

HONORING ROBERT FELLION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Fellion who has announced the Napa County Fourth of July Parade for the past thirty years, from 1989 to 2017 and is the Grand Marshal of the 2018 parade.

Mr. Fellion was born in Berkeley, California and moved to Napa County when he was in high school. He graduated from St. Helena High School in 1963. After working for Sears Roebuck and Company for several decades, Mr. Fellion retired and opened Fellion's Deli in Calistoga, California in 1984.

Mr. Fellion has been a constant presence at our local Fourth of July parade as the announcer and many people look forward to hearing him announce the parade each year. This year the community looks forward to Mr. Fellion leading the parade as the Grand Marshal, a well-deserved honor.

Mr. Fellion's commitment to serving our Napa County community does not end with his work for the parade. He has served as an auctioneer for many community fundraisers, including St. Helena High School's athletic booster association and Soroptimist International of Calistoga. Mr. Fellion sponsored a little league team and provided the Calistoga High School football team with breakfast and packed them lunches when they played away games. In recognition for his support of youth activities, Mr. Fellion, along with his wife Carol and his brother Steve, won Calistoga's Citizen of the Year award in 1987.

Mr. Fellion is a current member and past president of the Native Sons of the Golden West, St. Helena. He is also a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Calistoga and an original member of the St. Helena Hall of Fame committee, which is committed to honoring high school athletes and coaches in our community.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Fellion is dedicated to serving our community and has done so for many decades. He is an involved community member who aims to give back to the community that he says raised him. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Robert Fellion here today.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 4684 ENSURING ACCESS TO QUALITY SOBER LIVING ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4684, the Ensuring Access to Quality Sober Living Act of 2018.

Opioid abuse has become a public health crisis with devastating consequences, including; overdoses, rising incidence of neonatal abstinence syndrome, homelessness, and unemployment.

H.R. 4684 ensures that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration has the resources to provide the best

practices for operating recovery houses and to distribute the information to states, and to provide technical assistance to states seeking to adopt such practices.

It is undeniable that, to ensure their path to recovery, victims of substance abuse are in need of proper recovery housing that is free from alcohol and drug use.

People suffering from addiction are in dire need of healthy living environments to ensure a successful transition.

Recovering addicts coming from an environment that does not provide the proper assistance, face many challenges and problems when they later reenter society.

Every day, over 115 Americans die after overdosing on opioids, with more than 64,000 deaths reported in the year 2016.

In 2015, 2588 opioid overdose related deaths were reported in my home state of Texas with Harris County accounting for 318 of those deaths.

It has been reported that 91 percent of victims in recovery will experience a relapse, 59 percent of those will experience a relapse within the first two weeks of sobriety, and 80 percent within a month after discharging from a detox facility.

H.R. 4684 will not only provide addicts with qualified recovery homes but healthy family oriented settings.

Medical research suggests that recovery residencies should be structured like family home, a community living environment which is centered on peer support and connection to services.

These provisions of the bill will provide victims of opioid addiction with much needed guidance.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4684 to show their support in this extremely critical moment in time and ensure that those who have fallen victim to the opioid epidemic are provided with qualified recovery housing.

RECOGNIZING SARAH GOODRICH OF SALT

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize the exemplary career of Ms. Sarah W. Goodrich on the occasion of her retirement from Schoharie Area Long Term (SALT) Development. Since 2012, Ms. Goodrich has remarkably served as the Executive Director of SALT, a non-profit group in Schoharie County, New York that works to promote sustainable community development, natural disaster recovery, and emergency preparedness.

In 2011, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee caused severe flooding and devastation throughout Schoharie County. Ms. Goodrich spearheaded volunteer efforts in the wake of these natural disasters to assist friends, neighbors, and strangers rebuild their homes and communities. Throughout these difficult times, Ms. Goodrich became a cornerstone of disaster recovery within the Schoharie region, and it was her commitment to disaster recovery in the region that directly led to the creation of SALT.

The genuine care and concern she has for her community knows no bounds. In addition to her many years cultivating SALT and making it into a beacon of community development, she has also been an active member of the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council, the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors for the Cooperative Extension of Schoharie County. In recognition and honor of her outstanding commitment to the community, Ms. Goodrich has also received countless awards and accolades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Goodrich on her much-deserved retirement from SALT. Through her ardent and humble leadership, Ms. Goodrich has been an unfaltering steward and passionate advocate for the community. Her lifetime of hard work is inspirational, and I am grateful for her many and unparalleled contributions to SALT, to Schoharie County, and to New York State.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 LITERACY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA RECOGNITION EVENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) and to congratulate the volunteers, instructors, students, community partners, and others who will be recognized at the 2018 LCNV Recognition Celebration.

The mission of LCNV is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English in order to empower them to participate more fully and confidently in their communities and in society as a whole. LCNV serves low-literacy and limited English language proficient adults with a selection of low-cost, moderately intensive courses to help them transition into the workforce or other educational opportunities. LCNV provides the crucial first steps of language and literacy proficiency for workplace, citizenship, and community integration to help adults make measurable improvements in their lives.

Each year LCNV recognizes students and members of the community who have contributed their time, energy, and resources to achieving the mission of LCNV. LCNV will also recognize the recipient of the Patricia M. Donnelly Merit Scholarship. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2018 LCNV honorees and scholarship recipient:

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Cox Charities.

Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships.

Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Douglas 'Kim' Lutz.

Teaching Team of Margaret Breen and Laura Schell.

Library Team of Sally Eckard and Bruce Miller.

PATRICIA M. DONNELLY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
Faustine Coulibaly.

I also want to recognize those volunteers who are celebrating service anniversaries with LCNV. Volunteers are being recognized for service milestones of 5, 10 and 15 years respectively.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

15 years: Kathleen Nebhut, Dianne Rankin, Judith Sapienza.

10 years: Rob Abbot, Renee Dexter, Kristen Landry, Jeffrey Randorf, Lynne Sprung.

5 years: Michael Carpenter, Liz Castillo, Eleftheria Frances, Alyse Goldman, Donna Kooperstein, Bruce Miller, Dahlia Orleans-Pobee, Fran Perros, Paul Schoen, Nancy Simmons, Robert Sutter, Gary Voegelé.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Literary Council of Northern Virginia and in thanking and congratulating each of the honorees of the 2018 LCNV Recognition Celebration. I wish all of them great success in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL ROLING

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael Roling of Dyersville, Iowa. The highest honor in the Boy Scouts is achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Only 4 percent of all scouts meet the requirements to earn the Eagle Scout Award. A Scout, such as Michael, requires tremendous dedication and hard work to rise through the ranks.

In earning this title, Michael spent over 100 hours building a beautiful archery shelter, on display for his community to enjoy. He deserves special recognition for this important accomplishment. The challenges he faced earning this rank will serve him well in his mission of greater service to his family and community. I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5228 STOP COUNTERFEIT DRUGS BY REGULATING AND ENHANCING ENFORCEMENT NOW (SCREEN ACT)

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5228, the Stop Counterfeit Drugs by Regulating and Enhancing Enforcement Now Act, or the SCREEN Act.

Mr. Speaker, one way the nation can express its concern for our citizens' health is by addressing the issue regarding counterfeit drugs and synthetic opioids.

Among other things, H.R. 5228 will strengthen the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to combat counterfeit drugs, illegal and synthetic opioids, and opioid-like substances.

Because the capabilities of counterfeit drugs and opioids are rapidly and continuously evolving, there is no single technology that provides long-term assurance of drug security.

H.R. 5228 will implement new, holistic technology to better protect our drug supply.

Opioids are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin.

All opioids are chemically related and interact with opioid receptors on nerve cells in the body and brain.

According to a recent study, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report there were 63,632 drug overdose deaths in 2016 in America, 42,249 of which were related to opioid overdoses.

This issue directly affects my state of Texas, because in 2016, there were 1,375 opioid-related overdose deaths, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In the city of Houston alone, there were 364 drug-related overdose deaths.

Another issue that H.R. 5228 will address is the prevalence of counterfeits, or fake medicines which are produced and sold with the intent to deceptively represent its authenticity or effectiveness.

Fake medicine may contain harmful or inactive ingredients that harm users, or might have the right active ingredient but at the wrong dosage.

Counterfeit drugs are illegal and can be harmful to your health.

Mr. Speaker, critics of the FDA say the entire screening system is underutilized and filled with incomplete and late information.

By enacting H.R. 5228, the FDA will have the authority to combat the scourge of opioids and counterfeit drugs.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5228.

HONORING CORPORAL ALEX NEUBE

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Corporal Alex Neube.

After joining the United States Army in 1951, Mr. Neube was deployed to Korea, where he fought courageously and quickly ascended to the rank of Corporal. During his tour of duty in the Korean War, he was involved in an intense firefight with opposing forces in which he was injured. Yet after recovering in a military hospital, Corporal Neube would return to the battlefield to complete the valiant effort of liberating our ally and defending democracy.

After the completion of his tour in 1953, he returned to the United States, and was placed in the ready reserves where he remained until honorably discharged in 1957. Upon his exit from the military, he married Estelle Mangin. Together, they would raise six children. Growing through adolescence with the values of his father, their youngest, Brian, was inspired to enlist in the United States Air Force, where he would remain until 2014, retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant.

Corporal Neube is the perfect example of an ideal soldier. Honor. Duty. Sacrifice. These values embody everything Corporal Neube stands for. Without the courage of Americans like him, we would have no one to uphold our values and defend our freedoms so that our democratic ideals may exist in peace.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize such a deserving man, Corporal Alex Neube. I thank him for his patriotism, and I salute him for everything he has done for this great nation.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS 2018 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations Citizen of the Year Awards. The Federation is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations who work together to promote and support initiatives that will benefit all. Each year, the federation honors individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community. I am honored to recognize the following individuals for their service to our community:

2018 Citizen of the Year: Gary Ambrose: A passionate advocate on behalf of those with mental illness and substance abuse disorders, Gary is an active member of National Alliance on Mental Illness, Concerned Fairfax, the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, and the Steering Committee of the Fairfax County Veterans Treatment Docket. Since 2013, he has served on the board of directors for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, two years as chairman. He is also the Chairman of Fairfax County's Diversion First Stakeholders Group. In 2016, he was recognized by the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards with the Senator Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr. Award.

Citation of Merit: Barbara Lipka: Following a 35-year career with the Fairfax County Planning Commission, including the last 14 years as Executive Director, since 2013 Barbara has focused her retirement activities primarily on women's empowerment. Barbara has served as the Sully District representative on the County Commission for Women since 2013, and is currently its Vice-Chairwoman. Since 2014, Barbara has also served on the Executive Board of the National Association of Commission for Women, including 2 years as Treasurer. In addition, she has served in various capacities at the local, District, and International levels of Zonta International, which strives to advance the status of women through service and advocacy.

Citation of Merit: Lyle "Chet" McLaren: Chet has served on the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Trails and Sidewalk Committee, the Environmental Quality Advisory Council, and the Tree Commission, to name a few. He has also served as President of the North Springfield Elementary School PTA, the Annandale High School PTA, the Annandale High School Band Boosters, the North Springfield Swim Club, and coach for the North Springfield Little League. In addition, Chet has also volunteered immeasurable hours to his North Springfield community and its nearby schools and parks, and was instrumental in the creation of the Friends of Lake Accotink Park.

Citation of Merit: Richard Raines: Since October, 2003, Reserve Deputy Richard Raines has volunteered more than 23,500 hours with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Initially assigned to review and update the Sheriff's Office emergency plans and standard operating procedures, he assisted in the submission of applications for federal grants for the enhancement of security of the Fairfax County judicial