

benefitting the Phoenix Society, which supports burn survivors.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Sprinkler Fitters, Local 550, 100th Anniversary Gala weekend held June 24 through June 26, 2016 in Boston, I rise to extend my congratulations and appreciation for Local 550's 100 years of service to the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I look forward to continuing my work with the outstanding men and women of Sprinkler Fitters, Local 550, and wish them nothing but success for the next 100 years.

Congratulations on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO 2ND LT. GERALD
"BUD" BERRY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Veteran 2nd Lieutenant Gerald "Bud" Berry for his actions during World War II and during D-Day, June 6, 1944.

2nd Lt. Berry was drafted in 1942 and signed up for the Aviation Cadet Program. It took him a year to complete the training and upon graduation, he earned his 2nd Lieutenant ranking. A couple months later, he was sent overseas to begin training for the Army Air Corps. There 2nd Lt. Berry was assigned a specialized flight plan to assist in the United States effort on D-Day.

He was assigned to towing gliders to the front and flying the 91st squadron of the 439th troop carrier group. He was responsible for flying the paratroopers over their designated landing zones, and for capturing any gliders that were in good enough shape to reuse. On D-Day, 2nd Lt. Berry was prepared and successfully completed his portion of the mission helping the Allied forces begin their surge to victory in the War.

I want to thank and acknowledge 2nd Lt. Gerald Berry for his honor, duty, and sacrifice for our country. He was a part of a mission that changed the course of history, and his efforts will be revered and remembered. I extend my deepest gratitude to 2nd Lt. Berry for his service. I ask that this body join me in recognizing him for his service.

HONORING THE 2016 FAIRFAX
COUNTY STUDENT PEACE
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2016 Fairfax County Student Peace Awards.

The program was begun in 2006 with the hope of moving people to think more about peace as both a means and an end, and to recognize young people who work as peace-makers. The program began with one high school and expanded gradually from there. In 2013, for the first time, it was offered to every public high school in Fairfax County, as well as to three private schools.

Participating high schools choose one Junior or Senior or one student group active in promoting peace and/or removing the causes of conflict. Examples of outreach include:

Committing to peace by engaging in activities that strive to end conflict, either locally or globally;

Seeking to discuss or otherwise resolve potentially controversial issues within the school or community;

Promoting the understanding of divisive issues and situations to bridge language, ethnic, racial, religious, gender, sexual orientation, or class differences; and

Working to resolve conflicts among students or members of the community who feel isolated or alienated.

I am pleased to submit the names of this year's Student Peace Award winners:

Anti-Bullying Committee, Cedar Lane School
Jieru Shi, Senior, Chantilly High School
Smriti Subedi, Senior, Herndon High School
Laith Abuhaija, Senior, Islamic Saudi Academy

Renata Urbina De la Flor, Senior, Lake Braddock Secondary School

Catherine White, Senior, Langley High School

Cindy Le/Quan Lu, Seniors, Robert E. Lee High School

Kenzie Hines, Senior, James Madison High School

Doreen Ndizeye, Senior, George C. Marshall High School

Michelle Ma, Senior, McLean High School
Trevor Christensen, Senior, Mount Vernon High School

Student Contributors to The Mountain View Mirror Mountain View High School

Stepping Stones Club, Oakton High School
Sara Hobbs, Senior, Quander Road School
Burke Centre Library Teen Advisory Board
Robinson Secondary School

Kyle Engelhardt, Senior, South County High School

Aditi Takle, Senior, South Lakes High School

Sam Laveson, Senior, JEB Stuart High School

Kristin Myers, Junior, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bennett Shoop, Senior, West Springfield High School

Logan Mannikko, Senior, Westfield High School

Daniel Kim, Junior, W.T. Woodson High School

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of these young people to build a more peaceful world in their own communities and the building blocks of a more peaceful world. I commend them on their awards and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them and wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE JORDAN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction:

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this extraordinary woman, who has

given of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Mrs. Joyce Ann Johnson Jordan's work is present in the lives of the many people she has touched during her time here on earth; a joyful woman who believed in living a life with no regrets. She loved to travel, dance and was a connoisseur of music; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of her time, talent and life; she never asked for fame or fortune while uplifting those in need. She just wanted to do what was right; and

Whereas, Mrs. Jordan led by working behind the scenes for the causes that mattered to her the most; she loved God, her family and her friends; Mrs. Jordan was a warrior, a matriarch, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her family as a wife, sister and aunt; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Mrs. Joyce Ann Johnson Jordan for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 114th Congress that Mrs. Joyce Ann Johnson Jordan of Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" Mrs. Joyce Ann Johnson Jordan U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of April, 2016.

HONORING THE MEMBERS OF
RESCUE RESTON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the members of Rescue Reston on being named the 2015 Citizen of the Year by the Reston Citizens Association. The Citizen of the Year Award traditionally honors an individual or group of individuals who have contributed to the quality of life in Reston, helped others in need, or acted with the goals of Reston in mind without thought of personal benefit or recognition.

Rescue Reston is a grassroots organization comprised of thousands of Restonians who united to support preserving the Reston National Golf Course as open green space. Reston and the surrounding area have witnessed an explosion of growth and development in recent years. The preservation of public parks and open space is crucial in ensuring the high quality of life that is enjoyed by Fairfax County residents and honoring Reston's founding principles.

It is fitting that this award is given by one grassroots organization to another. It speaks yet again to the legacy that the founder of Reston, Robert E. Simon, leaves behind. I believe that such a high level of engagement is one of the best indicators of a healthy and vibrant community.

As a former civic association president, I am uniquely aware of the impact that these organizations can have, not only in their local community but also in the surrounding area. Their efforts give the members of that organization a sense of ownership and serve as a constant

reminder that a thoughtful, organized group of citizens can indeed bring about change.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of Rescue Reston on behalf of the greater Reston community are selfless undertakings which are truly worthy of our highest praise. I commend them on their award and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them and wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING DR. TOM SHIEH ON HIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Thomas Shieh as he celebrates 20 years of service to the people of Guam. Dr. Shieh is the president and owner of Dr. Shieh's Clinic in Tamuning, Guam. Dr. Shieh's Clinic has served as one of Guam's leading clinics in women's services since 1999.

Dr. Shieh came to Guam by way of the U.S. Navy as a Medical Officer. He served in the Naval Hospital Guam for four years, and as the Chief of Gynecology for the last two years. After completion of his active duty service and falling in love with the island community, Dr. Shieh decided to make Guam his permanent home and opened a practice of his own. Since serving as an OB/GYN on Guam, Dr. Shieh has delivered over 8,000 babies. He is often recognized for being one of Guam's most accessible doctors. He keeps a close relationship with his patients and families and is always a phone call away. Not only does he care for his patients, he seeks to educate each woman about their health and medical needs. As a physician-owned practice, Dr. Shieh's Clinic is patient driven and practices the philosophy, "Patients First." He is a reliable consultant for thousands of patients and medical professionals on Guam and the Asia-Pacific Region. He has been able to maintain and grow his personal business for the past 16 years to build on his service from the Naval Hospital Guam and provide important services to the island.

As a board certified physician and fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Shieh is one of the most experienced and desired ob-gyns on the island. He serves as the president of the Guam Medical Association, comprised of more than 300 physicians, nurses and medical professionals. As a part of the Guam Medical Association, Dr. Shieh lobbies for legislation and policy to better the health care for the people of Guam. He works to bring the latest technology in health care and ensures that medications are available to provide best services to patients. Dr. Shieh was responsible for establishing the first ever bone marrow donor registration drive for Guam and increasing Pacific Islanders in the national database by 80 percent. He has also organized medical missions to help with relief efforts after natural disasters in the region.

Throughout his service on Guam, Dr. Shieh has always demonstrated a strong commitment to community involvement, volunteerism and philanthropy. Most notably, Dr. Shieh has

established a scholar athlete scholarship fund to assist students pursue higher education. He also sponsors an annual volleyball tournament and organizes health fairs and outreach events in the community.

Again, I congratulate Dr. Shieh, his wife Raven, daughters Tiffany and Beverly, and Dr. Shieh's Clinic on 20 years of service to the people of Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending them for their service and dedication, and thanking them for their many contributions to our island community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,252,984,535,317.64. We've added \$8,626,107,486,404.56 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8.6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2016 ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce and the recipients of the 2016 Excellence Awards.

The Asian-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) is dedicated to improving economic development opportunities for Asian Pacific American-owned businesses in the Washington, D.C., region. The 11th District of Virginia is blessed by its diversity. About 1 in 4 residents are foreign born and approximately 40 percent are minorities. Half of our foreign-born population emigrated from Asia, and more than 80,000 of our neighbors speak an Asian language at home.

Northern Virginia has a robust international business community and is home to the largest concentration of minority-owned technology firms in the nation. The AACC and its members contribute greatly to our economic strength and stability; Asian-American businesses generate more than 52 percent of total revenues generated by all minority owned businesses in this region.

In Fairfax County alone, 25,000 businesses are Asian-owned. These businesses generate approximately \$9 billion in revenue and create 54,000 jobs.

Each year, the AACC recognizes businesses and non-profits in the Asian American community for their outstanding contributions to the Metropolitan Washington community and economy. I am pleased to submit the names of the following individuals and organizations:

Citizen of the Year
Ruth Crout, Fred Plum
Young Professional of the Year
Frank Chin
New Member of the Year
Dave and Joanne Adams
Laura Drain
Member of the Year
Shakha Agrawal
Business of the Year
Kyllo and Pattana Cox
Non-Profit of the Year
Youth for Tomorrow
Epoch Times
Asian Business Leader of the Year
Grace Kim
Jimmy Rhee
Chairman's Award
Audrey Lustre
Oanh Henry

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2016 Asian-American Chamber of Commerce Excellence Awards and in commending the Chamber for its work to support Asian and Pacific Islander owned businesses throughout our region.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY BAISDEN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, reaching the age of 80 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Mrs. Betty Jane Baisden was born on March 19, 1936 and today she is celebrating that milestone; and

Whereas, Mrs. Baisden has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; she has been a devoted Christian since her childhood days to present as President of the Mothers Board at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. Baisden is celebrating her 80th Birthday with her family members, church members and friends here in Georgia, she celebrates a life of blessings; as a Mother, Grandmother, friend, community servant and leader; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; an advocate, faithful matriarch and a community leader; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 80th birthday in the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Betty Jane Baisden for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 19, 2016 as Mrs. Betty Jane Baisden Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 19th day of March, 2016.