

These awards honor Fairfax County Firefighters, EMTs, Police Officers and Sheriff's Deputies who give back to the Greater Springfield area by providing service to the community outside their normal duties.

In addition to the immeasurable contributions made every day in the line of duty, these men and women have distinguished themselves through their extraordinary efforts in the community, which largely go unseen. They willingly volunteer their personal time, energies, and support to activities for the betterment of our children, our neighborhoods, and our quality of life.

It is my honor to submit the names of the following individuals:

Fairfax County Sheriff 2nd Lt. Kevin Timothy for his efforts on behalf of Leadership Fairfax Inc.'s Emerging Leaders Institute.

Northern Virginia Community College Police Chief Daniel Dusseau for creating the Northern Virginia Community Outreach Officer Working Group, with members from 20 agencies, among other activities.

Fairfax County Police Officer PFC Matthew Dannemann, West Springfield District Police Station, for his volunteer efforts with the Virginia Chapter of the American Rescue Dog Association and the Police Department Supplemental Search and Rescue Team.

Fairfax County Master Police Officer Jason Thompson, Franconia District Police Station, also for his volunteer efforts with the Virginia Chapter of the American Rescue Dog Association and the Police Department Supplemental Search and Rescue Team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking each of the brave men and women who go above and beyond the call of duty to serve our community. They are part of the bravest and the finest who collectively ensure that Fairfax County remains one of the nation's safest communities in which to live, work, and raise a family. Moreover, the volunteer service exhibited by these honorees is one of the hallmarks of what has made Fairfax the thriving community it is today, and because of their efforts, that tradition will carry on for future generations.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF ALFRED W. BLUMROSEN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Alfred W. Blumrosen, Thomas A. Cowan Professor of Law Emeritus, Rutgers School of Law Law School, who died this month, for his pioneering work in the development of the nation's equal opportunity laws and for his frontier role in the shaping of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which celebrated its 50th year of operation on July 2, 2015.

The nation is fortunate that Professor Blumrosen's dedication to equal rights led him to choose a brand new field of law, equal employment law, to which to devote his brilliant mind. When Professor Blumrosen was born, in 1928, there were no laws requiring equal treatment in the United States. His legacy is work that was instrumental in laying the groundwork for modern anti-discrimination law.

Professor Blumrosen inspired generations of law students at Rutgers School of Law for almost 50 years. As a public intellectual, his steady stream of publications in discrimination and labor law, were matched by his work on the ground helping to put new anti-discrimination laws in action. Blumrosen's work in both these worlds was cited just last month in a dissent in a housing discrimination case, *Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities Project*, by Justice Clarence Thomas, who gave Professor Blumrosen credit for the development of disparate-impact theory, the most powerful tool used in equal opportunity legal work.

"Alfred Blumrosen, one of the principal creators of disparate-impact liability at EEOC, rejected what he described as a 'defeatist view of Title VII' that saw the statute as a 'compromise' with a limited scope. A. Blumrosen, *Black Employment and the Law* 57–58 (1971). Blumrosen 'felt that most of the problems confronting the EEOC could be solved by creative interpretation of Title VII which would be upheld by the courts, partly out of deference to the administrators. . . . EEOC's guidelines from those years are a case study in Blumrosen's 'creative interpretation.' Although EEOC lacked substantive rulemaking authority it repeatedly issued guidelines on the subject of disparate impact.' . . . EEOC's strategy paid off. The Court embraced EEOC's theory of disparate impact, concluding that the agency's position was 'entitled to great deference.' See *Griggs* 401 U.S., at 433–434.

Professor Blumrosen began his leadership in developing anti-discrimination law and the EEOC itself as soon as Title VII, the employment equal rights section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, was enacted. He was the EEOC's first chief of conciliations, where early Title VII law was often made by securing negotiated agreements with employers. He was director of federal-state relations, guiding state and local anti-discrimination agencies in applying this burgeoning new area of law. Although Blumrosen's work in anti-discrimination law was particularly prominent at the EEOC, his work with other agencies was also important, particularly with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, including his research with that agency to show that so-called reverse discrimination was uncommon in affirmative action cases. He served as special attorney in the Civil Rights Division of U.S. Department of Justice. Blumrosen was always generous in lending his brilliant mind to develop equal employment law—as counsel to Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays and Handler, a New York law firm, and as counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, among others.

Mr. Speaker, when I chaired the EEOC, Professor Blumrosen was a principal advisor on much of my most important work. He was particularly instrumental in helping us develop our guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures as well as our affirmative action guidelines to motivate employers to correct discriminatory patterns before they led to liability. Al was on the front lines with me in the total reorganization of EEOC operations nationwide to eliminate its huge backlog while significantly increasing remedies for complainants using negotiated agreements.

Notwithstanding his groundbreaking law development work in the public sector, Professor Blumrosen remained a prolific scholar, whose

efforts in the field often informed his scholarship. For his essay "Six Conditions for Meaningful Self-Regulation", he received the Ross Prize from the American Bar Association.

I was fortunate to write the introduction to one of his books, coauthored by his late wife, the late Ruth Gerber Blumrosen, *Slave Nation: How Slavery United the Colonies and Sparked the American Revolution*. Ruth Blumrosen, a professor of business and an adjunct professor of law at Rutgers, often collaborated with her husband. Together, they were a formidable team of scholars. Not surprisingly, their work in the law also infected their two sons, Steven and Alexander, who are both attorneys and legal scholars.

Mr. Speaker, Alfred Blumrosen spent his professional life as a leader on the development of equal opportunity law and in bringing equality to the workplace. It is rare that a lawyer or a professor has been able to be so influential simultaneously in law development and in implementation of one of the nation's most important laws.

Alfred Blumrosen was fortunate to live to see the 50th anniversary of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 50th anniversary of the opening of the EEOC itself just this past July 2. A fair share of both of these commemorations belongs to Professor Blumrosen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Alfred K. Blumrosen for a lifetime of productive trailblazing work that was instrumental in the creation of equal opportunity law, in the invention of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and in sparking scholarship in a new field of American law.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SING TAO DAILY

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sing Tao Daily. On August 1, 2015, Sing Tao Daily will celebrate its 40th anniversary in San Francisco, California. Since 1975, Sing Tao Daily's Western Edition has covered local, state, and international news for Chinese American communities in the Silicon Valley, Seattle, Portland, and Hawaii. The organization is a leading content and service provider for global Chinese communities.

Headquartered in Hong Kong, Sing Tao Daily was the first Chinese language newspaper to publish overseas. The San Francisco Edition was the company's first global expansion and ranks as the highest paid circulation publication among Chinese language newspapers outside of China. Sing Tao Daily has been instrumental in helping Chinese immigrants adapt to their new country. Dedicated to journalistic integrity and recognized for its quality pieces, Sing Tao Daily has presented balanced reports and earned national awards from New American Media and local media organizations. As one of the world's most widely read Chinese newspapers, Sing Tao Daily has earned distinction as a global name in the print media market.

During its lifetime, the multimedia news group has served 625,000 Chinese Americans in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mr. Speaker,

I commend Sing Tao Daily for its service and dedication to providing quality media, which have deeply enriched our Chinese communities.

RECOGNIZING 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BY JOHN STREUFERT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of my constituent, Mr. John Streufert. Mr. Streufert retired from his position as Director of the Federal Network Resilience Branch (FNR) of the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications May 31, 2015, following 34 years of exemplary federal service.

Since Mr. Streufert began his service to our country, he has held an assortment of positions with various agencies including the Navy Sea Systems Command, the Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. While serving as the special assistant for Signals Intelligence and Information Operations, Naval Network Warfare Command, he led the Navy's expansion of its operational role in cyberspace. Mr. Streufert also served with the State Department where he served as Chief Information Security Officer before transferring to DHS and assuming the position of Director of the FNR, which he held for more than three years.

Mr. Streufert is well known in government and industry as the "brains and energy" behind the government's move to secure and continuously monitor the federal information technology network, which was a revolutionary approach he developed while with USAID and State. Upon joining DHS, he cultivated this approach into a strategy for government-wide cybersecurity acquisitions that leveraged the advantages of volume purchasing and thereby reducing taxpayer cost. This program, now known as Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation (CDM), enhances the cybersecurity of networks and systems across the government by enabling vulnerabilities to be identified and mitigated more quickly.

In addition to being an innovative technologist and industry trailblazer, Mr. Streufert is known for being a true leader and mentor. His empowerment and mentorship of his federal colleagues and staff will serve as his legacy as those employees become the next generation of our nation's leaders, due largely to his example and guidance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. John Streufert on his retirement and in thanking him for his 34 years of distinguished service to the people of the United States of America. His accomplishments, innovation, and leadership have contributed greatly to our nation and are worthy of our highest praise.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE LAKEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 Lakewood Fire Department for 100 years of loyal service to the community.

Throughout the year, the City of Lakewood will recognize the heroic firefighters and paramedics who have proudly and faithfully served the families and businesses in their community.

Fire Chief Ralph Webster and the men and women of Lakewood Fire Department reflect the pride and tradition of excellence that exists throughout the fire protection community. They risk their lives in service to the community and their bravery and courage deserve our recognition.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed votes on July 27–28, 2015. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on roll call vote 467, "yes" on roll call vote 468, "yes" on roll call vote 469, "no" on roll call vote 470, "no" on roll call vote 471, "yes" on roll call vote 472, "no" on roll call vote 473, "no" on roll call vote 474, "yes" on roll call vote 475, "yes" on roll call vote 476, "yes" on roll call vote 477, "yes" on roll call vote 478, "yes" on roll call vote 479, "yes" on roll call vote 480, "yes" on roll call vote 481, and "no" on roll call vote 482.

TRIBUTE TO ANNA TERESA NARVÁEZ BOU

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Anna Teresa Narváez Bou in celebration of her 100th birthday. She was born in Corozal, Puerto Rico on July 26, 1915. She married Ramon Narváez Ferrer and had two children, Ramon Luis Narváez Bou and Carmen Lourdes Narváez Bou.

Doña Teresa, as she is affectionately known, came to New York in 1952 during the great migration from Puerto Rico to the States. The Great Depression of the 1930s and the impact of World War II in the 1940s on the island doubly effected poverty and the prospect of employment for many Puerto Ricans. This combined with the launch of commercial air travel influenced her and her family to come to New York. She settled at 25 McKibbin Street in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. A few years later they were displaced due to the city's urban re-

newal development project in the area. Housing discrimination patterns and the language barrier resulted in further displacement for the family in the years that followed.

In spite of the challenges faced by living in a new city and learning a new language and culture, Doña Teresa persevered. She earned her living working at a factory and lived her life, then and now, selflessly with honor and pride. She raised her children and instilled the values of integrity, fairness, service, faith and community. Her determination motivated her to triumph during difficult times. Her experiences compelled her to advocate for safe, decent and affordable housing for the growing Puerto Rican community in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Today, Doña Teresa continues to exemplify a love for her family and friends. She is proud of her children and grandchildren who embody a life of service whether in the community or serving the nation. Her sense of humor, generosity, and perseverance has served her well for 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is women like Doña Teresa that embody the heart of our great nation as well as the spirit of the proud Puerto Rican woman and mother who dreamed of a better life for her family and community.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 7th Congressional District of New York in wishing Anna Teresa Narváez-Bou a very happy 100th birthday.

HONORING THE 2015 LITERACY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the recipients of the 2015 Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Community Partner Awards and Volunteer of the Year Awards. Founded in 1962, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) is a non-profit educational organization that recruits and trains volunteers to teach adults who need help reading, writing, speaking, and understanding the English language.

The mission of LCNV is to empower adults by providing a wide range of programs that teach the basic literacy skills needed in order to become self-sufficient and full participants in society. These programs include Basic Adult Literacy Tutoring, which works with adults who speak and understand English but are beginning readers and writers, and ESOL tutoring programs that teach reading, writing, listening comprehension, and speaking to those in our community for whom English is not their native language. In addition, LCNV offers two classroom programs: The ESOL Learning Center program, which serves low-income immigrant adults and teaches life skills important in the work place and community, and Family Learning Programs, which teach English proficiency to parents while their children participate in separate literacy-related activities.

Over more than 50 years, thousands of people and families have gained new knowledge through LCNV programs. This would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the many volunteers and community partners. It is my great honor to recognize