

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING GIANT FOOD, LLC
AND UFCW LOCAL 400 ON THE
GRAND REOPENING OF THE UNI-
VERSITY MALL STORE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Giant Food, LLC, on the grand reopening of its University Mall store following an extensive renovation and expansion. For several years University Mall has been in the midst of a complete make-over to better reflect and serve this vibrant community including the students and staff of George Mason University. With the reopening of the Giant Food store, this \$35 million renovation project will be complete.

Giant Food is much more than a grocery store. For years Giant Food has been a true partner and has supported our community in a variety of ways. Giant Food has been an important donor to local food banks, providing the necessary funds and products to ensure that shelves are stocked with healthy options. Giant Food recently strengthened their ties with the community by partnering with the Washington Capitals, Mystics, Wizards and the Verizon Center to promote programs that support hunger relief and building healthier communities. Understanding that holidays can be a difficult time for our most vulnerable neighbors, Giant has donated 28,750 Thanksgiving turkeys since 2011, as well as thousands of Easter hams.

Giant Food's support of our community extends far beyond food and nutrition. Giant Food hosts an annual A+ School Rewards Program that has donated more than \$94 million since 1989 to participating schools. Last year, the program donated \$2 million to 1,466 public and private schools in the Maryland, Virginia, D.C., and Delaware area. This money allows for investment in schools' technology programs, scholarship opportunities, and other educational benefits including playgrounds and fieldtrips. These examples are just a small sampling of the projects and programs sponsored by Giant Food that directly help our residents.

None of this would be possible without the support of the Giant corporate leadership or the tireless dedication of the men and women of United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 400. The UFCW Local 400 represents 35,000 members who work in the retail food, health care, department store, food processing and other industries in our area. Local 400 not only helps to protect the wages and benefits of its members, but also strives to improve the working conditions and futures of all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Giant Food, LLC on the grand re-opening of its University Mall store and in thanking its leadership and Local 400 members for their countless contributions to our local community.

RECOGNIZING JAYLA WILLIAMS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jayla Williams, an exceptional young woman from my hometown of Gainesville, Georgia. Jayla has been named the Boys & Girls Club of Hall County's Youth of the Year for the third consecutive time.

Jayla's motto in life is "failure is feedback," and she has made it a point to never give up on her endeavors. Even at her young age, Jayla is heavily involved in Hall County, dedicating more than 200 hours to community service and other local organizations, such as National Honor Society, Beta Club, and National Spanish Honors Society. Jayla is also the President of the Boys and Girls Keystone Club, which promotes community service.

Jayla has excelled in the classroom, boasting an impressive 4.1 GPA. She is also on both the softball team and varsity cheerleading squad.

Winning Youth of the Year for Hall County qualifies Jayla for the Georgia Youth of the Year title. From there, she could be eligible for National Youth of the Year, where she could earn \$100,000 worth of scholarships and a chance to meet the President of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Jayla Williams and her many accomplishments and contributions to Hall County. She has been a role model for children and young adults, and we are excited to see what is in store for her bright future.

HONORING THE ADVANCED MIXED
WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT'S
CLEANUP MILESTONES

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project's (AMWTP) nearly 15-year effort to retrieve, treat, and remove legacy nuclear waste from the State of Idaho.

Since 2003, AMWTP has been the nation's premier transuranic radioactive waste processing facility. Operated by the U.S. Department of Energy, AMWTP was constructed during the Clinton Administration to meet the nation's obligations to treat radioactive transuranic waste left over from the Manhattan Project.

During the 1970s and 1980s, truckloads and rail cars of waste were shipped to Idaho primarily from the Energy Department's Rocky Flats Plant near Denver, Colorado. These shipments brought 65,000 cubic meters of clothing, machine parts, and tools contami-

nated by plutonium and housed in wooden and fiberglass boxes and metal drums to the Idaho desert. Over the years, the condition of these boxes and drums deteriorated significantly, making cleanup a challenging task. As outlined in the 1995 Idaho Settlement Agreement, AMWTP's mission, unique facilities, and skilled workforce were charged with characterizing, treating, processing, and removing from Idaho the single largest concentration of transuranic radioactive waste in the United States.

For 14 years, the workforce at AMWTP has prepared and sent more than 5,800 shipments of transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico. This represents nearly half of all the waste disposed in that facility. At the same time, the workforce has accomplished this feat in a safe and compliant manner. The staff at AMWTP has also received and processed radioactive waste from 15 other Department of Energy sites, eliminating the need to build expensive, new processing plants.

Today, AMWTP and its workforce take another step in completing their mission, with 100 percent of the above-ground waste now retrieved and ready for characterization, treatment, and packaging, in anticipation of being removed from the State of Idaho for permanent, long-term disposal within WIPP. As a regional asset, AMWTP and its exclusive capabilities and experienced workforce remain a viable facility for future waste processing missions.

While challenges continue with cleaning up the remaining buried and liquid radioactive wastes in Idaho, the milestones met by the thousands of contract and federal workers in Idaho should not be forgotten. Their longstanding efforts have set the benchmark and proven to critics that promises can be met given enough time and support. Today, I can say with confidence and congratulations that the State of Idaho is better because of the AMWTP and its employees' commitment and service.

HONORING DIANE INNERST OF
PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Diane Innerst, upon her upcoming retirement after 23 years as a Middle School Math Teacher for Harrisburg Academy.

In addition to her teaching duties, Mrs. Innerst served as mentor of the Math Counts Team for each of her 23 year at Harrisburg Academy. She worked with the student council and oversaw a myriad of events such as dances, bake sales, elections and fundraisers. Prior to her time with Harrisburg Academy, Mrs. Innerst taught in the public education system. Mrs. Innerst's family has served our Nation with distinction as her husband is a

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former U.S. Marine and their two sons graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Mrs. Innerst's dedication has touched the lives of many people and challenged all with whom she served to be the best. Her legacy of service is admirable.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate Diane Innerst upon her retirement after many years of service to Harrisburg Academy and our community.

HONORING THE 27TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 32nd Annual King Day Celebration and the cornerstone of the event, the 27th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest, hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in partnership with the Cecil & Irene Hylton Foundation.

Annually, the Hylton Foundation and the members of the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated invite community members to gather on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to reflect upon the past year and receive a message of hope from the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will forever be engrained in our history as the formative figure in the quest for justice through civil dialogue.

In his Letter from a Birmingham Jail, Dr. King highlighted the need for civility in order to establish equality. For his courage, vision, and perseverance, we celebrate Dr. King, not just for the man he was, but for his vision of the American Dream and what America can be. While his life was cut short by a senseless act of violence, his legacy is one of tolerance. Responding through peaceful and principled communication to condemn the injustice of social and racial inequality, Dr. King worked tirelessly to establish a more united society. As we gather days prior to the 58th inauguration, under this year's theme of "what the world needs now", participants in the Youth Oratorical Contest pay homage to the legacy of Dr. King through their delivery of extemporaneous remarks.

The ability to communicate with passion and clarity will serve them well as they assume future leadership opportunities and establish the personal relationships necessary for community engagement. I congratulate the following contestants in the 27th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest:

Middle School Contestants

Chelsea Campbell—Porter Traditional School

Jennine Faruque—Stonewall Middle School

Abdullah Usufzai—Ronald Reagan Middle School

High School Contestants

Gladys Gonzalez—Osborn High School

Norman Jones—Stonewall Jackson High School

Hamayel Safi—Woodbridge High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William Alum-

nae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for showcasing the power of purposeful and meaningful communication reminiscent of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and in congratulating the talented youth of the 2017 MLK Youth Oratorical Contest.

RECOGNIZING MS. CAMILLE BENTLEY-MCGOLDRICK OF THE UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, the United States and Australia share a special union culturally, economically, and as security partners. The friendship our two countries share is strengthened by programs like the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program. For the past 18 years, the Uni-Capitol Program has paired students from Australia with offices on Capitol Hill. Since the program's inception, more than 180 students from 10 partner Australian universities have participated. The students in this program are the best and the brightest that Australia has to offer. They bring a unique perspective to the House and Senate offices that they serve, strengthening the special alliance between our two nations and fostering greater understanding and mutual respect between us.

This year, it has been my pleasure to host Ms. Camille Bentley-McGoldrick in my Washington office. Camille, a first year law student at the University of Melbourne, is a great example of the high-caliber students this program provides Congressional offices. She proved herself to be very intelligent, motivated, and hard working. Camille is also an absolute pleasure to work with. No matter the assignment, she is always eager to help and approaches every new task with a smile. Furthermore, Camille excelled in drafting correspondence to my constituents, researching a wide-range of legislative issues for staffers, and attending briefings on a multitude of topics, all while demonstrating a desire to learn about, and engage in, the important and unique policy issues facing our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that Camille will go on to do great things. She has a very bright and exciting future ahead of her. I wish her all the very best.

GERARDO MONTONE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of Gerardo Montone, a hardworking and dedicated member of the Roma Club of Woodland Park, NJ, who will be honored at the Roma Club Dinner Dance on Sunday.

Gerardo was born and raised in a small town in Italy called Punta Licosa. He lived there with his parents, Valentino and Rosa Montone, brother Antonio and sister Antoinette, but at the age of eighteen Gerardo's

family decided to make the big move to the United States. After months of living with his aunt and uncle in New York, Gerardo, with his mother Rosa and sister Antoinette, moved to my home town of Paterson, New Jersey, where he still lives today.

Gerardo has been an extremely hard worker his entire life. After just one day of living in the United States he got a job working at Lembo Textile Shop. Gerardo worked making rollers for textile printers. After living in the United States for some time, Gerardo picked up a second job. He worked the night shift at Master Screens in Clifton, NJ. Gerardo quickly saw himself thriving at Master Screens, and eventually became the manager of the entire location, making it his primary job for seven years.

Finally, after a year of being in the United States, Gerardo's brother Antonio and sister-in-law moved to Paterson, NJ and began working with Gerardo to build their own two-family home. Gerardo lived on one floor with his mother Rosa and sister Antoinette, while his brother Antonio and sister-in-law lived on the second floor with their two children. As you can tell, Gerardo is a self-made man who achieves everything he sets his mind to.

Aside from building houses and managing a textile shop, he loves fishing and eating seafood. Whenever he has downtime he gets his rod and heads to go fishing. Because of his passion for fishing he decided to open his own seafood market. He named it San Marco's Fish Market, and it was located on 21st Avenue in Paterson, NJ. He kept the business in the family and employed his brother Antonio, sister Antoinette, and sister-in-law. His market became incredibly successful, and he eventually began supplying seafood to many local restaurants. Gerardo succeeded in the seafood industry for 12 years, when he decided to begin achieving some of his other dreams.

After years of being out in the workforce, Gerardo decided to go back to school so that he could begin doing what he truly loved. In 2000, Gerardo opened up Montone Remodeling and Construction, Incorporated. Gerardo still runs and operates his company, and has had much success with his business. Asides from fishing and being at the company, Gerardo loves to spend time with his son Gerardo, Jr, and his wife of 14 years, Julia. Gerardo is an extremely hard working man, and I do not see him slowing down at any time in his future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, family and friends, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the work of Gerardo Montone and his hard work and dedication to the Roma Club of Woodland Park, NJ.

RECOGNIZING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ON OBTAINING CERTIFICATIONS AND RENEWALS FROM THE 2016 NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Prince William County Public