

behalf of others and to congratulate the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its 35th anniversary.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the recipients of the 2018 ACE Awards:

Committee of the Year—NOVA B2G Conference Steering Committee

Small Business of the Year—Tagence

Medium Business of the Year—AOC Key Solutions

Large Business of the Year—SOS International, LLC

Member of the Year—Dave and JoAnne Adams Group—Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

New Member of the Year—Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant

Volunteer of the Year—Omicron Kappa Kappa Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Young Professional of the Year—Colin May Pinnacle Award—Charles Kapur, Access National Bank

Presidential Award—Tom Maddon, Visual Impact Productions

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2018 ACE Award honorees for their tremendous contributions and in thanking them for their service. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and all of its members for lending their time and energy to the betterment of our community.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOYCE AND LARRY NEWMAN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Joyce and Larry Newman of Clarinda, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on June 3, 2018.

Joyce and Larry's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

#### RECOGNIZING THE MANASSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 2018 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the City of Manassas Police Department and its outstanding members who have dem-

onstrated superior dedication to ensuring the safety of their colleagues and members of the community and their designation as 2018 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients. The annual Valor Awards ceremony recognizes the remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals. For the past 32 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service.

Incorporated in 1975, the 10 square miles of the City of Manassas is located thirty miles southwest of the Nation's Capital and surrounded by Prince William County. Recognized as a "Gold Standard with Excellence Agency" by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the City of Manassas Police Department maintains a proactive approach to crime prevention built on established relationships within the community. As a result, the 120 employees maintain a high-level of professionalism, dedication, and commitment to the more than 41,000 residents.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the City of Manassas Police Department law enforcement professionals. These brave men and women put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. In recognition of their acts of valor, the following individuals are being honored for their extraordinary dedication and outstanding performance under unusually difficult or dangerous circumstances.

Valor Merit Award: Officer Luis Armas, Officer Nicole Arrington, Communications Supervisor Jeremy Bergeron.

Valorous Unit Award: Officer John Casteline, Officer Jeff Shubert, K9 Officer Rex, Detective Andrew Speights, Sergeant Chris Shields.

Hillary Robinette Valor Award: Master Detective A. Geovani Barahona.

Silver Award for Valor: Sergeant Jake Martz, Officer Jon Casteline, Officer Colin Heinke, Officer Steve Shillingburg, Officer Chris Sutton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2018 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients of the City of Manassas Police Department. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all City of Manassas Police Department law enforcement professionals, for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

#### RECOGNIZING DAVID J. MOLCHANY

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. David J. Molchany on his retirement from Fairfax County government after a long and distinguished career. Dave currently serves as the Deputy County Executive for Fairfax County, a position he also held during my time as a Member and Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. I was

proud to partner with him on many efforts to improve the lives of the citizens of Fairfax County.

Dave's career with Fairfax County began in 1995 with the Department of Information Technology as CIO of Fairfax County, a role he held until 1997, when he was appointed as Deputy County Executive. Dave's portfolio in this role was extensive, as he was responsible for overseeing the following areas within the Fairfax County government: Fairfax County Public Library and Archives, Department of Information Technology, Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Services, Department of Vehicle Services, Facilities Management Department, Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs, Environmental and Energy Programs, and HIPAA Compliance. Dave has also chaired the e-Government Steering Committee, the Energy and Efficiency Conservation Committee, and is responsible for the County's Arts Committee.

During my tenure as Chairman, my colleagues and I created an Environmental Vision for Fairfax County, the first comprehensive environmental agenda of its kind for local government. Implementation and oversight of this plan fell to Dave's office and the careful consideration and proficiency with which he directed these efforts ensured that the County not only continued to strive to meet the goals, but in fact achieved some results ahead of schedule. His efforts are part of the reason why Fairfax County has created a model for sustainability programs across the region and indeed across the entire country. Another area that should be highlighted is Dave's management of the IT side of the County government. As one might expect from an entity with tens of thousands of employees, more than one million residents and a budget in the billions of dollars, the County government's IT infrastructure is massive and complex. Dave's expertise in enterprise architecture, application development and support, data management, cybersecurity, and other related areas is crucial to the effective operation of the county. In recognition of his immeasurable contributions in this area, Dave has received numerous awards and accolades including Governing Magazine's Public Officials of the Year (2003), Federal Computer Week Magazine's "Federal 100" (2003), Computerworld Magazine's Premier 100 Informational Technology Leaders (2002), Government Technology Magazine's "25 Doers, Dreamers, and Drivers of Information Technology (2002), and Public Technology Institute's Technology Leadership Award for Large Jurisdictions (2002).

Mr. Speaker, the residents and public servants of Fairfax County have benefited enormously from Dave Molchany's commitment and leadership. I thank him for his great service to his community and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on his retirement and in wishing him continued success.

#### IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 449 SYNTHETIC DRUG AWARENESS ACT OF 2017

#### 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. 449, the Synthetic Drug

Awareness Act of 2017, which requires the Surgeon General to report to Congress on the public health effects of the increased use since January 2010 by individuals who are 12 to 18 years old of drugs developed and manufactured to avoid control under the Controlled Substances Act.

The term synthetic drug means a drug which is developed and manufactured to avoid control under the Controlled Substances Act.

There are more than 200 identified synthetic drug compounds and more than 90 different synthetic drug marijuana compounds.

Many of these synthetic drugs are made in foreign countries and then smuggled into the United States.

These clandestinely-made drugs have no manufacturing safety standards that are normally required by the Food and Drug Administration.

Synthetic opioids have surpassed prescription opioids as the most common drug class involved in overdose deaths in the United States.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, fentanyl-related deaths nationwide are up from previous years by 73 percent.

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid created using man-made chemical components rather than naturally occurring ingredients, is 50–100 times more potent than morphine.

Overall, drug overdose deaths involving fentanyl-type drugs in the United States rose from about 3,000 in 2010 to more than 19,400 in 2016.

The rate of teen drug overdose deaths in the United States climbed 19 percent from 2014 to 2015, from 3.1 deaths per 100,000 teens to 3.7 per 100,000.

The number of American teens to die of a drug overdose leapt by almost a fifth in 2015 after seven years of decline.

The opioid epidemic claimed more than 52,000 lives in 2015.

In Texas, Synthetic opioids account for almost one-fifth of drug related overdoses.

In 2016, there were 1,375 opioid-related overdose deaths in Texas specifically, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Last year, 364 drug-related overdose deaths happened in Houston.

Synthetic marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin top the list of drug-related problems in the Houston area.

Geographically, death rates from overdoses involving synthetic opioids increased in 21 states, with 10 states doubling their rates from 2016 to 2017.

No area of the United States is exempt from this epidemic—we all know a friend, family member or loved one devastated by opioids.

H.R. 449 is a positive step in the right direction, I urge my colleagues to vote Yes on H.R. 449, the Synthetic Drug Awareness Act of 2017.

CONGRATULATING GARY LEE ON WINNING THE ADIRONDACK COUNCIL'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate retired Forest Ranger

Gary Lee on winning the Adirondack Council's Special Recognition Award.

The Adirondack Council's Special Recognition Award acknowledges an individual for contributions to the Council's mission of ensuring ecological integrity and wild character of the Adirondack Park. This year's winner, Gary Lee, has dedicated over 30 years of his life to wildlife conservation in the North Country. As a New York State Forest Ranger, Gary worked at the West Canada Lakes Wilderness and Moose River Plains Wild Forest. His achievements include producing the New York State Breeding Bird Atlas and banding birds on Four Brothers Island in Lake Champlain as well as at the Crown Point Bird Banding Station. Through his passion for birdwatching, photography, and writing, as well as his extensive knowledge of Adirondack wildlife, Gary has been instrumental in preserving our natural places and natural species of the Adirondacks.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Gary on his well-deserved award, and thank him for his continued commitment to protecting the Adirondack Park, its natural resources, and its native species.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL  
EHRlich ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Michael L. Ehrlich on the occasion of his retirement from the Fairfax County Public School System following an exceptional 30-year career in education. I thank him for his life-long dedication to fine arts education and to thousands of music students in Northern Virginia.

Michael Ehrlich was born and raised in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. While in high school, he was an active member of the band and choral programs. Upon graduation in 1974, Michael spent two years as a saxophonist with the Air Force Band of the East stationed at McGuire AFB, New Jersey. In 1977, he began his college career at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and received his degree in music and theatre in 1981. He then returned to Pennsylvania where he taught private saxophone and voice lessons. He also performed in and directed musical theatre for community theatre groups in the area. In 1983, Michael moved to Northern Virginia and established the foundation of his musical career here, teaching private saxophone and voice lessons and performing in and directing musical theater for several local community theater groups.

Michael accepted a teaching position at W.T. Woodson High School in 1988. At that time, only 30 students were participating in the choral program.

During his 30-year tenure, Michael expanded the program, which now includes 250 students in six different choirs.

Under his leadership, the W.T. Woodson High School choirs have consistently received superior ratings at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) choral festival, and

have been invited to perform at many other venues and conventions. The Select Women's Ensemble performed for the VMEA convention in 1993, 1999, and 2014 as well as for the Southern Division, American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) convention in 1998, 2006, and 2012.

The Select Vocal Ensemble was a winner of the WGMS classical radio station/GEICO Young Artists in the Community contest and was honored to perform at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theatre Millennium Stage and at the Concert Hall. In the summers of 1999, 2006, 2009, 2012, and 2015, a group of select singers traveled to Europe and performed at venues in Austria, Switzerland, Italy, and France. Highlights of the tour included a singing mass at Notre Dame and also a performance at a wreath-laying ceremony at the American Cemetery in Normandy, France. In addition to his work with the choral groups, Michael was also the vocal director and pit orchestra conductor for W.T. Woodson High School's musical theater performances.

Michael's dedication and commitment to this craft and to his students has been recognized locally and nationally, along with his influence on music education. Michael is listed in the Who's Who Among American Teachers, was nominated for Fairfax County Teacher of the Year, and was named a USA Today—All USA Teacher. He was also a recipient of the 2004–2005 Wolf Trap Performing Arts Center Scholarship for Teachers and was inducted into the East Stroudsburg High School Music Hall of Fame. In addition, Michael received the Sydney Swiggett award and was the inaugural recipient of the W.T. Woodson Parent Teacher Student Organization's Teacher of the Year award.

Perhaps most importantly, Michael is an educator who is beloved by his students, their parents and his colleagues, myself among them. Michael was my daughter Caitlin's chorus teacher during her time at W.T. Woodson High School and our family remembers that time with warm appreciation. His joy in sharing his passion for music with his students is contagious and inspires them to strive for excellence not only in their choral performances, but in all aspects of their lives.

As a lifetime supporter of the arts, I believe that fine arts education is critical to the emotional and intellectual development of our youth and our society as a whole. Michael has dedicated his life to this principle and the lives of countless young people and their families have been improved and enriched as a result of his commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating my friend Michael Ehrlich on his retirement and in wishing him great success in his future endeavors. Although he may be officially stepping away from high school music education, I have no doubt that he will continue to advocate for the arts and for the joy they bring to our lives. On behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Virginia and on behalf of my family, I thank him for his service to our community and for his steadfast dedication to the promotion of fine arts and to the education of our youth. I wish him all the best in his retirement.