

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

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, Grace Yoo of Los Angeles, California, whose tireless efforts have benefited her community and beyond. Grace received a B.A. in

political science from the University of California, Riverside, and is a graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law.

Ms. Yoo is the Executive Director of the Korean American Coalition in Los Angeles, KAC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which represents the interests of the Korean American community in the Los Angeles area. She is very involved in working with a diverse set of communities throughout Los Angeles, where she helps mediate differences and fosters awareness of the needs of the Korean American community. Grace is a certified mediator, who works with leaders of every cultural background to resolve tension and conflict and bring about a more harmonious Los Angeles. Grace is also involved in international efforts to help refugees and through "Topple Hunger in North Korea", T.H.I.N.K., a KAC run program, she became deeply involved in the North Korea Child Welfare Act. This Act was signed into law on January 13, 2013, by President Obama. Prior to her career with KAC, Grace served as the Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Along with being a successful career woman, Grace has been a selfless volunteer for several organizations since her high school days. Her volunteer work includes being active in several professional organizations to increase racial and ethnic diversity in the law and being a driver for SAFE RIDES. In 2008, Ms. Yoo was nominated by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to serve as a Los Angeles City Commissioner for the Department of Transportation. Currently, she serves as the President of the BOB Fund for Children.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Grace Yoo, for her exceptional service to the community.

KAMELIA VICK

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 Kamelia Vick for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kamelia Vick is a 9th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kamelia Vick 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 Kamelia Vick 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2013 DULLES REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "STARS OVER DULLES" AWARDS

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 Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the DRCC, for its ongoing dedication to local businesses and our community and to congratulate the 2013 "Stars Over Dulles" Award recipients.

This year, at the 18th Annual Stars Over Dulles Award Gala, the DRCC will honor those extraordinary businesses, non-profit organizations, and citizens in our region who enhance our economy and quality of life through their excellent vision and initiatives. The gala will also raise money for the USO Metropolitan Washington as well as two organizations which serve the homeless: Final Salute, Inc. whose mission is to provide homeless female veterans with safe and suitable housing, and the Fairfax County Public Schools Homeless Liaison Office which assists homeless students in the county. Finally, many wounded warriors will attend as special guests.

As the former Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and now as a Member of Congress representing much of this community, I have been proud to partner with the DRCC on promoting the region's pro-business climate and celebrating the service so many individuals and businesses provide to our community.

I am pleased to join the DRCC in congratulating the following recipients of the 2013 Stars Over Dulles Awards:

Large Business of the Year: Cardinal Bank, Reston.

Mid-Sized Business of the Year: Exhibit Edge Inc., Chantilly.

Small Business of the Year: Xango, Oak Hill.

Small Non-Profit of the Year: Final Salute Inc., Haymarket.

Large Non-Profit of the Year: FACETS, Fairfax.

Business Citizens of the Year: Justin Exner, Vice President, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp., Gainesville and Robert Kessler, President, Systems Furniture Gallery, Chantilly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2013 Stars Over Dulles Award recipients and in thanking these businesses, non-profits and individuals for their many contributions to our regions' economic success and quality of life. I also commend the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, its member businesses, and the sponsors of this event for their support of at-risk veterans and children in our community.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY SPECIALIST
GEORGE ALAN INGALLS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose

dedication and contributions to our country are exceptional. Today, the City of Norco will recognize and honor Army Specialist George Alan Ingalls for his ultimate sacrifice and proclaim today George Alan Ingalls Day.

George was a Norco resident who died in Vietnam on April 16, 1967. On that day, he threw himself onto a grenade to save the lives of the members of his squad. For his gallantry and self-devotion to his unit, George posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In his youth, George was active in local sports, and attended Norco Junior High and later Corona High School. He also served as President of the youth group at the Community Church of Norco.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like George, who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. The goodness George brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made will always be remembered.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,801,307,487,216.56. We've added \$6,174,430,438,303.48 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING ANNE ALTMAN FOR
A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD FOR SALES EXCELLENCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Fairfax County resident Anne Altman, who is being honored with the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development, IES&BD. The IES&BD was created to demonstrate excellence in business sales and development and to help organizations maximize their efforts. The IES&BD Excellence in Sales & Business Development Awards recognize Greater Washington teams and organizations who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development.

Anne Altman is General Manager, IBM Global Public Sector based in Herndon, Virginia. Her portfolio spans global government, including U.S. federal government, state and local agencies, as well as education, health care, life sciences and pharmaceutical clients. Ms. Altman's career at IBM has spanned three