

# HONORING THE NUTLEY VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY AND RESCUE SQUAD

## HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad, located in the Township of Nutley, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

The Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad has served the Township of Nutley since 1953, providing a high quality of emergency medical and rescue services. Before its inception, emergency care in Nutley was only available through the Police Department. It was in 1953 that Jess Booth, Wally Eckhardt, and Dave Marshall, all members of the Police Reserves, set out to form a First Aid Squad. After attending District meetings of the New Jersey State First Aid Council, plans for the potential Nutley squad were formulated and presented to Mayor Harry W. Chenoweth. The Mayor then took the idea before the Town Commission, where it won approval. On March 3, 1953, the Nutley First Aid and Rescue Squad was officially created to provide Nutley with immediate care by well-trained women and men in any emergency.

The Squad began with a 1947 Buick ambulance, which they refurbished and equipped for use. At its conception, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad only had eleven members, providing service from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., and were supplemented by the Nutley Police Department. The courtroom above the Chestnut Street Fire House served as a meeting area for business and training, while the ambulance was parked at the Warren Street entrance of the Fire House. Duty crews stood by in the Police Headquarters, and the records were housed at the homes of the first officers.

Within the following two years, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad was permitted to utilize the Red Cross building for meetings and conducted their first fund drive with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary. The proceeds enabled the replacement of the old Buick with a new 1955 Meads-Miller Cadillac ambulance. The success of the drive prompted the formation of an Ambulance Association, and the fundraiser became an annual event. By 1958, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad had outgrown the spaces allotted to them, and refurbished the old town garage under Police Headquarters to suit their needs. This provided a bay for two rigs, meeting rooms, and an area for the crew to stand by. The following year, the Police ambulance was replaced with a new Eurika Cadillac ambulance. The ever-increasing amount of calls for aid led to the beginning of 24-hour coverage for the Township of Nutley in 1961.

Since 1973, the Squad has been a live-in Squad, with members required to remain at headquarters for the entire length of their shifts. That same year, bunkrooms were constructed to accommodate the late-night crews between calls. The dedicated members, having all qualified as New Jersey State Emergency Medical Technicians, changed the name from Nutley First Aid and Rescue Squad to the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc. in 1976 to reflect their train-

ing, and the advanced care they provide. The equipment and volunteer members are kept current. The member training includes Standard and Advanced First Aid Courses, ambulance procedures, rig driving lessons, emergency childbirth, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training. More recently, the Squad also has a Scuba Team, Water Recovery and Rescue, and a Bike Team. A shortage in volunteers led to the hiring of two paid EMTs in 1988, and again in 1999. The Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad maintains these employees solely through fundraising and donations.

Though 60 years have passed, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad has maintained the two original goals: dedication of members to service to the Township of Nutley with the highest quality of care, and services rendered free of charge to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad as they celebrate their 60th anniversary.

## HONORING DREW LINN

## HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Mr. Drew Linn, President and owner of the Birmingham, Alabama, based Southland International Trucks for his selection as 2013 Truck Dealer of the Year. Mr. Linn was nominated by his peers and selected from a field of nominees by an independent panel of judges from Indiana University's Kelly School of Business. The national award, which is co-sponsored by the American Truck Dealers and Heavy Duty Trucking Magazine, focuses on excellence in dealership performance, as well as industry and community leadership.

Mr. Linn began his career with International Harvester, now known as Navistar, in 1965. Throughout his extensive career, he cites his success as due to his focus on providing excellent service to his customers. His dedication is evident from his successful business, Southland International Trucks, that operates six locations throughout Alabama.

Mr. Linn has had a distinguished career and has been recognized with more than a dozen corporate and industry awards, including the International Circle of Excellence, International Dealer of the Year (2008) and H. Chester Webb Distinguished Service Award (2009) from the Alabama Trucking Association.

I am thankful for Mr. Drew Linn and Americans like him that work to provide great products and service to consumers and support our nation's workforce with good, dependable jobs.

## A TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY SHERIFF ERIC LARSON

## HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and fellow

law enforcement officer Patrol Deputy Sheriff Eric Larson of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sheriff Larson was wounded on March 30, 2013, while bravely serving in the line of duty.

Deputy Sheriff Larson has been honorably serving in the Alameda County Sheriff's Department for over 19 years. He worked his way up through the ranks, previously serving in the Coroner's Office before becoming a Patrol Deputy Sheriff.

As a former prosecutor, I know the importance of courageous and experienced police officers, like Deputy Sheriff Larson, who work day in and day out to keep our streets and communities safe.

Deputy Sheriff Larson's efforts on the day he was wounded helped to protect his fellow officers. He is a shining example of the best and bravest officers in our country; he is willing to put himself in danger for the benefit of others.

Deputy Sheriff Larson is a fourth generation resident of Alameda County, where he continues to reside with his wife and three children. Before joining the Alameda County Police Department, Deputy Sheriff Larson attended San Lorenzo High School. He continues to be active in his community by coaching a variety of youth sports such as baseball, soccer, basketball, and t-ball.

I am thankful for the dedication and sacrifices of Deputy Sheriff Eric Larson and all of the Alameda County police officers who continue to put themselves in harm's way every day to protect the neighborhoods of the East Bay. I wish Deputy Sheriff Larson all the best as he continues to recover at home with his family.

## HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADISON'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

## HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Madison, located in Madison, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Madison is a branch of the worldwide network of Rotaries, which inspire individuals to transform their passions into relevant social causes to improve lives in communities. The first Rotary Club in the world was organized in Chicago, Illinois in 1905 by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer. He gathered together a group of men, each from a different sphere of public service, to form the first club. The club would rotate their meeting place between the places of business of the members, which suggested the name "Rotary." These men met with the goal of developing fellowship and understanding among businesses and professionals in the community, promoting improvement of the community through high ethical standards in occupational practice, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace. These ideals of thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others are the same that are held fast by the nearly 33 thousand Rotary Clubs, with over 1.2 million members, that exist today.

The Madison Rotary is among these clubs that carry on the proud tradition. In the early

1920s, citizens of Madison began to take note of the vibrant qualities of Rotary as demonstrated elsewhere. The ideals of "Service above Self," "He profits most who serves best," and the fellowship and joy that comes from going beyond the daily routine of life to help others, greatly appealed to them. The testimonies of members of other Rotary Clubs, as well as Madison residents who witnessed other Rotaries in action, encouraged W. Kelton "Kelly" Evens to write to Same Clarke of the Morristown Club asking for sponsorship. Morristown agreed, and commissioned Wilber Day of Day's Restaurant, a Morristown landmark, to arrange the sponsorship. Day worked with Preston Borroughs, who, in January 1923, gathered interested business and professional men at the Ridgedale Inn for discussion. After further followup meetings, Borroughs confirmed to Day in March that the group was prepared. With Day as the liaison for the charter arrangements with the Governor of the 36th District, the Rotary Club of Madison held its Charter Night on May 24, 1923 in the Refectory of Drew University. Wilbur F. Day presided and read the names of the new charter members, while the District Governor Lion L. Woodward presented the charter to Joseph F. Ruzicka, the first President of the Rotary Club of Madison.

Throughout its 90 years, the club has assisted people in need in the community and internationally. Currently, the club donates approximately \$50,000 annually to non-profit organizations and local initiatives. The Madison Rotary is active in the community, working on local projects, including maintaining gardens for seniors and the library grounds, participating in Bottle Hill Day, distributing dictionaries to grade school children, and sponsoring the annual Taste of Madison and the Rotary Family Festival. They have also supported Rotary projects worldwide. The Madison Club boasts 86 talented and accomplished men and women dedicated to the core values of Rotary: Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Madison as they celebrate their 90th anniversary.

#### HONORING EVELYN KOWALCHUK

#### HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Ms. Evelyn Kowalchuk of Huddleston, VA, who passed away at the age of 93 on April 7, 2013.

A brave World War II flight nurse and a remarkable woman, Ms. Kowalchuk was one of only 500 nurses to serve in World War II, putting her life on the line to provide compassion and care for our wounded soldiers.

Ms. Kowalchuk served with the 818th Air Evacuation Squadron and helped evacuate the wounded troops from Omaha Beach just days after the D-Day invasion in Normandy. A life member of the Flight Nurses Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ms. Kowalchuk received several awards and recognitions for her military service.

Having had the honor of meeting Ms. Kowalchuk, I know that this brave veteran embodied the selfless heroism that represents the best America has to offer. Her life will continue to be a reminder of our country's highest ideals.

Virginia's 5th District has lost a truly special lady and our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Kowalchuk and her family. I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering Ms. Kowalchuk and honoring her bravery, spirit, and selflessness.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN GARRARD

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. John Garrard, Jr., a beloved and respected South Alabama public servant and businessman who recently passed away at the age of 86.

A native of Flora, Mississippi, John was valedictorian of his high school class before he enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. While in the Navy, John served on an ammunition carrier supplying America's forces battling the Japanese in the Pacific.

After the war, John returned home to continue with his education. He earned a degree in Economics and Business Administration from Millsaps College and then moved to Atmore, Alabama, where he would spend the remainder of his long and fulfilling life giving to the community he loved.

Shortly after arriving in Atmore in 1948, he took on the role of educator and banker in the South Alabama community. He taught in Escambia County High School before joining the staff at the First National Bank and Trust of Atmore. His hard work and dedication were evident. In 1974, he was appointed the bank's fifth president and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1986. Even after he retired from the bank, John was retained as vice-chairman with special duties in customer service and public relations.

John turned his gaze to public service in 1996 when he first ran for a seat on the Atmore City Council. He served until 2012, contributing significantly to the economic growth and development of Atmore.

In 1981, John was named Citizen of the Year by the Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce. In February 2011, the Chamber presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Additionally, he was an active member of the Atmore Rotary Club, Atmore Public Library Board of Directors, First United Methodist Church, Atmore Historical Society, and Atmore Area Hall of Fame Committee. John was also involved in a local prison ministry at Fountain Correctional Institute for almost 15 years.

As a World II veteran, he travelled to Washington, D.C. in September 2010 as part of the Honor Flight South Alabama program. I was honored to greet him at the National World War II Memorial where I had the honor of thanking him for his service to our country.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I would like to personally extend my condolences to his two sons, John and David, and his grandchildren, great grandchildren, step grandchildren and many friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

#### HONORING THE GREAT SWAMP OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, located in the Township of Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

The Great Swamp was created approximately 15,000 years ago, when the melting waters of the retreating Wisconsin Glacier poured into the natural basin known as the Passaic Valley. The area of the Great Swamp is not entirely swampland, but a unique mixture of marshes, meadows, dry woods, and brush colored swamps. The intermingling of these four habitats is what gives the Great Swamp its distinctive character, and allows it to support a wide variety of plant and animal life. In 1959, plans were being formed to pave over large amounts of the area to create an international airport. Area residents objected to these ideas, and formed the Great Swamp Committee to save the ecosystem. As a part of this effort, the Morris County Park Commission purchased approximately 44 acres on the eastern end of the swamp in 1963, and allowed the staff from the New Jersey Audubon Society to give tours, and raise awareness to better protect the area. The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center is located adjacent to the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, on 44 of the 7,600 acres it spans.

The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center offers a variety of activities for people of all ages. There are two classrooms for formal learning, a large auditorium, a natural history library, natural history displays, and nearly two miles of natural trails for hiking. The center offers programs for families, classes of all grades, scouts, or any other groups interested in learning about the environment of the swamp. Visitors can partake in such programs as Lenape Day, the Maple Sugar Festival, Baby & Me Hikes, summer camp programs, bird watching, and much more. They have four different short trails for hiking, as well as an observation blind and a pond observation deck for visitors to enjoy the diverse wildlife. The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center is dedicated to the preservation of the Great Swamp, as well as fun, informative, and accessible education on the habitat and its wildlife.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, the professional staff of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, and their many dedicated organizations and volunteers as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

#### HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the many contributions of