

Girl Scout Troop 5285 for helping with several special events and conservations projects as Youth Ambassadors for the Environment.

Linda Gosnell for her ongoing efforts with projects and programs to create, restore, clean and preserve access to natural areas in the Neabsco District in Prince William County.

David Sarr for his diligent efforts in assisting the Youth Ambassadors with a tree planting project along Bull Run Creek at Ben Lomond Park in April of 2012 and 2013 and assisting in the coordination and recruiting of additional volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the winners of the 2013 Green Community Awards and in thanking them for their dedication to environmentally sustainable practices and projects in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS
FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY,
MANASSAS AND MANASSAS
PARK

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Habitat for Humanity of Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park.

Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people from all walks of life and faiths to work together in partnership to build and repair houses with families in need through their Neighborhood Revitalization Initiatives: New Construction, Home Repairs, Home Repairs and the Habitat Restore. Home repairs consist of A Brush with Kindness, Weatherization, Critical Home Repairs and Critical Home Repairs for Veterans. None of their work is possible without the funding and time that their donors and volunteers give so generously. 496 volunteers donated more than 8,976 hours in 2012 and twelve of those volunteers individually donated more than 100 hours each.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for Habitat for Humanity of Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park:

Theresa Accoo, Ryan Adkins, Einass Akari, Peter Arseneault, Lynn Ashe, Barbara Atwell, Megan Beverage, Zakry Bowers, Sean Bradshaw, George Braun, Shawn Brown, Jason Byrd, Charla Chaudhry, Kent Clingman, Dianna Collins, Daniel Coe, Austin Cooper, David Cover, Jackson Crocker, Cara Davis, Dhruv Desai, Kristen DiGennaro, Anita Duecaster, Lynn Eklund, LaKeshia Evans, James H. Floyd, Scott Foster, Zachary Fox, Christina Frank, Robert Gainer, William Garcia, Jamar Gavin, Noelle Gharzai, Jeremiah Goodman, Timothy Grembowski, Phyllis Hall, Al Harris, Richard Harrison, Charles Haynes, Michael Hensley, Lauren Hughes, Mohammad Islam, Susan Jacobs, Frank Jacquette, Abdallah Jaffe, Tramel Jenkins, Teresa John-

son, Peggy Jones, Amin Khatib, Mosammat Khatoon, Mike Kitchen, Kurt Koehler, Sang Lee, Yingshan Li, Mark Luiggi, Maggy Machado, Gino Manzo, Michael Marshall, Marie Martinet, John McBride, Donald McCubbin, Alec McDonald, William McGill, Jeffrey Montag, Kimberly Morris, Christine Moten, Clancy Olson, Jay Patidar, Peter Pomajevich, Joel Reaser, Betty Reichert, Michael Renfro, Ginger Reyes, Glenn Rhodes, Laura Riedl, Alexander Smith, Brian Smith, Kisha Sogunro-Wilson, Michael Stark, Brian Swanson, Marci Swanson, Chris Teague, Dilaun Terry, Kenneth Thomas, Nick Visger, Matthew Watkins, Brandon Welch, Paul V. Whalen, Jeremy Whitehurst, Justin Williams, Thomas Wilson, Renee Woolfolk, Gary Wright, Larry Young, Sarah Zaheer, Luz Zambrano.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to the issue of housing in our community.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM
AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF
2013

SPEECH OF

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the Royce/Engel amendment to make U.S. International food aid programs more efficient. The United States is a generous nation and since the 1950s has fed billions of people around the world through the Food for Peace program. However, nearly sixty years later, the world has changed and the program needs to change with it. The status quo is no longer an option. We must act now to change with the times.

The United States does not have the surpluses it did decades ago and it is now forced to purchase food on the commercial markets. Near record-high farm prices have meant our food aid dollars do not go as far. According to independent analyses, the number of direct recipients of our food aid has dropped from 74 million in 2006 to an average of 30 million more recently. Research has shown that famine and hunger are not necessarily caused by the lack of food, but frequently by the lack of access to available food, and quite often driven by conflict. According to a 2009 report by GAO, this locally-available food is a quarter to a third less expensive than in-kind food aid.

Another important benefit of the increased flexibility this amendment provides is that U.S. assistance could be used to purchase the nutrient dense foods that are critical to pregnant mothers and their young children. By providing the right inputs at the right time, our assistance will not just alleviate hunger, but ensure

that recipients have healthy and productive futures.

Our constituents demand that we take a critical and judicious look at each and every government program to determine whether it is efficient and effective in reaching its objective. With the lack of agricultural surpluses in our country, the sole remaining objective of our food aid programs should be to serve the maximum number of people in need in the most cost effective way possible. While this amendment is a good start, I think we need to do more. I wish we could adopt the Administration's proposal—reforms that could feed an additional 10 million people.

The crisis in the Horn of Africa, the current devastation of the communities in Syria, and the fragile nature of chronically hungry places like the Sahel region of Africa call us to be responsible stewards of resources, both for United States taxpayers and the people around the world who depend on our assistance. These reforms are proven. For example, monetization programs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are only earning \$0.51 for every dollar of commodities provided. The only responsible action is to find a better way to serve the mothers and young children that depend on these programs.

Reducing the enormous suffering associated with hunger and famine is a goal rooted in the fundamental generosity of the American people and is the right thing to do.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this important amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS
FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Prince William County Historic Preservation.

The dedicated Historic Preservation Volunteers are an essential part of the Historic Preservation Division. They are part of an endless effort to preserve and enhance the historical and natural resources of Prince William County. They bring these resources alive for citizens with special programs events and daily efforts to maintain and beautify our historic sites. They graciously sacrifice their personal time to volunteer as docents, garden volunteers, education volunteers, research and collection volunteers, restoration volunteers, and special event volunteers.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for Prince William County Historic Preservation:

Todd Berkoff, Dave Bowman, Daniel Breeden, Morgan Breeden, Brenda Caricofe, Nerine Clemenzi, Elaine Davis, John DePue, George Erhart, Dennis Feldt, Andy Fredette, Jay Greevy, Curt Hoagland, Becky Hornyak, Kelly Hunsaker, James Ivancic, Jeff Joyce, Tim Kelly, Belinda Lewis, Bryan Lewis, Tom McGinlay, Georgia Meadows, Tony Meadows, Mike Miller, Janice Overman, John Peason, Cecily Petway, Austin Petway, Katie Petway,

Lionel Raymond, Jacque Rowberry, Virginia Sandersen, Rosemary Schatz, Andy Schatz, Jack Sigel, Adrian Tighe, Lin Weeks, Amanda Wells, Fred Wolfe. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers for Prince William County Historic Preservation for their service and dedication to protecting our community's historical treasures.