

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF
LYME ON ITS BICENTENNIAL AN-
NIVERSARY

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 EXCEL-
LENCE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

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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, SmartGurlz

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 ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE NAACP IN FAIR-
FAX 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

wealthiest counties in the entire United States, it can be easy to think such issues do not concern us or that our community does not have those kinds of problems. We must not allow our economic success and prosperity to blind us to the very real fact that the benefits of a truly just and equal society are not fully enjoyed by all members of our community. The work to build a fair society goes on and I will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with the NAACP in that work.

As we commemorate and celebrate Black History Month, let us remain vigilant in our efforts and uncompromising in our belief that as Dr. King once said, "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in continuing this march towards equality and justice. I congratulate the Fairfax County NAACP and the Tinner Hill Foundation on the occasion of their anniversaries and extend my deepest respect and appreciation for their efforts on behalf of all in our community.

HOW MANY MORE LIVES? GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to appeal to my colleagues once again to take a stand against gun violence in this country. We cannot continue to refuse to protect our children and our communities and seniors. It is time for the Members of this House to come together and simply do what is right.

I believe in the Constitution. I believe in the 2nd Amendment. I have taken an oath to protect and defend both. I believe Americans have a right to defend themselves.

But, the Constitution does not guarantee citizens the right to carry weapons of war. It doesn't guarantee any of us the right to have and use a magazine that will shoot 100 bullets in less than 30 seconds. Those who say the 2nd Amendment provides those guarantees are not only wrong, but they ignore the rights of our children and communities to be free of fear in school, at worship, at concerts and in restaurants.

The 2nd Amendment doesn't give anyone the right to make our children afraid to leave the house. I have the right to walk out of my house without fear that I might be shot. The 17 students, teachers and staff who lost their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida had the right to go to school and work that fateful morning and not expect to be shot.

The parents and families of the 8 students and 2 teachers killed at Santa Fe High School had the right to expect their sons, daughters, and mothers to come home the night of May 18th. And, let me remind you of the Waffle House Shooting near Nashville last month, the Las Vegas shooting, Orlando Pulse Night Club shooting, and the Sutherland Springs church shooting, all within the last two years. We cannot keep offering people our thoughts and prayers without doing something. "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:17)

Let us show the White House, the National Rifle Association and anyone else who wants

to put guns before the safety of our people, especially our children, that we still have a backbone. Democrats and Republicans can still stand with the hundreds of thousands of students who took to the streets of America in March. They demanded accountability from legislators for the lives lost and gun reform policies to save lives in the future. Now let's stand for them.

This is not a mental health issue as the White House and NRA suggests. This is, without question, a safety issue. I stood before the House of Representatives in February of this year and I will repeat what I said then. Republicans cannot claim that mental illness is to blame, while simultaneously cutting funding for mental health treatment, undermining Americans' health insurance, and stripping schools of the resources needed to employ a guidance counselor, social worker or more teachers to reduce class sizes and give children more individual attention.

What will it take for us to get angry? How many more have to die before we act? Martin Luther King said, "There comes a time when silence is betrayal." Let us not turn our backs on our young people, families and communities across this nation looking to us to pass common sense legislation.

CONGRATULATING JOHN R. NIEMIEC ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend John Niemiec, and to congratulate him on his retirement from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. A 32-year veteran of the Department, John retired in February 2018, having earned the rank of Captain II.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, John is an avid fan of all Pittsburgh professional sports teams, but perhaps none more so than his beloved Steelers. In fact, John's entire recreation room in his home is a shrine-like tribute to the Black and Gold. He often travels back to Pittsburgh so that he can watch his favorite team play, perhaps with an icy Iron City in one hand and a Terrible Towel in the other.

John relocated to Northern Virginia and joined the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in 1986 after working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. In addition to his service with the Department, John was also a dedicated member of the Fairfax County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics, Local 2068. He served for 17 years on the local Executive Board, including 4 years as Vice-President and over 10 years as President. John also served his fellow firefighters as a Pension Trustee for 12 years. During this time, he was also a member of the Executive Board of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems.

I was proud to partner with John to ensure that our public safety personnel and first responders received the highest level of support possible from our county government during my time as a Member and Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. One of the projects of which I am proudest is the creation of the Public Safety Occupational Health

Center, which we dedicated at the Fairfax County Public Safety Headquarters last month. John was instrumental in this project and was pivotal in its successful completion.

However, out of all the positions he has held, including Captain, President, and Trustee, the title that gives him the most joy is "Dad." As a single parent, John raised two wonderful daughters, and has taught them by example how to embrace the values of honesty, integrity, respect, and dedication to serving others. John truly represents these values, many of which are shared by his professional colleagues and make our Fairfax County first responders the standard against which all others are judged.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking my friend John Niemiec for his dedication and service to our community and in congratulating him on his retirement. While he may be retiring from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, he will continue to advocate on behalf of firefighters and paramedics in his new role of State Policy and Legislative Representative for the International Association of Firefighters. I am sure that he will bring the same passion and determination to this new position that he has brought to all of his previous endeavors. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to work with him throughout our shared career in public service, and I wish him all the best and continued success.

TRICKETT WENDLER, FRANK MONGIELLO, JORDAN MCLINN, AND MATTHEW BELLINA RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I once again rise in opposition to the Senate version of the Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2017.

The third time is not the charm. The House version of this bill was defeated when it was brought up under suspension and a week later it was forced through on a party line vote.

This bill is dangerous. It will put the most vulnerable patients' lives at risk by using products that have not been tested for efficacy. It also takes unprecedented steps to undermine the role of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the authorization of investigational use, or right-to-try drugs. It's worse than the House version and FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb expressed his concerns about this bill during a Health Subcommittee hearing in October, 2017.

This bill once again does not address the true barrier to investigational use drugs—the manufacturer. It does not compel manufacturers to provide investigational use products to patients or physicians. The manufacturer often is justified in not providing investigational use drugs to patients due to production and manufacturing limitations, or because the manufacturer determines that a patient is not an appropriate candidate for their drug. Nothing in this bill corrects the barriers of the current system or makes it more feasible for manufacturers to