

breed adoption restrictions, established community cat rooms, and expanded the trap-neuter-return program, which is now the largest of its type in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She grew the volunteer program to 300 active volunteers and 150 foster families, launched the animal shelter Facebook page, which has become the County's most popular Facebook page, and started a partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority to offer Scout programs, camps, programs and obedience classes in the shelter training room. She did all this while overseeing the total reconstruction of the shelter.

For these accomplishments, she received the 2014 Leadership Award from the Metropolitan D.C. Council of Governments, the 2014 Compassion Award by the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, and was recently named to the Board of the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies. Upon her retirement, she was again awarded the A. Heath Onthank Award—the first person to earn this distinction twice.

Ms. Hammond is also well known for her service to the community outside of her job. She lead "Springfield Days" for more than 20 years, helping it grow to one of the County's largest special events, and served for ten years as president of the Springfield Civic Association where she was credited with making the community group accessible to the disabled and successfully tackling tough neighborhood issues such as boarding houses and hoarding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Tawny Hammond for a lifetime of service to our community and in congratulating her on her retirement. When I was Chairman of the County Board, we often joked when retirement announcements like this were made that we should pass an ordinance not allowing such talented and dedicated people to leave public or community service, and I certainly wish that was the case here. I wish Tawny and her family all the best in this next chapter of her life.

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of First African Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrate a remarkable 175 years. The congregation of First African Baptist Church will celebrate this very significant anniversary with a Jubilee Celebration on Sunday, August 9, 2015 at the church in Columbus, Georgia.

Tracing its roots back to the antebellum South, African Baptist Church was founded by slaves in 1840 in a building on the corner of Third Avenue and Twelfth Street in Columbus, only blocks away from the Chattahoochee River. This building was the sanctuary formerly used by First Baptist Church, which was established in 1829 as the first church in Columbus.

Though founded by slaves, First African Baptist Church was pastored by white min-

isters during its first twenty-two years. Possessing a spirit of love and acceptance for all of humankind regardless of skin color that was unique in this time period and in this society, the members of the church opened its doors to all in Columbus who felt the call to worship. By 1858, 731 professed believers had been baptized by the church—390 white and 341 black.

From its inception through 1915, the church relocated three times to accommodate its congregation that swelled with the development of the City of Columbus. The second location was a frame building located at the corner of St. Clair and Front Street, now known as Eleventh and Front. In 1881, the Georgia General Assembly gave the land site located at Eleventh Street and Sixth Avenue to the church, and it was renamed the Six Avenue Baptist Church. This site is now occupied by Golden Foundry and Machine Company.

The current location is on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Ninth Street, where the church was renamed the First African Baptist Church in 1915. Along with the 175th anniversary of the church's existence, today I celebrate with the congregation of First African Baptist the centennial of the church's current location.

Throughout the years, the church would be remodeled and renovated several times. With these aesthetic changes came changes to the church mission. Today, under the leadership of Reverend Roderick B. Green, the church continues to grow and change with the vision of holistic transformation and continual improvement in Christ.

The story of First African Baptist Church, which began as a small group of people worshipping 175 years ago and has grown into an expansive and successful church, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to First African Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

COMMEMORATING 125 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE EAST DUNDEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the East Dundee Fire Protection District on their 125th anniversary celebration.

Throughout the year, the community will gather to recognize the heroic firefighters and paramedics who have proudly and faithfully served their community.

In 1890, the department's first year of service, firefighters responded to 25 calls while protecting the residents living in the area. Today, the fire protection district boasts a 2 million dollar budget, responds to over 1,350 calls, and covers over 10,000 residents from the Fox River to the Arboretum in South Barrington.

Throughout their history, the East Dundee Fire Department has seen its ranks swell with family members. Max Freeman, the district's

first fire chief, served with his brother Earl in the 1950's and another fire chief, Eugene Rakow, served as chief until 1986, when his son Mark took his place until late 2009.

The thirty men and women of the East Dundee Fire Protection District risk their lives daily to protect the surrounding community. Their bravery and courage are deserving of our recognition and admiration.

Please join me in celebrating this special occasion and the long years of service and commitment that it represents.

DECLARATION FOR ONE UNITED KOREA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a declaration for one united Korea as established by the organization One Dream One Korea.

On this 70th anniversary of the liberation and the division of Korea, we, the people and friends of Korea, declare that:

Korean unification is inevitable. We are one people in one land who have shared a common history and culture for millennia. Reunification of the Korean Peninsula is a profound aspiration in the hearts of the Korean people, and a national destiny that supersedes 70 years of separation and all differences of ideology and government systems.

Korean unification is desirable. The suffering of people in North Korea and the continuing anguish of separated families cry out for a concerted response from the civilized world. Nuclear threats destabilize the security of Northeast Asia in particular and the world in general. Meanwhile the people of South Korea seek a pathway to transcend materialism and dysfunctional political divides. Building One Korea offers a fundamental solution to all these problems and will advance peace and prosperity in Northeast Asia to the benefit of the world at large.

Korean unification is now achievable. In the past century Korea endured colonization and then division, at the hands of more powerful nations. Today, for the first time in modern history, Korean people possess the political and economic power to determine their own future, together with growing global support for the establishment of One Korea. We are at a historic crossroads. Set against the enormous challenges of ending the division and creating a new nation, we have an opportunity to achieve a true greatness that history rarely accords to any people. Now is the time to build a national consensus for a shared vision of One Korea on the foundation of Korean identity and a common destiny and to garner international support for it.

The Korean people share one dream: To live in One Korea we can all be proud of. Since time immemorial, the Korean people have longed for a model country; one guided by universal principles, shared moral values, and the rule of law, guaranteeing the basic human rights and freedoms endowed to all people by the Creator, as the foundation for a just and prosperous society. In realizing such a model, One Korea will become a strong, sovereign nation that acts as a peacemaker, committed to resolving conflict in Northeast Asia and the wider world. It will be a 21st century leader as a compassionate, humane nation acting with concern

for posterity, and as a responsible steward of the earth.

One Korea will benefit all and threaten none. Korea has never invaded another country in its entire history. The love of peace lies deep in our heritage. Therefore, One Korea will foster new guiding principles for peace in the 21st century through integrating the values of East and West, and soften the sharp edges of global power confrontations. One Korea will offer a powerful example, especially for developing nations, of a traditional society that has advanced by embracing the positive aspects of modernity while seeking to retain the enduring values of the past.

For Korea, those values are expressed in the principle of Hong-Ik Ingan: Living for the benefit of all humanity. Since the very origin of Korea, it has been embedded in the hearts, minds, customs, and traditions of the Korean people. It offers a broad, guiding philosophy for One Korea where “Hong-Ik Democracy” will offer a 21st Century model of government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Inspired by this vision of One Korea we, the undersigned, submit the following proposals for adoption and support by ALL:

We encourage initiatives to awaken understanding of the principles that have shaped Korea’s distinctive heritage in order to strengthen national and international resolve to bring about One Korea.

We support efforts to start and sustain co-prosperity projects to build infrastructure that allows ordinary people in North Korea to improve their living standards through their own efforts. We advocate people-to-people contact through cultural exchanges, joint service projects and other initiatives that can rebuild connections between Koreans of north and south.

We call on our brethren in North Korea to embrace the program for co-prosperity so that both South and North can cooperate to improve the lives of ordinary people. Let us prosper together, thus building a bridge towards peaceful unification when the people themselves can decide how they wish to govern themselves.

We urge the eight million Korean people living outside of the Korean Peninsula to dedicate themselves to the global movement toward One Korea and call on Korean compatriots abroad to mobilize the substantive support of their adopted lands.

We appeal to the governments and people of all nations, and in particular the United States, the People’s Republic of China, Japan, Russia, and Mongolia, to actively cooperate in advancing Korean unification as the key to the joint security and mutual prosperity of all the nations of the Northeast Asia region and the Pacific rim.

We call for multi-national entities, such as the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the World Health Organization, and international non-governmental organizations, to provide advice and assistance especially during the challenging transitional period to assure the success of One Korea.

Therefore, at this historic juncture, we do solemnly declare that the Korean people shall be, justly and by right, one family, one people, and one nation. We will work together to realize the dream of One Korea, fulfilling, our historical destiny, and establishing a shining example for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) and to thank its officers and staff for their service to our community.

The Department’s roots actually date back to the 1920s when a small group of officers was assembled to handle the then perceived growing traffic problems in Fairfax County, which then had a population of about 22,000 people. By 1940, the county population had nearly doubled to 44,000. The need for an independent police force had become clear and a small department comprised of just 6 officers was established.

Today, Fairfax County, with a population of about 1.2 million people, is the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United States. In fact, the total number of serious crimes against people and property committed in the county is actually lower today than it was in 1970 when FCPD began tracking statistics even though the population has more than doubled since then. Remarkably, FCPD has achieved this level of safety with the lowest officer-to-community-member ratio for a jurisdiction of its size and has lost only six officers in the line of duty in 75 years.

FCPD accomplishes this success through strong relationships with the community, other county agencies, and its counterparts in other jurisdictions. I enjoyed a strong relationship with the department during my 14 years on the Board of Supervisors, particularly during my five years as chairman, and that partnership continues with my service in the U.S. Congress.

Community engagement is a particularly high priority for FCPD. Officers are visible in our schools and mentor our youth. They meet with local business owners and coordinate with neighborhood watch programs. They meet with local minority communities and faith groups to foster better understanding and cooperation. Moreover, the Chief’s Council on Diversity Recruitment strives to ensure that the diversity of the force reflects that of the community.

Almost every year since 1995, I have ridden alongside the Chief or another police officer to National Night Out events throughout Fairfax County and it is inspiring to see the depth of community support for our law enforcement officers. This is a tribute to the level of passion and commitment displayed by the Department to their mission and our residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fairfax County Police Department on its 75th anniversary and in thanking the men and women of the Fairfax County Police Department who have made Fairfax County the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United States. This accomplishment certainly contributes to the County being rated as one of the best communities in the nation in which to live, work, and raise a family.

HONORING JACKIE BORCHEW

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Jackie Borchew for her tireless efforts and dedication to Orphans of the Storm, an animal shelter in Riverwoods, Illinois. In her many years of service, she has helped find countless permanent homes for abandoned dogs and cats.

Jackie’s years of enthusiastic service to Orphans of the Storm has most assuredly contributed to raising awareness of the shelter and the good work they do to benefit the animal community. Jackie has helped Orphans pursue their mission of saving, caring for and adopting out dogs and cats into loving permanent homes. Through off-site adoption events and other countless volunteer efforts, Jackie has been essential to establishing Orphans as a staple for the animal community throughout the region.

There will most certainly be a hole left behind as Jackie leaves Orphans to embark on her next endeavor. Although she will be missed, all of her efforts have created a strong foundation for the shelter to continue to place abandoned pets into loving homes. I feel personally privileged to have Jackie as a member of our community, and I look forward to seeing what the next stage of her life brings.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ANNANDALE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Annandale and to thank its members for their service to our community.

The world’s first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago was formed February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris. The name “Rotary” is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members’ offices. The Rotary Club concept thrived in its early years, and by 1921 there were chapters on six continents. In 1922, the name “Rotary International” was adopted. The objective of Rotary International is to encourage and foster community service. International understanding, goodwill, and peace are promoted through the shared commitment to service of Rotarians from around the world. Rotary International now boasts more than 1.2 million members in 166 countries, and I am pleased to be counted among their honorary ranks.

Chartered in 1965, the Rotary Club of Annandale is an integral part of the community and engages in numerous public service activities. The Club supports various local community service organizations that provide day care facilities, housing for the homeless, literacy classes, and summer camps for low income families, through financial donations and volunteer work programs. In addition, the Club is very committed to supporting educational programs, including the support of student