

the most respected professional certification available in the education field. Obtaining certification and completing the renewal process is a personal and public statement of one's commitment to the evolution of effective instruction methods. Certified educators support a vision of teaching based on the following five core principles:

1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning;
2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students;
3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning;
4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; and
5. Teachers are members of learning communities.

I extend my personal congratulations and appreciation to the following National Board Certified Teachers for receiving their respective certifications and renewals:

Ali M. Allen, Minnieville Elementary School
 Cassandra Cornwell, Tyler Elementary School
 Carolyn Doyle, Montclair Elementary School
 Kimberly Lervold, Vaughan Elementary School
 Martha Lipscomb, Antietam Elementary School (Renewal)
 Jessica Mason, Triangle Elementary School
 Tanya Parrott, Chris Yung Elementary School (Renewal)
 Laura Provencio, Montclair Elementary School
 Sheryl Quinlan, Marsteller Middle School (Renewal)
 Kelly Serrano, West Gate Elementary School
 Sarah Tracy, Minnieville Elementary School
 Gerald Vile, Marsteller Middle School (Renewal)

Tamara Zimmerman, Saunders Middle School (Renewal)

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education, professional development, and the students of Prince William County Public Schools. The world-class education provided to our students is due to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard and I thank them for their invaluable contributions.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF U.S.
 ARMY COLONEL CAROLYN
 CLOSS-WALFORD

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Colonel Carolyn Closs-Walford, the Senior Strategic Advisor to the Director of the Army National Guard, on her retirement.

Colonel Closs-Walford is a career Army officer who dedicated her life to protecting and supporting our great nation. As a young college student at Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, she discovered her passion for the Army and joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Upon graduation, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps and

accepted a reserve commission in the Army Reserve. While in Washington, D.C., she also completed her graduate studies at National Louis University and later transferred to the Quartermaster Corps to fulfill the Army Reserve's mission of combat service support.

Colonel Closs-Walford served as a "Citizen Soldier" and demonstrated continuous commitment throughout her deployment and service in Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Storm. Her impressive leadership skills did not go unnoticed, and Colonel Closs-Walford became a fulltime active soldier serving as the Logistics Planner for the European Command with extensive travel to Germany, Bosnia, and Kosovo.

Colonel Closs-Walford has devoted her life to public service. She has served in senior positions in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense and acted as an interagency liaison to the National Security Council, the United States Congress, and the Departments of Defense and State.

She has also had the distinct honor of serving as the Director for Global Outreach in the White House for U.S. Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, fulfilling a variety of roles that provided support to the President, Deputy National Security Advisor, and the Counselor to the President.

Additionally, Colonel Closs-Walford served members of the U.S. House of Representatives and their staffs in the Army's House Liaison Division where she tracked and influenced legislation that impacted the Army's budget and missions. Colonel Closs-Walford organized and led 16 congressional delegations to Iraq, more than any other Legislative Liaison during that time.

Her most recent assignment was in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA), where she served as a Military Fellow. Hand-picked by the CSA, she was responsible for identifying and studying potential obstacles that the Army is projected to face in the year 2025 and beyond.

Colonel Closs-Walford's extensive experience in defending and protecting our country demonstrates her true commitment to our great nation, a dedication that deserves the highest recognition and acknowledgement. Colonel Closs-Walford embodies the definition of a true patriot, steadfast in her devotion to answer no matter what the call.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Closs-Walford has spent her life advancing the mission of the United States of America, on both the domestic and international stage. She has solidified a legacy of patriotism that will live on through each person that has been fortunate enough to work with her. On behalf of a most grateful nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Colonel Carolyn Closs-Walford on her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present in the House chamber for certain roll call votes on Thursday, June 23rd. Had I been present on these days, I would have voted 'nay' on roll calls 339, 340, 341 and 342.

TRIBUTE TO DESHAUNA BARBER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Deshauna Barber of Northeast Washington, D.C., a graduate of Virginia State University and the University of Maryland University College, who was crowned Miss USA 2016 this month. Ms. Barber demonstrates the best qualities of District residents, and we believe she will bring out their best qualities as well during her reign. We are particularly proud that Ms. Barber is a lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve, serving as a Logistics Commander for the 988th Quartermaster Detachment Unit at Fort Meade, Maryland. She also works as an IT consultant at the United States Department of Commerce. During her downtime, Ms. Barber enjoys hometown D.C., and has a particular fondness for Gallery Place in Chinatown and our hometown staple Ben's Chili Bowl. Deshauna is a strong advocate for gender equality, particularly for our nation's military women. The nation, especially the District of Columbia, takes great pride in the constellation of characteristics and talents Miss District of Columbia brings to her work as Miss USA 2016.

A District resident has won Miss USA only three times. Lt. Barber's victory comes at a watershed moment when District residents will be asked to approve a new D.C. statehood constitution in November. This effort has already significantly increased the visibility of D.C. statehood throughout the country. Our D.C. Miss USA almost surely brings new interest in her hometown and everything about D.C., including its quest for statehood. Today, Miss USA 2016, Deshauna Barber, has earned not only her title, but, like the almost 700,000 other residents of the District, the right to full and equal citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Miss District of Columbia, Deshauna Barber, the 2016 Miss USA, and to thank her for her service to the country as a lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve and as a representative of the best of the citizens of the District of Columbia as Miss USA 2016.

RECOGNIZING THE 2016 LORDS AND LADIES FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. Every year, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from his or her district who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other exceptional commitments and contributions to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, approximately 600 individuals have earned the honor of being named a Lord or Lady Fairfax by his or her representative on the Board of

Supervisors. The Board also traditionally recognizes these individuals during a reception held in conjunction with the annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival in June.

This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will recognize those individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments of the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and are worthy of our praise and sincere appreciation. It is my honor to submit the names of the 2016 Lords and Ladies Fairfax:

At-Large: Lady Shirley Ginwright and Lord Michael J. Hershman

Braddock District: Lady Ellen Jean "Nell" Hurley and Lord George C. Klein

Dranesville District: Lady Barbara A. Glakas and Lord William Glenn Yarborough, Jr.

Hunter Mill District: Lady Michele Hymer Blitz and Lord James G. Lewis, Jr.

Lee District: Lady Burnette G. Scarboro and Lord Jack Pitzer

Mason District: Lady Deborah "Debo" Burk and Lord Charles de Seve

Mount Vernon District: Lady Marcia Hanson and Lord Larry Clark

Providence District: Lady Anne Suter Zimmer and Lord Stephen A. McLaughlin

Springfield District: Lady Lisa Friedrich Becker and Lord Mark W. Fitzpatrick

Sully District: Lady Kelly Lavin and Lord E. Mark McConn, Jr.

I also commend the following recipients of the James M. Scott Community Spirit Award and the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival Volunteer of the Year Awards:

James M. Scott Community Spirit Award: The Peterson Companies & The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Community Labor Force

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival Volunteer of the Year Award: The Levy Family. In addition, several students will be recognized as Celebrate Fairfax Community Spirit Scholars and Emerging Artist Scholars. I congratulate the following honorees for receiving these awards:

Community Spirit Scholars: Alec Soulders, Bridget Ray, Michelle Ma, Rebecca Jacobi, Revathi Mohan, Layla Fawaz, Lauren Eller, Alek Langford, Joel Gallowsay, Anastasia Slepukhova, Kayla Blatman

Emerging Artist Scholars: Doi Kim, Annie Saavedra, Hee Ra Pyo

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending and expressing our gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. Their efforts provide immeasurable benefits to their fellow residents and serve to strengthen and enrich the Fairfax County community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen conflict, I unavoidably missed the following votes June 22–23, 2016.

Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

On roll call No. 337, I would have voted "nay" (June 22) (On Ordering the Previous Question for H.J. Res. 88, "Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term 'Fiduciary.'")

On roll call No. 338, I would have voted "nay" (June 22) (On passage, objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding for H.J. Res. 88, "Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term 'Fiduciary.'")

On roll call No. 339, I would have voted "nay" (June 23) (On Motion to Fix Next Convening Time.)

On roll call No. 340, I would have voted "nay" (June 23) (On Motion to Adjourn.)

On roll call No. 341, I would have voted "nay" (June 23) (On Agreeing to the Resolution "Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2577) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from June 23, 2016, through July 4, 2016; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.")

On roll call No. 342, I would have voted "nay" (June 23) (On Agreeing to the Conference Report H.R. 2577, "Making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.")

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 339 I was not present. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

HONORING MS. JAN SABO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Sabo, the Assistant Superintendent of the Napa County Office of Education, upon her retirement from an impressive career in education that spanned 42 years.

A New Jersey native, Ms. Sabo completed her B.S. in Education at Boston University and her Master in Education at Lesley University before attending the University of Massachusetts and the University of California, Davis for her post-graduate work.

Ms. Sabo has held a number of positions during her 19 years with the Napa County Office of Education. She joined the office as a Resource Specialist and served as the Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction and as Director of Curriculum and Instruction before assuming her current position as Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services. Throughout her time with the Napa County Office of

Education, Ms. Sabo has overseen early childhood education and summer programs, and has dedicated particular attention to the development of academic services for special education and low-income students.

In addition to her work in education, Ms. Sabo is a leader in our community. She spearheaded the creation of the Education Support Team serving Napa, Solano, and Contra Costa, which raises funds to support education across three counties in Northern California. Ms. Sabo belongs to the Association of California School Administrators, is a board member of Congregation Beth Shalom, and co-chairs the Every Student Succeeding Committee. She also volunteers time as a mentor for at-risk youth, to support the Humane Society, and with political organizations including the League of Conservation Voters.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Sabo has dedicated her career to ensuring every student in our community receives a top-notch education from the day they first step foot in a classroom. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement and many happy memories to come with her husband, Tom, and children Sam, Emma, and Mary.

HONORING THE AWARDEES OF THE LITERACY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) and to congratulate the volunteers, instructors, students, community partners, and others who will be recognized at the 2016 LCNV Recognition Celebration. The mission of LCNV is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English in order to empower them to participate more fully and confidently in their communities. LCNV serves low-literacy and limited English language proficient adults with a selection of low-cost, moderately intensive courses to help them transition into the workforce or other educational opportunities. LCNV provides the crucial first steps of language and literacy learning for workplace, citizenship, and community integration to help adults make measurable improvements in their lives.

Each year LCNV gathers at its Annandale headquarters to recognize students and members of the community who have achieved exceptional milestones. I am proud to submit the following LCNV honorees:

Community Partnership Awards: Catalogue for Philanthropy, John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services

Outstanding Student Achievement: Sofia Abdulkadir, Medina Ahmed, Nolberto Ballesterio, Melida Nohemy Banegas, John Banks, Insaf Bekkaoui, David Beltz, Mustapha Boujadi, Evelin Campos, Hai-ping Chu, Albert Costanzo, Dukjun Ha, Jihyun Han, Su Chu Ho, Bai Hui Lin, Julio Marquez, Nargis Monny, Armida Montoya, Heydy Nunez, Mulki Omar, Toyin Owolabi, Shahnaz Parvin, Nisa Rasheed, Roqiya Rasooli, Rosa Recinos,