

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE PASSING OF STANLEY COOLIDGE

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the passing of Stanley Coolidge and his fiancée, Roseann Hannah, whose lives were tragically lost on October 9, 2017 while trapped in their Northern California home as it was destroyed by the Cascade wildfire.

Coolidge, a retired attorney and father to Chico City Council member Andrew Coolidge, was born in San Francisco and spent the last 50 years in the mountains of Loma Rica, California. What began as the faint smell of a distant fire quickly turned to tragedy as the diverse trees and wilderness surrounding Andrew's childhood home were ignited by the rapidly approaching Cascade fire. With little warning, gusts of wind brought the fire sweeping down across Stan's 100 acres of land, leaving only ashes behind. As Stan and Roseann attempted a hurried evacuation, the house was engulfed by flames before they could escape. Their cars, still parked in the driveway, were also destroyed by the flames. Only a brick chimney remained of the house.

Roseann was a resident of Grass Valley, California, and both Stan and Roseann were incredibly valued members of their communities. An avid Harley Davidson enthusiast, Stan was an active member in The Americans Motorcycle Club. He often used that platform to help the club raise money for children's cancer research, as well as periodically staging puppet shows for young and sick children.

Thousands in Northern California have evacuated as their homes have been destroyed by these catastrophic fires, with many still missing and dozens confirmed dead. My thoughts and prayers are with the Coolidge and Hannah families, as well as the families of all who we've lost as a result of these fires in the West. Their loss will take a heavy toll on both of their families, as well as the many people they have impacted over the years. Stan and Roseann will be missed.

RECOGNIZING THREE TEXANS ON VETERANS DAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Veterans Day, I rise today to recognize three World War II veterans who have honorably and faithfully served their country.

Milledge A. "Mitch" Hart, III, graduate of the US Naval Academy Class of 1956, served for 5 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. His final rank was 1st Lieutenant, selected for Captain, USMC.

William "Bill" James Sloan, graduate of SMU Class of 1949, served in the U.S. Navy from October 1942 to May 1946.

Raymond Earl Sloan, graduate of SMU Class of 1949, served in the US Army from 1944 to 1946.

These gentlemen served with honor and distinction and I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 ABOVE AND BEYOND BREAKFAST FIRST RE- SPONDER AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEER PARK, TX

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the City of Deer Park, in Harris County, Texas.

After an overwhelming Texian victory at Battle of San Jacinto, General Sam Houston, Interim President David G. Burnet, and members of the Texas Cabinet met in present-day Deer Park and began to draft the initial treaty documents securing Texas' independence from Mexico. Because of this historic event on Deer Park soil, Deer Park holds the distinction of being the true "Birthplace of Texas."

Deer Park was founded on December 20, 1892 by Simeon Henry West, a farmer, retired legislator, and pioneer from Illinois. He named the area Deer Park after the large number of deer that roamed the coastal prairie. As settlers from the north arrived to build homes and farms, West built a hotel and post office in 1893. West granted the land for the first railroad through Deer Park for one dollar and later built a wharf on Buffalo Bayou that was later destroyed by The Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900. On October 3, 1902, West donated the right-of-way to the Houston Ship Channel to the United States of America.

In 1928 Shell Oil Company began building a new refinery. In the 1930s an independent school district was established, the population began to grow, and the town began to flourish. Deer Park voted to incorporate as a general law city on December 11, 1948. On December 6, 1960 the residents of Deer Park voted to become a home rule city. By 1960 the city's population was five thousand with a fire station, city hall, parks, independent water supply, and four major industries within the city limits. Today, Deer Park has approximately thirty-three thousand residents, a school district with fifteen campuses, numerous major industrial facilities, and several smaller light industrial companies.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the City of Deer Park. May God continue to bless Deer Park in these next 125 years.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF SSG MICHAEL OLLIS POST 9587

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars' SSG Michael Ollis Post 9587 on the 70th anniversary of its founding.

On November 29, 1947, 40 veterans from the Staten Island community founded VFW

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Post 9587. After serving veterans and the community for years, they decided to move to their current location on Mill Road in 1960. In 2014, the members decided to rename the Post after a fellow veteran and friend, SSG Michael Ollis. Serving his country in Afghanistan, SSG Ollis nobly sacrificed himself to save the life of Polish soldier Lt. Karol Cierpica. To honor their lifetime member, VFW Post 9587 was renamed to "SSG Michael Ollis Post 9587" in 2014.

Since its creation, the Post has focused on serving and assisting their community on Staten Island in accordance with the VFW's national goals. Today, members who have contributed to the Post's ability to reach this milestone include both the Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary. These groups, which make up the VFW Auxiliary, have played a major role in the Post's success. I thank all of the members for their continued dedication to their community.

I would like to commend SSG Michael Ollis Post 9587 for consistently helping veterans and their families, assisting in times of community crisis and promoting community civic interests. The great work the Post's members performed in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy is altruism in its purest form. Although their building experienced water damage, they focused on the needs of the community around it by serving as a disaster relief center for anyone who needed help.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the VFW's SSG Michael Ollis Post 9587 on its 70th Anniversary. Its long success has benefited not just veterans and their families, but the surrounding community as well and for that, I am deeply thankful.

CONGRATULATING VERNON L. WISE, JR. FOR HIS RECEPTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA NEWS MEDIA ASSOCIATION'S 2017 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I am very pleased to recognize my constituent, Vernon L. Wise, Jr. of Butler County, for his reception of the Pennsylvania News Media Association's 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Vernon is the former publisher and chairman of the board of the Butler Eagle. The paper's current publisher and general manager, Ron Vodenichar, nominated Vernon for this prestigious award, emphasizing the technological innovations he made as well as his commitment to the newspaper and printing company's family ownership.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes "outstanding service and accomplishment spanning a career in journalism." It could not have gone to a more fitting recipient. Vernon is a member of the third generation (out of five generations in his family) to be involved in publishing the Butler Eagle. He began his career as a carrier, and continued working at the newspaper during high school and college. After attending Princeton University and serving in the United States Army during the Korean War, he returned to the paper, becoming

president and general manager in 1968 after the death of his father, Vernon L. Wise, Sr.

In the course of his long career at the Butler Eagle, Vernon published the newspaper, chaired the board, and founded Butler Color Press, which prints advertising circulars. In addition to his extensive involvement in newspaper publishing, Vernon has held leadership positions in the Butler County Chapter of the Salvation Army and the Community Development Corporation of Butler County.

Vernon exemplifies the best qualities of a devoted newsman and an engaged citizen. He is a credit to Pennsylvania's third congressional district. I am very happy for him and Sarah, his wife of 64 years. I congratulate them and thank them for their contributions to the Butler region.

HONORING JOHN CARDINALLI

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong member of the Central Coast community, World War II veteran and member of the Office of Strategic Services, John Cardinali. Mr. Cardinali grew up on the Monterey Peninsula speaking Italian to a family of commercial fishermen. Drafted into the Army in 1942, he began his service to the United States at the Presidio of Monterey where he completed Army basic training. He was qualified as a Morse code expert and was sent to the Signal Corps. At Fort Bragg, he responded to a call for volunteers who were proficient in Morse code and a second language. Mr. Cardinali responded and would find himself swearing a 65-year oath of secrecy to the Office of Strategic Services.

During his time in the OSS, he became proficient in collecting clandestine information about Axis forces. He was primarily stationed in the Netherlands, where he worked with members of the Dutch underground to ship weapons, ammunition and supplies to Allied forces. He volunteered to escort a Polish spy across the River Rhine in the cover of darkness, which was instrumental towards obtaining information about German defenses. He also participated in the Battle of the Bulge, the last German offensive on the Western Front in Belgium and Luxembourg. Mr. Cardinali served in our intelligence community before the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency, paving the road for future intelligence analysts and operatives.

After World War II, he returned to the Monterey Peninsula and was a sardine fisherman for 25 years. He raised a family along with his wife of 70 years, Josephine. In 2008, he was allowed to tell his story of service in the OSS. Mr. Cardinali's service to the nation as a member of the OSS became fundamental towards the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency. Current and future analysts and officers within the CIA and our nation's seventeen intelligence communities have many individuals to look up to, and John Cardinali is certainly one of them. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending John Cardinali for his many years of service, devotion, and contributions to our nation.

HONORING TERHI EDWARDS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a community mainstay in the north-west Bronx who has helped to promote the area both professionally and personally for three decades.

Terhi Edwards has been a resident of Riverdale since 1987. She has also been a real estate professional in the area for nearly as long. Terhi specializes in selling this wonderful neighborhood, which for those who have lived or visited there is surrounded by beauty and nature.

Currently a homeowner herself, Terhi is particularly aware of the special qualities that make Riverdale unique, and such a wonderful destination for people.

Originally from Finland, Terhi honed her customer service prowess and flair for relating to people of different cultures while traveling the world as flight attendant. As the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I do quite a bit of travel, and know just how effective it is in learning to understand and appreciate people from all walks of life.

Terhi seamlessly transitioned her customer service skill to real estate, drawing upon her love of working with the public, in addition to her passion for architecture and interior design. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Bronx Manhattan North Board of Realtors, and Westchester-Putnam Multiple Listing Service. Walk around the community and you'll find plenty of people who say they came to Riverdale because of the job Terhi did as their realtor.

This year, the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation is honoring Terhi at their annual Greenway Gala celebration, for all the work she has done in the community. She is most deserving of this wonderful recognition. Congratulations to Terhi on receiving this honor.

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

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 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 Dona 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