

headquarters before his retirement from thirty-three years of commissioned service in 1999.

A native of Wisconsin, Mike obtained his B.S. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, and he holds degrees as well from the Naval War College and the National War College. I hope all of my colleagues will join me in thanking Mike for his long career of service to our nation and to the State of Maryland. I wish him and his wife Barbara, as well as their two children and three grandchildren, all the best.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2017 BLACK AND GOLD SCHOLARSHIP BALL AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Joyce-Gillespie-Harrington Charitable and Educational Foundation and the Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity on the occasion of their 37th annual Black and Gold Scholarship Ball.

Since 1980, these two organizations have made tremendous contributions to promoting academic opportunities for youth in Northern Virginia and in the greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan region.

The programs offered by the foundation are vital to the success of our students. This year's Black and Gold Scholarship Ball will support scholarships for ten college-bound high school students. During the last nineteen years, one-hundred students have received scholarships awarded by the foundation and have attended some of the top colleges and universities in the country. With the typical college graduate's debt averaging about \$30,000, the foundation's continued support of these students is absolutely crucial.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2017 scholarship winners:

Jordyn Bingham (Westfield HS)  
Ibrahim Eltahir (Falls Church HS)  
Nathanial Herbert (Dominion HS)  
Morgan Hobson (Fairfax HS)  
Kevin Lacey (Rock Ridge HS)  
Andrew Lewis (Riverside HS)  
Nicole Monlyn (Rock Ridge HS)  
Justin Shelby (South Lakes HS)  
Elijah Williamson (Herndon HS)  
Mathewos Yiheyis (Hayfield SS)

Mr. Speaker, these students represent our country's next generation of gifted leaders who will have great impact on our society and future. I thank the Joyce-Gillespie-Harrington Charitable and Education Foundation and the Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for their dedicated commitment to fostering success in our youth and commend all of the scholarship winners for their academic excellence. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating these talented students and wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF OFFICER JUSTIN A. LEO

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2017*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Officer Justin A. Leo, 31, of Girard, who passed away on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, following an injury sustained in the line of duty. Officer Leo, a five-year-veteran of the Girard Police Department, was responding to a domestic dispute call when he was fatally ambushed by the suspect, who was then shot and killed by Leo's partner.

Justin was born January 9, 1986, in Youngstown, Ohio, to David and Patricia (Carson) Leo. He was a 2004 graduate of Girard High School and had attended the University of Toledo and Youngstown State University before graduating from the YSU Police Academy in June 2009. Justin worked for the Mahoning County Sheriff's Department and the Vienna Police Department prior to his appointment to the Girard Police Department on July 6, 2012.

Justin was a member of the Girard High School State Champion Cross Country Team in 2000, the Girard F.O.P. Lodge No. 52, the Girard Alumni Association, and St. Rose Church. Outside of work, Justin loved golfing with his dad and his old friends from the senior tees. He also umpired for the Girard baseball leagues and coached in the 4-6 youth basketball league.

Justin will always be remembered by his parents of Girard; his aunt, Denise Mitchell of Girard; his great-uncle, John (Mimi) Baglier of Canfield; great-aunts, Edith Paz of Sun City Center, Florida and Josephine Berezo, of Parkland, Florida and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Jennie Ellen Leo and John and Lila Carson and his uncle, Donald Leo.

Public calling hours will be held on Saturday, October 28, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the gymnasium. A funeral mass will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2:00 p.m. at Girard High School gymnasium, officiated by the Rev. Msgr. John Zuraw. Justin will be laid to rest at Tod Homestead Cemetery, following a private committal service.

My heart breaks for Officer Leo's family and friends in this tragedy. They have not only my thoughts and prayers, but the prayers of a community grateful for his selfless service. I extend my deepest condolences.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MISS PHENIX CITY 2018—STELLA KONTOS

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2017*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize Miss Phenix City 2018, Stella Kontos.

Stella is a junior at Auburn University majoring in Chemical Engineering and minoring in

Business. She is vice president of the College of Engineering and on the university's Dean's List. Stella is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Cardinal Key, Lambda Sigma Honors Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

Seven years ago, Stella founded her personal platform S.T.A.G.E. (Science, Technology, And Girls in Engineering). Stella works to increase female student participation in Engineering. She's the student liaison to the "100 Women Strong" organization and has spent 1,200 hours speaking to over 5,000 students in 25 different classrooms and conference settings.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Miss Phenix City 2018, Stella Kontos.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2017 ABOVE AND BEYOND BREAKFAST FIRST RESPONDER AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of individuals in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and to their community and are being recognized by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce at their annual Above and Beyond Breakfast.

This event recognizes first responders in the Greater Springfield area who better their community by quietly volunteering personal time, energy, and financial support to fill a need outside of their day-to-day duties. In addition to honoring first responders, a portion of the proceeds raised at the Above and Beyond Breakfast are donated to charitable organizations designated by the honorees.

This year, three members of the public safety community are being honored by the Chamber. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following individuals.

Private First Class Tom Black, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, for his work with seniors, Camp Sunshine and World Vision

Private First Class Anthony Capizzi, Fairfax County Police Department, for his work with the Boy Scouts of America

Mr. John "JJ" Jackson, Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department, for his faithful operation of Canteen 422, Fire Station 12

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2017 Above and Beyond Breakfast first responder award recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Fairfax County Police Department and the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire 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 and in thanking them for their dedication to the safety and protection of our residents, businesses, and properties.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DINA TITUS**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2017*

Ms. TITUS Mr. Speaker, I was absent October 2, 2017 through October 10, 2017 due to the horrific 1 October tragedy that occurred in my district. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Roll no. 544—H.R. 1547—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA

Roll no. 545—H.R. 965—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: YEA

Roll no. 546—H. Res. 548—On ordering the previous question: NAY

Roll no. 547—H. Res. 548—On agreeing to the resolution: NAY

Roll no. 548—H.R. 36—On motion to recommit with instructions: YEA

Roll no. 549—H.R. 36—On passage: NAY

Roll no. 550—S. 782—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: YEA

Roll no. 551—H. Res. 553—On ordering the previous question: NAY

Roll no. 552—H. Res. 553—On agreeing to the resolution: NAY

Roll no. 553—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the amendment: YEA

Roll no. 554—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the amendment: YEA

Roll no. 555—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the amendment: NAY

Roll no. 556—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the amendment: YEA

Roll no. 557—H. Con. Res. 71—On agreeing to the resolution: NAY

Roll no. 55—H.R. 1858—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA

Roll no. 559—H.R. 2464—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA

# HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY'S NEWPORT NEWS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2017*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 80th anniversary of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Newport News Alumnae Chapter.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students attending Howard University. These women all saw education and community service as the key to pushing forward the cause of civil rights and progress for the African American community, and that mission remains strong to this day. Today, Delta Sigma Theta has grown to an organization with over 250,000 members and over 940 local chapters operating all over the United States and the world.

The Newport News Alumnae Chapter was originally chartered in 1937 as the Beta Kappa Chapter. It was then changed to the Gamma Iota Sigma Chapter in 1947 before officially becoming the Newport News Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in 1960. The

Chapter was dutifully led in these early years by Charter members Marian Palmer Capps, Clara Pannell, Ethel Pannell, Sallie Watkins Roberts, Dorothy Roles Watkins, Olivia Williamson, and Christine Jefferson Haynes.

The women of the Newport News Alumnae Chapter are committed to the same honored tradition of community service that has driven all of Delta Sigma Theta's members since its inception. Delta Sigma Theta's sisterhood has always been guided by the sorority's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of Economic Development, Education Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement. It is with these principles in mind that the Newport News Alumnae Chapter established the programs that continue to serve their local community to this day.

Delta Sigma Theta's unwavering commitment to serving the needs of African Americans has been truly reflected through the good work pursued by the Newport News Alumnae Chapter over the years. The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy provides young girls between 11 and 14 years old with the opportunity to pursue their interests in math, science, and technology. The Delta GEMS program offers college and career planning to at-risk teenage girls who may otherwise not understand the opportunities available to them. The EMBODI program addresses the challenges facing African-American boys by providing middle and high schoolers with counseling and support in subject areas such as fostering healthy relationships, fiscal management, physical and mental health, self-efficacy, and more. These programs provide an invaluable service to the youth of Newport News.

Mr. Speaker, as the Newport News Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrates this exciting milestone, its members can feel affirmed that these past 80 years of fellowship and outreach have left the Newport News community stronger and more united than it otherwise would have been. I would like to congratulate Chapter President Joyce Melvin-Jones and all of the members of the Newport News sisterhood on this special occasion.

## RECOGNIZING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a momentous anniversary. This year marks the 275th anniversary of Fairfax County, which I am proud to represent in this chamber and which I represented prior to my election to this body for 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five years as Chairman.

In 1737, Lord Thomas Fairfax of Cameron took possession of a piece of land that included all of what is now Loudoun, Arlington and Fairfax Counties in addition to the cities of Falls Church, Fairfax and Alexandria. At the time, all of this land was part of Prince William County. Installing his cousin William as the managing agent for that land, Lord Fairfax de-

parted back to England to cement his claim. In 1742, William arranged for that piece of land to be officially designated as Fairfax County.

This new county was home to many Americans who would have an impact on our country, most notably future President George Washington. In addition, Fairfax was home to the man who many credit with the creation of the Bill of Rights, George Mason. Working with a member of Virginia's congressional district (and future President himself) James Madison, Mason argued for the creation of amendments to the newly-created U.S. Constitution to protect individual freedoms. Indeed, Mason was one of only three delegates to the Constitutional Convention to refuse to sign the new document because of his concerns that the federal government would be abusive of its authority absent a document like the Bill of Rights.

Fairfax County also played a role in another pivotal time on our Nation's history, the Civil War. The courthouse in Fairfax City served as a headquarters for the U.S. Army and the remains of several forts can still be found throughout the county today. The founder of the Red Cross, Clara Barton, treated wounded soldiers at St. Mary's Church in Fairfax Station, an experience that would eventually lead her to found that organization. While the County was largely spared from major battles (with the exception of the Battle of Ox Hill in 1862), raids and skirmishes between Union and Confederate forces were frequent and portions of the County changed hands several times over the course of the war.

Mr. Speaker, the history of Fairfax County is intimately intertwined with the history of the United States. Although the founders of this County could not have known the future that awaited their holdings, I suspect the evolution from a rural farming community to today's suburban community of over 1 million would please them greatly. Fairfax County has consistently been rated among the best places in the country in which to live, work, raise a family and start a business. Indeed, it stands as an example of a community that consistently sees beyond the years. I was proud to serve it on the Board of Supervisors and have been proud to represent it in this body. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Fairfax County on this important anniversary.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 23, 2017*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative VEASEY, and our colleague Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, for joining me at the Center for African American Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington last Thursday evening. It was a wonderful experience for me and President Vistasp Karbhari, Dr. Jason Skelton and my longtime friend Dr. Marvin Delaney were perfect hosts.

Earlier this month, Sergeant La David T. Johnson died a hero's death in a distant land on a mission few Americans know about or understand.

This weekend, his grieving family, including his pregnant wife, took him to his final resting