

Ron's life will be celebrated on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Rossi Brothers and Lellio Funeral Home in Boardman, Ohio, followed by a funeral service at the Poland United Methodist Church, where he was a member. Ron will be greatly missed both by the community and his family. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT T. SCOTT
OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGIATE
INSTITUTE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Mr. Robert T. Scott of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute. Throughout his 47 year career at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Mr. Scott has served in numerous roles. He joined the faculty as a Religion and History Teacher in 1971, served as Vice Principal for Student Affairs for twenty years before becoming Principal, and—since 2004—has been the school's first lay President.

In each role, Mr. Scott's countless contributions and genuine care for the St. Joe's community impacted thousands of young men and their families. He is present every day, all day, and is simply an institution who has personally guided our school's mission for decades. His tireless fundraising efforts remain focused on student financial aid to ensure that a St. Joe's education is affordable and accessible.

Since the beginning of his tenure, Mr. Scott has lived the Lasallian Mission in the footsteps of the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, St. John Baptist de La Salle. He has completed the Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies, the Lasallian Leadership Institute, and held numerous leadership positions throughout the Christian Brothers network in the United States. As a testament to his life of service, he became an Affiliated Member of the Brothers in June 2001—the order's high honor.

In 2009, his leadership of the school's capital campaign, entitled *Pride in our Past . . . Faith in our Future*, generated more than \$13 million to construct a state-of-the-art Science Facility, a modern Athletic Complex, and a new residence for the Christian Brothers. After an overwhelming response to the campaign, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name the athletic complex in Mr. Scott's honor.

With his constant support and encouragement, notable innovations in both curriculum and physical space have taken place. Recently, the library was converted into a digital learning space and course offerings in the STEM fields continue to increase. Currently, an acquired building adjacent to campus is being converted into an Innovation Center.

His greatest influence, however, has been on the young men who passed through the halls. During the last four decades, St. Joe's students' lives have been deeply influenced, shaped, and cared for by Mr. Scott.

After attending Catholic grammar and high school in Western New York, Mr. Scott received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. He began graduate studies in Hebrew and the Old Testament at the University of Dayton before serving for two years in United States

Army. He finished his Master's Degree in Religious Studies at Canisius College in 1975.

Today, Mr. Scott serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse and the Elmwood Franklin School in Buffalo. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees of Mt. St. Mary Academy, Holy Angels Academy, and the Nativity Miguel School.

Mr. Scott has been married to his wife, Michelle, for 49 years. He is the proud parent of Jason and Tracy, and grandparent of Tracy's children, Noah and Sarah.

Mr. Speaker, I honor and recognize Mr. Scott for his selfless service to the young men of St. Joe's and the community of Western New York.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 LITERACY
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA—
PRINCE WILLIAM AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Incorporated, and their 26 years of service to the adult learners residing in the Greater Prince William Area.

Founded in June 1991, by beloved librarian, Dana M. Swanson, Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. is one of 1200 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations affiliated with ProLiteracy America, a nationwide organization dedicated to empowering, educating, and connecting adults through the establishment of a safer, stronger, and sustainable society.

Since its inception, Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. has served over 8500 adults and positively impacted the social and economic wellbeing of 35,000 family members. Last year, the organization served over 700 adult learners with the assistance of more than 220 trained volunteer tutors. Community volunteers are trained to become tutors and are matched based on the needs of adults seeking to improve their literacy or English language skills. Provided services include small and large classroom tutoring, one-on-one tutoring, pre-GED and GED classes, basic literacy for English speakers and English as a second language learners, conversation classes, Naturalization test preparation, and job readiness training.

Each year, the dedicated staff reviews the progress of each student and asks tutors and students to provide feedback. This year, 93 percent of students have met a personal development goal. Feedback generally aligns with the organization's mission statement to teach adults the life-changing skills of reading, writing and speaking English that will enable them to confidently participate and prosper in society. I have the distinct pleasure of including in the RECORD the 2017 Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc.

STUDENT OF THE YEAR: NORIS QUINTANILLA

Born and raised in El Salvador, Noris has lived in the United States of America for the past 17 years and is a U.S. citizen. In 2012, Noris obtained her GED certificate and sought the assistance of Literacy Volunteers of Amer-

ica—Prince William to further her education and transition into a career in office administration. Today, Noris volunteers at Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. where she never misses the opportunity to learn something new. Her commitment to instruction and volunteerism has helped Noris hone her language skills, build her confidence, and inspire her peers.

TUTOR OF THE YEAR: AMY FEINBERG

Amy has volunteered with Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. for the past six years where she has tutored in both classroom and individual settings. Over the past year, Amy has taught more than 100 students and provided more than 250 volunteer hours to the program. Amy inspires students with her kindness, patience, and compassion. As an active community volunteer, Amy takes great pride in helping others to succeed and in her role in building a stronger, more vibrant community.

TUTOR OF THE YEAR: ALISON PREVOST

Alison has served as a volunteer with Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. for the past 4 years. She has provided classroom tutoring to more than 100 students and has donated over 300 volunteer hours to adult literacy over the past year. Alison takes great pride in helping adults improve their literacy skills and become self-sufficient and active members of the community through Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. and other community-based organizations.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: PATTI J. BEATTIE

For the past 15 years, Patti has shared her time and service with Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Inc. and its adult learners through multiple capacities as a volunteer tutor, dedicated member of the Board of Directors, tutor trainer, employee, and literacy advocate. In honor of her tireless efforts to our community, the Volunteer of the Year Award has been renamed in her honor. Patti is an active community volunteer, serving in multiple service organizations donating hundreds of hours each year to serve our local community. It is my honor to recognize Patti as the inaugural recipient of the Patti J. Beattie Volunteer of the Year Award recipient.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the 2017 Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William, Incorporated honorees and in thanking all students, tutors, volunteers, Board of Directors, and staff for their dedication, generosity, and commitment to adult literacy and its lasting impact on the Greater Prince William Area.

HONORING LUKE ANDREW MOYES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Luke Andrew Moyes. Luke is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Luke has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

many years Luke has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Luke has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Luke Andrew Moyes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. IRMA MITCHELL WORKS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I extend my sincere congratulations to Golden Soror Irma Mitchell Works of the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for fifty years of service to this great sisterhood. A reception will be held in her honor on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at the Green Island Country Club in Columbus, Georgia.

A native of Pittsview, Alabama, Irma Jean Mitchell was born to the late Jessie and Bertha Williams, as the thirteenth of fourteen children. She was a product of the Russell County School System and graduated from Glenville High School. After graduation, she attended Alabama A&M College (University), where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Vocational Home Economics. It was here that she discovered her calling to become a member of one of the finest reflections of womanhood, and on April 22, 1967, she was initiated into the Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She also received masters degrees from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University, and an Educational Specialist Certificate in Administration and Supervision from Troy State University.

Mrs. Works has been a member of Benevolent Grove Missionary Baptist Church for fifty-nine years and currently serves as a Sunday School teacher, an adult choir member, a mentor for women of all ages, and a sponsor for the church's mini clothing bank.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Irma has continued her service within the sorority and throughout the community by joining Gamma Tau Omega Chapter and serving on committees such as: AKA Connections, Fundraising, Budget, the Pink and Green Breakfast, and serving two-terms as the founding Vice President of SISTERS, Incorporated's Board of Directors, which is the foundation of Gamma Tau Omega Chapter. She also transitioned to the Advisory Board and is presently serving a second term on the Board of Directors. She has received numerous awards and commendations from Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated including 2000 Woman of Achievement; Women Helping Women; Outstanding Services to Youth; Finer Womanhood; Outstanding Community Service and Distinguished Woman; she also received recognition from the Muscogee Rotary Club; Phi Delta Kappa Professional Education Fraternity;

Network for Professionals and Executives; National Education Association; Muscogee Education Association and Georgia Association of Educational Leaders among others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding citizen and woman of faith, Mrs. Irma Mitchell Works, as she is honored for her fifty years of dedicated service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and her community.

HONORING LAWRENCE BACA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lawrence Baca, a local artist in Santa Fe, for his outstanding work. Lawrence is well known for his beautiful silver creations and his award winning jewelry. He pulls from historic and cultural roots when making the jewelry.

Born and raised in Santa Fe, Lawrence is inspired by the strong Native American and Hispanic cultures that run deep in our state. He celebrates long-lasting traditions and keeps history alive by creating jewelry that uses metals and stones that were once used by our ancestors in New Mexico.

Collectors and fans from all over the world travel to the Spanish Market in Santa Fe to buy jewelry from Lawrence and other local artists. In 2015, he was awarded the Master's Award for Lifetime Achievement at the Spanish Market and Museum of Spanish Colonial Art.

The Spanish Colonial art features authentic artistic traditions which can be traced back over 400 years. Skilled artists, like Lawrence, create breathtaking expressions of a living tradition, and many of them count their art as their only source of income.

My hope is that Lawrence will continue to use his talent to honor the Spanish and Native American history in New Mexico, and will inspire future artists to do the same.

HONORING JAMES STUBBERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Stubbers. James is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 10, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, James has become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-o-Say. James has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. James designed, and co-ordinated the construction of two computer ta-

bles and a white board for the Valley Park Elementary School in Leawood, Kansas.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Stubbers for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to make votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 569, YEA on Roll Call No. 570, and YEA on Roll Call No. 571.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Fairfax County Health Department. Through a century of continuous service the department has distinguished itself as a national leader and a model public health department working to protect, promote and improve the quality of life for all its residents.

The origins of the Fairfax County Health Department can be traced back to April 1917, when the county launched a campaign for better health in the very same week that the United States would enter World War I. When the first public health physician and his successor were sent off to war, it left only one public health nurse to provide services for the entire county. Shortly after war's end the staff consisted of a full time health officer, one full time sanitation officer, one full time nurse and a part-time clerk, with funding provided by the Virginia State Health Department, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the County Chapter of the Red Cross, the Tuberculosis Association, and donations from private citizens.

In the early years, the Health Department was primarily concerned with the spread of infectious diseases like diphtheria, smallpox, tuberculosis and typhoid fever. With better sanitation, education, and immunization practices, many of these threats began to wane and the department's services began to expand to accommodate the county's growing population.

With more facilities and staff, the department was able to offer maternal and child health clinics, home health care, speech and hearing, dental, and school health services. At the same time, a systematic program of environmental health was developed to include sewage disposal, protection of water supplies, fly and mosquito control, and general cleanliness of dwellings, tourist places and food establishments.

Due to its long history of financial and leadership support for public health, in 1995 Fairfax County sought and was granted the authority to operate its own health department by