

frame country strategies that reflect greater expertise in engaging in dynamic cultural contexts. She has advised the White House, National Security Council, State Department, UN Democracy Fund, World Bank and various in-country government and non-governmental institutions. Afeefa also founded and is the current Head of School for Al Fatih Academy, a Reston, VA independent school whose core curriculum is peace education and civic engagement.

Mr. Ilryong Moon

Born in Seoul, Korea in 1957, Mr. Moon immigrated to the United States in 1974. He quickly became involved in his local community, primarily through his service on the Fairfax County School Board, to which he was elected in 1995. He has served in a variety of capacities on the School Board, as an At-Large Member, Braddock District Representative, Vice-Chairman and Chairman. In addition to his service on the School Board, he has also served on the Urban Policy Task Force, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, the Police Chiefs Diversity Task Force and the Virginia State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of these individuals are noteworthy not only because they are rooted in an appreciation for our region's cultural and ethnic diversity, but also because they help to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation in our community. I congratulate them on their awards and ask my colleagues to join me in commending them for their service to the Northern Virginia region.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MRS. EMMA ROBERTA DAVIE WILSON

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary Georgian and a great American, Mrs. Emma Roberta Davie Wilson who passed away at the age of 90. She was a loving mother, daughter, sister, and friend. Mrs. Wilson was a wonderful teacher who had a passion for educating youth.

Having spent her entire life as a Georgia resident, Mrs. Wilson attended Main High School in Rome, Georgia. After receiving her high school diploma, she attended Paine University in Augusta, Georgia, where she received her degree in early childhood education. Mrs. Wilson dedicated 25 years of her life to the Atlanta Public School System at Thomas Heath Slater Elementary School. Her tenure within this institution of public learning personifies what it means to be a public servant.

In 1948, she married the late Eddie Daniel Wilson. Together, Mr. Speaker, they had five beautiful children, and a host of grandchildren. Mrs. Wilson was also a most devoted Christian. She was a loving member at Macedonia Baptist Church in Joyland Community in Atlanta, Georgia. And she was a Sunday School teacher who helped lead many young children to Christ at an early age.

I celebrate Mrs. Wilson for her admirable service to the youth of our nation, the city of

Atlanta, and the State of Georgia. My colleagues and I extend our deepest sympathies to her surviving friends and family members, which include five children, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my condolences to Mrs. Wilson's family and friends during this time of sorrow.

HONORING TROOP 3055

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the three beautiful Girl Scouts, and one loving mother, of Troop 3055, who tragically lost their lives on November 3, 2018. On that Saturday morning, Autumn Helgeson, Jayna Kelley, Haylee Hickie, and Sara Schneider were volunteering their time to pick up trash on the side of the road as a service to their community, when they were fatally struck by a hit and run driver. Though my words can never reverse the awful heartbreak that their families have suffered, I hope that by speaking today we can pay tribute to these girls, who at the time of their death were simply trying to make their community a better place.

Today, we pray for the families, friends, and Troop of these girls, and for Madalyn Zwiefelhofer, who was sent to the hospital in critical condition as a result of the accident. Please know that the entire community stands with all of the families during this difficult time.

HONORING CPL. BILL EIEMAN

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of Corporal William Eierman, a member of the Jacksonville Beach Police Department. Cpl. Eierman is being honored today with the Medal of Valor and Law Enforcement Purple Heart.

On August 8, 2018, after hearing of gunshots, Cpl. Eierman ran toward a scene where a suspect had shot a marked patrol car and was fleeing from officers. While pursuing the suspect, Cpl. Eierman engaged with him and was shot twice. Thanks to Cpl. Eierman's heroism, no one else was hurt and the individual was brought to justice.

Officer Eierman is a dedicated father and husband who has served the Jacksonville Beach community for 16 years as a member of Jacksonville Beach Police Department after previously working as a Jacksonville Sheriff's Office corrections officer. In addition to being a family man, Cpl. Eierman is active in his church and always looking for ways to give back to the community he serves.

On behalf of a grateful community, I want to thank Cpl. William Eierman for the courage he displayed on that day, and every day. We thank you for your service and wish you a speedy recovery.

RECOGNIZING THE ASIAN PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Asian Pacific Development Center, a community based non-profit organization that was founded to serve Asian American Pacific Islanders, but now extends its services to all immigrant and refugee communities in the Aurora/Denver metro area. The Asian Pacific Development Center has done so now for nearly four decades.

The influx of refugees and immigrants from the Asia Pacific region into Colorado shortly after the end of the Vietnam War was the impetus for the creation of the Asian Pacific Development Center. These new arrivals in Colorado faced challenges overcoming language barriers and mental health issues, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and depression. To address these challenges, the Asian Pacific Development Center was founded in 1980, staffed with social workers, attorneys, psychologists and psychiatrists.

Today the Asian Pacific Development Center does much more. In fact, it serves as a "one-stop" shop offering compassionate care and an array of other services to immigrants and refugees such as English as a second language instruction. The Asian Pacific Development Center strives to provide all these services in a culturally appropriate manner. These support services strengthen the health and wellbeing of immigrants who are transitioning into life in Colorado.

A key factor in the effective delivery of all these services is the Asian Pacific Development Center's Executive Director Harry Budisidharta. He has done a remarkable job and has become a very well-respected leader, not only for the Asian Pacific Development Center, but of our entire community. I am proud that the Asian Pacific Development Center is located in my hometown of Aurora, Colorado.

RECOGNIZING THE 39TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLICS FOR HOUSING, INC. AND 2018 FATHER GERARD CREEDON HOUSING AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 39th anniversary of Catholics for Housing, Incorporated and to congratulate the 2018 Father Gerard Creedon Housing Award recipients.

Founded in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter entitled, "The Right to a Decent Home," Catholics for Housing, Incorporated was established in 1979 under the tireless leadership of Father Gerard Creedon and sustained by a dedicated group of community members who work to expand affordable housing options and prevent homelessness.

Now in its 39th year, Catholics for Housing has grown substantially in both clientele and

breadth of mission. Since its inception, the organization has expanded to provide assistance in 21 counties within the vicinity of the Arlington Catholic Diocese. It has adapted over the years with new goals and a renewed vision, while remaining true to its core mission of collaborating with others to support the development, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable housing. Catholics for Housing projects include affordable housing initiatives, affordable rental housing, senior citizen rental assistance, security deposit assistance, and collaborative education and advocacy efforts.

Catholics for Housing is sustained through the dedication and generosity of its board, staff, volunteers, and many community partners.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following Catholics for Housing partners for sustaining the vision established by Father Creedon and our dedicated community members. The 2018 Father Gerard Creedon Housing Award honorees are:

Mr. Robert Gibson is one of the co-founders of Catholics for Housing and is being recognized for his steadfast support of affordable housing and homelessness prevention.

Mr. Jonathan N. Francis, Esquire is being recognized for the assistance he provided to the residents of East End Mobile Home Park when they all faced eviction when the property was declared a health hazard due to ongoing sewer leaks.

The City of Manassas is being recognized for approving the sale of East End Mobile Home Park and working with Catholics for Housing as it rehabbed the water and sewer problems.

The leadership and actions taken by these honorees resulted in the preservation of affordable housing for approximately 300 residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2018 Father Gerard Creedon Housing Award recipients and in commending the efforts of Catholics for Housing, who continues to work with its partners to provide needed support and assistance to many of our most vulnerable neighbors.

RECOGNIZING OMNI FAMILY HEALTH, INC.

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Omni Family Health, Inc. for forty years of service throughout California's Central Valley.

Omni Family Health, Inc. was established in 1978 as a health center in the town of Buttonwillow, an unincorporated farming community in California's San Joaquin Valley. Responding to a profound shortage of medical care in the area, community members founded Buttonwillow Health Center. Before long, Buttonwillow Health Center was invited to expand to neighboring towns and eventually became Omni Family Health.

The San Joaquin Valley is an extremely rural region with a large population of underserved communities. Due to high unemployment and large populations of migrant workers, medical care can be difficult for many to

attain. Omni Family Health, Inc. directly responds to these needs, providing medical, dental, and behavioral health services to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. They strive to break longstanding barriers in the region and meet the communities' needs head-on. They are a mission-oriented organization, demonstrating a strong commitment to underserved communities. Omni Family Health, Inc. also prioritizes the respect of staff and the hiring of compassionate people. That simple show of respect has led to decades-long careers at Omni.

From their humble beginnings, Omni Family Health, Inc. has rapidly become one of the largest networks of health centers in the San Joaquin Valley. By the end of this year, they will be operating thirty health centers in Kings, Kern, and Fresno Counties. Their 750 employees serve over 100,000 patients, while their facilities generate \$123,000,000 in economic benefits. Their contributions have made them an invaluable and treasured member in the communities they serve.

Omni Family Health, Inc. has gained a national reputation for their exceptional care and compassion. In 2015, they were awarded two achievements by the National Association of Community Health Centers: The Outstanding Achievement Award and the Migrant Health Center of the Year Award, which they are extremely proud of. While Omni Family Health, Inc. serves a diverse population of patients, migrant workers will always be their passion. It was the small farming community of Buttonwillow, California, that birthed their mission, so being nationally recognized for their service to migrant workers was especially meaningful to them.

Omni Family Health, Inc. shows no signs of slowing down. As they continue to grow and meet the needs of the San Joaquin Valley, they remain committed to their two core ideals, providing healthcare for their community through compassionate service. The San Joaquin Valley will be forever thankful for the work they have done, and excited for the work they will still do.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Omni Family Health, Inc. for forty years of service and wishing them further success in their future.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICER MICHAEL HUFFMAN

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the life and service of a constituent of mine, Madison Village Police Officer Michael Huffman. Officer Huffman, a 19-year veteran officer, unfortunately passed away while on duty on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Originally from Painesville, Officer Huffman enjoyed working on cars and spending time with his wife, Viola, and his family. His legacy and dedication to public service will always be remembered. My prayers are with Officer Huffman's family, his friends, the Village of Madison, and the Madison Village Police Department during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MICHELLE MCGOVERN

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative FRANKEL and Representative HASTINGS, rise today in recognition of the accomplishments and extensive public service record of United States Senator BILL NELSON's State Director, and our dear friend, Michelle McGovern.

Since her time as a student at Florida Atlantic University, Michelle has demonstrated a passion for government and the capacity to lead. Her tireless work ethic, combined with her many successes, earned her election as FAU's student body Vice-President and appointment to Florida's Board of Regents, as the first and only FAU student appointee.

Fast forward to today and Michelle has honorably served Senator NELSON and the State of Florida for 18 years. She rose quickly through the ranks from a Legislative Correspondent to her current position as State Director. In each of her roles, she exemplified leadership and collaboration, while providing superior service to the citizens of Florida.

In addition to serving the entire state, Michelle devotes much of her time to serving her local community. She is a past President of the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, SunFest, and the West Palm 100. She has also served on the Mayor's Nominating Committee for the City of West Palm Beach, Charter Review Committees for West Palm Beach and Wellington, and Wellington's Education Advisory Board. Michelle is currently the Chairwoman of the School Advisory Committee at Binks Forest Elementary School, where she has long been active in the PTA. On top of all this, Michelle and her husband John, have raised two wonderful daughters, Emilia and Victoria.

Today we ask this body to recognize Michelle McGovern for her endless dedication and leadership in our community. Michelle has demonstrated a commitment to service that we should expect from all of our civil servants. We, along with the citizens of Florida, thank her for her service.

HONORING MONTEREY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEAN FLIPPO

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of retiring District Attorney Dean D. Flippo, who has served the people of Monterey County since 1972. Mr. Flippo's retirement comes after serving eight terms as Monterey County District Attorney. I had the distinct privilege to serve under Mr. Flippo as an Assistant District Attorney and can personally attest to his character. While our community is losing an exceptional public servant, we certainly wish him the best on his well-earned retirement.

Mr. Flippo received his bachelor's degree in 1963 at the College of William & Mary and