

County Public Schools Division on obtaining certification or recertification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Founded in 1987, the National Board was established by teachers for teachers as the premier vehicle for defining and recognizing accomplished educators. Today, this independent nonprofit organization remains dedicated to supporting excellence in education and is governed by classroom teachers, school administrators, school board leaders, governors and state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders.

A National Board Certification denotes the most respected professional certification available in the education field. Obtaining certification and completing the renewal process is a personal and public statement of one's commitment to the evolution of effective instruction methods. In order to obtain the distinction, teachers must display a mastering of the standards established by the National Board by successfully completing a rigorous multi-component assessment that demonstrates that he or she has acquired the knowledge, skills, and practices required of an accomplished educator. Certified educators support a vision of teaching based on the following five core propositions:

1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning;
2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students;
3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning;
4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; and
5. Teachers are members of learning communities.

I extend my personal congratulations and appreciation to the following 2017 National Board Certified Teachers for receiving their respective certifications and renewals: Erin Ball, Christy Beirnes, Elizabeth Bjork, Nancy Breckenridge, Dawn Breski, Angela Callaghan, Kimberly Carter, Jennifer Casey, Dina DaSilva, Cheryl Ellsmore, Diane Fernandez, Carl Hood, James Hunniford, Neta Lowe, Perpetua Magalhaes, Penny Mangus, Elizabeth McKeown, Minara Mollah, Melissa Morse, Christina Orr, Paul Johnson, Leanne Thomas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education, professional development, and the students of Prince William County Public Schools. The world-class education provided to our students is due to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard and I thank them for their invaluable contributions.

HONORING THE PETALUMA GAP
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HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congressman Mike Thompson in recognition of the Petaluma Gap's recent designation as an American Viticultural Area (AVA). Spanning 202,476 total acres, the Petaluma Gap AVA represents the culmination and heritage of more than 180 years of steady

dedication to the craft of winemaking throughout the region.

The first wine producing grapes were planted in what would become the Petaluma Gap in the 1830s, with the first winery later established in 1884. Wine production in the region then continued to grow at an increasingly rapid pace for the next thirty years. However, with the establishment of prohibition in the 1920s and the influx of Phylloxera aphids that followed, the region's wine production plummeted and remained in tatters through the 1960s.

By 1987, planting conditions and subsequent wine production began to rebound, which led to the establishment of the Sonoma Coast AVA. The Petaluma Gap Winegrowers Alliance eventually formed from this resurgence in 2005, and initiated the AVA process for the Petaluma Gap ten years later. On December 7, 2017, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) approved the alliance's application, and the Petaluma Gap AVA then went into effect on January 8th of this year.

Today, Petaluma Gap contains over 4,000 vineyard acres that support more than eighty commercially producing vineyards and nine bonded wineries, contributing to a thirty-four billion dollar California wine industry. It is the 241st AVA to be established in the United States, the 139th to be established in the state of California, and the 18th AVA to include a portion of Sonoma County.

Mr. Speaker, the designation of the Petaluma Gap as an AVA represents nearly two centuries of winegrowers working to build a distinct reputation and heritage. It is therefore appropriate that we stand together today, in celebration of this momentous achievement.

HONORING THE SECOND ANNUAL
FINER WOMANHOOD BRUNCH
HOSTED BY THE PSI OMICRON
ZETA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI
BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Second Annual Finer Womanhood Brunch hosted by the Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated of Manassas, Virginia.

This year's Finer Womanhood Brunch theme is "Blazing New Paths in Scholarship and Global Service", intended to inspire and encourage students and teachers to strive for success in every venture, and pride in every accomplishment.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University on January 16, 1920. Its sorority members and auxiliary groups provide volunteer service and professional talent to educate the public, assist youth, fund scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for civic and social change that enrich our communities.

Chartered on November 6, 2010, the Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated assists the Greater Prince William area through sisterhood, scholarship, and service.

Each year, the members of the Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter, invite area residents to gather at the Hylton Performing Arts Center to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of two deserving high school seniors planning to attend institutions of higher learning. Each student will receive a scholarship for her perseverance and commitments to academic excellence. In addition, one noteworthy teacher will be bestowed the honor of "Teacher of the Year" for her work in and out of the classroom to shape the hearts and minds of future leaders.

I congratulate the following individuals as the 2018 Finer Womanhood Brunch honorees: High School Scholarship Winners:

Miss Samreen Azam, Gar-Field High School
Miss Eva Kemal, Woodbridge High School
Teacher of the Year:

Mrs. Perpetua Magalhaes, Stonewall Jackson Senior High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and in congratulating the two scholarship recipients and 2018 Teacher of the Year honoree.

RECOGNIZING MR. HOANG A. DOAN

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hoang A. Doan (aka HD), is a Vietnamese Refugee-Boat person who immigrated to Orlando, Florida in June 1979. He and his family were rescued in the Philippines Sea by the U.S. Navy, in September 1978 and lived in the Mandaluyon (Manila) Refugee camp until June 1979. Upon receiving a Bachelor and a Master Degree in Electrical Engineering, he initially worked for the Naval Sea Systems Command in Virginia until 1997, where he was recruited by the Naval Air Systems Command to work on various USN and Foreign Military projects until the present day.

His works for the Navy included the overhaul of U.S. Navy Ships, Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) sonar equipment, Fire Control equipment, and shipboard computer systems. Other projects include construction and modernizing Peacekeeping Forces in Mongolia, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Romania, Thailand, Slovakia. In addition, he assisted in building USN Helicopter Simulation and Training Programs across the U.S., Hawaii and Japan. He is currently serving as the Branch Manager at Naval Air Warfare Center, Training Systems Division in Orlando, Florida, and serving as the NAVAIR Wounded Warrior Recruiter, Asian American Pacific Islander Team Lead.

He is serving as a Council Member to the city of Orlando Mayors Veterans Advisory Council, Orange County, (FL) Veterans Advisory Council, an active Commemoration Partner Member of the DoD's 50th Year Vietnam War Commemoration.

He is married with two children. His wife, Christina, is an Engineer employed by the U.S. Marine Corps Program Management Training Systems (PMTRASYS). He is currently a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division, and his daughter is pursuing a medical career through the U.S. Army's University of Central Florida's ROTC Program.

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF LYME ON ITS BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the historic Town of Lyme on its bicentennial anniversary.

The Town of Lyme was formed in 1818 from lands once part of the Town of Brownville, and was named by a former resident of Lyme, Connecticut. Over the past two centuries, the Lyme has given up parts of its land to form other towns, like the Town of Clayton, just as Brownville did for Lyme. Due to its location near the water ways of Lake Ontario, the town became a prime location for industry, settlement, and expansion. The waterways near the town continue to have a positive impact on the town's economy today.

In addition to Lyme's impressive economic development, Lyme's residents are known for their patriotism and service in the military. Some of the town's earliest settlers were veterans of the American Revolution and War of 1812, and since then residents have fought in the Patriot's War, the Civil War, both World Wars, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the Town of Lyme on its 200th anniversary. I wish all the residents the best as they celebrate this important milestone.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce and the recipients of the 2018 Excellence Awards.

The Asian-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) is dedicated to improving economic development opportunities for Asian Pacific American-owned businesses in the Washington, D.C. region. Northern Virginia has a robust international business community, and is home to the largest concentration of minority-owned technology firms in the nation.

The AACC and its members contribute greatly to our regional culture, as well as our economic strength and stability. In fact, Asian-American businesses generate more than 52 percent of total revenues generated by all minority owned businesses in this region. In Fairfax County, approximately 25,000 businesses are Asian-owned and generate approximately \$9 billion in annual revenue, creating 54,000 jobs.

Each year, the AACC recognizes individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the Metropolitan Washington community and economy. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of the 2018 Excellence award recipients.

Community Leader of the Year—Marianne Brackney

Public Servant of the Year—Mark Keam
Mentors of the Year—Dr. Jamie Younghee Sheen, Steven Chen

Partners of the Year—Simon Malls, 2941 Restaurant

Nonprofit of the Year—Chinese Culture and Community Service Center, Inc.; Asian-American Homeownership Counseling, Inc.

New Business of the Year—Office Evolution-Tyson's Corner

Restaurant of the Year—Peking Gourmet Inn

Young Entrepreneur of the Year—Ting Shih, Timothy Hwang

Small Business of the Year—Language on Demand, Inc.; Mobomo

Company of the Year—Wedding Wire, Inc.; Subsystem Technologies, Inc.

Women-Owned Business of the Year—Cognosante, SmartGuriz

International Business of the Year—Hyundai Motor of America, Washington D.C.

Business Leader of the Year—Syngman Rhee

Chairman's Award—Stephanie Shei

President's Award—Wonhee Kang

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2018 Excellence Awards and in commending the AACC for its work to support all Asian-American owned businesses throughout our region.

HONORING THE WINE SPECTATOR LEARNING CENTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to recognize the opening of the Wine Spectator Learning Center for the Wine Business Institute at Sonoma State University.

The Wine Spectator Learning Center has transformed the previous University Commons building into a state of the art facility complete with three advanced-technology classrooms, student commons, a cafe and garden areas and meeting spaces for students, faculty and business leaders.

The Wine Spectator Learning Center is a world class facility in which the next generation of California wine leaders can learn and grow through the Wine Business Institute. The Institute was established in 1996 as a public-private partnership for education and research within the School of Business and Economics at Sonoma State University. Sonoma State University is the first college or university in the United States to offer programs and degrees specializing in the business of wine, which is immensely important to our local economy. Additionally, the School of Business and Economics is the first in the world to offer an executive-level wine business degree.

The Wine Business Institute, besides educating students, hosts conferences and symposia to the benefit of individual wine industry professionals, including winemakers, viticulturists, distributors and vineyard owners. The Wine Business Institute also provides programs and activities that help the wine industry evolve to meet the challenges of an increasingly fast-paced world. The Institute is particularly well-situated to address changing

public policies and regulations and assist the industry in adapting to them.

Mr. Speaker, the Wine Business Institute has had a great effect on the wine industry both in California and worldwide, and I am confident that the addition of the Wine Spectator Learning Center will only continue to benefit our great district. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the continued success of the Wine Business Institute and the Wine Spectator Learning Center here today.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAACP IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

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 NAACP and the Tinner Hill Foundation on this momentous occasion. This year we are celebrating 100 years of involvement of the NAACP in Fairfax County and the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Tinner Hill Foundation.

In 1915, threatened by the imposition of a new ordinance that would impose segregation in Falls Church, a group of African American men led by Joseph Tinner and Edwin Bancroft Henderson organized in opposition to this threat to their community. Even though serious threats of harm or death had been made by Ku Klux Klan members against Mr. Henderson, he and the other founding members of what was then known as the Colored Citizens Protection League and what would evolve into the Fairfax Chapter of the NAACP would not be intimidated. They chose to stand to fight for their rights and those of their neighbors. Since that time, the NAACP has worked for not only the civil rights of African-Americans in Fairfax County, but for the dignity and worth of every member of our community.

I have been proud to stand with the Fairfax NAACP on these issues and have counted them as a partner throughout my career in public service. One project I am especially proud of is our work to create a Civil Rights archive to enshrine the history of our own community's efforts and struggles during that time. While the campaigns led by Dr. King in the Deep South were pivotal in the fight for equal rights, the injustices of racism and Jim Crow were not confined to those areas. African-American citizens of Fairfax County also faced discrimination and endured harsh treatment and abuse. This was at the hands of an entrenched white majority which had no plans on relinquishing the power they wanted desperately to maintain.

Yet, as Dr. King would later do, the early founders of the Fairfax NAACP carried on and prevailed in the face of what must have seemed like overwhelming odds. Our community is better now because of that victory and the ones that would follow, and it is right this history be recounted and remembered for and by future generations. More recently, the Fairfax County NAACP has focused its efforts on combating voter suppression and criminal justice reform, two issues which show despite the successes of the Civil Rights movement, much more work still remains to build a truly equal and just society. In Fairfax County, one of the