

impacts through sustainable food, water and energy systems. Advancing stability in the face of climate change threats will promote resilient communities, reliable governance and dependable access to critical resources.

We, the undersigned Republicans, Democrats and Independents, implore U.S. policymakers to support American security and global stability by addressing the risks of climate change in vulnerable nations. Their plight is our fight; their problems are our problems. Even as we face budgetary austerity and a fragile economic recovery, public and private sectors must work together to meet the funding demands of this strategic investment in internationally-backed solutions. Effective adaptation and mitigation efforts in these counties will protect our long-standing security interests abroad.

Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State 1997-2001; Richard Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State 2001-05; Samuel Berger, National Security Advisor 1997-2001; Sherwood Boehlert, US Congressman (R-NY) 1983-2007; Carol Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency 1993-2001; Michael Castle, US Congressman (R-DE) 1993-2011, Governor (R-DE) 1985-92; GEN Wesley Clark, USA (Ret), Fmr. Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO; William Cohen, Secretary of Defense 1997-2001, US Senator (R-ME) 1979-97; Lt Gen Lawrence P. Farrell, Jr., USAF (Ret.), Fmr. Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, HQ USAF; BG Gerald E. Galloway, Jr., P.E., Ph.D., USA (Ret.), Fmr. Dean of the Academic Board, US Military Academy; Wayne Gilchrest, US Congressman (R-MD) 1991-2009; James Greenwood, US Congressman (R-PA) 1993-2005; VADM Lee F. Gunn, USN (Ret.), Fmr. Inspector General of the Department of the Navy; Lee Hamilton, US Congressman (D-IN) 1965-99, Co-Chair, PSA Advisory Board; Gary Hart, US Senator (D-CO) 1975-87; Rita E. Hauser, Chair, International Peace Institute; Carla Hills, US Trade Representative 1989-93; Thomas Kean, Governor (R-NJ) 1982-90, 9/11 Commission Chair; GEN Paul J. Kern, USA (Ret), Fmr. Commanding General, US Army Materiel Command; Richard Leone, President, The Century Foundation 1989-2011; Joseph I. Lieberman, US Senator (I-CT) 1989-2013; Richard G. Lugar, US Senator (R-IN) 1977-2013; VADM Dennis V. McGinn, USN, (Ret.), Fmr. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Requirements and Programs; Donald McHenry, US Ambassador to the UN 1979-81; Constance Morella, US Congresswoman (R-MD) 1987-2003, US Ambassador to OECD 2003-07; Sam Nunn, US Senator (D-GA) 1972-96; John Porter, US Congressman (R-IL) 1980-2001; Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security 2003-05, Governor (R-PA) 1995-2001; ADM Gary Roughead, USN (Ret.), Fmr. Chief of Naval Operations; Warren Rudman, US Senator (R-NH) 1980-92, Fmr. Co-Chair, PSA Advisory Board; Christopher Shays, US Congressman (R-CT) 1987-2009; George Shultz, Secretary of State 1982-89; Olympia J. Snowe, US Senator (R-ME) 1995-2013; GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, USA (Ret.), Fmr. Chief of Staff, US Army, Chairman, CNA Military Advisory Board; Timothy E. Wirth, US Senator (D-CO) 1987-93; Frank Wisner, Undersecretary of State 1992-93; R. James Woolsey, Director of Central Intelligence 1993-95, Co-founder, US Energy Security Council; GEN Anthony Zinni, USMC (Ret.), Fmr. Commander in Chief, US Central Command.

HONORING PAMELA W. WALKER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a courageous and remarkable veteran, Mrs. Pamela W. Walker.

Mrs. Walker was born and raised in Leland, Mississippi. She is one of seven children born on September 27, 1962 to Mr. Vernell and Mrs. Claudine Wilson. She is married to Mr. Lester Walker and has three sons: Jarvis, Reginald, and Derrick.

Mrs. Walker graduated from Leland High School in 1980. She went on to further her education at Alcorn State University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1985; her Bachelor of Science degree in 1994 from Mississippi Valley State University; and her Masters of Science in 2002, also from Mississippi Valley State University.

Mrs. Walker joined the Army ROTC at Alcorn State University, on May 15, 1984. She has served a total of 26 years in the military. Over that time period, she has attended several military schools, received numerous awards, and she has served overseas in FEPA-Okinawa, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Iraq, and Korea.

Furthermore, her determination and drive to serve this country has pushed her up the ladder in leadership. She was appointed Second Lieutenant (1984), First Lieutenant (1987), Captain (1991), Major (1998), and she retired as a Lieutenant Colonel (2006).

Mrs. Walker is currently an elementary teacher in Greenville Public School District (Mississippi), where she has been for 23 years. She has learned a lot about life during her time in the service, and it has helped her in her classroom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Pamela W. Walker for her time and dedication to serving our country.

TO RECOGNIZE THE RECIPIENTS
THE FAIRFAX COUNTY 2012 LAND
CONSERVATION AND TREE PRES-
ERVATION AND PLANTING
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of Fairfax County 2012 Land Conservation and Tree Preservation and Planting Awards.

Fairfax County is considered one of the best counties in the nation in which to live, work and raise a family. One reason for this designation is the innovative environmental protection policies that have been implemented by the County and embraced by its business partners. I was pleased to have led that effort during my tenure as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. These awards recognize the following developers, designers and site superintendents who have excelled in their stewardship of the environment:

Large Commercial: Belvoir Corporate Campus: Owner: Loisdale 24, LLC. Super-

intendent: Bruce Reed. Contractor: Goldin & Stafford, Inc. Engineer: Urban, LTD. Site Inspector: Jim Getts.

Small Commercial: INOVA Lorton Healthplex Phase I: Owner: INOVA Health Care Services. Superintendent: Giancarlo Bulfom. Contractor: Metro Earthworks. Engineer: Vika Virginia LLC. Site Inspector: Martin Klema.

Infill Log: Bull Run Woods Lot 12, Section 8: Owner: Trust Communities, Inc. Superintendent: Peter Judge. Contractor: Basheer & Edgemore Bull Run, LLC. Engineer: Smith Engineering. Site Inspector: David Nichols.

Best Protected Environmentally Sensitive Site: Bull Run Woods Lot 12, Section 8: Owner: Trust Communities, Inc. Superintendent: Peter Judge. Contractor: Basheer & Edgemore Bull Run, LLC. Engineer: Smith Engineering. Site Inspector: David Nichols.

Outstanding Engineering Firm: Smith Engineering for Bull Run Woods Lot 12, Section 8 and Urban Ltd. for Mallory Square and Belvoir Corporate Campus.

Outstanding Contractor: Basheer & Edgemore for Bull Run Woods Lot 12, Section 8. Outstanding Superintendent: Giancarlo Bulfom for Belvoir Corporate Campus. Outstanding E/S Inspectors of the Year: David Nichols, Tom French and Martin Klema. Outstanding E/S Plan Reviewers of the Year: Aileen Santiago, Durga Kharel, and Thakur Dhakal.

Tree Preservation Award Recipients: Walker Nature Education Center. Developer: Reston Association. Design Professional: Paciulli Simmons & Assoc. Tree Preservation Contractor: HITT Contracting. Tree Preservation Consultant: Thrive, Incorporated—Plant Health Care Solutions.

Dolley Madison Library: Developer: Fairfax County, DPWES. Design Professional: Engineers: Atkins Global. Design Professional—Contractor: Harvey Cleary Builders. Tree Preservation Contractor/Project Arborist: Zimar and Associates, Incorporates.

Valleybrook Montessori: Developer: Montessori School of Northern Virginia, Incorporated. Design Professional: Patton, Harris, Rust and Associates (A Pennoni Company). Tree Preservation Contractor: Zimar and Associates, Incorporated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees. Fairfax County and its residents have benefitted greatly from the collaborative spirit that is represented by these awards today, and I thank each of the awardees for their efforts.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR DOROTHY HUNT FINLEY

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Hunt Finley—a daughter of Southern Arizona ranchers who spent a lifetime giving back to her community before passing away on February 20th at the age of 92.

Dorothy grew up in rural Cochise County, not far from the U.S.-Mexico border and never envisioned a future as an educator, a beer distributor and a community leader and benefactor.

For three decades, Dorothy was a teacher and a principal at schools in the Tucson Unified School District. She was chairwoman of the TUSD Elementary School Principals and president of the Arizona Elementary School Administrators. Because of her background in education, Dorothy became a member of the Pima Community College Foundation Board and co-founded the Women's Studies Advisory Council at the University of Arizona.

Her life took a turn 30 years ago when her husband, Harold, died. Dorothy became CEO of Finley Distributing Company, a beer wholesaler. She also became a dedicated community activist.

Dorothy was a member of nearly 100 community organizations that benefitted from her time, commitment and financial generosity. That list includes the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Tucson Economic Council, Pima County Juvenile Court, Arizona Historical Society, Tucson Urban League, the Arizona Theatre Company, the UA Wildcat Club, La Frontera Child Family Center, the American Diabetes Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Goodwill Industries, the March of Dimes and the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

Dorothy received numerous well-deserved awards for her work, including a gubernatorial Celebrating Exceptional Women award, the Entrepreneur of the Year award from the YWCA and the Woman of the Year honor from the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. She was named among the top 100 private business owners in Arizona and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the YWCA.

In 2004, Dorothy was presented with the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award, which she traveled to the Pentagon to accept. She also is the only civilian to have a building named after her on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base: the Dorothy Finley Child Development Center.

I am proud to recognize Dorothy Hunt Finley—an exceptional friend to the people of Southern Arizona. She will be deeply missed.

HONORING LARRY DANCE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of one of my constituents, Larry Dance of Greensburg, Indiana.

Larry was a life-long resident of Greensburg and active member of the community. He served his country in Operation Desert Storm as a member of the Air Force, earning the Act of Bravery Medal. At home, he served as a decorated Lieutenant in the Greensburg Police Department, including being named Officer of the Year and President of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Larry continued his love of sport as an assistant wrestling coach at Greensburg High School and as a team wrestler in the World Police and Fire Games. On a personal note, I have fond memories playing alongside Larry on the Greensburg High School football team.

I ask the entire 6th District to keep his wife Shannon, three daughters Mallory, Megan,

and Bailli, and the entire extended Dance family in your thoughts and prayers.

CONGRATULATING GO SOLAR BROWARD ROOFTOP SOLAR Challenge

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Go SOLAR Broward Rooftop Solar Challenge, a U.S. Department of Energy grand-funded program that encourages residents and businesses of Broward County to convert to solar energy. I would like to applaud the program and its sponsors for establishing a simplified and streamlined process for Broward County residents and businesses to obtain photovoltaic rooftop solar systems.

I have been a long time supporter of solar power as a way to create new jobs in South Florida and move our country towards a more secure energy future. With some of our nation's most beautiful environmental treasures, including our beaches and the Everglades, I believe these natural resources must be protected by further investments in renewable energy options. Improving our access to innovative clean energy technologies will help curb our dependence on fossil fuels, thereby benefiting our environment, economy, and national security.

The Go SOLAR Broward Rooftop Challenge provides an important service to the county by making solar power more accessible to local residents and businesses. I am thankful to this conference for bringing together government officials, local businesses, and private citizens committed to solar energy to share information and resources. I want to particularly thank Kristin Jacobs, Broward County Mayor, for her leadership in spreading green energy to the region. Congratulations to the Go SOLAR Broward Rooftop Challenge team and all of the conference participants for taking action to spread solar power resources to South Florida.

HONORING MR. JOHN MCELENEY, DEALERSHIP OWNER OF MCELENEY CHEVY BUICK GMC TOYOTA OF CLINTON, IOWA

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Mr. John McEleney, an automobile dealer in Clinton, Iowa. John, owner of McEleney Chevy Buick GMC Toyota, was recently nominated for the 2013 TIME Dealer of the Year award sponsored by TIME Magazine and Ally. John was nominated by Bruce Anderson, President of the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association, and was honored at the National Automobile Dealers Association Convention & Exposition in Orlando. The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the auto industry's most prestigious awards, recognizing both success in the industry and exemplary community service.

John is a third-generation family dealer who operates a dealership first opened in 1914. He began washing cars and doing janitorial work at the dealership as a 13-year-old, and after graduating cum laude from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in business administration, he returned to Clinton in 1973 to join the dealership full-time. In 1976 John became dealer operator as a 24-year-old, carrying on the tradition of family ownership. John was chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association in 2009, a historic year in the auto industry, and he took part in many high-level policy discussions with the US Department of Treasury and the White House in an effort to fight for dealers across the country.

In addition to his dedicated service at the family dealership and his work on behalf of the American auto industry, John has been a generous supporter of charitable efforts, including supporting the Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education and the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation. He also founded the "Fill the Stocking Fund" in Clinton that helps provide gifts and financial support for needy families within the community. John has chaired a successful fundraising campaign to support economic development in the Clinton area, as well as serving as president of the Clinton Rotary Club, on the Paul B. Sharar Foundation Board of Directors, and as vice president of the Mount St. Clare College board.

On behalf of my constituents, I would like to thank John McEleney for his years of service to the Clinton community, the State of Iowa, and our nation. I know I join his colleagues, friends, and family in congratulating him for his nomination for TIME Dealer of the Year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 47.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

RECOGNIZING THE 2013 DULLES REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR"

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce (the DRCC) for its ongoing dedication to local businesses and our community. The DRCC sponsors a fundraising event, Casino Royale, the proceeds of which will support programs for homeless children in Fairfax County. In addition, during this event, the DRCC will present its 2013 "Educator of the Year" Awards to educators who demonstrate exceptional effort and achievement.

The DRCC dates back to 1959, when it began as the Herndon Chamber of Commerce. Since its founding, the Chamber has