

Blanton also field anchored annual coverage from the site of the Oklahoma City Bombing on the tragic event's three-year anniversary.

Ms. Blanton was named to the inaugural Virginian Pilot Inside Business Top 40 Under 40. She has won numerous awards from the Society of Professional Journalists and the Associated Press for her work as an anchor and reporter. She has also received several community service awards including a Silver Star Legacy Award from the Urban League of Hampton Roads. And in 2019, she received the American Heart Association's Social Impact Media Award.

Her service to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the National Association of Black Journalists demonstrates her heart for service. She fervently fights to strengthen ties to the local community through media awareness. Ms. Blanton's dedication as a leader within our community is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Ms. Blanton's leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Coastal Virginia has significantly benefited from her presence.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO TOM LUND

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special recognition to Tom Lund, of Marion County, Kentucky, for his remarkable career and outstanding contributions to the local community and beyond. This year marks his retirement and I want to congratulate him for many decades of success.

After living and working in several areas across the country, Tom came to Marion County in 1992 to serve as Economic Development Director. His long-term vision for economic growth and his pragmatic approach to attracting industry led to a remarkable 27-year career in the Region.

When Tom began his work in Marion County the area had only a few industries. Now, the community boasts over 34 industries and is considered the manufacturing center of Central Kentucky. His efforts have also led to greater ease of transportation and broader access to water resources and local industry.

Once again, I want to congratulate Tom Lund on his notable career and recent retirement. I thank him for being an exceptional leader and advocate for economic opportunity in the 1st Congressional District of Kentucky.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. Norman. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Friday, December 6th, due to a family emergency.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 652; YEA on Roll Call No. 653; and NAY on Roll Call No. 654.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING FOUNDATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation on its 30th anniversary. With the core values of compassion and altruism, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation has positively impacted vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

The Good Shepherd Housing Foundation's mission is to provide housing options for those that struggle with mental health, those who face financial struggles, and in some cases both. They are able to reach these goals and support those in need through community support and the collaboration of their staff with local partners, generous volunteers and donors. Since 1989, the organization has established a variety of programs, each tailored to the needs of its clientele. Through addressing the most basic human need of safe shelter, the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation has been a vital asset to the community. For the last 30 years, the organization has demonstrated their devotion to helping those in need. It is constantly evolving and creating innovative new ways to increase its impact.

As Prince William County grows, Good Shepherd Housing provides affordable renting programs as well as transitional housing for the homeless who are affected by serious mental illness, the organization provides mental health support through the county's community services. Good Shepherd Housing Foundation understands that a safe and stable place to call home is an absolute necessity before progress can be made in addressing other underlying issues and restoring self-sufficiency. Good Shepherd Housing Foundation saves lives, and we are truly blessed to have them doing this great work in Prince William County.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me once again in congratulating the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation on its 30th anniversary. I also commend the staff, board of directors, volunteers and supporters who have worked so diligently to make the success of the last 30-years possible. I thank them for their immense contributions to our community and wish them continued success.

SALUTING SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER SANTAY

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the many accomplishments of Senior Master Sergeant Christopher Santay, who has served our nation and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania admirably for more than 30 years, including 16 years in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

After enlisting in the Army Reserves in September 1987, Senior Master Sergeant Santay completed basic training at Fort Dix in New

Jersey. For over three decades, he has dedicated his time and talents to serving our nation. Senior Master Sergeant Santay completed deployments in 2005, 2008, 2011, 2015, and 2019.

In recognition of his longstanding service, Senior Master Sergeant Santay has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the USAF Commendation Medal, the USAF Achievement Medal, the USA Achievement Medal, and the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal.

It is my sincere honor to congratulate Senior Master Sergeant Santay on his remarkable accomplishments and to thank him for his tireless devotion to Pennsylvania and our nation.

HONORING KIMBERLY JENKINS FOR RECEIVING THE WOMAN IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Kimberly Jenkins on receiving the 2020 Outstanding Woman in the Community Service Award for the Tidewater Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. This award was developed to honor women who are making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Kimberly Jenkins' lifetime of service and commitment to the promotion of respect among people of diverse backgrounds. Ms. Jenkins' generously serves the community as a CEO and President at Attie Mac Resource Group, LLC, Radio Personality of WHOV 88.1 FM and iHeart radio, Motivational Speaker, Author, and Adjunct Instructor for the University of the Virgin Island. Her service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and her church, Favor Nation in Chesapeake, demonstrates her heart for service.

Ms. Jenkins' dedication to educating and strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Ms. Jenkins' leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Coastal Virginia has significantly benefited from her presence.

HONORING DR. PAUL ANTONIK FOR BEING RECOGNIZED IN THE 2019 COHORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARDS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Paul Antonik for being recognized in the 2019 cohort of the Presidential Rank Awards.

The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 established the Presidential Rank Awards Program to recognize a select group of career members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) for

exceptional performance over an extended period of time. Dr. Paul Antonik has been recognized among the handful of individuals for the meritorious senior professional award for his work in the Department of the Air force. These individuals are recognized for a sustained record of exceptional professional, technical, and/or scientific achievement.

It is truly an honor to represent such talented, dedicated individuals in Congress. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank him for his exceptional work and wish him the best throughout the rest of your career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I missed the first vote series on Wednesday, December 11th, due to a groundbreaking ceremony for a business in my district.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 668; NAY on Roll Call No. 669; NAY on Roll Call No. 670; and NAY on Roll Call No. 671.

IN HONOR OF LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, PRINCE WILLIAM, INC. THE REWARDS AND RECOGNITION NIGHT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the Literacy Volunteers of America, Prince William, Inc. and the 2019 award recipients. These honorees have dedicated themselves to promoting educational opportunities and to continuing their own education.

LVA-PW was formed in 1991 by a local librarian, joined by other librarians and teachers to provide adult literacy services. Its mission is to teach adults the skills of reading, writing, and speaking English in order to help individuals increase their chances of success and expand their professional and personal opportunities. With the help of more than 220 professionally-trained volunteer tutors, this program helps over 700 adults each year. It is the largest adult literacy non-profit in the county and is tuition free. At the Rewards and Recognition Night LVA-PW honors the Tutor of the Year, Student of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2019 award recipients:

Tutor of the Year—Richard Cantu: Richard has been an LVA-PW volunteer tutor for over five years. He also been a 1-1 tutor and tutored an Adult Basic Education class to help low-level students improve their reading and writing skills so that they can successfully enter the GED program. Richard has been instrumental in helping over 250 students during his time in our program. His hard work and dedication have positively impacted the lives of over 800 family members. Since becoming

a volunteer, he has contributed over 550 tutoring hours and over 220 hours on other activities including lesson-planning. His students have told our staff how much they look forward to Mr. Rick's class—he always has a smile and positive outlook and is encouraging to every student he tutors.

Student of the Year—Mashood Ahmed: Mashood is originally from Pakistan and moved here less than two years ago to be with his family. Mashood has been a student in the program for just over one year. He joined this program to better his life and further his education. His goal is to improve his reading and writing to earn his GED credential and eventually attend Northern Virginia Community College. Mashood works part-time at a local school cafeteria and Wendy's in Dale City, where he practices his English on the job. Since enrolling in our program, he has had over 150 hours of instruction, is passionate about improving his literacy skills and is committed to excellence at all levels. His tutors are proud of his work and Mashood sets an example for his classmates.

Volunteer of the Year—The Waite Family: Joe, Tiffany, Dora, and Maggie are examples of exemplary citizenship and nurturing spirit in the community. For over 10 years they have supported Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. They are also active in Azalea Charities and numerous other national and community endeavors. Their consistent involvement has helped elevate the LVA-PW program this last decade.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me once again in congratulating Richard Cantu, Mashood Ahmed, and the Waite Family, on being honored by the Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. and I wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND MILITARY SERVICE OF MR. ANDREW "CLYDE" NEAVES

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and military service of World War II veteran, Mr. Andrew "Clyde" Neaves, of Saultillo, Mississippi.

Mr. Neaves served as a Weapons Repair Specialist for the 1804th Aviation Ordnance with the United States Army Air Corps beginning in 1942. During his service, he spent over two and a half years in the South Pacific. He completed his service in 1945.

After the war, Mr. Neaves returned to Saultillo, Mississippi and was an employee of Phillips Day-Brite Industries for 35 years. He started a family and had four children with his wife, Mrs. Agnes Marie Neaves. Mr. Neaves has remained active in his beloved community of Saultillo. He has served on the Saultillo Board of Alderman, was Vice-Mayor, and was a recipient of the Saultillo "Citizen of the Year" award.

This year, Mr. Neaves celebrated his 98th birthday. Mr. Neaves is an American patriot who served our great nation and continues to set an example for others to follow. I wish him many more years of good health.

HONORING VERONICA McMILLIAN FOR RECEIVING THE WOMAN IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Veronica McMillian on receiving the 2020 Outstanding Woman in the Community Service Award for the Tide-water Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. This award was developed to honor women who are making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Ms. McMillian's lifetime of service and commitment to the uplifting and inspiring presentations on empowerment and love. She generously serves the community with civility and justice.

Ms. McMillian grew up understanding the importance of being an entrepreneur and serving her community. She is a Non-Profit Consultant & Trainer, renowned for her inspiring presentation. She is the Founder/President of The Micro-Nonprofit Network Inc. founded to help small organizations grow and to provide impactful and effective programs in the communities they serve. She also serves on the board of The World-Wide Women's Group Inc. and Beacon of Hope Inc.

Ms. McMillian devoted 25 years to education, training, community outreach, program development and counseling. Using her knowledge as an educator and trainer, she has helped empower individuals and transform organizations. In 2019, she was awarded the Community Impact Award from Christian Women Alliance. In 2018, she was awarded the MLK Nonprofit award from Global Ministries. In 2011, she received The Career Engineer's Non-Profit award. And in October 2009, Mrs. McMillian received the FBI's Community Director's Award for the Boys to Men program she created in 2008.

Ms. McMillian's dedication to educating and strengthening bonds among people is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Ms. McMillian's leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Coastal Virginia has significantly benefited from her presence.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF EVELYN M. VERNIG

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary woman, Evelyn M. Vernig who passed away on November 30, 2019 at the age of 93.

Evelyn Margaret Mary Theresa Brandenburger Vernig is lovingly remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, friend and community supporter by her 7 children, 19 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, 4 siblings and countless other family and friends. In