

The Individual Leadership Award is presented to Kerrie Wilson, CEO, Cornerstones. Cornerstones serves tens of thousands of individuals, including over 4,000 families and over 6,000 children in Fairfax County. Kerrie has also served on the board of directors for the Meyer Foundation, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Housing Alliance, and Virginia Nonprofit Leadership Council. She is co-chair of the Fairfax County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and served on the executive committee overseeing the design of the 10-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness by 2018.

The Nonprofit Leadership Award is presented to HomeAid Northern Virginia (HANV) for its efforts to combat homelessness among vulnerable populations. HANV, in collaboration with its partners, has transformed an 8,900 sq. ft. house in Fairfax County into a beautifully renovated home that will provide housing for 10 formerly homeless female veterans and their children and also built a new 5,000 sq. ft. home on Youth for Tomorrow's campus to house girls between the ages of 11-17 who are experiencing homelessness, separated from their families, or survivors of sex trafficking.

The Corporate Leadership Award is presented to Custom Ink. Each year, Custom Ink hosts in-office bowling to support Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS), raising over \$2,000 in just four bowling sessions. Custom Ink has also partnered with Make-A-Wish Foundation to help support chapters in the local community by participating in Wish Reveals, donating thousands of shirts for Walk-for-Wishes events and volunteering at events. The Custom Ink Fairfax Team has volunteered over 1,700 hours in 30 events and fundraisers in 2018.

The Educational Leadership Award is presented to Dr. Mary Ann Panarelli who has worked to implement police referrals to Restorative Justice Intervention in an effort to reduce student arrests and court involvement. She has also coordinated with school and county staff to plan and host various community information and training sessions that have included mental health and wellness summits and community sessions on drug and alcohol prevention and intervention.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of these individuals and organizations are one of the reasons why Fairfax is such a sought after community in which to live and work, and this year's honorees highlight the legacy of Leadership Fairfax, Inc. in preparing our community's future leaders to address the challenges we face. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees and thanking them for their service to Northern Virginia.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
ANGIE COFFEE

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Angie Coffee as the East Bay Leadership Council's 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. She was given this honor in recognition of her dedication as a volunteer, community leader, mentor, and philanthropist.

Angie is a cancer survivor who shared her story of survivorship and strength, and who I was honored to have as a guest speaking at our Biden Cancer Summits. In addition to sharing her experience, she works to promote the well-being of our community, the health of our environment, the education of our children, and the technological innovations of our society. Her love for our community and for the arts is exemplified by her founding the Leshner Center for the Arts—a live theatre venue in our community.

Angie has chaired the Board of Special Olympics: Northern California, served as President of the Board of East Bay Leadership Council, and was a member of the De La Salle High School Board of Trustees, the Diablo Regional Arts Association, and the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce. Her recent volunteer efforts include the Contra Costa Family Justice Center and the John Muir Health Advisory Board.

I congratulate Angie for this well-deserved lifetime achievement award, and thank her for her work serving our community.

COMMENDING MR. JUSTIN
MENDES

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Justin Mendes for his service to my office and the 21st Congressional District of California over the past six years.

Mr. Mendes was born on September 17, 1986 in Fresno, California to Tom Mendes and Karen Carreiro. After attending Riverdale High School in Riverdale, California, Mr. Mendes went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. Upon his graduation in 2008, Mr. Mendes worked in the banking industry, specifically in agricultural lending.

In 2010, Mr. Mendes began his career in public service with my office in Hanford, while I was then serving in the California State Assembly. Upon my election to the United States House of Representatives in 2012, he continued his service as my District Director. After a brief stint in the private sector, Mr. Mendes rejoined my Congressional Team again as District Director. His knowledge of the Twenty First Congressional District of California was immensely beneficial to my office and my constituents.

In March of 2014, Mr. Mendes and his wife Melissa celebrated the birth of their first child, Alexander. They welcomed their second child, Dominic, in April of 2017. Their family currently resides in Hanford, California.

Mr. Mendes demonstrated his dedication to public service when he was elected Mayor of Hanford in December of 2015 and again in 2018, when he ran for California State Assembly. His service on Hanford's City Council concludes at the end of this year.

I am confident his love of politics and public service have benefited his community and I have no doubt he will continue being a leader for Hanford and Kings County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to

join me in commending Justin Mendes for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well in this next chapter of his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to return to Washington from my district in Texas due to a family obligation on the evening of December 19.

Had I been present, I would have voted: yea on Roll Call No. 436; yea on Roll Call No. 437; yea on Roll Call No. 438; yea on Roll Call No. 439; and yea on Roll Call No. 440.

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HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF TUSKEGEE AIRMAN FLETCHER
WILLIAMS

HON. BRENDA JONES

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Ms. JONES of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th birthday of Mr. Fletcher William.

Mr. Williams served as a Crew Chief (aircraft mechanic) with a rank of Sergeant in the 100th Pursuit Squadron, the all black 332nd Fighter Group known as the Tuskegee Airman.

Born on October 23, 1918, Mr. Williams' has made great contributions to our country through his military service. While serving, his group's mantra was "Keep Em' Flyin'." Today, he still exudes that same spirit with his presence in the Detroit community.

It is with great pleasure that I honor his life and legacy on his 100th Birthday. May he continue to live a life filled with joy and many blessings.

RECOGNIZING THE YWCA USA, INC.

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the YWCA USA on the occasion of its 160th anniversary.

The YWCA is one of the oldest and largest women's organizations in the United States. For nearly 160 years, the YWCA has worked diligently to empower women, eliminate racism, stand up for social justice, and strengthen communities. They perform valuable work across America, with over 200 local associations. The YWCA provides over 500,000 women with safety services, including sexual assault survivor support programs and eco-

nomic empowerment programs, which serve more than 260,000 women and children. This essential work creates lasting change in peoples' lives.

In addition to providing support for women and children across the nation, the YWCA works to advance racial and gender justice. I applaud the YWCA's great work to empower women and girls of color, including in my district through the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit.

Women are our country's greatest change agents, and the YWCA helps ensure that women will always have a seat at the table for years to come. On this momentous occasion, I want to congratulate the visionary founders and associates of the YWCA, and all the leaders of the YWCA for their necessary work. I look forward to their continued growth and to seeing the phenomenal work the YWCA will do for future generations.