

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

OF VIRGINIA

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.

2013 Lifesaving Award Recipients: Officer Kristen M. Bennett, Police Officer First Class Kenneth M. Bridgeman, Police Officer First Class Alan C. Cordray, Police Officer First Class Timothy S. Evans, Police Officer First Class Dana V. Ferreira, Police Officer First Class Brooks R. Gillingham (2 Lifesaving Awards), Police Officer First Class Christopher B. Hutchison, Police Officer First Class Richard A. Juchnewicz, Police Officer First Class Christopher W. Munson, Police Officer First Class Brendan T. Murphy, Police Officer First Class Ali Sepehri (2 Lifesaving Awards), Police Officer First Class Robert E. Welch, Master Police Officer Maureen M. McKeon, and Detective Annie R. Mack-Evans (Retired)

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2013 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

#### TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

#### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 21 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: James Chase, U.S. Army; Irene L. Christopherson, U.S. Army; Duane F. Goodman, U.S. Army; Charles V. Heaney, U.S. Army; John J. Kime, U.S. Army; Robert O. Phariss, U.S. Army/U.S. Air Force; Donald M. Rickard, U.S. Army; Donald S. Shilling, U.S. Army; Velma L. Sundet, U.S. Army; Ross A. Turkle, U.S. Army; Warren C. Gilfillan, U.S. Army Air Forces; Floyd E. Goldbloom, U.S. Army Air Forces; Elliot Lovelace, U.S. Army Air Forces; Leslie L. Lawrence, U.S. Coast Guard; Raymond H. Prescott, U.S. Marine Corps; Arthur Nelson Cauble, U.S. Merchant Marines; Arthur H. Cusson, U.S. Navy; Earl Garrett, U.S. Navy; Richard E. Mould, U.S. Navy; Charles A. Potter, U.S. Navy; Wayne W. Stram, U.S. Navy.

These 21 heroes join more than 98,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Gail Yakopatz for her tireless work as president of Honor Flight of Oregon.

#### RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARDS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

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Five members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2013 Bronze Medal of Valor Recipients: Captain II Jerome Williams, Technician Rudy Iturrino, and Volunteer EMT Brandy L. Walker.

2013 Certificate of Valor Recipients: Captain I Timothy O. Barb and Captain I William S. Moreland.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2013 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

#### HONORING THE WORK OF LEGACIES OF WAR

#### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Legacies of War, a project that continues to raise public awareness about the unexploded ordnance (UXO) in the country of Laos dropped by the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Between 1964 and 1973, the U.S. Air Force dropped more than two million tons of bombs on Laos; about a third of those bombs failed to detonate. Today, those bombs remain lethal and embedded the ground, where they continue to maim, injure and kill civilians. Each year, hundreds of civilians, children, women and farmers get injured, maimed or killed by UXO. I witnessed many first-hand accounts of tragic stories from UXO survivors in December 2006 when I visited the Xiengkhouang Province in Laos, an area that was heavily contaminated by UXO. While progress has been

made in recent years, we must continue clearance efforts until UXO are no longer a threat.

Legacies of War is a compelling and powerful educational program that provides needed attention to the suffering of the thousands of UXO victims in Laos. This month, Legacies of War is bringing two demining advocates from Laos to share their stories about the senseless deaths, injuries and tragic consequences caused by UXO. I commend Legacies of War for sponsoring this nationwide speaker tour series in cities across the U.S. to rally public support for increased urgency in the removal of UXO in Laos. This tour also provides an opportunity to promote healing and hope by creating a brighter and safer future for the people of Laos.

I strongly urge my colleagues to attend any events in their district and support UXO clearance programs in Laos and around the world. Children should not live in fear of the lethal remnants from a long-past war.

#### RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARDS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

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Five members of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2013 Silver Medal of Valor Recipient: Master Deputy Sheriff Curtis A. LeMay

2013 Life Saving Award Recipients: Correctional Technician Mark J. Richey, Private First Class Brandon A. Pitts, Private First Class Morgan R. Walker, and Master Deputy Sheriff Dwight D. Greear.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2013 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.