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RECOGNIZING W.T. WOODSON HIGH
SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
YEAR

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate W.T. Woodson High School on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Since the school opened its doors in September of 1962, W.T. Woodson High School has been known for being one of the top public high schools, not only in Virginia but also in the nation. The school was named for Mr. Wilbert Tucker Woodson, who served as superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools from 1929 to 1961.

Woodson excels in every area including academics, athletics, music, and student clubs and activities. Year after year, Woodson is featured in the top 100 list of U. S. public schools in Newsweek and U. S. News & World Report, and it continually ranks near the top in Fairfax County in the numbers of National Merit Scholars. Academic awards have included grand prizes at the county Science Fair, and numerous scholarships. In 2011, teacher Sam Gee led his team to the first ever win on "It's Academic." A recent study by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development found that Woodson's students outperform students in every country and region in the world except Shanghai-China in reading.

In the 1980s, Woodson received The Washington Post Athletic All-Around (all sports) Award. Athletics continues to be a part of the "Woodson Way"—the school has won 177 District Titles, 65 Regional Titles, and 30 State Titles in all areas of athletic competition.

Music has also had a strong tradition at Woodson. The choral music department presents a mammoth production each February known as "Dessert on Broadway." The Cavalier Band has won top honors in national competitions. The orchestra is renowned for its talented musicians. The choral group traveled to Vienna, Austria, and Paris, where students performed at Notre Dame. In 2011, The Chamber Ensemble had the honor of being chosen to perform at the White House. The Cavalier (yearbook), The Cavalcade (newspaper) and the P.A.G.E. Literary Magazine annually take top awards in state and national publications competitions.

Finally, Woodson's vision includes academic excellence for all members of the community. Woodson is now home to a center for students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and a center for students with emotional and learning disabilities. The building is one of the most used in Fairfax County, as it houses both Adult Education and Night School.

On a personal note, as the father of a Woodson graduate, I can speak firsthand to the high-quality educational experience and supportive atmosphere cultivated by the Woodson staff and community. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in con-

gratulating W. T. Woodson High School on its 50th Anniversary and in thanking the dedicated educators, administrators, and families for their shared commitment to our youth.

KATRINA CORDOVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katrina Cordova for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Katrina Cordova is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katrina Cordova is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Katrina Cordova for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY GANT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Mary Gant, of La Crescenta, California, a true leader in the La Crescenta-Montrose and La Cañada Flintridge communities.

Mary was active in the Mountain Avenue Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, PTA, in La Crescenta, receiving their Honorary Service Award, and the Rosemont Middle School PTA in La Crescenta, serving as President, where she was honored with the PTA Continuing Service Award.

Well-known throughout the area for her energetic, friendly and positive attitude, Mary has organized many key events for various charitable organizations. She coordinated the silent auction for the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce's annual meetings, was a Chamber Ambassador and serves on the city's Fiesta Days parade committee every year. A driving force in many Kiwanis Club of La Cañada projects, Mary co-founded the "Wine and Gourmet Food Tasting" event in coordination with the La Cañada Flintridge Educational Endowment Fund, and helped with the Kiwanis Club's Soap Box Derby event registration process for many years. Ms. Gant was also President of the La Cañada

Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association, served on the fund-raising committee for the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA and assists with the YMCA's Annual Prayer Breakfast.

Mary is devoted to her church, the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. She served as a Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, was active in the Youth Program, is on the Personnel Committee and is an ordained Deacon and Elder.

Some of the awards Ms. Gant has received include the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada's Distinguished Service Award, the Gil Smith Award, and the La Cañadan of the Year Award. In addition she received the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award and the Les Tupper Community Service Award from the La Cañada Flintridge Coordinating Council.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Mary Gant.

PESONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I was due to board a flight about the time of the Boston Marathon Bombing. The flight I was on was canceled and I took another flight later returning to Washington, DC. I unexpectedly missed rollcall votes 103, 104, and 105.

On rollcall vote 103, passage of H.R. 1162, GAO Improvement Act, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote 104, passage of H.R. 882, The Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote 105, passage of H.R. 249, Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF ISRAEL'S 65TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor and privilege to recognize and commemorate the 65th anniversary of the State of Israel's independence. Sixty-five years ago, America became the first nation to recognize Israel, an event that symbolizes the closeness of the relationship between our two countries and our two peoples.

Since its founding in 1948, the Jewish state has faced many challenges, and America has been proud to be at Israel's side to meet these challenges. Our nation's ongoing commitment to Israel is unparalleled and I have been proud to spend my career in Congress working to promote the many economic, political, and cultural and security ties that bind our nations together.

On this day, Israel has much to celebrate and be proud of. Their nation and people have been leaders in the development of groundbreaking and transformative technology affecting millions of people around the globe.

Israelis have led the world in scientific research and advancements in medicine and have produced ten Nobel laureates in their short history. They have also built a world-class economy based in large part on their remarkable ability to educate their citizens and encourage freethinking and an entrepreneurial spirit.

While the Middle East continues to face challenges, our nation is comforted that Israel stands as a stable model for democracy in the region. The United States also stands ready and willing to help our strongest ally continue to meet the many challenges it faces in the region while working to promote peace and freedom in Israel and the Middle East. I look forward to the day when Israel and her neighbors can enjoy a prosperous and secure peace and will continue to do all that I can to make that a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing all Israelis a happy independence day and affirming America's resolute commitment to the future success and stability of the State of Israel.

JOSEPH UREND A

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joseph Urenda for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Joseph Urenda is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joseph Urenda is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joseph Urenda for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 22ND ANNUAL BEST OF RESTON AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 22nd Annual Best of Reston Awards for Community Service and the Robert E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award. The Best of Reston Awards are the result of collaboration between Reston Interfaith and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and are presented to individuals, organizations and businesses that have put forth extraordinary effort in service to our community and improving the lives of others.

Founded in 1970, Reston Interfaith is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing so-

cial services to vulnerable individuals in Reston, Herndon, and the surrounding area. Its mission is to "promote self-sufficiency through direct support and advocacy for our neighbors in need of food, immediate shelter, affordable housing, quality child care, and other human services." Reston Interfaith has reached out to 250,000 neighbors-in-need, helping them overcome tough economic times in an already high cost-of-living region.

I am pleased to submit the names of the following recipients of the 2013 Best of Reston:

Individual Community Leader: Doug Bushée, founder of the CORE Foundation, which assists individuals and groups in raising money for nonprofits such as Reston Interfaith and the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation. Doug has also served on the boards of the Reston Association and Leadership Fairfax, Inc. and has coached youth sports in the area.

Individual Community Leader: Ed Robichaud, for his years of volunteering with many diverse organizations including the Reston Museum, the Reston Bicycle Club, RA Bike Rodeo for children, Reston Community Orchestra, Travelers' Aid at Dulles Airport, and Wolf Trap.

Civic/Community Organization Leader: Friends of the Reston Regional Library, for 40 years of support of the public library in its efforts to improve its collections, service, and programs offered to patrons and for sponsoring book sales which generate nearly \$100,000 annually for the library.

Civic/Community Organization Leader: YMCA Fairfax County—Reston, for its efforts in fostering the spiritual, mental, and physical development of youngsters, adults, families, and communities, including afterschool programs and summer camps for at-risk youth.

Small Business Leader: Mayflowers, a flower shop in Reston Town Center whose owner has donated floral designs to many charity events in support of worthy causes such as the National Institute of Health Children's Gala, IPAR, Camp Sunshine, Best of Reston, and Feed the Hungry.

Corporate Business Leader: John Marshall Bank, a community bank being honored for its encouragement of volunteerism and philanthropy. In 2012, the bank raised \$30,000 for charity through its annual golf tournament, and bank employees donated hundreds of hours volunteering in the community. Recently the bank expanded its philanthropic efforts to include support for wounded warriors and holiday gifts to children of the incarcerated.

Vade Bolton-Ann Rodriguez Young Leaders—Entrusting our Community's Future Award: Amanda Anderé, who is the executive director of the nonprofit FACETS, which helps low-income Fairfax County residents in need. Amanda also serves as a deacon at Reston's Martin Luther King Jr. Christian Church, a board member of Reston Association, an adjunct professor at George Mason University, and as Chair of the Steering Committee of Nonprofit NoVa.

Robert E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award: William G. Bouie, for 25 years of serving the community in ways too numerous to list. Notable examples include serving as Chair of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, Chair of the Reston Community Center Board, President of the Friends of Reston, Vice Chair of the Board of the Initiative for Public Art—Reston, Reston YMCA Board, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Wolf Trap

Center for the Performing Arts Associates Board, President of Reston Youth Baseball, assistant district administrator for Little League Baseball of Northern Virginia, and the United States Olympic Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Reston Interfaith and its 2013 honorees for their continued commitment to our community. I express my sincere gratitude to these individuals for contributing their time and energy to the betterment of our community.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOM MACADAMS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Mr. Tom MacAdams. Throughout his life, Mr. MacAdams has been active in his community, founding a number of organizations in Brooklawn, New Jersey. Mr. MacAdams and his wife Marie have been married for 34 years and they have three children together, Shane, Colin, and Erin. Sadly, Mr. MacAdams has Frontotemporal Dementia, a neurodegenerative speech disorder, and was recently diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Mr. MacAdams is a paragon of community service and a true leader in his community. To combat drug use, he created the Brooklawn Drug Alliance Committee. Mr. MacAdams also served on the Brooklawn council for 18 years, 16 of them as Municipal Chair. Along with his wife, Mr. MacAdams organized the Brooklawn Christmas Spirit, a group dedicated to providing food toys, and gift cards for families in need.

An avid sports fan, Mr. MacAdams created a number of leagues in his hometown. He founded the Lady Bugs Basketball League, a girl's league which played in his family's backyard for 7 years. Mr. MacAdams also established and coached the Brooklawn Bees basketball team, and founded and organized the Brooklawn Wiffleball Tournament.

Tom MacAdams is a role model for Brooklawn and all of South Jersey. I rise to honor Mr. MacAdams for his outstanding commitment to his community, and all the work he has done to improve Brooklawn, New Jersey. I wish him and his family the best.

A TRIBUTE TO GRACE YOO

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Grace Yoo of Los Angeles, California, whose tireless efforts have benefited her community and beyond. Grace received a B.A. in