

American Chamber of Commerce (CACCI) in celebration of his 68th birthday.

Born in Grenada, West Indies, Hastick migrated to the United States in 1972 and worked for several years as a social services administrator, community advocate, entrepreneur and newspaper publisher. In 1985, Dr. Roy A. Hastick, Sr. founded the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI) with 10 members. Under his leadership, the organization has become a well-recognized business entity with a membership of over 1,700 in the tri-state area and in the Caribbean. Over the years, CACCI has sustained and developed its mission which is to promote economic development on behalf of Caribbean American, African American, women and other minority entrepreneurs. As President and CEO of CACCI, Hastick has been credited for his tireless efforts to put in place a structure that serves the small business community and fosters a climate of unity and harmony among diverse cultures. Hastick has convened over 800 business development seminars that bring together the CACCI membership with other entrepreneurs and the wider business community to network and access business resources, to make contacts and to explore contracts.

As an ardent supporter of Two-Way trade between the United States and the Caribbean region, Hastick, an elected delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business, campaigned to get Two-Way trade with the Caribbean region into the final recommendations that were submitted to the United States Congress. Through his tireless efforts and visionary leadership, CACCI has undertaken and accomplished several challenging initiatives including: providing weekly business clinics, business services for micro enterprises, start-ups and emerging minority and women business enterprises in areas of access to financing, certification preparation and promoting trade and investment opportunities in the Caribbean region. CACCI's most recent small business programs are: MWBE and Financial Literacy seminars. In collaboration with the CACCI membership and the wider community, CACCI provides rapid emergency responses to hurricane disasters in the Caribbean region including St. Kitts Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, Haiti and Grenada. Hastick has led several trade missions to the Caribbean region, and hosted numerous Caribbean Heads of State on their visits to New York. Under his leadership the organization organizes and sponsors an Annual National Caribbean American Heritage Month Conference.

Under his leadership, CACCI has managed the city-owned Brooklyn-based micro enterprise incubator, a 9,000-sq. ft. Flatbush Caton Vendors Market, for 16 years which houses 40 vendors who sell a variety of African and Caribbean artifacts and a small business service center. Through Hastick's collaborative efforts, patience and persistence, his long-term goal of creating a Caribbean American Trade Center will soon come to fruition. With the recent announcement by NYC Economic Development Corporation that a MIWBE developer had been selected to create a mixed-use project, which in addition to the Caribbean American Trade Center, will have 250 units of affordable housing, an upscale Flatbush Caton Vendors Market and a cultural center. For several years Hastick has served on numerous economic development boards including Gov-

ernor's Transition Teams, Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, JP Morgan Chase CAB Board, and New York City and Company, Inc. He has also served as a delegate to the United Nations for Grenada and has received numerous awards including: National Small Business Advocate of the Year by the United States Department of Commerce; was honored at the White House at New York Day in Washington, DC. He was also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from City University of New York (CUNY). More recently, Hastick received the Goodwill Ambassador Award from the Jewish community for "his impressive record of achievements, promoting economic development, and for working diligently to cultivate understanding and mutual respect." Most recent awards were the NYS Attorney General's (2008) African American Achievers Award for exemplary small business leadership; NYC "American Dreamer Award for service to New York City during Immigrant's Recognition during Immigrants Monthly in New York City and the Caribbean Diaspora Leadership Award presented by Caribbean Tourism Organization. Hastick was recently appointed by Brooklyn Borough President, Eric L. Adams as a Brooklyn Ambassador. Hastick currently lives in East Flatbush with his wife, and has 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

As a fellow Caribbean Brooklynite, I am beaming with pride as we honor the generous service of Dr. Roy Hastick in commemorating his 68th birthday. New York's Caribbean community has forever changed through his decades of dedicated service. On behalf of New York's 9th Congressional District, I am grateful for our hard-working and impactful community leader, Dr. Roy Hastick.

KAITLYN WHITTAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kaitlyn Whittaker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kaitlyn Whittaker is a student at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kaitlyn Whittaker 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 Kaitlyn Whittaker for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

SUGAR LAND DISPATCHER NAMED
2018 TRAINER OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Amanda Davis for being named the 2018 Texas Association of Public Safety Communication Officials Trainer of the Year.

Davis has served as a front-line dispatcher for over nine years and also trains new recruits. As part of this effort, she has developed a curriculum to inform dispatchers on how to respond to frantic callers and ensures that they are prepared to help citizens in need at any point in time. Thanks in part to her efforts, Sugar Land is a safe place to raise a family, with the lowest crime rates in 20 years, faster ambulances, and improved public dispatch. Those who work alongside Amanda say that she goes above and beyond to make her trainees feel welcome and never fails to demonstrate absolute professionalism.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Amanda Davis for this wonderful honor. I thank her for everything she does to help keep our Sugar Land community safe.

RECOGNIZING MS. TARA LYNN
JONES

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Tara Lynn Jones, a warm and dynamic spirit. It is hard to believe that this young woman with her beautiful smile and passion for her community is no longer with us.

Born and raised in Maryland, Ms. Jones graduated from La Reine High School before attending Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia where she earned an undergraduate degree in chemistry. Tara continued her education at George Washington University and received a master's degree in public health, epidemiology, and biostatistics and a certificate in public management.

Mr. Speaker, throughout her career Tara seamlessly moved between the business world and public service. Many remember her work as the Director of Neighborhood Services when Ms. Jones worked to connect residents to health, economic, and social justice services and programs in Washington, D.C. She continued to apply this experience in building coalitions, developing national media campaigns, and coordinating effective events across the country.

I, along with many of my colleagues—especially those of us who serve in the Congressional Black Caucus—truly learned to appreciate and respect Tara's unique gifts and skills when she served as the Vice President of Public Affairs for BET Networks. During a challenging and pivotal time in our nation's history, Ms. Jones used her platform to bring together young people, corporations, media, and policy makers to address the key, core civil rights and social justice matters of the day.

At every opportunity, Ms. Jones built bridges and made new friends. She was a communicator and a convener whose faith inspired a deep passion for service and mentorship in the Capital City Chapter of Links, Inc., Destination DC, and ColorComm. In recent years, Tara continued to employ her expertise on a global scale as the founder of the Tara Jones Group, LLC, which incorporated brand marketing, strategic solutions, and business development with increasing diversity and inclusion.

As an active, engaged member of the National Urban League, and in particular during her tenure as President of the Washington Thursday Network, Tara continued the mission of integrating the necessary pursuit of opportunity, equity, equality, and justice into both her personal and professional life.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Jones truly dedicated her life to serving others—she managed to be everywhere and everything to everyone she met. As one who knew and worked alongside the late and great, Whitney Young, Jr., who served as the executive director of the National Urban League during pivotal years of the Civil Rights Movement, I can say that she epitomized his spirit and continued his legacy.

Tara Lynn Jones was a thoughtful, loving, and kind young woman who leaves behind a legacy of excellence as she joins her beloved brother Edward V. Jones, Jr. During this difficult time, I extend my deepest condolences to Tara's loving parents—Edward and Sharon Jones; her cherished nieces—Jasmine, Britany, Amber, and Nyema Jones; and the innumerable family, friends, colleagues, and members of the Spelman and Links sisterhoods who mourn the passing of this beautiful spirit.

HONORING STEVEN MOULDS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steven Moulds, who has been named Napa Valley Grapegrowers' 2018 Grower of the Year. Mr. Moulds is an individual who has made a lasting impact on our community through his viticulture work, expertise and personal commitment to public service.

Mr. Moulds was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up in Palo Alto and Los Altos in California. He graduated from Los Altos High School in 1962. He studied at Foothill College and graduated from San Jos State University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1972. In 2005 he graduated from Napa Valley College with an Associate of Science in Viticulture.

Mr. Moulds began his public service journey as a Peace Corps volunteer in Porcupine, Honduras in 1964. His involvement with the Peace Corps established a foundation for his work as a social worker and his continued volunteerism. From 1964 to 1976 he worked with migrant farm workers in Irony, California, helping them remove barriers to employment.

In 2000, after working in commercial real estate, Mr. Moulds and his wife Betsy purchased eleven acres in the Oak Knoll District of the Napa Valley appellation where he planted Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. He is focused on producing high quality grapes and maintaining strong partnerships with winemakers.

In addition to growing his own grapes, Mr. Moulds is active in our wine community. He is a Board Member and past President of Napa Valley Grape growers, a Board Member of the Napa Valley Farm worker Foundation and a previous Board Member of the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley appellation. His philanthropic efforts include founder and sustaining member of NorteAmericanos Para Orocuina, Board Member and President of the Board of Peninsula Center for the Blind, and Board Member and President of San Jose Repertory Theater.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Moulds has been recognized as the Napa Valley Grapegrowers' 2018 Grower of the Year. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Steven Moulds here today.

VICTORIA WOODCOCK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Victoria Woodcock for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Victoria Woodcock is a student at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Victoria Woodcock 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 Victoria Woodcock for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING THE ARC OF KATY HOMETOWN HEROES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Audrey Bivens and Bass Pro Shops for being named The Arc of Katy Hometown Heroes.

Audrey Bivens will be recognized for serving and advocating for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities for many years. Bass Pro Shops will be recognized as Hometown Hero for community service and their honorable service during Hurricane Harvey and ongoing contributions that benefit the Katy area.

Bivens has worked for over 29 years as an educator and has created programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She is the founder of the Children with Autism Program (CAP) and volunteers with Special Olympics and special needs programs at her church. Bass Pro Shops and White River Marine Group provided more than

100 TRACKER Boats to government agencies and rescue organizations in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The Texas National Guard mobilized at Bass Pro Shops locations in Katy and Pearland, making over 16,000 water rescues using the boats Bass Pro Shop provided. Associates were more than willing to do whatever it took to help those in need, even when their own homes faced uncertainty. Citizens and businesses like these are what make our Texas communities so strong.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to all of our Hometown Heroes. I thank them for their dedication to our Katy community.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2017 ARTS AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the recipients of its 2017 Arts Awards.

These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of those who support the arts in our community, including artists and arts organizations, as well as individuals and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church. The economic benefit of that support cannot be overstated. During FY2015, total industry expenditures generated over \$22.4 million in local and state government revenues, supported 6,952 full-time equivalent jobs, and generated \$155.8 million in resident household income.

Each year, the Arts Council of Fairfax County honors a select group of individuals, companies, or organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the local arts community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2017 recipients.

The 2017 Jinx Hazel Arts Award is being presented to Dewberry for its ongoing support of the arts in Fairfax County. In 1982, Dewberry was invited to design the new Filene Center at Wolf Trap after the original structure was destroyed in a fire. The new Filene Center stands today as one of the defining symbols of the strength of the arts in Fairfax County, enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Additionally, Dewberry has made significant contributions to arts education at George Mason University's School of Music, and Mr. Barry Dewberry has been a long-time supporter of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

The 2017 Emerging Arts Award is being presented to the Washington West Film Festival (WWFF). WWFF emerged in 2011 as Fairfax's first professional film festival organization with a mission to celebrate the transformative power of film.

Since its beginning, the WWFF has screened more than 300 films through its annual festival in Fairfax, drawing over 16,000 attendees in its short history. In addition, the WWFF dedicates 100% of its box office proceeds to charitable causes.

The 2017 Arts Achievement Award is being presented to Dr. Daniel E. Sheehy. Dr. Sheehy is a musician, musicologist, educator, historian, and author, and has devoted his life to helping the world better understand itself by