concerned citizens as quickly as possible.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I proudly recognize Mr. Sonya Daniel as the Florida Public Relations Crisis Communicator of the Year. I am grateful for the work she does to inform the residents of my district of critical information. My wife Vicki and I wish Ms. Daniel and her family all the best for the future.

IN MEMORY OF BYRON ATHAN

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, today Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI and I ask our colleagues to join us in honoring the life of Byron Athan, who passed away at age 91 on November 25, 2009.

Byron Athan was passionate about public service. He dedicated his life to serving his country and community for over 68 years and Byron started his unique and distinguished career by joining the U.S. Army. He later became a fixture in the San Ramon Valley, authoring the City of San Ramon's Charter and later serving in city government in multiple capacities including as Mayor and City Attorney.

Byron Athan joined the Army in 1941 and retired in 1964 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served during WWII in the Pacific Theater. Other assignments included tours in post war Germany and Japan, as well as assignments in Fort Lee and Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and at the Pentagon as a member of the Army Staff.

Byron Athan was vital to the incorporation of the City of San Ramon in 1983. He wrote the City Charter and served as San Ramon City

Attorney from 1983 until his election to the City Council in 1995. He was San Ramon Mayor from 1998 to 1999. He returned to the City Attorney post from 2004 until he retired in October of 2009 at age 91 as one of the most experienced practicing attorneys in California.

Byron lived life with a passion for exploration and adventure. Byron finished the marathon in Greece based on the original completed by the ancient Greek Pheidippides, as well as races in San Francisco and Hawaii. His spirit did not diminish with time. He celebrated his 90th birthday with a 100-mile bike ride.

Byron's years of service to his community touched the lives of many and improved the quality of life in San Ramon. He led by example and in the words of former San Ramon Mayor Diane Schinnerer, "he is known and respected for his honesty, integrity, work ethic, and knowledge of the law." Athan Downs Park in San Ramon, is dedicated in Mr. Athan's honor because of his successful advocacy for parkland in the city.

Byron Athan's dedication to public service leaves a legacy that will continue to benefit the people of San Ramon, the state of California and our great nation for generations to come. It is for these reasons that Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI and I ask our colleagues to join us in honoring the memory of Byron Athan and in sending our thoughts and prayers to his beloved family and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF LANI
FURBANK AND KEVIN HARGROVE
TO ORGANIZE "A HAND UP, NOT
A HAND OUT" BENEFIT CONCERT
FOR AFRICA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize "A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out" Benefit Concert for Africa. This Benefit Concert will raise money for sustainable investments in Africa through the Development in Gardening charity organization.

Development in Gardening seeks to improve the health and well being for HIV-positive and other at-risk individuals in developing nations. This is accomplished by teaching the skills and providing the infrastructure to create sustainable community gardens, thereby empowering people to improve both their nutrition and earning potential. The program reaches out to orphanages, hospitals and outpatient facilities to install micro gardens that provide not only a steady source of healthy, fresh vegetables but a sense of community and purpose. It focuses on improved nutrition, food security, micro-enterprise development, home garden extension, personal empowerment, and social change.

This benefit concert is anticipated to raise \$5,000 to fund the program's ongoing efforts. I would like to commend Lani Furbank and Kevin Hargrove for their commitment to helping those in need. Lani and Kevin have organized this event, which will result in the betterment of countless lives in Africa. Residents of Northern Virginia have a strong record of community involvement and charitable giving. I am honored to represent a district that is always

willing to help those in need, both at home and around the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Development in Gardening and, particularly, the efforts of Lani Furbank and Kevin Hargrove. By supporting sustainable micro-economic development projects, we invest in the continued well being of others. We provide the tools and education for people to be self-sufficient and live in dignity.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF DAVID "DAVE" O. MILLER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today in recognition of the service of David O. Miller from the Protocol Office of the Air Armament Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Mr. Miller retires today after 49 years total federal service, 28 years in the United States Air Force and 21 years of Civilian Service. I am proud to recognize his vast contributions to national security through his humble service to this great Nation in the United States Air Force, both as a member of active duty as well as a civil servant.

Mr. Miller is a native of Loris, South Carolina. He graduated from Loris High School in June 1962, and began his military career with the United States Air Force in September, 1962. He later attended the University of Tampa and the El Paso and Pike's Peak community colleges. In his military career, he first served as an Administrative Apprentice and retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in February 1991.

The United States Air Force has been in existence more than six decades and Mr. Miller has been serving her for almost five decades beginning in 1962. He began his protocol career in 1976 when General Chappie James directed the establishment of the first protocol office at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Mr. Miller was one of three people chosen to establish the organization. His outstanding performance in the protocol field eventually led to General Gregory Martin, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, honoring him for superior performance in his duties by awarding him the Commander's Recognition Award in 2004. Mr. Miller was the second person to receive this award.

After retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant following 28 years of active duty service in the United States Air Force, Mr. Miller began his civilian federal service career in 1991 as a protocol assistant with the Protocol Office of the Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base. Throughout his career, Mr. Miller demonstrated superior performance as a compassionate leader driven by a tremendous sense of purpose. He pursued excellence each day at the Air Armament Center, contributing immensely to its mission success. He consulted on protocol matters to ten Eglin center commanders, all of whom were charged with leading the world's largest Air Force Base. With Eglin being one of the most visited military facilities in the Department of Defense, Mr. Miller tirelessly contributed to a team of round-