

To escape Hitler's Germany, Mr. Szego immigrated to the United States with his family in 1934. After he started his studies at Stanford University, his education was interrupted in 1944 when he entered the U.S. Army to serve in Europe as a dental technician until 1946. After WWII, Mr. Szego returned to the United States to finish college, undertake course work toward a Ph.D., and teach at Rice University, Houston, Texas, and Santa Clara University.

Around this time, Mr. Szego began his life-long activism for civil rights, justice, peace, and many political campaigns for candidates who stood for these causes. After doing research for over a decade and while continuing to work and publish in applied mathematics, Mr. Szego left engineering to join the staff to Mr. Dan McCorquodale, the Santa Clara County Supervisor at the time. Among other things, in 1963, Mr. Szego joined an interracial group to take part in the March on Washington. Additionally, Mr. Szego served as an advisor to U.S. Representative Phil Burton on the issue of drafting fair political districts long before computer programs were used to draw boundaries.

After his retirement from the Legislature in 1991, Mr. Szego continued to work even harder to improve the lives of people of all races, backgrounds and ages, both on the local and national levels. In fact, in recognition of his numerous years of dedicated volunteer service, Mr. Szego received the AARP's highest state honor, the California Percy Andrus Award for Community Service. Deservedly, in May, 2014, Mr. Szego received the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Don Edwards Lifetime Achievement Award.

We join Mr. Szego's family, colleagues, and our community to express our heartfelt sense of loss. Mr. Szego's service leaves our world a better place, and he will be dearly missed.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE OF SARDAR GANGA SINGH DHILLON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the distinguished life of Sardar Ganga Singh Dhillon, who passed away on September 24, 2014 at the age of 86.

Ganga Singh Dhillon was born in the Sheikhpura area of West Punjab. He received his early education at Chak 19 and the Guru Nanak Khalsa High School Nanakana Sahib. He later joined the Sikh National College Lahore.

This was a time of great political and religious turmoil throughout the Indian sub-continent. The region was on the verge of being divided, and the interests of the Sikh community were not being addressed. S. Dhillon became one of the foremost original leaders of the Sikh struggle. In 1947 he was arrested in Lahore along with several other students for promoting Khalistan, a Sikh nation. That same year, his father was shot and killed by the Pakistani army while trying to resolve an issue between the Sikhs and Muslims.

Ganga Singh Dhillon then moved with his family to India where he was mentored by S. Joginder Singh Mann, an old family friend. While in India, S. Dhillon began his battle to

preserve Sikh holy sites, especially the birthplace of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev, and to allow Sikh pilgrims the right to visit these sites. However, his cause was considered far too radical, and he was taken into custody and held in the Nabha jail for a year and a half. It would take fifty years for this battle to be won; in 1999 the President of Pakistan finally granted the Pakistan Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee the right to maintain Sikh shrines and began granting more visas so that Sikhs abroad can visit them.

With the help of S. Mann, Sardar Ganga Singh Dhillon moved to the United States in the 1960s where he continued his advocacy on behalf of Sikh concerns. S. Dhillon was committed to improving relationships and understanding between Sikhs and other cultures and religions. He discussed issues with patience, logic, and advocacy for peaceful solutions, even with his most bitter adversaries. In 1965, S. Dhillon founded the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hockey Tournament. The core mission of this tournament was to build friendship and stronger bonds through sport, and to develop better understanding and mutual respect for people of all countries, rich and poor, through competition and sportsmanship. This tournament is now one of the largest international hockey tournaments in the United States.

In 1981, S. Dhillon returned to India to deliver a Presidential Address entitled "Sikhs Are a Nation" at the 54th All India Sikh Educational Conference. Reaction to his speech was overwhelmingly hostile, forcing him to leave India immediately. He was banned from ever travelling to India as a result.

S. Dhillon was also a leader on other issues of importance to the international Sikh community. He along with others established the Nanakana Sahib Foundation, the purpose of which was to bridge the gap between Sikhs and their Pakistani Muslim brothers. This foundation is jointly funded and run by Muslim and Sikh private individuals, and houses a library, a guest house, and hospital where free medical care is provided to the poor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating and celebrating the life of my friend, Sardar Ganga Singh Dhillon and in expressing sincere condolences to his family. Sadar Ganga Singh Dhillon rightfully belongs in a select group of very rare individuals who, through peaceful means, have truly changed the world. His efforts on behalf of the international Sikh community and in improvement of relationships between cultures will leave a lasting legacy.

RAINN'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Rape Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), one of our Nation's most effective victims' organizations.

Founded by Scott Berkowitz in 1994, RAINN is the Nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization.

Their cutting edge work has changed the outcome for victims of sexual violence for years.

They have made the country more aware of the evil of sexual assault and have aided millions of victims.

RAINN created and operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline, which provides victims of sexual assault with free, confidential services around the clock and has served over 1.5 million people since 1994.

The hotline expanded its services going online in 2007 helping to reach even more victims.

In addition, RAINN operates the DOD Safe Helpline to aid victims of sexual violence in our military.

Beyond the hotline and other direct victim services, RAINN advocates for policies that change the lives of victims of sexual assault and engages the public to advocate on behalf of victims' rights bills.

They were vital in the passage of the Debbie Smith Act, its subsequent reauthorizations, the DNA Fingerprint Act, and the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act, and the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting Act.

I worked with RAINN on SAFER for years along with Congresswoman MALONEY and Senator CORNYN.

SAFER provides grants to states and localities with existing funds to audit their rape kit backlog and makes this information available to the public.

SAFER also mandates that more current funds go directly to test rape kits.

Despite the various barriers we encountered throughout the years since this idea was brought to me by RAINN, Scott Berkowitz and the incredible staff at RAINN never gave up.

They persevered because they knew it was right.

They knew that SAFER would bring justice to victims and put perpetrators where they belong, behind bars.

Scott's spirit is like that of a Texan, even though he's from New Jersey, but we won't hold that against him.

That is why we work together so well.

Congratulations on 20 years of making a true difference in victims' lives.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN CUNDIFF AS THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ms. Susan Cundiff as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2014. Ms. Cundiff was among three educators selected throughout Northwest Florida for her inspiring efforts to bolster her students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education, and I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

Ms. Cundiff joins the ranks of teachers previously bestowed this honor for her more than three decades of service as an educator at Gulf Breeze High School and her service to the Gulf Coast community. Since 1983, she

has witnessed and has played an integral role in the growth of some of the finest minds of our Nation's youth. Through her passion for teaching, which has helped spark her students' sense of wonder and interest in the world around them, Ms. Cundiff's contributions to producing the next generation of active participants in our society, and perhaps future scientists and engineers, cannot be overstated.

Her tireless efforts and innovative techniques have brought unique hands-on learning opportunities into the classroom. As a result of this practical learning, her students gain a working knowledge of wireless computer integration and electronics construction. Today, her students can also be found researching, building, wiring, programming and testing robots on a specified task.

Her dedication to the community, however, is not confined within the classroom. Ms. Cundiff is active in Hurlburt AFA Chapter's aerospace educational programs, devoting her time and energy to assist in planning and organizing events. She also utilizes her considerable experience and success in the classroom to assist in the professional development of other educators throughout the area at the Chapter's Teacher Workshops, sharing best practices and stimulating lessons that can be brought back to their respective classrooms.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Cundiff on this well-earned achievement of Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2014 and thank her for her commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Cundiff all the best for continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2014 ELLY DOYLE PARK SERVICE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the honorees of the 2014 Elly Doyle Park Service Award, the Elly Doyle Special Recognition Award, the Eakin Philanthropy Award, the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award, the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award as well as the 2014 Student Honoree. These awards, sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board, recognize individuals and organizations for their extraordinary contributions to our environment and public park system.

Fairfax County is regarded as one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and our nationally-recognized park system has played a key role in that distinction. Our community has a strong commitment to promoting and preserving our environment, including our public parks and outdoor spaces. Each year thousands of volunteers donate their talents and time to protect our natural and cultural resources and enhance public educational and recreational services.

The Elly Doyle Service Awards were established in 1988 in honor of former board member Ellamae Doyle's many years of outstanding service. In addition, recipients also have been selected for the 2014 Eakin Philan-

thropy Award, named in honor of the family that donated the first parcels of parkland to the Park Authority more than 50 years ago, the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship, named in honor of a celebrated local historian and military veteran, and the 2014 Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, named in honor of a local champion of environmental education and protection. I congratulate each of the following recipients of these prestigious awards and proudly enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

2014 Elly Doyle Park Service Award Recipients: James "Curly" Anderko, Bob Dinse, Alan Figgatt.

Elly Doyle Special Recognition: Mona Enquist-Johnston, John Eltzroth, Fairfax County Farmers Markets Market Masters, Donn Grover, REI.

Student Honoree: Matthew Baker. Eakin Philanthropy Award Recipients: Mike Rolband, Transurban—Fluor.

Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award: Bob Lundegard.

Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award Recipient: Diane Hoffman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking these honorees for their demonstrated commitment to our open spaces and public parks. Fairfax County is able to enjoy a high quality of life because of the efforts of these individuals and they are deserving of our praise and appreciation.

RECOGNIZING PASCO L. SCHIAVO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Pasco L. Schiavo, who has been selected as the 2014 UNICO Hazleton, Pennsylvania Chapter's Italian American of the Year.

A lifelong resident of Hazleton, Mr. Schiavo served our country honorably as a first lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves. In 1962, after completing his military service, he established a law practice in Hazleton and began teaching at the local Penn State Hazleton Campus. Mr. Schiavo generously donated not only his time, but also his financial support to the school, establishing multiple scholarships in memory of his parents.

Along with his commitment to higher education and learning, Mr. Schiavo has held many leadership positions in the community. He served as Assistant District Attorney of Luzerne County, was President of the County Commission on Economic Opportunity, and was appointed to the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Additionally, he served as solicitor for the Hazleton Area School District, Hazleton Housing Authority, Hazle Township Municipality, and the Hazleton City Authority. He continues to give back to the community through his support of the Hazleton Public Library, Hazleton Kiwanis, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and the Serento Gardens Drug and Alcohol Services.

He has taught at and held many leadership roles at Penn State Hazleton. The plaque on the side of Pasco L. Schiavo Hall says it all:

"A lawyer, author, educator, community leader, and philanthropist. The only title missing is Proud Italian American."

Mr. Speaker, for his exemplary service to the Italian American community and the greater Hazleton Area, I commend and thank Mr. Schiavo and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. STEVE HALL

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Dr. Steve Hall, President and Chief Negotiator for the Ventura County Federation of College Teachers, AFT Local 1828, who has successfully worked with labor and community groups throughout Ventura County to promote high-quality education and academic excellence for all students throughout the region.

Throughout his life, Dr. Hall has followed his passion for teaching, but more importantly helping others attain their highest potential. With this in mind, he pursued a Doctor of Education Degree with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership at Pepperdine University, and has since dedicated his career to the fields of education and teaching.

For several years, Dr. Hall has been an esteemed and respected member of the Oxnard College faculty. After only two years at Oxnard College, Dr. Hall was recognized for his excellence in teaching when he was voted "Teacher of the Year" and delivered the commencement address in 1998.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Hall has also served as the Dean of Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and Athletics, and Health Sciences at Oxnard Community College for six and a half years. Dr. Hall was the lead administrator responsible for starting an array of programs at Oxnard College that have immensely helped numerous students over the years. These programs have included the Oxnard College Dental Assistant Certificate Program, the "Proyecto Access" program, and the Oxnard College Marine Education Center. Dr. Hall has diligently worked alongside fellow faculty, staff, and community partners to make these milestones for Oxnard College students a possibility.

In 2010, Dr. Hall began serving as the President and Chief Negotiator for the Ventura County Federation of College Teachers, AFT Local 1828. In this role, Dr. Hall worked in partnership with faculty and colleagues to secure a successful three year contract that provided stability for the teachers and students of the Ventura County Community College District.

In November 2012, Dr. Hall was elected by the communities of Oxnard, Camarillo, and Port Hueneme to the Oxnard Union High School District School Board. Following his election, Dr. Hall continued his steadfast and outspoken advocacy for teachers and students. He has worked diligently to raise awareness about the necessity in reducing class sizes, raising pay for teachers and staff, and reducing expulsions. Dr. Hall has truly been a champion for Ventura County's students and teachers.