

to carry on the legacy of Mr. L.C. Leach, Sr. He transcended this life on earth on April 28, 2008.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. L.C. Leach, Sr. for his dedication and service as a civil rights advocate and pioneer during the civil rights movement.

RECOGNIZING THE PARTICIPATION
OF THE HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND IN THE 2013
PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL PA-
RADE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Herndon High School Marching Band for being selected to participate in the 2013 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade and for receiving Grand Champion honors in recognition of their outstanding performance.

Known as "The Pride of Herndon," the Herndon High School Band is the oldest established high school band in Fairfax County and has been a part of Northern Virginia since 1947. Since its founding, the band program at Herndon High School has grown from that original group of fifteen musicians to more than 200 instrumentalists comprising the following ensembles: Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band, all currently under the direction of Ms. Kathleen Jacoby.

The National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was established by an Act of Congress on August 23, 1994 to commemorate the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade, which began in 2011, honors the survivors, veterans, active duty military and their families, and most especially the more than 2,400 members of U.S. Armed Services who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Each year, one high school band from each state that bears the same name as an American battleship or other vessel that was attacked at Pearl Harbor is invited to participate in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade. This year, The Herndon High School Marching Band was chosen to represent Virginia. While in Hawaii, the Pride of Herndon toured the USS Arizona Memorial, performed in front of the USS Missouri, met with World War II Veterans who survived the Pearl Harbor attack and served as Virginia's official "ambassador" to the parade. Following the parade, a three-judge panel designated the band as Grand Champions for the quality and appropriateness of its performance.

The band's participation in this event would not have been possible without support of the Herndon High School Band Parents Association and the Herndon High School community, including the Herndon Rotary which raised more than \$15,000 to help fund the cost of the trip.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Principal William Bates, Band Director Kathleen Jacoby, and the Herndon High School Marching Band on this tremendous achievement and in commending them for their roles in honoring and paying tribute to our Greatest Generation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 23 I voted "yea," I wanted to vote "nay."

HONORING DIANNE J. TAYLOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dianne J. Taylor, an employee of the Mississippi Department of Human Services for over twenty years.

The opportunity to become a civil servant of any branch of the government is a great privilege to be able to serve the American people. Dianne graduated from Troy State University in 1993 with her B.S. Degree in Resource Management and shortly afterwards she began her career with the Mississippi Department of Human Services in that same year.

In an effort to build upon her academic training and hands on learning within the agency, Dianne returned to school and received her MBA from Delta State University in 2004.

During this entire time, she maintained her employment as a case manager in Tallahatchie County where she administers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. This program is designed to help single parents become self-sufficient so that they can transition off of public assistance.

Dianne has all intentions of retiring as a civil servant employee, realizing the opportunity given to her twenty years ago has been not only more than a privilege but rewarding by allowing her to help others in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Dianne J. Taylor for her longevity and dedication to helping others as an employee of the Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2014 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2014 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) implemented the Human Rights Ordinance January 15, 1993, formally establishing the Human Rights Commission. Two years prior, the BOCS formed the Human Rights Study Committee to explore the needs of a community that was growing in population and diversity. An exhaustive effort that included numerous committee meetings and

public hearings identified a strong community desire for a human rights ordinance and an agency to enforce it. The Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability, as well as in the consideration of employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit, in Prince William County.

The BOCS approved the ordinance in September 1992 to ensure that "each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law, and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights, and privileges of community life." Residents enlist the services of the commission if they feel their rights have been violated in the areas of employment, fair housing, credit, education and public accommodation.

In celebration of Universal Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that promote the principles of human rights in Prince William County. It is my honor to enter into the Congressional Record the recipients of the 2014 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards:

Vicky Castro
Father Gerry Creedon
Doreen Dauer
Cydney A. Neville
Sam Sanders

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2014 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.

IN HONOR OF THE LONE STAR
FLAG'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the "The Lone Star Flag" of Texas. 175 years ago, Texas' Red, White and Blue banner was adopted as the flag of the Republic of Texas. The blue stands for loyalty. The white stands for purity. The red stands for the courage with which Texans have been blessed.

One-third of our flag is blue with a single centered white, five-pointed star. The remaining two-thirds of the flag are horizontal white and red bars. It's an image known the world over.

When Texas became our nation's 28th state, Texas' national flag became our state flag. Our state pledge starts with "Honor the Texas flag."

Dr. Charles Stewart lived in Montgomery, Texas when he led a committee appointed by Mirabeau Lamar tasked with designing our flag. You can see how he envisioned Texas' flag at the Nat Hart Davis Museum on Liberty Street in Montgomery. Our county, and this community's Lone Star Flag ties, are second to none.

In 1997, the Texas Legislature honored Montgomery County, Texas as the birthplace of the Texas Lone Star Flag. Our community is so proud of this honor.

The Patrons of Cedar Brake Park in Montgomery have partnered with the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation and the Historic Montgomery Business Association to hold a 175th Anniversary Celebration for our great flag on Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Special thanks to Bill Koltlan, Shannan Reid, Sonya Clover, Julia Wall and Patti Stafford and other volunteers for coordinating this event to celebrate the birth of this iconic symbol of our state.

May our Lone Star Flag always wave proudly over the great state of Texas.

HONORING GABRIELLE NICOLE TERRETT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented young lady, Miss Gabrielle Nicole Terrett.

Gabrielle Nicole Terrett is the 14-year-old daughter of Dr. André and Attorney Toni Terrett. She is the eldest of five and a 9th grader at Warren Central High School in Vicksburg.

Gabrielle is an all around student that has excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities. She is a member of the Warren Central Big Blue Band flute section. She also plays the violin and has performed at local nursing homes over the years.

Gabrielle has received several awards including placing 1st in Jewelry in the Hobbs-Freeman Art competition-2012, 2nd place in the Hobbs-Freeman Art competition-2012, 2nd place in the 2013 Blacks in Government Oratorical Contest, 3rd in the 2012 NAACP essay contest, and 2nd Runner Up in the 2013 Miss Southland Pageant.

Gabrielle volunteers at the Mountain of Faith Women's Shelter Retail Store. As a volunteer she helps stock shelves, organize the store and assist customers to the store. She is very pleasant to work with and supports the Women's Shelter as often as possible. In her spare time she enjoys quiet time reading, preparing for pageants, and shopping.

She is a faithful member of Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Vicksburg, MS where she is active in Sunday school.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Miss Gabrielle Nicole Terrett for her hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

RECOGNIZING THE 24TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. YOUTH ORATORICAL COMPETITION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its Education Foundation.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. left an indelible mark on our nation in his pursuit of civil rights through civil dialogue. Despite the violence perpetrated against Dr. King and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King responded with reverent oratory and nonviolent resistance to condemn the injustice of social inequality. His legacy is one of tolerance and steadfast commitment to principled and peaceful communication.

Contestants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Competition pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy with their ability to exercise the strength of the spoken word. This skill will serve them well as they seize future leadership opportunities and forge the personal relationships necessary for effective community engagement and organizing.

I congratulate and applaud the following contestants in the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition:

Middle School Contestants

Morgan Foster: Manassas Park Middle School

Ayesha Khursheed: Graham Park School

Emmanuel Murphy: Parkside Middle School

High School Contestants

Jacob Gonzalez: Thomas Jefferson High School

Norman Jones: Stonewall Jackson High School

Issac Mensah Yeboah: Osbourn Park High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for recognizing the benefit that Dr. King's teachings bring to the development of our youth. We lay the foundations of a more tolerant society when we nurture the ability to engage and communicate with one another in a way that respects our common humanity.

HONORING THE RESIDENTS OF ADAMS, NEW YORK

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to focus the Nation's attention on the residents of Adams, New York. Adams is a small village located near Interstate 81 and about forty minutes south of the U.S.-Canadian border. The residents of this town recently demonstrated why small towns like those dotting the North Country are what give America its strength.

Recently, a major storm featuring bitter cold and as many as four feet of snow closed I-81, a major artery for travelers and trucks, and stranded about 150 people in Adams. According to local news reports, this town rallied around their unexpected guests. About 100 volunteers headed to the town's firehouse to brew coffee and assemble cots. Local businesses donated nearly 2,000 sandwiches and slices of pizza. Around 40 families opened their homes so their visitors had a comfortable place to sleep.

One story in the Watertown Daily Times said the town's residents used social media to help find places for the stranded truckers and travelers to spend the night. Other fire halls in the area also accommodated stranded travelers and the local chapter of the American Red Cross helped supply cots.

In another article, the Syracuse Post-Standard reported Adams resident Mollie Bangs, who is 93, and her caregiver Michael Smith hosted a family from Quebec who were on their way home from Florida. Most of the family spoke only French and none had winter clothing. Ms. Bangs and Mr. Smith lent them winter clothes and entertained them in Ms. Bangs' home.

The stranded travelers pitched in too. The Post-Standard told of how a stranded soldier from Fort Drum in Watertown, NY named Jesse Brown helped shovel four feet of snow at the home of Kathy Sheley, the Adams resident who took him in.

Many communities across the country would be crippled for days by the volume of snow the area received. The town's fire department worked with a local pharmacy to bring medicine and supplies to those in need. Crews of State and local snow plow drivers and New York State Troopers worked around the clock. The local and State workers were able to reopen the highway for the stranded travelers just a day after the storm hit.

Mr. Speaker, cynics have said that our Nation is losing its sense of community. I submit this story as proof to the contrary. Please join me in recognizing the residents of Adams, the local fire and public works departments, the American Red Cross, the New York State Troopers serving in the North Country and the employees of the New York State Department of Transportation whom it is my privilege to represent in Congress for their selfless actions during this recent storm.

DUNN LORING VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, and to congratulate the 2013 award recipients and incoming 2014 officers and board members.

The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (DLVFRD) is 1 of 12 volunteer fire departments in Fairfax County, and since its founding in 1942, it has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention, and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of the Dunn Loring area and the surrounding community.

Currently, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Ladies Auxiliary operates from Station 13 on Gallows Road and boasts 80 active members. Alongside career firefighters, these brave volunteers contribute more than 29,000 hours each year to enhance public safety for the approximately 22,000 citizens of Dunn Loring.

Each year DLVFRD recognizes those volunteers who have excelled in service and commitment, and it is my honor to enter the following names of the 2013 honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Firefighter of the Year—Adam Nielson

EMT of the Year—Houmam Ali

EMS Rookie of the Year—Robert Seoane

Robbie Allen Award—Terri Fisher

Distinguished Service Award—Kenneth Kubiak