

service organizations at Annandale High School and Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus, scholarships to graduating seniors at Annandale and Woodson high schools and vocational scholarships to students at NVCC. The Club also presents Rotary Medals to the outstanding graduate at each of the elementary, middle, and high schools in the greater Annandale area.

Rotary International is renowned for its worldwide humanitarian projects. The Annandale Rotary Club embraces this philosophy and has sponsored projects in other countries, including efforts to and equip a school in Haiti.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Annandale on its 50th Anniversary and thanking its members, volunteers, and supporters for putting service above self.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF
SERVICE OF THE
CARPENTERSVILLE FIRE DE-
PARTMENT

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 Carpentersville Fire Department on their centennial anniversary celebration.

On September 19th, the community will gather to recognize the heroic firefighters and paramedics who have proudly and faithfully served the families and businesses of Carpentersville and the surrounding area.

In October of 1914, an ordinance was created by the village of Carpentersville to establish a volunteer fire department and on February 23rd, 1915 the Carpentersville Fire Department assembled for its first meeting in the village hall. A long cry from the one call it received in 1915, the Carpentersville Fire Department responded to 3,518 calls in 2014. However, their mission to protect the quality of life of those they serve has been the same since its founding.

The men and women who comprise the Carpentersville Fire Department risk their lives daily to protect their communities. Their bravery and courage deserve of our recognition.

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

RECOGNIZING MR. ANTONIO
CAMPOS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Congressman NUNES and Congressman COSTA, rise today to congratulate Antonio "Tony" Campos for receiving the 2015 Ag One Community Salute.

Mr. Campos was born and raised in Orondrit, Spain. At the age of seventeen, Mr. Campos immigrated to the United States. Although he was originally a shepherd, he began farming Vineyards near Caruthers, California in collaboration with his brothers,

Esteban and Fermin, four years after arriving in America. In 1971, they began growing almonds and launched Campos Brothers Farms.

Throughout his life, Mr. Campos has been an active leader in the agricultural community and the Central Valley as a whole. He has served on the Almond Board of California, the Raisin Bargaining Association, the Raisin Administrative Committee, the National Farmers Organization, the California Bean Advisory Board, and the Fresno County Farm Bureau. Additionally, Mr. Campos has made a point of supporting charitable organizations throughout our community, such as Ag One, Valley Children's Hospital, Catholic Charities Diocese of Fresno, Basque Cultural Center, Caruthers High School, and Jordan College.

Today, Mr. Campos lives on the farm he established when he first came to America with his wife, Juliet, and their three children, Jeanine, Joseph, and Steven. Through their dedication, hard work, and commitment to family values, Campos Brothers Farms has grown to be an industry leader in almond production and processing.

On Friday, July 31, 2015, Ag One will honor Mr. Campos as the 2015 Community Salute for his success as a local almond farmer and his commitment to serving his community.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join us in commending Antonio Campos for successfully pursuing the American Dream and congratulating him for being recognized as the 2015 Community Salute.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VIENNA

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 Vienna 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 and Clubs exist in 166 countries located on six different continents. And I am pleased to be counted among their honorary ranks.

The Vienna Club was chartered June 30, 1965. Shortly thereafter, the Club sponsored a circus as its very first fundraiser. The event raised \$1,000 towards the construction of the Vienna Community Center. Since then, the Club has engaged in a wide variety of activities that have benefitted the community.

In the early years, the Club offered several different scholarships to local students, provided career counseling, organized CPR train-

ing, and engaged in several service projects. Today, the Rotary Club of Vienna is perhaps best known for hosting the annual ViVa Vienna Festival every Memorial Day Weekend. This event attracts thousands of people from throughout the region and is a great source of pride for the Vienna community. Perhaps more importantly, the most recent festival raised approximately \$160,000 that the Club will donate to dozens of organizations locally and throughout the world.

The efforts and effectiveness of the Vienna Rotary Club have been recognized with Rotary International awards for best club, vocational service, literacy programs, international service, membership, best all-round club, best small club bulletin, community service, and outstanding club.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Vienna on its 50th Anniversary and thanking its members, volunteers and supporters for putting service above self.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on July 16 of this year, I was away from the Capitol tending to a matter that required me to be in my home district that day. As a result, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures on the floor that day.

On the amendment of Mr. GARAMENDI of California, Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 2898, Roll Call Vote #443, had I been present I would have voted no.

On the amendment of Mr. LAMALFA of California, Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 2898, Roll Call Vote #444, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On the amendment of Mr. GRIJALVA of Arizona, Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 2898, Roll Call Vote #445, had I been present I would have voted no.

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 2898, Roll Call Vote #446, had I been present I would have voted no.

On Passage of H.R. 2898, Western Water and American Food Security Act, Roll Call Vote #447, had I been present I would have voted yes.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to eight extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are:

Christopher Lange from the University of California at Berkeley and the United States Air Force;

Earl King from North Carolina Central School of Law;

BerThaddaeus Bailey from the University of Oklahoma;

Jesse Guadiana from the University of Texas;

Ashley Melero from Texas Tech University; Cassie Gianni from the University of Houston and the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas;

Aisha Yaqoob of the University of Georgia; Aaron Richards of St. John's University; and Asad Moten from Harvard University and the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALLYSEN LOVSTUEN, A 2015 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING RECIPIENT

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Allysen Lovstuen, a constituent from

Waukon, Iowa and a 2015 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

On July 1, 2015, President Obama honored Ms. Lovstuen, a mathematics teacher at Decorah High School in Decorah, Iowa, with the award for Excellence. Awarded annually on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF), this Presidential honor recognizes outstanding teaching contributions in the fields of math and science in K–12 education.

For her contributions to curriculum development and mathematics instruction, Allysen will receive a signed certificate from President Obama, along with a \$10,000 award from the NSF. Additionally, she will travel to Washington, D.C. for an official awards ceremony hosted by the Administration where she will have the opportunity to meet and collaborate with the 107 other award recipients from across the country.

I want to thank Allysen for her commitment to her students at Decorah High School and congratulate her on this honor.

CONGRATULATING THE ROBERT E. SIMON JR. CHILDREN'S CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Robert E. Simon Jr. Children's Center on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and its relocation to a new facility.

The education and well-being of our children are among the highest priorities that we as a community share. The Robert E. Simon Jr. Children's Center provides a safe, nurturing, instructional atmosphere that promotes creativity, curiosity, independence, and cooperation.

The Simon Center is a nonprofit organization located in the 11th Congressional District in Reston, Virginia, and named after Mr. Robert E. Simon, the founder of Reston. The Center was founded in 1990 as part of the Reston Area Child Care Consortium. The consortium was made up of employers, community residents, parents, educators, and professionals concerned about child care needs in our community. The Simon Center fulfilled Mr. Simon's original vision for providing quality childcare in his master plan for Reston.

Mr. Simon's original plan placed the Center adjacent to an elder care facility to add an "inter-generational" component. That feature was part of the Center's original space as it was connected to a rehabilitation center and a close walk to an assisted-living facility. For 24 years, this arrangement flourished and both the children and the senior citizens in the neighborhood benefitted greatly.

The Simon Center is dedicated to meeting the emotional, social, physical, and intellectual needs of children aged three months to five years in a safe, child-oriented environment. Since 2000, the Center has held an advanced accreditation by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, a division of The National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The Simon Center prides itself on helping children grow through the exploration of their environment and the community. Its caring and highly qualified staff, low teacher turnover, parent-run board of directors, and low children-to-staff nursery ratios create a stable, nurturing environment for our children. The Center provides families greater flexibility with a year-round program and convenient hours with minimal closings.

The benefits of quality early education programs are indisputable. The Center for Public Education has conducted extensive research into both the short term and long term effects of Pre-K educational programs. In every measurable area including kindergarten readiness, high school graduation rates, test scores at various points throughout elementary and high school, average income at age 40, even in home ownership rates, children who had participated in Pre-K programs fared much better than their counterparts who did not.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Robert E. Simon, Jr. Children's Center on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and commending its staff and supporters for their unwavering devotion to our children.

RECOGNIZING MR. ALEX SANCHEZ'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Alex Sanchez, a public servant and long standing friend who most recently retired as Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara. It is my great pleasure to commend Mr. Sanchez for his lifelong commitment and dedication to providing affordable housing opportunities for Californians. The reach of his legacy has gone even further, as he has also tirelessly and very effectively advocated for the development and promotion of national housing policies to serve all Americans in need.

I have had the honor of working with Mr. Sanchez for over a quarter of a century to promote housing policies at the State and federal level to assist lower income households in Silicon Valley. The task has been incredibly daunting, given that we serve the most expensive region in the country.

I first met Mr. Sanchez in 1988, when I was asked to join the American Leadership Forum (ALF) as a representative of the educational sector. ALF/Silicon Valley was just forming and a group of local leaders were asked to serve as Class I, which included nearly 30 individuals representing business and local governments, educational institutions and nonprofits.

At the time, I worked for a local school district and also served on a Board of Education for a different school district. Mr. Sanchez had just been named Director of Housing for the City of San Jose. He and I spent many months together and discussed our visions and plans for bettering our community.

One of the most significant moments was to take a two week trip with the ALF group to Colorado Springs, Colorado to discuss the value of community and the need to work together. During this two-week period, we became very close and ultimately helped each