

Sorority and YWCA; life memberships—the NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Tougaloo National Alumni Association. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. Included are: Delta Woman of the Year (1965); Tougaloo Alumna of the Year (1975); Mississippi Chapter Social Worker of the Year (1976); Black Women's Political Action Community Service Award (1990); Howard University School of Social Work Outstanding Alumna (1998); Tougaloo Hall of Fame (1992); the Tougaloo Meritorious Leadership Award (2003); and the Outstanding Greenwoodian in Community Service Award (1998). She is active in her church, Farish Street Baptist, and the Jackson Chapter of the Links, Inc. She enjoys spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Gwendolyn Nero Loper for giving back to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 TOWN OF HERNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS PRESENTED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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 Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

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Four members of the Town of Herndon Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service.

It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following Valor Award recipients:

Bronze Medal of Valor Recipients:

Police Officer Eliezer Calo

Special Police Officer Warrie Proffitt

Certificate of Valor Recipients:

Special Police Officer Mark Butler

Corporal Steven Brown

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2015 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Town of Herndon Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, 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.

IN HONOR OF THE CARIBOU FIRE AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

### HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to congratulate the Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department on earning the 2015 Congressional Fire Services Institute/Masimo Excellence in Fire Service-Based Emergency Medical Services Award. This brave team of volunteer Mainers represents sound practice and dedication to protecting others day in and day out.

This top-tier department is tasked with covering 348 square miles, amounting to nine towns and 14,000 residents. The fire and medical units handle first response services for a vast rural district that houses sporting activities such as boating, hunting, ATV trails, and winter sledding. Furthermore, the department conducts emergency transfers by land and air from a local hospital to a trauma center 175 miles away.

Under Chief Scott Susi, the Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department boasts three five-person crews, along with 15 full time paramedics—a crowning achievement for a department hoping to expand without a corresponding financial burden on the communities it serves.

Community engagement directly corresponds to the success of this department. Sensitivity to the taxable impact of its operations and attendance at local council meetings are just two of the multitude of ways in which this department actively and uniquely works together with the region in which it serves.

The Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department serves as a model of efficient success for fellow Maine fire and Ambulance departments and for service men and women across our country.

RECOGNIZING NICOLE SHAH'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nicole Shah for her outstanding service in the Springfield, Missouri, community and to congratulate her on receiving one of two 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for the state of Missouri and the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Nicole is president and co-founder of Every Teen Helps Inspire Change, also known as ETHIC. ETHIC was formed to help sick children and others suffering from serious illness. She and friends founded the non-profit two years ago while planning a service project for her school. She saw the need for teenagers in the community to have a constant opportunity for service. In the two years since ETHIC's founding, the group has raised \$75,000 and has put the funds toward the purchase of a frozen treat machine at Springfield's Mercy Hospital for children undergoing chemotherapy

to relieve pain from mouth sores. Other efforts have included organizing a fundraiser to help pay for 10 Nepalese patients' major surgeries as well as a painting project and auction to raise funds for Mercy Children's Hospital, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and its local Ronald McDonald Houses.

The powerful impact ETHIC has had on the community continues to expand as more Springfield teenagers from area high schools join the cause. Nicole is responsible for recruitment, budgeting, group promotions and event planning for the non-profit and hopes to further spread the influence at the college level next year.

It is an honor to represent such fine young people as Nicole Shah. Nicole, at the age of 16, has had a positive impact on lives around the world. I look forward to hearing many more great stories from ETHIC and Nicole as the group moves forward. I congratulate her on this phenomenal achievement.

RECOGNIZING AUXILIARY BISHOP ROBERT EARL SMITH, SR., FOR HIS 49 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE WHITE CLOUD EMPOWERMENT CENTER CHURCH OF GOD

### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Bishop Robert Earle Smith, Sr., for his commendable service to The White Cloud Empowerment Center Church of God and for his elevation to the Office of Auxiliary Bishop in the Church of God in Christ. It is fitting that we take a moment to recognize Bishop Smith's accomplishments and contributions to spreading the word of God all over Michigan and the United States.

Throughout his life, Bishop Smith has been deeply committed to serving God and his people. He moved to Michigan at the age of 14 and began attending Saint James Church of God in Christ. After graduating from Flint Northern High School, Bishop Smith served his country in the United States Air Force. Next he took college courses at the University of Maryland, Mott Community College, and the University of Michigan, Flint, where he continued to wholeheartedly pursue his ministry ambitions. He went on to serve as the Dean of the Flint branch of the C.H. Mason Bible College where he integrated faith and education. Bishop Smith recalls sharing his faith with thousands of people in an arena in Memphis, Tennessee, when he served as the vice-president of the Sunday School Convention.

Today, Bishop Smith serves as the pastor and preaches in two different Church of God in Christ locations in Michigan. For nearly fifty years, Bishop Smith has traveled 300 miles round-trip from his home in Flint to White Cloud in order to serve as the pastor of The White Cloud Empowerment Center Church of God in Christ. His devout dedication to the Lord is evident as he reaches out to pray for and assist the homeless, needy, youth, and the lost. His mission is to give love and compassion to anyone in need, which is reflective of the very walk of Jesus Christ.

Throughout his life and ministry, Bishop Robert Earle Smith, Sr., has been a shining

example of being a faithful follower of God. He has passionately dedicated his life to serving the Lord through ministry and evangelism. Bishop Smith, thank you for what you have done not only for the Church of God in Christ, but for all of Michigan and our country.

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Forty-eight members of the Fairfax 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 Valor Award Recipients:

Silver Medal of Valor Recipients: Police Officer First Class Roberto Asencios; Police Officer First Class Kevin Gemmell; Police Officer First Class Ryan Quarto; Police Officer First Class Thomas Thompson; Police Officer First Class Nathan Van Husen; Sergeant Michael Gubesch; Police Officer First Class Kenyatta Momon; Police Officer First Class Tyler Timberlake

Bronze Medal of Valor Recipients: Police Officer First Class Gershon Ramirez; Sergeant Lieutenant Richard Buisch; Police Officer First Class Robert Marshall; Police Officer First Class Eric Runkles; Police Officer First Class Shannon Sams; Police Officer First Class Larry St. Clair; Second Lieutenant Jane Burns; Police Officer First Class Shawn Carroll; Police Officer Harrison Gamble; Police Officer First Class Edward George; Police Officer Anthony Capizzi; Police Officer First Class Sarah Hansen; Captain Graham McGowan; Master Police Officer Steven Carroll; Master Police Officer Jey Phillips; Second Lieutenant Jeffrey Reiff

Certificate of Valor Recipients: Police Officer Brian Geschke; Detective Brett Choyce; Detective Richard Early; Detective Stephen Sulzinski; Detective Brian Takagi; Police Officer First Class Richard Cash; Police Officer First Class Paul Stracke; Police Officer First Class Dustin Tewillager; Lieutenant Jason Allegra

Lifesaving Certificate Recipients: Police Officer Michael Crutchman; Police Officer Jesse Katzman; Police Officer Tyler Spencer; Police

Officer First Class Scott Abram; Police Officer First Class Daniel Bond; Police Officer First Class David Faulk; Police Officer First Class Sarah Hansen; Police Officer First Class Craig Quattrin; Police Officer First Class Gershon Ramirez; Police Officer First Class Leslie Schmitt; Police Officer First Class Timothy Schultz; Master Police Officer Mary Hulse; Master Police Officer Scott MacCaskill; Master Police Officer Howard Mergler; Master Police Officer Chris Musser; Master Police Officer Robert Urps; Second Lieutenant Dana Robinson

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INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JUNE AS MEN'S CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 15, 2015*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight an issue of growing concern to this nation: cancer among men, by introducing a resolution recognizing June as Men's Cancer Awareness Month.

Cancer is a deadly disease that does not discriminate. It impacts all demographics and every segment of our population. However, what I find extremely alarming is that cancer is claiming the lives of males of all races and ages at an alarming rate. One in 2 men will be diagnosed with cancer over the course of their lifetimes. Men face a 43.31 percent lifetime risk of being diagnosed with some form of cancer. Statistics show that men have a 22.83 percent chance of dying from cancer versus 19.26 percent of women. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that nearly 300,000 men die annually as a result of cancer. Furthermore, African American men have the highest cancer incidence and mortality rates according to the CDC.

I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in shining a light on this deadly disease that is plaguing the men of our communities. These men are our fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, sons, grandsons, and nephews. Recognizing and preventing men's health problems is not just an issue facing men, it also has a profound impact on the lives of wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, and is truly a family issue. No one should ever be put in a position to have to prematurely bury their loved one.

Additionally, there are a number of consistent gender differences in cancer susceptibility. In fact, gender differences in cancer susceptibility are rarely publicized and often inadequately addressed. There are a number of common cancers that have the highest male-to-female (M:F) ratios, including colorectal cancers; cancers of the lung and bronchus; non-Hodgkin lymphoma, urinary and bladder cancers, and most alarming Kaposi sarcoma.

I was inspired to introduce this resolution by a constituent from my district, Mr. Joel

Greshman, who founded the Not 1 Forgotten campaign in 2013, after losing two close friends and family members to cancer. Joel created the organization to encourage men to get regular check-ups in order to stay healthy and live longer. By joining Joel and others across the nation to bring greater awareness of cancer among men, it is my sincere hope that we can work together to better promote expanded advocacy, media campaigns and other events. The Not 1 Forgotten campaign has gained momentum in states and cities across our nation from Fort Lauderdale located in my Congressional district to Atlanta, Augusta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami Dade County, and New York.

The purpose of Men's Cancer Awareness Month is to heighten awareness and encourage early detection and treatment of cancer among men and boys.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this critically important resolution and recognize June as Men's Cancer Awareness Month.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN LUTHER RICE

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 15, 2015*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Captain Luther Rice, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a truly selfless Hoosier.

Luther was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was married to his wife Barbara Anne Nehls Rice for 61 years. Together, they had three children and six grandchildren. Luther was also a proud Marine. He served in the United States Marine Corps for 23 years, eventually retiring with the rank of Captain in 1971. He completed one tour in Korea and two tours of duty in Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star with Combat "V" during his second Vietnam tour. Overall, Captain Rice was awarded an impressive 14 different medals during his career in the Marines.

After his distinguished military career, Luther started attending night and summer school at Indiana State University, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in 1977 and a Master's in K-12 education in 1978. Luther found a passion for education and was named principal of Connersville vocational school where he served from 1979 to 1983. He also taught at the Career Center in Versailles, Indiana, and was eventually appointed school principal there as well—a position he served in until his retirement in 1992. In 1991, Luther was appointed Judge of Aurora City Court by Indiana Governor Evan Bayh, a position he held for six years.

In his spare time, Luther enjoyed supporting fellow veterans in his community. Luther was a lifetime member of the Korean War Veterans Association and served as its National Director for six years. He also volunteered at Dearborn County Hospital for 17 years, where he eventually became President of the Dearborn County Hospital Community Foundation.

Today, it is my privilege to honor the life of Captain Luther Rice. My thoughts and prayers go out to Luther's family, and may God comfort those he left behind with His peace and strength.