

beautification at the Franklin Town Park. The project included painting buildings, picnic tables and trash cans, laying mulch, repairing playground equipment, and conducting a safety survey.

Ryan Dahmer lives with his family in Pendleton County, West Virginia. After high school, Ryan plans to attend Fairmont State University and pursue a degree in aviation.

Mr. Speaker, the Boy Scout Oath encourages young scouts do their best for God and country. Indeed, Ryan Dahmer has done his duty, by serving his community and making Franklin, West Virginia a better place.

#### HONORING ITNAMERICA FOR DELIVERING A HALF-MILLION SENIOR RIDES

#### HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate an organization based in my district on reaching an important milestone. With its beginnings in Portland, Maine, the senior transportation service ITNAmerica provided its half-millionth ride in March 2013.

Designed to recreate the comfort, convenience, and independence of private automobile ownership, ITNAmerica offers rides to seniors who can no longer drive their own vehicles. Using a network of paid and volunteer drivers, the organization offers "arm-through-arm and door-through-door service" seven days a week, 24 hours a day. With an average age of 85, riders use the service for anything from shopping trips to doctor's appointments.

Reading the stories of its riders, it's clear that ITNAmerica's service is not just about getting seniors from Point A to B.

Without the ability to drive, seniors can find themselves suddenly shut off from services, friends, and the world—with terrible repercussions for their health and wellbeing. Just as sadly, our communities can also lose out on the many things they have to offer. This service allows seniors to keep their freedom and quality of life while maintaining their connections to businesses, churches, and volunteer commitments. And along the way, they develop lasting friendships with their drivers and fellow riders.

Executive Director Katherine Freund founded the organization in 1995 after her 3-year-old son was injured by an elderly driver. Katherine decided the accident was less the fault of the driver than of a system that does not adequately meet the transportation needs of seniors who live past their driving years. From humble beginnings, ITNAmerica has grown to 23 affiliates in 18 states across the country and Katherine has earned numerous awards and accolades for the difference she has made in the lives of seniors.

While it took 18 years to reach the first half-million rides, ITNAmerica expects to deliver its millionth ride in only three years from now. With millions of baby boomers soon retiring, this service is more important than ever. My sincere congratulations and appreciation go to Katherine Freund, ITNAmerica, its affiliates, staff, volunteers, and, indeed, riders on reaching this incredible milestone.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 3, 2009, the day I took office, the national debt was \$10,627,961,295,930.67.

Today, it is \$16,819,547,647,482.89. We've added \$6,191,586,351,552.22 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a Balanced Budget Amendment. We must stop this unconscionable accumulation of debt.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO EDINA BOYS HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONS

#### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Edina Boys Hockey Team on their impressive performance at the State Hockey Tournament victory on March 9, 2013.

The team defeated Hill Murray High School in the finals to win their 11th State Tournament title and end their season with a 22–6 winning record. This game served as the programs' rubber match, with Edina winning the championship in 1988 and Hill Murray evening the series in 2008. This year, Edina came out the victor once again.

The Edina Boys hockey program carries on a proud tradition of success in athletics at Edina High School under the coaching staff of Curt Giles.

All of these student athletes, their parents and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It is an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations!

#### CONGRATULATIONS KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE (KVH) HOSPITAL

#### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to applaud the Kittitas Valley Healthcare (KVH) Hospital for being named among the top 100 critical access hospitals in the nation. Having immediate, quality care can make the difference between saving a life and losing it, and I am so proud that a facility like KVH is serving the constituents of Washington's 8th District. Critical access hospitals are institutions that are at least 35 miles away from another hospital and have a maximum of 27 acute care beds. All 100 of these institutions are to be commended for their work ensuring access to quality healthcare for all citizens, and especially those living in rural areas. KVH was chosen to be in the top 100 because it provides exceptional quality of care, patient

outcomes post-hospitalization, patient satisfaction, and affordability.

This is only the second time such a list has been released and KVH Hospital has been on the list both times. KVH is one of only two hospitals in Washington State to receive this distinction and has repeatedly shown itself to be a champion for the well-being of their patients. It is truly committed to improving the communities it serves. Again, I applaud KVH for its dedication to providing communities with superior patient care and achieving this high honor. I encourage it to continue its practices shown to improve patient health outcomes and satisfaction, and I hope that other critical access hospitals from Washington State and across the nation will strive to copy KVH's success.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE DALE CITY MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2013 recipients of the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards sponsored by the Dale City Christian Church. The Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards began in 1984 to educate youth about the achievements of African-Americans under the adopted motto, "For if a man does not know his history, he cannot know his future."

Currently in its 29th year, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards banquet is an annual event honoring individuals who show an exceptional devotion to their community through service. The purpose of the event is two-fold: To highlight the extraordinary work of individuals who are improving the lives of people within the local community and to offer scholarship assistance to high school seniors pursuing higher education. The banquet promotes higher education and independence by providing guidance and financial assistance to students, which helps instill the honorees with national, community, and family pride.

The 2013 recipients are graduating high school seniors, public servants, business leaders, local church leaders, and members of the Dale City Christian Church congregation. It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the recipients of the 2013 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards:

Pastoral Leadership Award: Dr. Derek Grier.  
Religious Leadership Award: Rev. Morris Bussie.

Educational Leadership Award: Ms. Anita Flemons, Mr. Terrence Davenport.

Professional Leadership Award: Dr. Kiana Rene Trent.

Community Service Award: Dale City Sports Club, Cecil and Veronica Anderson.

Business Achievement Award: Ms. Michelle McKinney.

Christian Service Award: Ms. Marguerette Swift, Mr. Thomas Martin.

Faithfulness Award: Deaconess Edna Fulcher, Trustee George Boggs.

Dedicated Christian Family Award: Deacon Bedford, Deaconess Karen King and Family.

Senior Leadership Award: Miss Tyra Bland.

Senior Christian Service Award: Miss Dene Middleton, Master Latrell Riley.

Junior Leadership Award: Master Kyle Stokes.

Junior Christian Service Award: Miss Faith Leftridge, Master Samuel Thomas.

2013 High School Senior Scholarship Recipients: Miss Tyra Bland, Miss Marquetta Inabinet, Miss Dene Middleton, Master Latrell Riley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the 2013 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards recipients for their dedication to building and maintaining a thriving community. Each recipient has made an impact on Dale City and with these awards we hope to show them how much their contributions are appreciated.

#### RECOGNIZING THE BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT 65TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BANQUET

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, which is hosting its 65th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, to thank its volunteers for filling an essential role in keeping the community safe.

The Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department was founded in January 1948, and for 65 years has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of Burke, Fairfax County, and the surrounding communities. It also provides, houses, and maintains firefighting and emergency medical equipment; provides opportunities for professional growth and development for the membership; and maintains and fosters a strong viable organization.

As one of the most active volunteer fire and rescue departments in Fairfax County, the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department works in cooperation with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to serve the community. Last year alone, the Burke station handled 3,384 incidents and 4,881 unit responses.

For 2013, the following dedicated men and women deserve special recognition for stepping up to become officers and members of the board of directors:

Chief: Thomas Warnock.

Assistant Chief: Lawrence Bocknek.

Deputy Chiefs: Tina Godfrey and John Hudak.

Captain: Melissa Ashby.

Lieutenant: Keith O'Connor.

Sergeants: John Rose and Jennifer Babic.

President: Patrick Owens.

Vice President: John Powers.

Secretary: Larry Barnett.

Treasurer: Sheryl Gilhooly.

Board Members: L. Joseph Dumas, Crystal Eden, and Alisha Sunde.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the department for 65 years of service and in thanking all of the brave volunteers who do not hesitate to drop everything when the community calls in need of help. To all of these men and women who

put themselves in harm's way to protect our residents I say: "Stay safe."

#### CELEBRATION OF ALFRED T. LILLY, FLORENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

##### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 200th birthday of Alfred T. Lilly, founder of the Lilly Library in Florence, Massachusetts.

Mr. Lilly was a cornerstone of the Florence community: He began as a superintendent of the Nonotuck Silk Company, eventually becoming part owner of the company after Nonotuck became one of the largest and best-known manufacturers of silk in the United States. Mr. Lilly helped found a number of businesses in Florence, including the present-day Florence Savings Bank. He believed that local businesses were an integral part of any vibrant community.

Mr. Speaker, in 1888, Mr. Lilly recognized the need for a library in his community. By deeding the land where the building was to be constructed, donating a considerable portion of his personal library, and providing financial support, Mr. Lilly led the efforts to construct the library that now bears his name. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lilly was a philanthropist in the purest sense of the word and cared deeply about his community. His dedication, Mr. Speaker, is the reason why, two centuries after his birth, Alfred Lilly's spirit thrives in the institution that he helped to form.

It is in recognition of his dedication and passion, Mr. Speaker, that I ask my fellow Members of the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the great contributions Mr. Lilly made to the community of Florence.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2013 ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Asian-American Chamber of Commerce and the recipients of the 2013 Asian-American Chamber Awards.

The Asian-American Chamber of Commerce, AACC, is dedicated to improving economic development for Asian Pacific American Owned businesses in the Washington, DC region. The 11th District of Virginia is blessed by its diversity. Roughly 1 in 4 residents are foreign born and approximately 40 percent are minorities. Half of our foreign-born population emigrated from Asia and more than 80,000 of our neighbors speak an Asian language at home. Northern Virginia has a robust international business community and is home to the largest concentration of minority-owned technology firms in the nation. The AACC and its members contribute greatly to our economic strength and stability; Asian-American businesses generate more than 52 percent of

total revenues generated by all minority owned businesses in this region.

Each year, the AACC recognizes businesses and non-profits in the Asian-American community for their outstanding contributions to the Metropolitan Washington community and economy. I congratulate the following individuals and businesses for receiving one of the 2013 Asian-American Chamber of Commerce Awards:

Asian Business Excellence Award:

Pragmatics, Inc.

Small Business of the Year:

APS Pest Services.

Asian Business Leader of the Year:

S. Tien Wong (Lore Systems, Inc.).

Outstanding Corporate Partner Award:

Wells Fargo.

Non-Profit of the Year:

Becky's Fund; Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Fairfax Region.

Volunteer of the Year:

Le Ha Anderson, Andrew Bittan.

Government Agency of the Year:

Fairfax County Economic Development Agency.

Emerging Business of the Year:

The W Salon.

Next Generation Investment Award:

Erie Insurance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the honorees of the 2013 Asian-American Chamber of Commerce Awards and in commending the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce for its work to support Asian- and Pacific Islander-owned businesses throughout our region.

#### RECOGNIZING MS. JEAN PACKARD ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend and mentor Jean Packard on her 90th birthday.

Jean, who moved to Fairfax County in 1951, got her start in public life the same way I did—as president of her neighborhood civic association. She likes to say that her first "win" was convincing the county to pick up trash—a humble start to what would become five decades of community leadership, particularly on the environmental. Jean was unabashed environmentalist long before most people knew the meaning of that word.

Jean's activities soon branched out beyond her neighborhood, and she was elected president of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations. She was elected Chairman of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, serving from 1972 to 1976. During that time, she also served as chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. She later became the first woman in Virginia elected to serve on a regional soil and water conservation district board, a post in which she still serves today. She has held numerous other positions including: the state Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the Fairfax Land Preservation Trust, and the Sierra Club's national board.

For her extraordinary service to the citizens of Fairfax County, Jean has received many