

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID L.
MCKEEHAN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN
OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to David L. McKeehan, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce (NCMCC). After 30 years of dedicated service, Dave will be retiring from the Chamber of Commerce on December 31, 2014.

Dave formed the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce by merging the Fitchburg and Leominster Chambers of Commerce, along with smaller business groups. Over the course of his tenure, he procured over \$4.5 million in private sector funding and over \$1 million in government grants for economic development programming in the region. Under his leadership, the Chamber of Commerce has grown a community of business memberships reaching over 1,000 member firms that employ upward of 25,000 individuals in the cities of Leominster and Fitchburg and surrounding towns. Dave was instrumental in the creation as well as saving of jobs within North Central Massachusetts during his years at the Chamber.

Dave is a true leader within the community and Chambers across the country. His hard work and dedication was recognized when he was awarded the "Service Above Self Award" by Mount Wachusett Community College for his contribution to the school as well as the 29 surrounding cities. Dave was also recognized by Fitchburg State University as being one of the "100 Most Influential People in the Last 100 Years." When David officially retires, the Chamber of Commerce will lose a remarkable president and asset to their organization.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating David McKeehan on his retirement and wishing him the very best with his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF WILLIAM B. WILKINS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to honor Mr. William B. Wilkins on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

Mr. Wilkins was born October 31, 1919 in Anniston, Alabama and was married to Ms. Eunice B. Wilkins for 72 years. He served in the United States Air Force for two years spending 18 months in Europe during World War II.

Mr. Wilkins resides at Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home and enjoys spending time with his fellow Veterans.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Wilkins for his selfless service to our country and celebrating his 95th birthday today.

RECOGNIZING PENNY MOORE AS THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 MIDDLE 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. Penny Moore as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2014. Ms. Moore 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.

The never-ending yearning to help others is the foundation on which Ms. Moore has built her success as an educator. Prior to moving to Northwest Florida, Ms. Moore worked as a special needs teacher inspiring students at Churchill Academy in Montgomery, Alabama. She has since spent the last decade of her professional career teaching at Avalon Middle School in Milton, Florida. Her willingness and constant ability to adapt to the ever-changing needs of her students is a challenge that Ms. Moore embraces and is furthermore evidence of her passion to mold and enlighten the minds of our Nation's youth.

While she holds high expectations for her students and works diligently with them to master theory and practice, she also inspires and motivates her students to rise to the occasion and put theory into practice. Under her leadership and guidance as the school's science, technology, engineering, activity and math (STEAM) team, nearly 100 students from all grade levels have competed in boosting engineering, science, and technology (BEST) robotics competitions and the Science Olympiad and have represented Northwest Florida at state and national competitions. Furthermore, Ms. Moore recognizes the importance for her students to experience science and technology outside of the classroom and affords them the unique opportunity to visit the Flight Adventure Deck and the National Naval Aviation Museum aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola, where students complete preparatory lessons and apply their knowledge of what they have learned through hands-on activities at the Adventure Deck.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Moore on this well-earned achievement of Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle 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. Moore all the best for continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 15, I missed a rollcall vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 497.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 74TH ANNUAL ANNANDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS BANQUET AND INSTALLATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department and to congratulate the 2014 award recipients and incoming 2015 officers and board members.

The Annandale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department is one of 12 volunteer fire departments in Fairfax County, and since its founding in 1940, it has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention, and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of the Annandale area and the surrounding community. The AVFD owns two stations, Station 8 on Columbia Pike and Station 23 on Little River Turnpike, and its front line fleet includes two ambulances, a medic, two engines, and one canteen unit. The Department also provides opportunities for professional growth and development of the membership.

The most valuable assets of the AVFD are the volunteers who donate their time and resources in service to our community. Last year alone, these highly skilled and committed volunteers contributed in excess of 15,000 hours responding to emergency incidents, attending training, and fundraising. Each year the AVFD recognizes those volunteers who have excelled in service and commitment, and it is my honor to enter the following names of the 2014 Annandale Volunteer Fire Department award recipients into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Outstanding Service Award (4 recipients): Kathleen Hinman, Richard Mitchell, Jason Pavelko, William 'Bill' Richmond.

Highest Administrative Hours Award: Shirley Binsky.

Admin Member of the Year: Walter Ferreebee and Diana Phan.

Rookie Members of the Year (two recipients): Nicole Dellinger and Kelly Kardos.

Most Training Hours: Yuan Yao.

Most Riding Hours: Chessy Dintruff.

Support Member of the Year: Fran Carfaro.

President's Award: Anthony 'Tony' Ruth.

Chief's Award: Laura Dye.

EMS Provider of the Year: Sean Bhatty and James Tuttle.

Firefighter of the Year: Robert Melgar.

Additionally, I wish to congratulate and thank the following men and women who have agreed to assume additional responsibilities as officers and board members for 2015:

Chief: Roger Waller.

President: Gary Moore.

Vice President: Sean Bhatty.

Treasurer: Ronald Waller.

Secretary: Diana Phan.

Directors: Shirley Binsky, Michael Hassan, and Peter Snitzer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2014 award recipients and in commanding the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department for 74 years of service. I thank the brave volunteers whose dedication to public safety is deserving of our highest praise, and to each of these men and women I say: "Stay safe."

HONORING CONSTABLE MARTIN RODRIGUEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Constable Martin Rodriguez. Constable Rodriguez has faithfully served the people of South Texas in many capacities, and he honorably served his country in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

Martiniano Rodriguez was born in San Antonio, Texas on December 8, 1944. The second of eight children, Martin graduated from C.W. Fox High School in 1965. Upon graduating from high school, Martin joined the Navy and served two tours of duty in the waters of Vietnam. After completing his Navy service, Martin started work at Kelly Air Force base, where he worked in the civil service for 18 years. He concurrently took classes at San Antonio College and graduated in 1977. In 1985, Martin decided to change careers, and began work at the Bexar County Constable's Department as an investigator. In 1993, Martin began working for the Wilson County Sheriff's Department and retired in 2006. Then in 2009, Martin ran for the office of Wilson County Constable, and has served in this role to this day.

In addition to a lifelong career of service to his country and his community, Constable Rodriguez will celebrate his 50th anniversary with his wife Belinda this coming January. Together, they have four children, ten grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Further, Constable Rodriguez has been a member and Officer of the Board of both the San Antonio and Wilson County Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), served as a life member of the Wilson County Housing Foundation, and served as a member of the Knights of Columbus of Wilson County.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Constable Martin Rodriguez for a lifetime of service to his family, his community, and his country.

HONORING THE CITY OF CAMARILLO

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the City of Camarillo as it celebrates 50 years as a thriving and prosperous community in the heart of Ventura County, California. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the City of Camarillo, along with its residents, on this historic milestone.

The City of Camarillo was incorporated on October 22, 1964, and was named after Adolfo and Juan Camarillo, the proprietors of Rancho Calleguas. At the time of the city's incorporation, a population of approximately 10,500 residents covered the 5.2 square miles of the municipality. Today, Camarillo boasts an appealing mixture of rural and suburban lifestyles to its over 66,000 residents covering a region that spans an estimated 19.5 square miles.

Located in the Pleasant Valley at the eastern end of the Oxnard Plain, Camarillo has

developed into a flourishing community since its incorporation. The city has become known for its outstanding high-tech retail stores, specialty businesses, and modern buildings. Additionally, Camarillo has been ranked as one of the safest communities in Ventura County, an ideal and premiere city to raise a family, live, and work.

Furthermore, the City of Camarillo is home to an exceptional educated workforce, with a premiere four-year public university. California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) was established in 2002 and has been a phenomenal addition to the fabric of the city and surrounding community.

Throughout the years, Camarillo has maintained a balance between modernity and history. While providing modern amenities to its residents, the city is peppered with significant cultural and historic landmarks, such as the Camarillo Ranch House, the Pleasant Valley Historical Museum, and Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

Since 1964, the City of Camarillo has defined itself as a distinguished community, with a wealth of history, culture, and innovation. Camarillo takes pride in its unparalleled quality of life and the many attributes of the community that have lasted throughout the years. For these reasons, it is my sincere pleasure to congratulate the City of Camarillo on their 50th Anniversary.

CONGRESSWOMAN HONORS MS. LAURA LAWTON-FORSYTH, RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 NAOMI BERBER MEMORIAL AWARD

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Laura Lawton-Forsyth of Spokane, Washington for receiving the Printing Industries of America's 2014 Naomi Berber Memorial Award. I am pleased to recognize her contributions as a business leader who works diligently to support Eastern Washington's economy as well as providing employment opportunities for citizens in Eastern Washington.

Founded in 1940 by Frank A. and Frank H. Lawton, Laura's grandfather and great-grandfather, Lawton Printing Inc. has remained a family business for more than seven decades. Through the years, Lawton Printing Inc. has been dedicated to serving the needs of its clients, enabling them to grow and diversify their business offerings.

Joining the company in 1991, Ms. Lawton-Forsyth held a variety of positions before being named president in October of 2001—the fourth generation of her family to hold that position. In 2012, Laura served as Chair of the Board of the Printing Industries of America, overseeing the direction and activities of the world's largest graphic arts trade association, representing an industry of more than 900,000 employees. As such, she became the second woman to be elected to the position since its founding in 1887. Leadership on a national level runs in the Lawton family. Her father, Ray, was also Chair of the Printing Industries of America, making the Lawtons the only father-daughter pair to serve in that role.

In presenting the 2014 Naomi Berber Memorial Award to Ms. Lawton-Forsyth, the Printing Industries of America honors this outstanding woman in the graphic communications industry for her exceptional record of accomplishments, contributions to the development of the graphic communications industry and for furthering the industry's interests. She has served on their Executive Committee since 2004 and on numerous other committees, including Research and Development, Finance, Marketing, and Government Affairs.

So today, I rise to acknowledge and thank Ms. Laura Lawton-Forsyth for her years of dedication and hard work. I also want to congratulate her, as leader of Lawton Printing Inc. and File-Ez Folder Inc., for receiving the 2014 Naomi Berber Memorial Award. I applaud her dedication to the printing industry and her contributions to the success of the economy in Eastern Washington.

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIA BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Julia Bancroft Elementary School.

Julia Bancroft Elementary School, located in Auburn, Massachusetts, was recently named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Julia Bancroft prides itself on the ability to prepare its students to succeed in a dynamic and fast-paced world. With a student body of approximately 285 third through fifth graders, Julia Bancroft Elementary focuses on its students at an individual level. Under the leadership of Principal Susan M. Lopez, teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to create a rigorous yet inviting environment where students are valued and differences are celebrated. The Julia Bancroft pledge, "I believe, I will achieve, and I will succeed," encompasses Julia Bancroft Elementary School's tenets to help each student reach their potential.

To encourage students to become leaders and give back to their community, Julia Bancroft Elementary promotes numerous Community Service Learning Projects. Through fundraising, volunteer work, and reading programs, these projects have instilled in the students the importance of "giving back." Other programs that contribute to student development while simultaneously benefiting the community include the Inventors' Fair, Turkey Trot, C.A.R.E. program, Literacy Night, Math Night, annual Community Reading Day, the Festival of the Arts, and various food drives.

Additionally, Julia Bancroft Elementary has strived to close academic gaps between students. Through the implementation of planned Intervention Blocks, Professional Learning Community discussions, and consistent differentiated instruction, teachers have targeted high-achievers and developed specific targeted instruction. This has resulted in the closing of gaps in the low income and special needs subgroups.

None of this would be possible without the talented educators and staff members of Julia