

Meredith Brewbaker—Buckland Mills Elementary School

Jonathan Bukva—Reagan Middle School
Carlos Castro—Woodbridge High School
Maria Centini—Hylton High School
Scott Cloud—Reagan Middle School
Cynthia Cole—Marshall Elementary School

Anna Collins-Walker—T. Clay Wood Elementary School

Karen Dominick—Loch Lomond Elementary School

Carla Drew—Osborn Park High School
Carolyn English—Ashland Elementary School

Corey Finn—Patriot High School
Jennifer Fisher—Alvey Elementary School
Donna Garzione—Loch Lomond Elementary School

Lisa Keen—Ashland Elementary School
Rebecca Kronthal—King Elementary School

Cesar Maisonet—Gainesville Middle School
Tiffany McLeod—Enterprise Elementary School

Elizabeth Paiz—T. Clay Wood Elementary School

Linda Poole—Ashland Elementary School
Kristen Putman—T. Clay Wood Elementary School

Eileen Rakshys—Bennett Elementary School

Holley Scheffel—Potomac High School
Natalia Shamshyna—Forest Park High School

Deborah Tekampe—Alvey Elementary School

Nick Thompson—Osborn Park High School

Cynthia Treichler—Hylton High School
Sarah Willey—Henderson Elementary School

Elizabeth Williams—Battlefield High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for 2016–2017 Teacher of the Year Award in Prince William County and in thanking them for their dedication to our children. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County students receive world-class education in a more vibrant learning community.

DENNY AND CAROLL YULE RECEIVE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FROM THE VVC FOUNDATION

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Denny and Carroll Yule who will be presented the President's Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation on February 25, 2017.

Dennis and Carol were nominated for this award for their collaborative impact and contributions to Victor Valley College education and the Victor Valley Community. Dennis and Carol have sponsored numerous college scholarships that have enabled students, who otherwise could not afford a degree, to pursue higher education. Without such generous donations from the Yules to the college foundation, some VVC students would not have received their associate degrees. Besides their monetary donations, Carol has volunteered many hours of personal time to guest lecture at Victor Valley College. As described by Victor Valley College Foundation President, the

Yules are "irreplaceable members of our community."

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank Denny and Carroll Yule for their tireless work and dedication to the students of the Victor Valley. I congratulate the Yules on receiving the President's Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation.

HONORING THE NAPA OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa Open Space District which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. This special District has played a vital role in conversation and recreation in our community for the past decade and will continue to protect open spaces for future generations.

Napa County residents voted to establish the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District in November 2006 with the goal to preserve wildlife habitat and nature areas. The District does so by conserving open space and creating recreation opportunities including a system of public parks, trails, outdoor recreational facilities for Napa County residents.

The District has had incredible success during its first decade of operation. It has preserved over 5000 acres of open space and parks and maintains over 100 miles of multiuse trails in our community. Community education programs are a major priority for the District, and it runs outdoor science and conservation education programs to reach people of all ages. The District has also facilitated and funded outdoor field trips for thousands of Napa County children, allowing them the opportunity to experience and learn about their local environment.

The parks and recreation opportunities provided by the Napa Open Space District have been tremendously successful and popular. The District's work enhances current Napa's quality of life and also ensures that future generations have the ability to experience the outdoors. Through its work, the District fosters a greater sense of community and pride within our Napa Valley.

Mr. Speaker, the Napa Open Space District conserves our natural resources and provides residents with magnificent open spaces and an enhanced quality of life. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Napa Open Space District here today.

RECOGNIZING THE NOMINEES FOR THE 2016–2017 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for 2016–2017 Principal of the Year Award for Prince William County Public Schools.

The winner will be named the Prince William County Principal of the Year. Principals who meet the criteria for the award are those who manage effectively, demonstrate and encourage creativity and innovation, foster cooperation between the school and community by maintaining a continuous dialogue with students, parents, faculty, and staff, demonstrate leadership, and exemplify commitment.

The Prince William County Public School System was established in 1869 and was originally managed by individual magisterial districts until the Prince William County School Board was founded in 1923. Today, there are more than 90,000 students in 97 schools within the Prince William County School Division—59 elementary schools, 16 middle schools, 12 high schools, one Governor's school, three special education schools, two nontraditional schools, two traditional schools, one special education school, and one K–8 school—making it the second largest school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In Prince William County Schools, each grade level of course study is grounded in a purposefully designed plan that frameworks the knowledge and skills that will be developed during the school year.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the following 2016–2017 Prince William County nominees for Principal of the Year Award:

Connie Balkcom—Buckland Mills Elementary School

Neil Beech—Osborn Park High School

Mark Boyd—Vaughan Elementary School

Marlene Coleman—Dumfries Elementary School

Susan Danielson—Rosa Parks Elementary School

Jodi Pankowski—PACE East School

Nathaniel Provencio—Minnieville Elementary School

Barry Rosenberg—Swans Creek Elementary School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for 2016–2017 Principal of the Year Award in Prince William County and in thanking them for their dedication to leadership in our school system. Their continued service will ensure our Prince William County students are provided with a world-class education in a more vibrant learning community.

TRIBUTE TO ROY JOHNSTON THE WINNINGEST BOYS BASKETBALL COACH IN MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Roy Johnston, the Head Coach of Beaverton High School and the winningest boys basketball coach in Michigan high school history with 729 wins and counting.

Born in his grandparents' farmhouse near the Lake Huron shores, Roy Johnston never forgot his Michigan roots as he moved up the ranks to the title he holds today. Roy was raised in the Crosswell-Lexington area of Michigan and received honorable mention All-State as a guard at his high school. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in teaching, Roy's passion for guiding

youth through education and athletics continued. He went on to become the basketball coach at Yale in 1966 before moving to Howell, where he spent two years honing his skills.

When starting his career in Beaverton, Roy became a 5th Grade teacher and spent four seasons as the Junior Varsity Coach. After stepping into the Varsity role, the Beaverton Beavers secured their first district title in two decades and went on to become regional champions. With his record of success and passion for students, Roy set a new example of success in the community.

Roy has been especially vital to Michigan's Fourth District, helping many see how comradery and teamwork play a vital role in rallying a community together for a common cause. Now, with a record league winning streak, the Beaverton Beavers are riding high on theft accomplishments. It's only fitting for Roy to hold this title after his induction into the Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame nearly two decades ago.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Roy Johnston for his achievement in becoming the winningest boys basketball coach in Michigan high school history and his lifetime commitment to the people of Beaverton.

**SALUTING THE HEROIC ACTS OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM
BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT,
PALM BAY, FL**

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 7th the City of Palm Bay will recognize the courage and bravery of the City's law enforcement officers and civilians during their Annual Valor Awards Ceremony to be held at the Front Street Civic Center located in Melbourne, FL. Over two-hundred Law Enforcement Officials and Civilian Employees make up The City of Palm Bay's Police Department.

The 160 Sworn Officers, and all the men and women that make up the Palm Bay Police Department lay down their lives on a daily basis as peacekeepers, maintaining law and order for the protection and enhancement of our community. Their motto of Connect, Serve, and Impact speaks of officers connecting with the community as they serve with pride to provide a positive impact to its citizens. Their selfless actions are right and noble, and help keep our community safe.

The Palm Bay Police Department obtained its State of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation status on October 31, 2007 from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. and has successfully achieved reaccreditation over the last nine years.

I am honored to show my support for the law enforcement personnel of the Palm Bay Police Department and their heroic acts. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families. Among those to be recognized are the Medal of Valor Recipients: Officer of the Year Thomas Ribnick, Officer Reed Caswell, Officer David Morales, and Officer Millan Valdes. Civilian of the Year Recipient, Crystal Baker.

The Distinguished Service Award Recipients: Officers Jason McCoy, Samantha

Missale, Neal Valenti, Robert Vickers, Cassandra Woronka.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Life Saving Award: Steve Shytle, Ryan Van Note (2x), Sean Dutil, Robert Vickers, Cassandra Woronka, Jon Anthony, Brian Miller.

Officers & Civilian Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award: Roy Lavanture, Thomas Ribnick, Cliff Graves, Sean Pindar, Millan Valdes, Parker Farmer, Nicholas Szczepanski, Rebecca Tillet, Ken Shedrick, Lewis Jones, Michael Pusatere, Ron Lugo, Shane Mertens, Christopher Snedeker, Tyler Fooks, Mark Trammel, Kimberley Waters, Edwin Lutz, Tim Lancaster, Dawn Strickland, Jessica Hinchman, Rebecca Wolfe, Phillip Clendenin, Natasha Hauber, Bridget Sander.

Community Service Award: Greg Leonard (2x), Kyle Schuck, Alcine Phan-Pennington (2x), Scott Eakins (2x), Shane Mertens, Christopher Snedeker (2x), Richard Marion, Joseph Hamilton, Tim Landers, Carlos Valentin, Aaron Yuergens, William Pennington, Bailey Sullivan, Ryan Austin, Bryan Camarta.

**RECOGNIZING THE 2017 TYSONS
REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce and to congratulate the incoming 2017 board members. Tysons has drastically transformed during the past 55 years from a sleepy, rural area to one of the most vibrant regions in the country. This change began when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved plans for the Tysons Corner Shopping Center in 1962. When the mall opened in 1968, it was hailed as the largest enclosed mall in the world.

Since then, there has been a dramatic influx of technology companies, government contracting firms, and other corporations. Tysons has become the premier business district of the Washington Metropolitan Area and is one of the largest employment center in the United States. With the opening of Metro's Silver Line and ongoing redevelopment, the region is expected to continue adding not only businesses but also high-density residential housing.

The mission of the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce is to be the unified voice of the business community while ensuring that its ties and commitment to the community are strengthened. The Chamber actively promotes local non-profits and community organizations as well as youth educational programs, and it sponsors multiple events each year in support of these activities.

The growth of the Chamber has been the result of the diversity of its members and the leadership of its Board. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of the incoming 2017 Board Members:

2016 Chairman of the Board: Lori Lopez
2017 Chairman of the Board: Peg McDermott
General Counsel: William P. Daly, Jr.
VP of Finance: David MacGillivray
Treasurer: Shania Kapoor
VP of Membership: Josh Brady
VP of Marketing: Virginia Case

At-Large Members: Mark Rogoff, Kathy Jensen, Maureen Loftus, Gian Cocomello, Peter Wynne, Jeffrey Krashin, Jonathan LaCroix, Dalia Palchik, Matt Evans, Jerry Ferguson, Kathleen A. Kelly, Sopa Keo, Shirley Luu, Cory Scott, and Pat Whalen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the incoming board members and in commending the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce for its commitment to promoting the business community while encouraging social responsibility and civic engagement. I wish the Chamber the very best for its continued growth and success.

**MIKE PODEGRACZ RECEIVES DIS-
TINGUISHED SERVICE-COMMU-
NITY SERVICE AWARD FROM
THE VVC FOUNDATION**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Mike Podegracz who will be presented the Distinguished Service-Community Service Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation on February 25, 2017.

Mike Podegracz was nominated for this award for his countless hours of service and civic engagement within the community of Hesperia and throughout Victor Valley. Mike has devoted 15 years to the economic and urban development of Hesperia. As city manager, Mike developed numerous necessary developments including the community's finest park and recreation center, city council facility, and police station. In addition to Mike's work as former city manager, he continues to contribute to various charities and non-profit groups such as: Hesperia's Relay for Life, Community Cleanup Day, and the Water Conservation Booth at the Hesperia Days Celebration.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank Mike Podegracz for his tireless work and dedication to the High Desert Community. I congratulate Mike Podegracz on receiving the Distinguished Service-Community Service Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation.

ALTON MAURICE WHITE

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of one of Tampa Bay's true trailblazer, Alton Maurice White, during Black History Month. He has dedicated himself to improving the lives of others through public service and education. Today, I am grateful to recognize his selfless dedication and honor his valuable service to our community.

Mr. White chose early on into his impressive career to dedicate himself to service his community. Receiving an athletic scholarship to attend Florida A&M University, Mr. White was active both on and off the field. As a brother