

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

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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

well-deserved awards and honors including Fairfax County Citizen of the Year, Fairfax County Conservationist of the Year, and the Architecture Medal for Virginia Service from the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects.

In 2010, I was honored to present Jean with the Fairfax County Park Authority's Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, which is named in memory of our dear friend and fellow community leader. In further recognition of Jean's contributions to environmental causes, the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust's lifetime achievement award was renamed the Jean R. Packard Award in her honor in 2011.

It is no exaggeration to say that without Jean's dedication and passion for our community and the environment, Virginia would have more erosion, dirtier water, and fewer trees. Fairfax County in particular would not be the green, nationally-recognized environmental steward it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I asked my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jean Packard on her 90th birthday and thanking her for her decades of service to our community and future generations through her environmental stewardship and example of civic engagement.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CHURCHILL MUSEUM IN FULTON, MO

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Churchill Museum in Fulton, MO for its recent award from the Missouri Humanities Council honoring its "The Kingdom at Work" exhibit. As part of the "The Way We Worked" program instituted by the Missouri Humanities Council, this effort provided an excellent opportunity to display the cultural history of the area and also demonstrated the power of collaboration in our local community.

"The Kingdom at Work" exhibit focused on sharing the stories of how work became a central element of American culture and the many challenges and innovations affecting the workforce and work environment. Concentrating on several broad categories, the exhibit shared the unique stories of work from different walks of life in Callaway County over the past century.

In addition to the National Churchill Museum, I would like to extend special recognition to the local groups and organizations that cooperated to make the exhibit possible, including: the City of Fulton, the Callaway County Chamber of Commerce, the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society, the Fulton Area Development Corporation, Westminster College and student organization, the University of Missouri Extension Program—Labor Education Program, Sunrise Sign Company and local trade unions.

The final exhibit is an outstanding example of how one community's commitment to collaboration and learning can bring the humanities to life and make our cultural history accessible to current generations. The exhibit and activities surrounding its debut not only

highlighted the past but also gave Callaway County the opportunity to explore the future.

In closing, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the National Churchill Museum's "The Kingdom at Work" exhibit and its contribution to the humanities.

IN RECOGNITION OF WALTER ALCORN FOR RECEIPT OF LEADERSHIP FAIRFAX'S KATHERINE K. HANLEY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FOR 2013

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize this year's recipient of Leadership Fairfax's Katherine K. Hanley Public Service Award. This year's award goes to Walter Alcorn, whom I had the great pleasure of working with during his sixteen years on the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

Leadership Fairfax is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to finding, training and growing leaders in Northern Virginia. Leadership Fairfax seeks to build leaders who raise the tide not only in their organization or local community but in the whole Northern Virginia region. Graduates from its programs become part of and stay connected to a fast growing number of civic leaders. I've always said, "When you walk into a crowded room it's easy to spot the graduates of Leadership Fairfax—they just stand out!"

Northern Virginia is blessed with many leaders who have given their time and service to make a difference in our community. To recognize these outstanding leaders among us, Leadership Fairfax instituted the Katherine K. Hanley Public Service Award. This annual award honors an individual for his or her outstanding accomplishments in the areas of public service employment or service on a public board, authority or commission and for lasting contributions to the quality of life in the community.

Walter Alcorn has stood out in our community for many years. After graduating from the University of Virginia, he began his career as a policy aide to then-Supervisor Kate Hanley, who was my predecessor as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Kate appointed him to the Fairfax County Planning Commission in 1996, and I had the honor of reappointing him three times during my tenure as Chairman. As Chair of the Planning Commission's Tysons Corner Committee, Walter oversaw revisions of the comprehensive plan for Tysons that will allow what is known as the downtown of Fairfax County to be transformed from an area filled mainly with strip malls, car dealerships, and office buildings into a vibrant, walkable, sustainable, mixed-use community. Many people said that was impossible, but Walter displayed the patience and persistence of an owl in finding a way to lead a wide variety of stakeholders to forge the compromises necessary to move forward. The result of that effort, the Tysons Plan, received the 2011 Daniel Burnham Award from the American Planning Association. That prestigious award recognizes only one urban plan in the nation each year, for advancing the science and art of planning, and Walter deserves much of the credit.

Along with his service to the county, Walter has been an enthusiastic little league baseball coach and serves on the steering committee of his Sunday School class at the United Christian Parish in Reston. When not volunteering, he is Vice President of Environmental Affairs and Industry Sustainability at the Consumer Electronics Association, where he leads environmental policy and electronics recycling efforts as well as legislative initiatives impacting electronic product design, eco-labeling and hazardous materials restrictions. Prior to CEA he was a consultant on electronics recycling issues and co-founded the National Center for Electronics Recycling in 2005. From 1992 to 2003 he worked at SAIC, where he left as Deputy Division Manager in the Technology Research Group. He resides in Reston with his wife, Kristina, and their two children, Ryan and Delia. He also enjoys a large circle of friends, of which I am proud to be a member.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Walter Alcorn for receiving of the Katherine K. Hanley Public Service Award and in thanking Leadership Fairfax for continuing to develop leaders for Northern Virginia.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will recognize 36 individuals in a variety of categories including: the Lifesaving Award, the Certificate of Valor, the Bronze Medal of Valor, and the Silver Medal of Valor.

Twenty-six members of the Fairfax County Police Department are being honored for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

2013 Silver Medal of Valor Recipients: Second Lieutenant Erik H. Roads, Officer First Class Eric W. Crago, and Police Officer First Class Thomas R. Divers.

2013 Bronze Medal of Valor Recipients: Police Officer First Class Luis A. Castellon, Police Officer First Class Matthew W. Stanfield, and Officer Kenneth I. Hunt, III.

2013 Certificate of Valor Recipients: Police Officer First Class Sean P. Corcoran, Police Officer First Class John R. Diffley, Police Officer First Class Peter E. Focazio, Police Officer First Class Michael R. Row, Police Officer First Class Anthony P. Stancampiano, and Officer Bradley E. Chiz.