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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

the following recipients of the 2015 Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Awards:

Community Partner Awards: Capital One; The Phillip L. Graham Fund; Region 8 Adult Education Programs

Student Essay Readers: Lorena Lemus De Hernandez; Nansy Peta; Blanca Soliz

Volunteers of the Year: Lynn Gallagher; Sandra Thomas; Chris Wollenberg

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This year, LCNV learners were invited to submit writings around the theme for this year's Annual Recognition Event: "My Hopes and Dreams." Learners worked with tutors, teachers, and classmates to formulate ideas, construct drafts, edit, and polish their writing in order to create final products that were published in LCNV's annual report. I commend each of the learners who submitted a piece and congratulate them on the incredible progress that they have made.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions of the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia and in congratulating each of the 2015 Award Recipients. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment improves the quality of life for the students, as well as the community, by providing program participants with the life skills that are necessary to become active and productive members of society.