

began her residency program, pulling all-nighters to get training so she could be an expert in her field. In 1990, she became a member of the UCSF Fresno faculty, and then became president of the medical staff at Valley Medical Center in 1996. Dr. Voris was integral in helping facilitate the transition of the medical education program to the Community Medical Center, which cared for indigent patients.

Dr. Voris lived an incredible life and she utilized her passion for medicine to help others long before she became a Dean. Dr. Voris contributed her summers to providing care to children in rural Mexico, which is something she was able to share with her husband, as he did similar work in Bolivia.

In 2002, Dr. Voris became Associate Dean of the UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program. During her service, she successfully increased the number of faculty from 77 to 229, as well as increased the number of residents and fellows trained annually by 70 percent. She not only helped her patients directly but helped protect future patients by ensuring that residents were well trained.

Dr. Voris' accomplishments and contributions to the Valley have not gone unnoticed. In 2010, she was recognized as one of the Top Ten Professional Women by the Marjorie Mason Center, and in 2012 she was awarded the Physician Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fresno-Madera Medical Society. Dr. Voris ended her term as the longest-serving associate dean in its history.

She is survived by her children, Beatrice Bezmalinovic-Dhebar and husband Anirudh Dhebar of Wellesley, MA, Margaret Bezmalinovic of Sacramento, CA, and John Bezmalinovic and wife Tracy of Fresno, CA; and grandchildren, Mia Bezmalinovic, Arun Dhebar, and Chetan Dhebar. It is my honor to join Dr. Voris' family in celebrating the life of this inspirational and hardworking woman. She truly led by example and improved the lives of others throughout her leadership.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Joan Voris, whose expertise and generosity will be truly missed.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
JAMES CODY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize James Cody of Syracuse, New York, for his consistent and enduring dedication to serving our nation's veterans.

Mr. Cody began his work with the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1978 and has worked in multiple VA Centers across the east coast since then. For the last 17 years, he has served as the Director of the VA facility in Syracuse, while also overseeing its seven outpatient clinics. Mr. Cody oversaw an expansion of the facility's services, which included the construction of a Spinal Cord Injury Center, and during his tenure, approximately 48,000 veterans received the treatment they deserved.

I would like to thank Mr. Cody for his work providing an invaluable service to the veterans of New York's 21st District. The time and effort that James has put into assisting our servicemen and women speaks volumes of his character, and we applaud his years of service.

JOZLYNN MCCASLIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jozlynn McCaslin for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Jozlynn McCaslin is a 12th grader at North Valley School for Young Adults and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jozlynn McCaslin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jozlynn McCaslin for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY SHERIFF  
PFC KEVIN DAVIS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent Deputy Sheriff PFC Kevin Davis for being named Outstanding Deputy Sheriff of the Year by the Rotary Club of West Springfield. PFC Davis joined the Sheriff's Office in 2009 after retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps as a gunnery sergeant. PFC Davis works in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Civil Enforcement Branch, where he is responsible for the processing and service of civil documents on behalf of the courts and is assigned to West Springfield and Burke in Fairfax County.

PFC Davis and the other deputies have spearheaded efforts, both on and off the job, to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This past summer they partnered with 17 Starbucks stores to collect toiletries and baby care items for Artemis House, Fairfax County's only 24-hour domestic violence shelter. PFC Davis volunteers for many other Sheriff's Office activities beyond his regular job assignment. He is a member of the award-winning Honor Guard team. He also participates in Project Lifesaver, which assists families and caregivers of individuals with autism spectrum disorders, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's, and related conditions and disabilities. During National Night Out he visited several community gatherings in West Springfield

and Burke and made an especially positive impression on young children and their families. Upon graduating from the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, he was elected Class President by his peers and received the Instructor's Award for his outstanding leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating PFC Davis and in thanking him for his years of service to Fairfax County. He has demonstrated exceptional dedication to public safety and the mission of law enforcement, and for that, we owe him a special debt of gratitude.

HONORING MRS. KATIE FRIAR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Katie "Kate" Mae McKennie Friar.

Mrs. Friar was born on July 22, 1929, in Holmes County, Mississippi. She was the third child of seven children born to Perry McKennie, Sr. and Mannie Pitchford McKennie.

Mrs. Friar began her Christian journey at a very young age at Rockport Missionary Baptist Church, Lexington, Mississippi. She later moved her membership to Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Lexington, Mississippi, where she taught at Lebanon School and started as an educator together, with her husband, the late Samuel Friar. She was a faithful member of Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church until her health declined. She was a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and chairperson of various ministries. She was an Ancient Matron of Court 172A of Heroines of Jericho for 30 years and a member of the organization for 60 years.

Mrs. Friar attended Rockport School, Ambrose School, and Mississippi Valley State University where she received a B.A. Degree in Elementary Education. She received various other achievements in education and taught school in Holmes County for 34 years before retiring in 1984.

Mrs. Friar was united in holy matrimony to the late Samuel Friar on May 24, 1953, and to this union two children were born: Shirley A. Friar, Lexington, Mississippi and Samuel L. Friar (Gwendolyn), McKinney, TX; two grandchildren: Stephen L. Friar (Christina), and Tamera K. Friar both from McKinney, TX; three great-grandchildren: Jaden F. Friar, Steele L. Friar, and Solomon L. Friar; six siblings: Leola Williams, Lexington, MS; Selena Shelton, Chicago, IL, Leslie McKennie, Sr., who preceded her in death, Perry McKennie, Jr., Nathan McKennie (Inez), Chicago, IL., Isadore McKennie, Chicago, IL., a host of nieces, cousins, and loved ones in Christ.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the memory of Mrs. Katie "Kate" Mae McKennie Friar for her hard work, dedication and strong desire to achieve.

IN SUPPORT OF COMMEMORATING  
EQUAL PAY DAY AND EXPRESS-  
ING SUPPORT FOR PAYCHECK  
FAIRNESS ACT

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Equal Pay Day, a day in which President John F. Kennedy, on June 10, 1963, proclaimed the simple principle that women deserve equal pay for equal work.

The symbolism of this day is expressed in that, as we are more than three months into the year, women's wages are only now beginning to catch up to what men were paid the previous year.

Today, women on average make 78 cents for every dollar earned by men, amounting to an annual disparity of more than \$10,876 dollars between full-time working men and women.

It is important to understand what 78 cents to every dollar means to a family: \$10,876 could purchase 86 more weeks of food; \$10,876 could afford more than 3,200 additional gallons of gasoline; \$10,876 could support families in incredible ways, and yet, even today, \$10,876 annually is exactly what women currently do without simply because of being women.

For African American women and Latina women, the wage gap is even higher. African American women on average earn only 64 cents, while Latina women earn 54 cents to every dollar earned by white, non-Hispanic men.

In my home state of Texas, however, the average wage gap for African American women is 59 cents to the dollar. For Latina women, it is an abysmal 45 cents to the dollar.

This is why I support H.R. 1869, the Paycheck Fairness Act, which addresses loopholes in the 1963 Equal Pay Act.

H.R. 1869 would protect employees who voluntarily share their own salary information at work from retaliation by an employer and remove obstacles in the Equal Pay Act to facilitate plaintiffs' participation in class action lawsuits that challenge discrimination.

H.R. 1869 would also better align key Equal Pay Act defenses with those in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, requiring employers to prove that pay disparities exist for legitimate, job-related reasons.

On this Equal Pay Day, I call upon House Republicans, all of whom have so far refused to co-sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act, to answer this simple question: why are you opposed to woman earning the same amount as men?

I ask House Republicans to stop wasting the time of this Congress with attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and focus on legislation that would actually help the American people.

Let us call this opposition to the Paycheck Fairness Act, and opposition to all acts of Congress dating back to the 1960's that have attempted to ameliorate the glaring disparities in wages between women and men, for what it is: deliberately and blatantly sexist.

I ask all my colleagues to make the Paycheck Fairness Act a reality.

We should remember: equal pay is not simply a women's issue—it is a family issue.

It is time now to update antiquated pay equality laws and to eliminate the wage gap entirely between men and women.

It is time for equal pay for equal work.

RECOGNIZING THE BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department on the occasion of its 69th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, and to thank its volunteers for filling an essential role in keeping our community safe.

The Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department was founded in January 1948, and for more than six decades it has provided life-saving fire suppression, fire prevention, and emergency medical and rescue services to the residents of Burke and the surrounding communities. It also provides, houses, and maintains firefighting and emergency medical equipment, provides opportunities for professional growth and development for the membership, and maintains and fosters a strong viable organization.

As one of the county's most active volunteer fire and rescue departments, the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department works in cooperation with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to serve the community. I am honored to recognize the dedicated men and women of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department who have volunteered for extra duty as Officers or as members of the Board of Directors and include in the RECORD.

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Sergeant Shaun Kurry  
Sergeant Jennifer Babic  
Sergeant Peter Hamilton  
Team Leader Paul Stracke  
Team Leader and Chaplain Harry Chelpon

In addition to the men and women who have generously assumed the responsibilities of serving as an Officer or a member of the Board of Directors, the Burke Volunteer Fire Department is also presenting awards to the following individuals in recognition of their exemplary service during the last year:

Founder's Award: Patrick Owens  
Rookie of the Year: Earl Roberts  
Firefighter of the Year: Ian Dickinson  
EMS Provider of the Year: Barry Brown

Officer of the Year: CPT II Keith O'Connor  
Administrative Member of the Year: Chuck Fry

Career Member of the Year: MT George Hahn

Chief's Award: SGT Shaun Kurry  
President's Award: Becky Dobbs  
Special Recognition: Harry Chelpon/Kevin Grottle

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the department for 69 years of service and in thanking all of the brave volunteers who do not hesitate to drop everything when the community calls in need of help. To all of these men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect our residents I say: "Stay safe."

RECOGNIZING HUGH MAHR

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hugh Mahr, a West Point cadet from my district who displayed profound courage in saving the lives of two motorists last fall.

Last November, Hugh and his parents encountered a traffic accident on the interstate while on their way to their home in Mt. Auburn. Hugh spared no time in approaching the vehicles, checking both the driver of the car and the driver of the tractor trailer.

He quickly took control of the scene and determined that the driver of the car had a serious head injury. Hugh administered first aid, applied pressure to her wound, and successfully kept her conscious until first responders could arrive. Hugh also kept the tractor trailer driver from being removed from his vehicle until emergency personnel had evaluated the extent of his injuries, possibly saving his life.

Without a doubt, Hugh showed true bravery in helping the individuals involved in the accident. He was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for his actions which, "are in keeping with the finest traditions of military services and reflect great credit upon himself, the United States Corps of Cadets, the United States Military Academy, and the United States Army."

I am immensely proud of Hugh for the selflessness he displayed in offering his assistance to civilians in need. I am glad he will soon join the finest men and women in our Armed Forces upon his completion at West Point.

I thank Hugh for his courage. It is an honor to serve him in the United States Congress.

JESUS NAVARRETE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jesus Navarrete for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Jesus Navarrete is a 12th grader at North Valley School for Young Adults and received