

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and to congratulate them on their 25th anniversary. Since its establishment in 1993, the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter has continued the mission established by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated of social action through volunteerism, advocacy, public service, and civic engagement.

The chapter makes a difference in the lives of many in our community through such programs as Delta Academy and Delta Gems, EMBODI, supplying backpacks to children residing at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter, and providing more than \$300,000 in scholarships for students attending institutions of higher education.

This year, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Chapter, an additional \$25,000.00 in scholarships is being awarded. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of this year's scholarship recipients.

Sinclair Jones, Lauryn Mann, Hannah King, Jessica Kitchings, Lauren Dessaure, Alissa Wells, Rachel Jackson, Danielle Newsome.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on its 25th anniversary and in thanking them for their continued contributions to our community. Their efforts, made on behalf of others, are truly selfless and worthy of our highest praise. It is continued contributions like theirs that make Northern Virginia one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family. I wish the sorority and its members continued success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING "ORIGINS" HISPANIC CULTURE EVENT

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize "Origins," an exciting cultural event taking place in my Congressional district. This event begins on the evening of June 29th at the J.W. Warner House; a historic landmark in South Florida and home to the Miami Hispanic Ballet. It will be a celebration of Hispanic art, music, and cuisine.

The event will include a number of different experiences that combine the talent and creativity of people from across Latin America.

Attendees will experience and indulge in Cuban art, Venezuelan music, and Ecuadorian cuisine, and so much more.

"Origins" highlights the distinct cultures that inhabit Miami and is a great representation of the rich Hispanic heritage that helps shape the American mosaic and South Florida community we call home. Our community is strengthened by events such as these, which teach younger generations about their cultural roots and promote the countless contributions Hispanics have made to the United States.

I want to thank Catherine Alarcon for organizing "Origins" and I encourage everyone in our South Florida community to attend this rich celebration of Hispanic culture.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FACETS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a group of individuals who have made a tremendous contribution to our community. Founded thirty years ago this year, FACETS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in our community who are suffering from the effects of poverty. This help takes many forms.

My first exposure to FACETS's work was delivering hot meals with founder Linda Wimpey, when I was the Providence District Representative to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. It was a profound experience I will never forget. Those hot meals were for individuals who were homeless. As we approached the delivery site, I remember seeing men and women emerging from the woods in business suits, ready to collect a hot meal before heading off to work. They may have been suffering from homelessness, however they still maintained their dignity. The work we were doing helped them with that.

For someone in this situation, knowing you are part of a community that cares and will give you the assistance necessary to get back on your feet, can help ease the burden of your plight. In a county as economically prosperous as Fairfax County, it can be easy to forget there are still citizens who go without the most basic necessities. Organizations like FACETS are helping to make sure the number of those citizens declines and eventually disappears.

During my tenure as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we developed a ten-year plan to prevent and end homelessness. The efforts of FACETS and many others are why the percentage of homeless individuals in Fairfax County has declined by 47 percent since 2008.

There are very few places in the National Capital Region, and even the country, that can attest to the same kind of success.

While working to prevent and end homelessness is one of FACETS primary missions,

they also contribute to the community in other critical ways. Chief among these is providing educational resources for those living with low incomes to ensure they are given the tools necessary to break the cycle of poverty. Programs for youth include academic tutoring, substance abuse prevention, self-esteem, and college or career planning. Approximately 65 percent of the youth who participated in academic tutoring made the honor roll, and in 2015, all graduating high-school seniors went on to higher forms of education. Programs for adults include computer and financial literacy, career development, and ESL. Programs like these ensure our community is working not only to address the symptoms of poverty, but also to eliminate the root causes.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Bob Grimmert, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Joe Fay, the Executive Director, as well as all the members of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers who have contributed their time, energy, and resources to FACETS over the last thirty years. Your support is part of why Fairfax County remains one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and I commend you all for your service to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating FACETS on this tremendous anniversary.

HONORING SCOTT FLEMING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Scott Fleming for his 17 years of outstanding service as Associate Vice President for Federal Relations at Georgetown University here in the District of Columbia.

In February 2001, Scott joined Georgetown after an extensive career in public service. During his time at Georgetown, he has helped secure crucial support for various student financial aid programs, Title VI international programs and programs managed by the school's Center for Intercultural Education and Development. In addition, he has served as a member of Georgetown's veterans support team to help increase student benefits for veterans who attend Georgetown, and has worked on legislation to protect Dreamers. Scott has also served as a faculty mentor with the Georgetown Scholarship Program, where he hosted students at his home on numerous occasions, and has participated in Georgetown's Community Scholars Program.

Scott has also taught several modules at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy on the issues of lobbying and government relations, and has participated in the Georgetown Summer Fellows Program as a faculty advisor. He is a former member of Georgetown's Licensing Oversight Committee and the Board of Advisors for Georgetown's Walsh

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Scholars Initiative. Currently, Scott serves as Georgetown's representative on the Worker Rights Consortium Board.

Scott graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and received a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas-Austin. Prior to his work at Georgetown, Scott served in multiple leadership positions at the U.S. Department of Education, and served in various professional staff positions for Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Scott Fleming, a friend of many Members of Congress and staff, including many who are graduates of Georgetown University, for his many years of outstanding service as Associate Vice President for Federal Relations at Georgetown University.

HONORING DENNIS CRANDALL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis Crandall and his fourteen years as principal of Archbishop Hanna High School in Sonoma, California. He was aptly honored at Hanna Boys Center's 12th Annual Evening with the All Stars on April 21, 2018.

Mr. Crandall is a Sonoma County native who graduated from Analy High School and received his Bachelor of Science in atmospheric science from the University of California, Davis. He also earned a Life Secondary Credential in physics and math from Sacramento State University and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from St. Mary's College.

For the past fourteen years Mr. Crandall has been the principal of Archbishop Hanna High School, a school that serves at-risk teenage boys in Sonoma County. While at the helm of the school, he led the effort for the school to earn the Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation. Mr. Crandall also worked on restructuring and improving the curriculum, focusing on how to best serve a large and diverse population. Some of his many accomplishments as principal include adding college prep and online courses, expanding the day students' program to better serve those who need greater assistance, developing a vocational viticulture program and starting an organic garden and orchard program to promote sustainability.

Mr. Crandall is turning his energy to a new fundraising role in the development department of Hanna Boys Center. He believes he can make the greatest impact for the center and school by working on fundraising efforts for new facilities and an expanded educational program.

Mr. Crandall is a devoted husband to his wife, Marcia, and caring father to their three children. He is also a dedicated volunteer, having serving on both St. Joseph Catholic Church and Cardinal Newman High School's Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Crandall is a dedicated educator and compassionate individual who has

made education his life's work. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Dennis Crandall here today.

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department on its 70th anniversary, 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 seven decades it has provided lifesaving fire suppression and prevention, as well as 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, and provides opportunities for professional growth and development for the membership, as well as 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. During FY17, units from the BVFRD were dispatched 5,485 times responding to 3,722 incidents.

I am honored to recognize the entire BVFRD on this momentous anniversary, as well as the dedicated men and women who have volunteered for extra duty as officers or as members of the board of directors. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following individuals.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vice-President—Tonya McCreary
Secretary—Amy Gold
Treasurer—Earl Roberts
Directors—Larry Bocknek, Matthew Bryant, Kenneth Senn

OFFICERS

Deputy Chief: Tina Godfrey, John Hudak
Captain II: Melissa Ashby, Larry Bocknek, Keith O'Connor
Lieutenant: Emily Fisher, Kevin Grottle, Shaun Kurry
Sergeant: Jennifer Babic, Peter Hamilton
Team Leader/ Asst. EMS Officer: Megan Bush

Team Leader: Paul Stracke
Asst. Staffing Officer: Caitlin Curran
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:

AWARDS

Rookie of the Year: Thales Dus
Firefighter of the Year: FF Caitlin Curran
EMS Provider of the Year: EMT Blaine Ries
Officer of the Year: Captain II Melissa Ashby

Administrative Member of the Year: Charlene Murphy
Career Member of the Year: FCFRD Captain II Mike Istvan
Team Award: FCFRD Station 14 A, B, and C Shifts

Partnership Award: Kevin Grottle
Chief's and President's Award: Amy Gold
Founders Award: Tina Godfrey

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the department for an incredible seventy 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."

HONORING JANE CURTIS

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, Jane Curtis will be 100 years of age on June 7, 2018. She continues to enjoy a vigorous and productive life. She is revered by generations of Vermonters for all the work and community contributions she and her renowned, departed husband, Will Curtis, provided to the people of Vermont. She and Will had dairy farms in West Harford and Hartland, Vermont. They were great readers and owned the magnificent Yankee Bookshop in Woodstock, Vermont for many years. And Jane has worked for decades for the improvement of the Connecticut River watershed.

Jane's husband Will was a renowned commentator on Vermont Public Radio, and Jane collaborated with him on that effort, as well as many others. Jane and Will published books together, many with their dear friend Frank Lieberman, ranging from antique wood stoves to histories of the Billings family, Woodstock, the Long Trail, the Farm and Wilderness Camps, Calvin Coolidge—who was born nearby in Plymouth, Vermont—and the art of Monhegan Island, Maine.

Jane served on the board of the Connecticut River Watershed Council for years. She also served social service agencies in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire. At 100, Jane Curtis is still actively writing. Recently, she wrote an essay on the fall of the Roman Republic, with analogies to the present day.

Mr. Speaker, we celebrate in Vermont a century of contributions by Jane Curtis.

RECOGNIZING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ON OBTAINING CERTIFICATIONS AND RENEWALS FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate educators of the Prince William