

Police Chief Charlie T. Deane is a two-time Commission award recipient. He is being honored for his 42-years of service to the Prince William County Police Department and for providing equitable services to all county residents.

Mary Porter, Maxine Coleman, Zella Brown and Fannie Fitzgerald constituted "The Courageous Four," a group of four African-American teachers who integrated the Prince William County Public Schools in 1964. They are being honored for promoting the smooth transition to desegregated schools.

The Human Rights Study Committee: Donald T. Poe, Chair, Fred Allen, Richard Brown, Jr., Ethel Georges, Provi Gonzales, Bob Prevatte, Herbert A. Rountree, Rajendra P. Singh, Eric Tatum, and Manuel L. Velasquez.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2013 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

HONORING STEPHANIE KLANG'S DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a distinguished and accomplished individual from the 7th Congressional District of Missouri, Stephanie Klang.

Stephanie Klang was selected to be a Captain of America's Road Team for 2013–2014. America's Road Team is the premier group of professional truck drivers, with millions of accident free miles, a commitment to community service, and superb record of safety. Stephanie will spend the next two years traveling our nation representing the trucking industry and promoting highway safety to the public.

Stephanie, a resident of Diamond, Missouri and employee of Con-Way Truckload in Joplin, Missouri, is an outstanding driver who is passionate about truck safety advocacy. She exemplifies safety consciousness as the first female in Con-way Truckload history to log more than 2,000,000 miles on America's highways without a preventable crash.

With 32 years of truck driving experience, Stephanie represents her company and the industry with the utmost professionalism. She values her role in ensuring the safety of the motoring public and delivering a highly valuable service to our nation's economy.

Leading by example, Stephanie has helped to elevate the reputation of professional truck drivers everywhere as safe, conscientious professionals. In March, 2012, National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Deborah Hersman was Stephanie's passenger for the first leg of her trip from Washington D.C., to the Mid-America Trucking Show in Kentucky. At the show, Chairman Hersman called Stephanie out by name during a Women In Trucking event to praise her for staying calm while safely navigating her truck through some of the nation's most congested roadways.

Stephanie has proven that she is a top-notch driver, employee, and safety proponent

for the trucking industry. She is highly dedicated, qualified, and ready to lead on safety issues as she embarks on her new mission as a member of America's Road Team. I am proud of the example that she has set and honored to call her a neighbor in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court recognized a woman's right to privacy and protected her freedom to make her own reproductive decisions. With the support of a majority of Americans, my colleagues and I will continue to defend this right and oppose efforts to interfere in a decision between a woman, her family, and her doctor. Let's work together to ensure quality, affordable health care, reduce unplanned pregnancies, and expand assistance to pregnant women and options for adoption.

IN HONOR OF LOIS "PAULINE" NOLAN LARSON

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, Thoreau famously said most men lead lives of quiet desperation. My mother led a life of quiet inspiration. Thousands gave witness to that and stood in line for more than three hours to pay their final respects to Lois Nolan Larson, affectionately known as Pauline. My family was deeply touched by the outpouring of the community. It was a great tribute to my mother's lifetime commitment to her community. Several kind statements of appreciation were made by elected officials—from the President of the United States to the Governor of our state; from Senators to House Leaders in Congress and members of the Connecticut General Assembly. It was, however, two articles—one by Tom Condon of The Hartford Courant, the other by Bill Doak of our hometown paper, The East Hartford Gazette, that captured the sentiment, feeling and appreciation of an everyday mom who gave to her community and set an example to emulate. The following are those two articles:

[From the Hartford Courant, Oct. 12, 2012]

EAST HARTFORD MOTHER LEFT LEGACY OF
INVOLVEMENT AND ACTION

(By Tom Condon)

Democracy works because good people give their time and get involved. At the municipal level, few epitomized the ethic of participation quite like Lois Pauline Nolan Larson of East Hartford, who died this week at 87.

For decades starting in the 1960s, Mrs. Larson, known to all as Pauline, served the town in most of the ways it is possible to serve. She was a member of the town council and the Democratic town committee, on which

she served as vice chairwoman and treasurer. She served on the town's parks and visiting nurse association boards and the cemetery commission. The community center in the Mayberry Village neighborhood where she lived is named in her honor.

She volunteered her time while she and her husband were raising eight children, and while she was battling multiple sclerosis. She inspired two of her children to go into public life. Her son Timothy Larson was mayor of East Hartford for eight years and is now a state representative. Her son John Larson is the seven-term U.S. representative from the 1st District.

John Larson spoke of his mother's battle with declining health in a televised speech at the recent Democratic National Convention, and how she wanted not to be a burden to her family. "Mom, you're not a burden," Larson told the convention crowd. "You're an inspiration."

Many in East Hartford nodded.

[From the East Hartford Gazette, Oct. 18, 2012]

PAULINE LARSON: 'THE LILLY OF MAYBERRY
VILLAGE'

(By Bill Doak)

Mayberry Village is many things. As Congressman John Larson points out, the former apple orchard laid out with a tight-knit net of streets was a federal housing project, cinder block and wood-frame coal-heated homes needed to power The Aircraft with a supply of workers, then returning veterans from World War II. Emigrants from the Canadian provinces and Maine settled in Mayberry along with workers from other factory towns all over Connecticut and Massachusetts, attracted by steady, well-paying work here in East Hartford. Others came displaced by massive highway redevelopment projects right here in East Hartford where Route 2 plowed through the flimsier wood-framed East Hartford Estates located down by the Riverfront and took two-thirds of the town's large mobile home community which extended from Pratt & Whitney to the river, and the wooden, barracks-style homes in what is now McAuliffe Park.

Above the then-new, modern Mayberry Village, roads and homes covered the top of the hill where Laurel Park, a rustic entryway over a bridge across the Hockanum River greeted trolley car day trippers. Homes and families replaced apples and arcades. One constant solidified Mayberry Village: its moms.

One of those fell from the tree of life last Wednesday. Lois "Pauline" Nolan Larson. Yes, she is known to the thousand or so who waited outside D'Esopo's East Hartford Funeral Chapel Sunday as the mother of Mayberry Village, and East Hartford's, only United States Congressman John Larson; former East Hartford Mayor Timothy D. Larson, the first mayor to come out of the Village. But for the other 500 she was also Pauline Larson, the grand dame of East Hartford politics for the past 50 years. Indeed, without her example, Congressman Larson acknowledged from the pulpit of St. Isaac Jogues church Monday, he would not have become the person he is—not the politician he has become—today. And how proud East Hartford would be to hear our John give a "shout out" to his hometown of East Hartford, to Mayberry Village and to his mother specifically on the national stage of the Democratic National Convention last month.

We have heard it suggested that East Hartford would be better off demolishing Mayberry Village. Could happen. East Hartford is far from being a sentimental place. You only have to look at every Redevelopment proposal to see that demolition is right

at the top of every suggested improvement here. Preservation is treated as if it were a disease one might catch by spending too much time in South Glastonbury, South Windsor or admiring a covered bridge. Bucket loaders are on speed dial at Town Hall.

And yet Mayberry Village, problems or no, survives—and, to those who attended Monday night's Mayberry School Literacy Night, thrives.

Perhaps that is because "The Village" is very much still a village of moms. Pauline and her husband Ray raised 8 children, moving three times in Mayberry, settling into what Mayberry residents still call "The New Village," on Chandler Street. Mayberry School, named after a well-known East Hartford family doctor, Dr. Franklin F. Mayberry, replaced the Little Red Schoolhouse first organized in the Community Building, now the Lois Nolan Larson Community Center.

It was moms such as Pauline Larson who kept the children occupied. Moms organized the PTA for the Little Red Schoolhouse located where St. Isaac Jogues is today. Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Larson; moms such as Mrs. Korngiebel and Mrs. Jamo and Mrs. Mazolli. They kept an eye on all the children, not just their own. They called one another when someone was playing not where they were supposed to be, or would be late for dinner. They exchanged clothing that was outgrown, chipped in to help a family in need, shared venison or fresh Maine potatoes just picked by local children returning back from the fields up north. The school and the church are central to Mayberry Village, not politics. More families pay attention to what is going on down Cannon Road than to happenings at Town Hall.

But Pauline Larson realized the political process was and is vital to the lifeblood of a community. She taught her children that it was important for them to get involved, to participate, to take part in the system their father, Raymond, fought for in the Navy, his ship torpedoed by a kamikaze attack 30 miles off the coast of Japan near the end of World War II. Call it divine intercession of a girl from Lawrence, Massachusetts versus the divine wind of the Japanese, but John became a history teacher, state senator and is now one of the country's top leaders as chairman of the House Democratic Caucus. This did not happen by magic but by dint of hard work and never forgetting where you are from; by staying humble and remembering to pray and to give thanks and credit where credit was due. All values instilled by a Mayberry Village mom, by all the neighborhood moms as well, an army of mothers reminding you to wipe your shoes and wash your hands and do your homework.

The Larson family lost Ray Larson 24 years ago. Pauline found herself with multiple sclerosis, and battled this debilitating illness for the last third of her life without complaint. She still stayed involved in her beloved Democratic party, in her town and in her growing family's lives. David Larson became her caregiver for which he earned the enduring appreciation of his family until she had to move from Chandler Street to the Riverside Health Care Center where she also received great and loving care, the congressman said, in a eulogy that was a tribute not just to one woman but to a place and time where an ordinary mom could make a difference, and an extraordinary difference in terms of raising a mayor and a congressman—not to mention the rest of the Larson clan, all contributing, hard-working citizens in our society.

A Jesuit missionary might have his name on the church—October 21 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Jogues guide and the bronze statue on the eastern corner of the church on

Home Terrace will be canonized in Rome as the first American Indian saint in the Catholic Church by Pope Benedict XVI—but Mayberry Village's moms also deserve a place of honor. And it is no small coincidence that an Ave Maria was sung inside St. Isaacs so close to the day 356 years ago—October 18, 1646—when Jogues was martyred and when Kateri, who died in 1680 at age 24, "The Lilly of the Mohawks," will be canonized Sunday, an event of significance for native tribes in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Women have a significant role in keeping the faith of Mayberry Village together. Far too many haven't any other choice, somehow making ends meet. As our ongoing poor economy continues to plague us, places such as Mayberry feel it, but are accustomed to it. They know hard times are one check away. Indeed the Monday stop by the Foodshare truck, which typically sees a line of hundreds lining up for free food, was cancelled Monday, a hand-written sign under the gaze of Blessed Kateri's statue stated.

Being a true Mayberry Village mom, Lois "Pauline" Nolan Larson would likely have hated being a cause of such an inconvenience.

That is a Mayberry Village mom.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARTS COUNCIL OF THE MORRIS AREA

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Arts Council of the Morris Area, located in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2013.

The Arts Council of the Morris Area is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1973. Their mission has been to "engage and build community through the arts." Taking great pride in the importance of the arts, the organization desired to showcase the work of artists to the area. Their lasting goal has been to inspire positive change in people through the realization and appreciation of different forms of artistry.

The Arts Council contains numerous services aimed at making the Morris County area a more vivacious and intellectual place to live through the various programs it puts forth and the support of local artists who donate their work to The Arts Council. The Council also serves as the central resource to help improve artistic learning experiences for children in school and providing general information to the public.

The Arts Council has directly assisted more than 4,000 students in understanding and appreciating art through its programs that utilize professional teaching artists. Additionally, the council has funded a program for Middle School students called "Telling Our Stories," with the goal in mind of improving oral and written communication skills. They hope that this program will improve students' self-esteem, conflict resolution abilities, and problem-solving characteristics. The council also awards two scholarships, for artistic excellence, annually to graduating Morris County high school seniors who have chosen to pursue an art concentration in college. These scholarships provide these students with the wonderful opportunities they need to succeed.

Over the past four decades since its beginnings, the Arts Council has grown each year in its recognition, size, and impact on the community. The council has continuously earned honors for the programs and services it provides. Amazingly, over the past 15 consecutive years, the Arts Council has received the "Citation of Excellence" award. This award is given to organizations that demonstrate themselves as a "Major Service Organization" towards members of their community and has been handed out annually by the New Jersey State Council of the Arts to The Arts Council for its, "solid history of service excellence, substantial activity and broad public service." Moreover, the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in their Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation, identified the Arts Council as, "a leader in developing, supporting and promoting artists, the arts and experiences that enhance and transform the lives of Morris County citizens." Undoubtedly respected amongst the entire community, it is easy to see why this council has gained such notice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Arts Council of the Morris Area, in Morristown, NJ, as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. LILLIE BELL CARSON MOORE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Lillie Bell Carson Moore, who celebrated her 100th birthday on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. She will be honored with a birthday celebration on Sunday, January 27, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Richland, Georgia.

Known as "Shug," Mrs. Moore was born in Brooklyn, Georgia on January 2, 1913. She is the fifth of 23 siblings.

At an early age, Mrs. Moore's family moved from Stewart County to the Seminole Community in Webster County, where her father purchased land for the family. No stranger to hard work, Mrs. Moore would toil in the fields of the farm from dawn until dusk. She also maintained a garden and canned and preserved food for her family.

Mrs. Moore joined Shady Grove Baptist Church as a young girl and was educated by night in the sanctuary of the church. They were not allowed to attend school during the day as there was always farm work to be done. Mrs. Moore loved to praise the Lord through song and she added her voice to the choir in 1973.

Mrs. Moore married John Moore and gave birth to five children: Charlie, Fannie Mae, Annie, Jessie and Leroy. She has seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Moore was known as the first African-American woman in the area to drive a Model T car. Having lived under the administration of seventeen United States presidents, her greatest joy was to live long enough to see the first African-American president elected. She well remembers a time when she was not allowed