

Ridge Middle School; Crystal Watt, Ashland Elementary School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for the Prince William County Public Schools 2018–2019 Teacher of the Year Award and in thanking them for their dedication to our children. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County Public Schools students continue to receive a world-class education in a vibrant learning environment.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASSAGE OF
THE HOUSE RESOLUTION
AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM, BIG-
OTRY AND HATRED

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, Congress made clear that there is no place for anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim, or any other hate-based rhetoric in America. In doing so, we are echoing the words of George Washington who pledged to the Jewish community in Newport, Rhode Island, that ‘the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.’

The language of anti-Semitism is often subtle, but it is very painful to Jewish Americans: they hear the implied threat and the ‘othering’ of them as Americans. We all must be mindful of the impact of our words. All hatred on the basis of religion is abhorrent, including the suggestion that all Muslims are terrorists or that Catholics owe allegiance to the Pope, accusations that have tarnished our political discourse in recent memory.

We are currently witnessing an alarming spike in anti-Semitic rhetoric and hate crimes. Just a few months ago, we witnessed the deadliest attack on American Jews in our nation’s long history, with 11 worshippers murdered while praying at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. In my community in New York City, we’ve had a 72 percent increase in hate crimes against Jews with Jewish men being attacked and beaten on the street; schools and walls defaced with Nazi symbolism; and synagogues vandalized. Elsewhere in the U.S., attacks on Jews are growing.

Last year, we heard the shameful chants of white supremacists in Charlottesville saying, ‘Jews will not replace us.’ Recently, we’ve heard the suggestion that Israel hypnotizes the world into overlooking its actions. We’ve heard that pro-Israel groups purchase U.S. support for Israel, as if the only reason American politicians would support Israel is campaign contributions and not because of our shared values and interests. We’ve heard the ancient anti-Semitic trope of dual loyalties—one that goes back thousands of years.

Words and ideas lead to action. Anti-Semitic language and hate-filled rhetoric have no place in this country and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms, which is why I was proud to join my colleagues in voting for today’s resolution.

But we also need to be proactive, and not just reactive, in our fight to combat hate and

anti-Semitism, which is why I have introduced the Never Again Education Act, H.R. 943, so that all Americans can learn about the Holocaust and the impact of anti-Semitism. We must do everything we can to eliminate anti-Semitism in the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE VIETNAM VET-
ERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 17

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) from Chapter 17 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

I foremost acknowledge their service to our country as veterans of one of the nation’s deadliest wars. These brave men and women answered our nation’s call to serve without hesitation and with the utmost commitment to service and country. Upon returning from this war, they continued their service to their brothers and sisters in arms by becoming active members of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

VVA members in southern Nevada and across the country are dedicated to improving their communities and the lives of their fellow veterans. From supplying wheelchairs to Las Vegas area veterans with disabilities, to providing countless resources to homeless veterans—including job training, providing showers and haircuts, VVA goes above and beyond in serving their community. They also advocate for their fellow returning service members, helping them with Department of Veterans Administration disability claims and appeals assistance. These forms of aid are the bedrock of their continued commitment to service of both community and their fellow veterans.

Their duty to serving their country is unwavering, and our duty to them is as well. We all are responsible to care for every veteran and servicemember as they have cared for us. No veteran should be without adequate health care, housing, or employment. Health benefits need to extend to mental health services and suicide prevention, along with benefits for Vietnam veterans suffering from the effects of Agent Orange. After service, veterans become teachers, police officers, mechanics, and more, which requires the best job training and education to set them up for success. This is our duty as citizens and elected officials, and we must do our best to uphold our end of the deal.

The positive impact and influence of the VVA Chapter 17 extends as far as the mountains that encircle the Las Vegas Valley and as close as the lives they touch through their public works. In an area with a population of hundreds of thousands of veterans, we should be so lucky to count these individuals amongst our friends and advocates.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing VVA Chapter 17 for their commitment to service, to country, and to improving the lives of countless veterans of the Las Vegas Valley.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF LEIDOS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Chairman/CEO Roger Krone and the 32,000 employees of Leidos on the occasion of the company’s 50th anniversary.

Founded in 1969 by Dr. J. Robert Beyster as Science Applications Incorporated (SAI), the company that would become Leidos was a result of Dr. Beyster’s lifelong commitment to innovation. Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1924 and raised in the midst of the Great Depression, Dr. Beyster watched as his family struggled through incredible hardships to provide for themselves. He joined the Navy after graduating from high school and served on a destroyer during World War II. With the help of the GI Bill, he attended the University of Michigan after his naval career and earned several degrees, including his Ph.D. in nuclear physics in 1950.

After earning his doctorate, Dr. Beyster spent five years working at the Los Alamos National Laboratory before spending a dozen years with General Atomics in San Diego. His time there came to an end shortly after Gulf Oil acquired General Atomics. Dr. Beyster felt that senior management had little interest in the research his department was performing. He resolved to create a company where that would never be the case and which nurtured a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. That vision led to the creation of SAI, which changed its name to SAIC in 1984.

I served as Director of Community Relations for SAIC from 2002 to 2008 and will always remember fondly my time with the company. I was pleased to be present in Congress in 2009 when SAIC made the decision to relocate its headquarters from San Diego to my district in Tysons. I’m not sure anyone, including Dr. Beyster, could have foreseen the growth that this company would experience. What began as a \$50,000 loan with Dr. Beyster’s house as collateral has evolved into a \$7 billion Fortune 500 powerhouse. In 2013, SAIC bifurcated its company into two entities; Leidos, the solutions-focused parent company and a services business spin-off which carried on the SAIC name. I am confident that both of these companies will continue the fine legacy that has been left by Dr. Beyster, Roger Krone and so many others over the last 50 years.

The impact of Leidos and SAIC is not solely confined to a profit margin or a balance sheet. Both companies have received numerous accolades for their work in their communities, including being named one of the Best Places to Work by the Human Rights Campaign in 2017, receiving an Annual Corporate Equality Index Score of 100 percent and being named one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute just last year. When I served as Director of Community Relations, I saw firsthand the engagement in and care for the community that SAIC/Leidos exhibited. The community was not merely where their facilities were located; it was their home and they treated it accordingly. We could all stand to learn from their example.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Leidos on this momentous occasion and in wishing them great success in all their future endeavors. I have no doubt that they will continue their myriad contributions to our economy, our government and our community for many more decades to come.

COMMEMORATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR MICHAEL PENDER'S PASTORSHIP OF FALLBROOK CHURCH IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, this weekend I will have the pleasure and honor of

paying tribute to Pastor Michael Pender on the 25th anniversary of his having assumed the pastorship of Fallbrook Church in Houston, Texas.

I include in the RECORD my remarks prepared for delivery at the Pastoral Appreciation Weekend event that will be held at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center.

I am Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, representing the 18th district of Texas.

It is a pleasure to speak to you all for the Fallbrook Church 25th Pastoral Appreciation Weekend and to honor Pastor Michael Pender for his commitment to not only this community but this congregation.

In 1994, Pastor Michael was just beginning to form what is now Fallbrook Church.

Pastor Michael's leadership and obedience to God has created a church that began with just four families and is now serving thousands of members every Sunday.

Fallbrook Church is committed to reaching the community and has formed partner-

ships with multiple organizations in order to continue to spread positive service and influence to the community.

Spring, Aldine and Klein school districts, the national Prison Fellowship, Compassion International Ministry, and most recently, Lone Star College are just a few examples of how influential Fallbrook and Pastor Michael have been to this community.

It warms my heart to see such a servant of God that leads with such obedience, focus, and dedication to this ministry.

I would also like to take this time to recognize Michael's beautiful wife of almost 32 years, Janice and their four lovely children Bailee, Michael Jr., Arnelle, and Colin.

I applaud everything that this ministry is doing, and I congratulate Pastor Michael Pender on his 25 years of service and leadership.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak before you today.