

to it should be upheld even against even majority rule because they are directed with the intention of the well being and safety of American citizens. Consider a hypothetical situation where 90% of congress voted to have key military technological advancements, such as the design and engineering behind the black hawk helicopter, released to the general public. Even if congress wasn't faced by opposition from the executive branch, judicial review and elected officials like my future self would fiercely oppose this divulgence of such essential information because of the great threat it would place on national security and military supremacy. This is another situation where majority rule would have to be denied.

If I were elected as a prominent government official I would strive to ensure that the liberties of the few and the safety of the many are protected even from a majority ruling in a proclaimed democracy to provide security and balance.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2016 DALE CITY CIVIC ASSO- CIATION COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2016 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards.

The Civic Association represents the interests of the residents of Dale City in a manner that benefits the entire community. Association members complete revitalization and beautification projects, advocate for land use projects, and volunteer responses to community needs.

Each year, the Association hosts a recognition banquet to honor individuals and organizations that have shown exemplary devotion to the betterment of the community through public service. It is my honor to submit the names of the 2016 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards recipients:

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Firefighter of the Year Award: Robert "Alex" Willis
Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year Award: Lauren Clowser

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Officer of the Year Award: Sergeant Robert "OJ" Best
Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Cadet of the Year Award: Tristin Toro

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Career Firefighter of the Year Award: Technician I Andrew Hale

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Career Emergency Medical Technician of the Year Award: Technician II Mike Militello

Prince William County Police Department, Police Officer of the Year Award: Officer William Bowler

Prince William County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award: Deputy Thomas "TC" Williams

Kathy Feeney Nurse of the Year Award: Angela Cronan

Business of the Year Award: Haynes View, LLC, owned by LaBrenda Haynes

John D. Jenkins Youth Citizen of the Year Award: Sara Howell

Dale City Youth Environmental and Conservation Award: Rebecca Hawkins

Prince William County Public Schools, Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award: Ashley Hoyle

Prince William County Public Schools, Middle School Teacher of the Year Award: Donna Morgan

Prince William County Public Schools, High School Teacher of the Year Award: Karen Shaver

Kathleen K. Seefeldt Community Service Award: Mary Lively

Ernestine S. Jenkins Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award: Mary Allen

Catherine Spellane Citizen of the Year Award: Lucille Cahill

Dale City Civic Association Outstanding Service Award: Michael Bizik

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the 2016 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards winners for their commitment to building and maintaining such a vibrant community for residents to live, work, and play. Each recipient has made a lasting contribution to Dale City, and I hope their actions will spur others into serving our community to sustain this tremendous success.

TRIBUTE TO SUNNI SWARBICK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sunni Swarbick for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

Sunni serves as an Associate Director at Diversified Management Services in West Des Moines. She has been tirelessly committed to her clients by helping them grow through new innovative ideas. Sunni is dedicated to excellence and it shows through her hard work and determination to succeed. She is also a leader within her community and founded the Lead Like a Lady organization, a network that gives young women the tools they need to be successful leaders personally and professionally.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Sunni in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Sunni on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF OXNARD COLLEGE

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Oxnard College on its 40th anniversary as a principal, two-year institution of higher learning in Ventura County. Since 1975, Oxnard College has built a vibrant and diverse scholastic community, has enhanced the local and global consciousness of its students, and has fashioned itself into a remarkable academic asset for the Central Coast region.

Ever since its inaugural year, when it enrolled over 4,400 students, Oxnard College has been a significant driver of education and opportunity for Ventura County's residents. During its early years, Oxnard College classes operated out of borrowed facilities in churches, schools, military bases, and firehouses. Today and within a span of only four decades, Oxnard College has come a long way from its humble beginnings, and boasts of state-of-the-art classrooms, educational facilities, a physical education center, a performing arts center, and a library, with major new construction and renovations always on the horizon.

Oxnard College strives to provide open-access to educational opportunities so that every individual—regardless of age, sex, race, disability, or ethnic socio-economic status, cultural or educational background—can fulfill his or her potential. Oxnard College is a shining beacon to the community giving hope to all of Ventura County residents who seek economic opportunity and social mobility through their academic pursuits.

Pursuant to its educational philosophy, Oxnard College provides educational programs that develop individual abilities, strengthen human relationships, and enrich community life. To that end, Oxnard College offers 18 certificate programs, 17 Associate degrees for transfer, and 37 Associate degrees with classes in over 60 disciplines. Every year, Oxnard College prepares hundreds of students for further undergraduate studies, such as in the esteemed University of California and California State University systems.

On the occasion of its 40th anniversary, it is my sincere pleasure to honor Oxnard College and the entire Condor community for its contributions to academic excellence and success.

HONORING ANGIE CARRERA ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angie Carrera on the occasion of her retirement from Fairfax County and to thank her for her service. Although she has been a Fairfax County employee for the last 22 years, her immense contributions to our community go back much further.

Ms. Carrera has devoted her career to the promotion and administration of volunteerism.

This began in 1975 when she began recruiting volunteers for a nearly-defunct women's center. This led to her becoming the executive director of the Voluntary Action Center, which is now known as Volunteer Fairfax and serves as a clearing house matching volunteers with area non-profits.

Following her tenure with Volunteer Fairfax, Ms. Carrera served in a variety of positions and capacities. She became volunteer coordinator for the Fairfax County Juvenile Court where she was responsible for recruiting and supervising programs for court-involved youths. In 1992, Ms. Carrera was asked to launch the Volunteer Interpreter Program to help the Juvenile Court staff better deal with youth and their families who were not proficient in English. This program received two National Association of Counties awards in recognition of its effectiveness and value. In 2002 she became the Language Access Coordinator in the Office of the County Executive and was responsible for policy and procedures on language issues within the county government.

Most recently Ms. Carrera has served as both Volunteer Resource Coordinator and a Partnership Developer for the County's Office of Public-Private Partnerships. The Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP³) serves as a clearing house and point of contact for public agencies, non-profit organizations, and local businesses. OP³ creates and develops meaningful public private partnerships in county priority areas to leverage new resources and address community issues impacting the quality of life in Fairfax County. In addition to serving in these positions, Ms. Carrera has played a role in numerous special projects including elections outreach and the 2015 World Police and Fire Games. Ms. Carrera was recently honored by the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce as its 2014 Business Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, Angie Carrera's accomplishments and the legacy she leaves behind in her community are worthy of our highest praise. Her selfless dedication has contributed greatly to the public good and the outstanding quality of life for residents of Fairfax County. I commend her for her decades of service and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her well in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on April 12, 2016 I was not present to vote on H.R. 1567 (Global Food Security Act). I wish to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for roll call No. 139, I would have voted "YEA."

THE FERGUSON RIOTS: AN IMPORTANT EVENT THAT HAS CHANGED AMERICA, BY PHILLIP NGUYEN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight from across the political spectrum that sheds a light on the concerns of our younger constituents. Giving voice to their priorities will hopefully instill a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Phillip Nguyen attends Dawson High School in Pearland, Texas. The essay topic is: The Ferguson Riots: An Important Event That Has Changed America.

The year of 2015 has been a time of immense societal changes in America. The riots in Ferguson, Missouri exemplify one of the many events that have sparked such changes in the United States. From impacting the way society views minority groups to representing the shift in which the citizens of America demonstrate their protests, the Ferguson riots were a horrific event to be remembered throughout our country that has changed the way our society functions.

Beginning with the sudden death of Michael Brown by a police officer, the riots over the dispute of police brutality have become a catalyst for the newfound "black lives matter" movement. This event has sparked an immense change in our country in that the citizens have become much more focused upon the treatment of minorities (especially African Americans) by police officers. In addition, a large amount of citizens of all races have been advocating the idealistic values of non-violence after witnessing the incidents occurring during the riots (looting, fires, and destruction of property). The media has even become extremely centralized over the ongoing disputes between the black and white communities as well as police brutality. Furthermore, the event of the riots in Ferguson has incited a shift in the functionality of the police system, such as requiring on duty officers to have a working camera on their person. Not all changes were positive, however. The riots were indicative of the change in how Americans demonstrate their protests of today in comparison to the past. For example, the riots emerged from the protests pertaining to police brutality towards African Americans quickly turned violent (by the protestors), whereas in the past for American civil rights movements, the protests were centralized over the idealism of peace and non-violence and rarely have the protestors ever turned violent.

The Ferguson riots in Missouri were an event that shook the country as a whole and sparked a plethora of social changes in the American people. Moreover, it not only impacted the way in which people have viewed the African American community lately, but it has changed the way in which the police force functions.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MASTER SERGEANT TARA R. BROWN

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the life of Air Force Master Sergeant Tara R. Brown. A graduate of Deltona High School in Volusia County, Florida, Master Sergeant Brown gave her life defending our freedom on April 27, 2011. MSgt. Brown was the wife of Army Sgt. Ernest Brown and the daughter of Mr. Jim Jacobs of Deltona, Florida.

On Monday, April 18, 2016, in Central Florida, the street that serves as the entry to her alma mater, Daytona High School, will be named in her honor. This special recognition serves to honor and pay tribute to her service and devotion to the nation. Her family, friends and community will gather as we dedicate the corridor where she attended school in her memory.

Shortly after graduating from Deltona High School, MSgt. Brown enlisted in the Air Force and reported to Basic Military Training School at Lackland Air Force Base. She continued her training at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi where she attended technical school and was subsequently assigned to Kadena Air Base, Japan where she began working in information management.

Brown continued her service to our country during several overseas assignments. In November 2006, she was assigned to Headquarters, Air Force Office of Special Investigations and her service later took her to Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with and Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan. In January 2011, she deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan as a communications squadron advisor for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Air Training Command-Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, Master Sgt. Brown selflessly answered her nation's call to serve, and performed with distinction for over fifteen years. Her impeccable service record further reflects her outstanding character and dedication to her fellow men and women in uniform and to our country. As a testament to her decorated career, MSgt. Brown was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Combat Action Medal, and the NATO Article Five Medal. In her local community, the citizens of Deltona, Florida have renamed the southern portion of the road formerly known as Forrest Edge Drive to MSgt. Tara Jacobs Brown Ave.

In addition to her father and husband, Brown is survived by her mother, Gladys Vereen of New York; brothers Jim Jacobs of Kissimmee, Dominic Jacobs of New York, and Michael Jacobs of Deltona; and sister, Laguanda Jacobs of Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering and celebrating the decorated service of Master Sergeant Tara R. Brown, and ask that God bless her soul and the souls of all our fallen heroes that have given their lives so we may enjoy the freedoms we all hold dear.