

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 Yurgens, William Pennington, Bailey Sullivan, Ryan Austin, Bryan Camarta.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 TYSONS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 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 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE-COMMUNITY 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

of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and a student-leader in the early 1960s, Mr. White embarked on civil rights demonstrations against segregation.

After receiving a Bachelor in Education, Mr. White became a teacher and coach at Mercer University in Georgia then in the Hillsborough County Public School system. In 1967, he began his career in government service with the Federal Model Cities Program. Through bipartisan networking with political leaders in Washington, D.C., Mr. White brought millions of Model Cities dollars to Tampa to help end poverty and improve the lives of the city's residents.

A pioneer of firsts, in 1968 Mr. White became the first African American appointed to the Florida Educational Television and Radio Advisory Board, which he later chaired. Only a year later in 1969, Mr. White expanded his expertise to include the first African American appointed to the Florida State Medical Advisory Board.

In 1974, Mr. White was the first African American to run for Mayor of the City of Tampa. That same year, Mr. White overcame considerable oppositions to help build the Ybor City campus of Hillsborough Community College, serving as a trustee for Hillsborough Community College and eventually chairing the board.

Mr. White has served the Tampa Bay community in countless ways, including as the Executive Director and Insurance Executive of the Tampa Housing Authority. Under Mr. White's leadership, the Tampa Bay community has received millions of dollars to aid public work and created hundreds of jobs.

Mr. White is a beloved friend and a role model to many. Mr. White continues to give back through counseling hundreds of young aspiring business and community leaders. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize Alton Maurice White for his lifelong exemplary service in improving the lives of others.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017
GREENSPRING PRESIDENT'S
VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD
RECIPIENTS

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 Greenspring Retirement Community of Springfield, Virginia as they host their annual President's Volunteer Service Awards reception. I have had the pleasure of visiting Greenspring on many occasions and am continually impressed by the community spirit displayed there.

The 2017 President's Volunteer Service Awards will honor more than 200 volunteers from the Greenspring community as well as the greater Springfield area with the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for Volunteer Service. In addition, three members of the Greenspring community are being honored with the Lifetime Service Award, having compiled more than 4,000 hours of community service during their time at Greenspring. In 2016, more than 750 volunteers contributed in excess of 140,000 hours to Greenspring as well as the

surrounding community. That averages to nearly 200 hours per volunteer—an amazing display of dedication and commitment to our neighbors and district.

Greenspring residents volunteer their time in a variety of ways including teaching English to staff who are not native speakers as part of an award-winning ESL program, mentoring local elementary school students and preparing thousands of weekend food bags for distribution by organizations such as Food for Others to ensure that local children and families do not go hungry.

Volunteers from the surrounding community also provide a large number of different services to Greenspring residents, such as visiting with residents, playing cards or board games and escorting residents to and from activities.

The selfless participation of these individuals in volunteer activities enriches the lives of those around them and is truly worthy of our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating all of the 2017 award recipients and in thanking them for their exemplary service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO JON LYNCH THE OUT-
GOING MIDLAND CITY MANAGER
AND INCOMING PRESIDENT OF
THREE RIVERS CORPORATION

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 Jon Lynch, the Midland City Manager, for his sixteen-plus years of service to the city of Midland as he takes on a new role as President of the Three Rivers Corporation.

Beginning his work with the city in 2000, it was not long before Mr. Lynch rose up the ranks becoming the city's chief executive six years later. His work in Midland is most notable with the creation of the Citizen's Academy, which established a medium for residents to learn more about their government. Mr. Lynch also was at the helm during a tumultuous state level tax appeal process where Midland was able to continue city services facing a cut in their general fund. Mr. Lynch's ability to preserve Midland's service abilities with challenging budgets and nominal millage increases year after year is a true demonstration of his capability and talent.

Mr. Lynch's administrative knowledge and strong skill set, as well as his long and successful history, proves his ability. His work in the community, creating and facilitating an open dialogue will only continue with the Three Rivers Corporation.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Jon Lynch for his illustrious career and involvement in the Midland community that has positively influenced the careers and lives of countless individuals.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF LAKE ANNE ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lake Anne Elementary School on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The first public school in the Reston neighborhood of Fairfax County, Lake Anne Elementary stands as a symbol of this region's commitment to excellent public education.

As a former member and Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I know firsthand that the quality of life in our communities is tied directly to the priority with which we afford education. Throughout its fifty-year history, Lake Anne has represented a diverse community. As of today, its student body represents 70 countries and speaks 38 different languages. I have consistently said that the diversity of our community is one of our greatest strengths and I am glad to see Lake Anne continuing this tradition.

In addition to enriching our community through diversity, Lake Anne also enriches its student body through a number of extra-curricular programs, including Spanish Immersion, ESOL, Special Ed, Advanced Academics, HeadStart services, Young Scholars, Artist in Residence, Eco School, Grace Art, Mentor Works and Partners in Print programs. By exposing their students to these types of programs earlier in their academic careers, Lake Anne Elementary helps lay the groundwork not only for future academic success, but greater economic opportunities as well.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the tireless dedication of the faculty, staff and volunteers of Lake Anne Elementary. I have always said that public service is among the most noble of callings and this sentiment certainly is true of the men and women who dedicate their lives to educating our future generations.

Mr. Speaker, much has changed in the world over the last fifty years, but the mission of Lake Anne Elementary School and our Fairfax County Public School system as a whole has not, and indeed it is more important than ever. As the world changes around us, we need to ensure that today's students are equipped with the knowledge and tools they will need in this increasingly globalized and technical world. I congratulate Lake Anne Elementary School on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and thank the faculty, staff, volunteers and parents for their immeasurable contributions to our greatest resource, our children. I wish you continued success in all of your future endeavors.

HONORING RON McDANIEL

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2017

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ron McDaniel, CEO of California Credit Union and a leader in the credit union system who is retiring next month.