

Force in a variety of categories including, the Silver or Bronze Valor Award, the Merit Valor Award, and the Investigative Merit Award.

Three members of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2014 Bronze Valor Award: Captain Jason Reese and Captain Brian Ferguson.

2014 Merit Valor Award: Captain Tom Clark.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 294, on June 10, 2014, I inadvertently voted “aye” on the amendment to H.R. 4745 offered by Mr. SESSIONS of Texas. My intention was to vote “no.”

#### HONORING RONDA R. CLAYTON, RN, BSN

##### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronda R. Clayton, the 2011 recipient of the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence’s Rural Practice Nurse of the Year Award.

In 1991, Ronda completed her Bachelor of Science and began her honorable career as a healthcare practitioner in New Mexico. For over 20 years, Ronda has dedicated this time to serving the people of Artesia, New Mexico through her tireless work at Artesia General Hospital, a small, 49-bed, rural hospital.

Serving as a healthcare provider in a rural community invariably means becoming a “jack of all trades” and Ronda exemplifies this characteristic every day she walks through the Artesia General Hospital doors. As the Director of Pharmacy she provides clinical expertise in pharmacy to hospital nurses and medical staff, she develops strategies to move the Department’s skill base and technology forward, and she works with patients in the Intensive Care Unit, following up on patients long after they are discharged from the hospital.

With a singular commitment to patient-focused care Ronda took the initiative to develop a program in which patient medication, laboratory and microbiology values, and diagnosis are assessed repeatedly to ensure efficiency. Ronda is everything to everyone—as a co-worker she shows genuine interest in staff development, as a practitioner she takes extra measures to ensure patients, physicians, and

staff are well taken care of, and as a respected member of her hospital, she values the opinions of others and looks for ways to contribute back to her community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my appreciation to Nurse Clayton for spending so much of her career inspiring young nurses and other healthcare professionals to continue serving rural communities with the same level of passion and commitment that she has shown throughout her years. Ronda is an exemplary New Mexico healthcare success story, and serves as a role model for future generations of healthcare professionals. Ronda’s receipt of the Rural Practice Nurse of the Year Award was not only well-deserved, but long overdue.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAPTAIN LUIS ALBERTO BENEVIDES

##### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Luis Alberto Benevides for 30 years of military service in the United States Navy. His commitment and service to our great nation deserve to be commended.

In 1980, Mr. Benevides graduated from Livingston High School in Livingston, California. After graduation, he attended Thomas A. Edison State College in New Jersey and graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Mr. Benevides began his active duty career in 1983 as a U.S. Army Medical Laboratory Technician. In 1987, Mr. Benevides was commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy. His first assignment as an Ensign was onboard the USS *Implicit*, where he served as the Operations Officer.

In 1988, Mr. Benevides transferred to the USS *Conquest* where he served as the Operations Officer and performed Mine Hunting and Clearance Operations in the Arabian Gulf during the Iran-Iraq War. Soon after returning from the Arabian Gulf, he attained his Surface Warfare Qualification and was subsequently assigned as a Linguist Project Officer.

Mr. Benevides transferred to the Medical Service Corps as a Radiation Health Officer in 1990 and served in Maryland and Hawaii. In 1996, he was selected to assume duties as the Clinic Director of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Branch Clinic and served as the mammography physicist for Hawaii, Japan, and Guam.

While serving the U.S. Navy, Mr. Benevides continued his education and graduated from Georgetown University with a Master’s of Science in Radiation Science, and Central Michigan University with a Master’s of Science in Health Care Administration.

While on assignment in Hawaii, Mr. Benevides held a professorship at Hawaii Pacific University, where he instructed classes in biology and mathematics. In 2005, after obtaining a Doctorate of Philosophy in Nuclear Engineering Sciences from the University of Florida, Mr. Benevides served as a science advisor and technical manager at the Naval Dosimetry Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

In 2009, Mr. Benevides became the Director for Radiological Controls at Naval Sea Sys-

tems Command. His duties included oversight and management of all the research as well as industrial and operational uses of radiation sources in the Navy and Marine Corps. After the March 2011 Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear accident, his responsibilities were expanded to include consequence management of 30 ships and over 200 aircraft that may have been contaminated. He also provided humanitarian and disaster relief to the citizens of Japan following the earthquake and tsunami.

Throughout his many years of service, Mr. Benevides has been honored with numerous military awards, including Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Luis Alberto Benevides for his many years of service to the U.S. Navy. He is a source of pride for our Central Valley and the entire nation.

#### NATIONAL MEN’S HEALTH WEEK

##### HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Men’s Health Caucus I am pleased to celebrate National Men’s Health Week. This year marks the 20th anniversary of National Men’s Health Week, which was started by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton in 1994.

National Men’s Health Week was legislation sponsored by Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Bill Richardson and is celebrated each year during the week that ends on Father’s Day. Recognizing that many health problems that affect men can be prevented, the week was designed to encourage men, boys and their families to develop positive health habits, engage in preventive behaviors, lead healthy lifestyles, and seek timely medical advice and care. As co-chair of the Congressional Men’s Health Caucus, I am proud to celebrate this week and help raise awareness of health issues that affect men, boys, and their families.

I’ve seen first-hand the importance of health education and awareness for men in particular. As a member of the Delaware Cancer Consortium, a statewide organization dedicated to reducing the impact of cancer in my state, I helped to implement a successful colorectal cancer screening program that dramatically increased screening rates for Delaware men. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer affecting men; however, Delaware’s screening program has helped reduce the rate of colorectal cancer by 41 percent among Delawareans and allowed Delaware to become the first state to eliminate disparities in colorectal cancer screening between Caucasian and African American men. But there is still progress to be made. We need to do a better job addressing the disparity in mortality rates of African American men with prostate cancer, providing early screening for lung cancer, and continuing our commitment to research.

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of National Men's Health Week, we are reminded of how far our country has come in improving the health and well-being of men and boys, but there is still a lot of work left to be done. We also recognize the importance of these efforts as a way of reducing overall health care costs as part of a plan to address the country's fiscal challenges. Mr. Speaker, this week, along with the entire month of June, Men's Health Month, provides an excellent opportunity to focus on ways that we and our loved ones can live healthier, longer lives.

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RECOGNIZING THE 2014 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will recognize 25 individuals, one investigative team, and one Operational Task Force in a variety of categories including, the Silver or Bronze Valor Award, the Merit Valor Award, and the Investigative Merit Award.

Five officers and one Narcotics Task Force from the Prince William County Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2014 Investigative Merit Award: Narcotics Task Force (Operation Blue Dragon) and Officer Daniel Sekely.

2014 Bronze Valor Award: Lieutenant Carlos Robles and Officer Patrick Balchunas.

2014 Merit Valor Award: Officer Aaron Lintz and Officer Steven Mattos, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Prince William County Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

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IN HONOR OF GUADALUPE LOPEZ

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**HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the life and service

of Guadalupe Lopez: veteran of the 158th Infantry Regiment of the Arizona National Guard, recipient of the Silver Star Medal, and my constituent.

Mr. Lopez served his country bravely during World War II in the 158th Infantry Regiment of the Arizona National Guard, better known as the "Bushmasters". The Bushmasters, whose nickname comes from a deadly jungle snake, have a distinguished history that stretches over a hundred years, both in Arizona and throughout the world. They are known for their expertise in jungle warfare and skill in knife fighting and hand-to-hand combat techniques. General MacArthur himself extolled the Bushmasters: "No greater fighting combat team has ever deployed for battle".

Mr. Lopez was drafted in 1940, and in 1941 was sent to Panama for jungle training and to protect the Panama Canal. Between 1942–1945, his company regiment was sent to battle in Australia, the Netherlands, New Guinea, and the Philippines. Mr. Lopez was released from service in 1945, after his brother was killed in the war.

Mr. Lopez is an American hero, and we are proud to call him an Arizonan.

Cuidado, Mr. Lopez.

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ONEGIFT INCORPORATED OF MORRISTOWN 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor OneGift Inc., located in the Town of Morristown, County of Morris, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

OneGift was founded in 1988 by Leigh S. Porges and Anne DeLaney, and is dedicated to the memory of their mothers, Carol G. Simon and Ruth Ann DeLaney. The nonprofit organization helps adults who have been diagnosed with cancer to fulfill wishes that they might not be able to achieve on their own. Dedicated volunteers encourage positive thinking and help cancer patients focus their energy on getting better. They work closely with patients, families, and friends to create a memorable, worry-free experience for those who could not otherwise afford it.

Over the last 25 years, OneGift has created over 3500 experiences for adult cancer patients, their families, and their friends. The types of wish requests that OneGift receives vary greatly. Some ask for a vacation to a place they have never been, or a place they have not seen in years. Others ask for a family reunion or a trip into New York City to see their favorite Broadway play. Whatever the wish is, OneGift strives to make that wish into a reality.

OneGift has helped many cancer patients across New Jersey. OneGift caters to eight area hospitals: Clara Maass Medical Center, Morristown Hospital, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Overlook Hospital, Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Somerset Medical Center, and Trinitas Regional Medical Center.

OneGift's volunteers work long and hard to make sure that every detail of the wish is addressed so that the patients won't have any worry or stress. All donations go straight to

helping a patient receive the best trip or experience possible.

As it celebrates its 25th Anniversary, OneGift Inc. continues to help adult cancer patients fulfill their wishes as they endure their battle with cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating OneGift, its staff, and volunteers, as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

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RECOGNIZING FOSTER FARMS

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**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Mr. DENHAM and Mr. VALADAO to honor Foster Farms, a poultry company with 75 years of business experience in California's Central Valley. Foster Farms is not only a significant employer in the community but also a national leader in high quality poultry production.

Foster Farms was founded in 1939 by Max and Verda Foster, a couple who dreamed of selling better, safer farm products to consumers. By taking out a small loan the young couple invested in an 80-acre farm near Modesto, California, and their business quickly grew. The Foster's commitment to raising high quality poultry led to their purchase of a feed mill in 1950. By 1959, Max and Verda added a processing plant in nearby Livingston.

The expansion of Foster Farms continued into the 1960s when the company consolidated its corporate headquarters in the small Central California town of Livingston, where it still resides today. Increasing demand for fresh poultry led Foster Farms to continue its expansion into southern California. By 1973, consumers across the state from Del Norte County to San Diego could access Foster Farms' high quality fresh poultry.

Today, Foster Farms poultry operation employs more than 12,000 hardworking Americans. The company has sales in excess of \$2 billion, and their profits have made possible significant financial contributions to agricultural education in the State of California. Foster Farms has given grants to UC Davis, Fresno State, and California Polytechnic State University. Foster Farms' efforts have been recognized throughout the State's educational system. The company's Chief Executive Officer, Ron Foster, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for 15 years of leadership as an educational advisor, fundraiser, benefactor, and collaborator.

Since 2005, Foster Farms has consistently received the highest animal welfare ratings from various independent auditors. In 2013, Foster Farms became the first major poultry producer to be certified by the American Humane Association, which is the nation's first national humane organization for children and animals. The company continued to demonstrate their appreciation for high quality chicken through their "Say No to Plumping" campaign, which began in 2009. Thanks in large part to Foster Farms, plumping is no longer found in retailers on the West Coast.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join Mr. DENHAM, Mr. VALADAO,