

# IN RECOGNITION OF HOOSAC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

## HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hoosac Valley High School girls' basketball team on winning the 2019 Massachusetts Division III championship. Hoosac Valley defeated St. Mary's (Lynn) 66–49 in the final championship game. The win capped a 21–4 season and the first State Championship for Hoosac Valley's girls' basketball team after five post-season appearances in the last six years.

The team's tremendous dedication and commitment to excellence was led by Head Coach Ronald Wojcik, and the impressive efforts on the court were led by senior captains Alie Mendel and Lexi Mercier—both thousand-point scorers—and junior captain Riley Robinson.

It gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the entire team, which also included Annie Canales, Cairagan Green, Shaliegh Levesque, Kaley Winn, Faith Hall, Abby Hugger, Rylenn Witek, Averie McGrath, Sarah Field, and Abby Bird. These student-athletes should be proud of their contributions to this victorious season that furthers the legacy of Hoosac Valley athletics.

Madam Speaker, the players, coaches, and entire school community should be very proud of their accomplishments and exemplary character. I wish the graduating seniors all the best in their future endeavors and good luck to those who will return for a chance to win again next season.

# RECOGNIZING THE 2019 DALE CITY MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND WINNERS

## HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2019 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund winners.

For 35 years, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund has been dedicated to promoting higher education by providing young adults with partial or full scholarships. Sponsored by the Dale City Christian Church and through its work with area youth and community partners, it advocates and encourages achievable independence. This is done through providing guidance and financial assistance to high school graduates and continuing this guidance as they begin their next academic chapter in higher education. In its years of service, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$300,000.00 in scholarships for higher education. Through its partnership with local leaders and other groups it has been able to unite the community and inspire these young adults.

The annual banquet honors graduating high school students as well as church and com-

munity leaders and has become a signature community event highlighting distinguished speakers and showcasing the community's "best." The Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund's mission is to "help educate the youth of today, to become outstanding citizens of tomorrow." It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2019 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards & Scholarship Fund recipients:

Pastoral Leadership Award: Pastor Gibrilla Bangura.

Religious Leadership Award: Mrs. Barbara Murphy.

Lifetime Humanitarian Award: Mrs. Joann Bagnerise.

Community Service Award: Ms. Sharon Stone, Mrs. Lisa Hicks.

Business Achievement Award: Jirani—Coffee House, Dawne Horizons—Spa & Wellness Center.

Public Service Award: Ms. Diane Raulston. Professional Leadership Award: Dr. Vanessa Gattis.

Christian Service Award: Mrs. Aleshia Thomas-Miller, Mr. Alonzo Johnson.

Faithfulness Award: Ms. Jera Stubblefield, Mr. Tyrell Allen.

Dedicated Christian Family Award: Ms. Katrese Harris & Family.

Senior Christian Service Award: Mr. Aaron Dade.

Junior Christian Service Award: Miss Jade Spurlock, Mr. Rey'Jzon Roundtree.

Youth Christian Service Award: Miss Deja Conner, Mr. Brandon Holloway.

2019 Seniors: Mr. Aaron Dade, Miss Desiree Freeman, Mr. Samuel Mitchell, Mr. Kalil Parson, Mr. Keonte Parson.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2019 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund recipients and in commending the Dale City Christian Church for its dedication and commitment to educating the leaders of tomorrow.

# HONORING FRANK BARBARO

## HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor lawyer and friend Frank Barbaro for his many years of service to Orange County.

Frank was born in Detroit, Michigan and moved to Orange County at the age of 11. He was raised by a single mother who taught him the importance of hard work and dedication to fighting for justice. At the age of 14, Frank hosted his own radio show to help young people find employment opportunities.

After attending University of Southern California for his undergraduate and law degrees, Frank started his career as an insurance defense attorney at Rodiger, Graf, Dewberry, and Spriggs. However, he soon discovered his true passion for personal injury, medical malpractice and public entity liability.

Frank has tried over 100 personal injury cases and has argued in front of appellate and supreme courts. In his landmark case Soule vs. General Motors Corporation, Frank argued

in front of the California Supreme Court and won \$1.65 million for his client Terri Soule in an automobile defect case against General Motors. Law schools across the country teach this case to discuss the consumer-expectation test for products liability. In 2018, Frank was inducted into the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association Hall of Fame.

Frank has also been a leader in our community outside of the courtroom. He has fought for judicial independence through his work with the bipartisan Committee to Preserve a Responsible Judiciary. He has served on both the Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee for Orange County and the Orange County Fair Board. Frank was also Chair of the Democratic Party of Orange County and Orange County Campaign Chair for several presidential campaigns, including President Jimmy Carter, President Barack Obama, and Secretary Hillary Clinton.

Frank is a true inspiration to our community. I am honored to pay tribute to Frank and his work on behalf of Orange County.

# TRIBUTE TO JEANNE BROBERG—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

## HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Jeanne Broberg of La Ca-ñada Flintridge, California.

Born and raised in Glendale, California, Jeanne attended Glendale public schools, graduating from Herbert Hoover High School as Valedictorian prior to attending Brigham Young University and Glendale Community College. In 1970, Jeanne and her late husband, Dr. Charles Broberg, an obstetrics and gynecology specialist, settled in La Ca-ñada Flintridge, where they raised eight children.

A selfless advocate for children and committed to enriching the lives of children, Jeanne became active in the La Ca-ñada Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), where she worked on a successful effort to have sidewalks built on La Ca-ñada Blvd., and eventually serving as President for a total of six terms of various PTAs and the Council PTA. Along with her husband, she volunteered with La Ca-ñada Flintridge schools, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America, YMCA day camps and sports programs, thespian and choral activities and the American Youth Soccer Organization.

In 1993, Mrs. Broberg was elected to the La Ca-ñada Unified School District Governing Board, where she served two terms until 2001, and was re-elected again in 2007 for a third term, serving as President for three various years. Jeanne was an active participant in the 5 Star Coalition, an affiliation of school officials from the La Ca-ñada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank school districts that addresses regional issues.

A dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in La Ca-ñada

Flintridge, Jeanne taught seminary to young people, served as President of the Young Women's Organization and President of the Church Relief Society Women's Organization. Jeanne and her husband, Charles served on a missionary trip where Dr. Broberg was a medical advisor in the Ukraine and Russia.

In addition to being a longtime volunteer with the Assistance League of Flintridge, where she served as its 2015–2016 President, Mrs. Broberg's passion for genealogy and family history led her to become Director of the La Crescenta Family History Library in 2006 and eventually, a consultant at the Santa Monica Regional Family History Center from 2012 to 2014.

For her outstanding service to the community, Jeanne received the prestigious PTA Golden Oak Award in 2012 and the La Cañadan of the Year Award from the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada in 2016.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Jeanne Broberg.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONSERVATION TRUST

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Founded in 1994, NVCT undertook a mission to sustain abundant, thriving and natural places in local neighborhoods and communities. Over the last 25 years, their efforts have led to the protection of over 7,000 acres of land, comprising parks, streams, forests and farms in both rural and urban settings. In a region of over 3 million people and growing, that is an incredible accomplishment that deserves high praise.

In Northern Virginia, we have always made an effort to preserve our parkland and green spaces. This is one of the reasons why our region continues to enjoy such a high quality of life. I was proud during my tenure as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to make environmental conservation one of my top priorities. We set a goal of preserving 10 percent of our open space as parkland. We are currently at 9.7 percent and I am confident that the future will see us reach that goal of 10 percent.

I also saw firsthand the commitment of the membership of NVCT to the goal of conservation. The late Jean Packard, who served as Chairman of the Board of NVCT, was an instrumental figure in the downzoning of the Occoquan watershed.

That decision was arguably one of the most consequential environmental decisions made by the Board of Supervisors. It is no coincidence that the healthiest streams in Fairfax County and the most scenic, ecologically intact open space are found within the boundaries of the Occoquan watershed.

The existence of organizations like NVCT is a testament to the high level of civic engagement and citizen activism that we are blessed with not only in Fairfax County, but in Northern

Virginia as a whole. The actions of governments, while important, will never be sufficient by themselves. Organizations like NVCT provide an invaluable supplement, which ensures that we will continue to prioritize preservation and conservation of our natural resources for future generations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust on 25 years of preserving nature. I commend them for their service to our community and our region and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

CORY HENRY

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cory Henry for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Cory is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Cory is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cory Henry for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### HONORING LONGTIME CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST NATIVO VIRGIL LOPEZ

##### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor Nativo Virgil Lopez, a longtime civil rights activist and a powerful voice and advocate for the immigrant community. A sixth-generation Mexican-American, Nativo Virgil Lopez was born in Los Angeles and raised in Norwalk. As a high school student, he was inspired to grassroots immigrant rights activism by the national movement against the Vietnam War, due to the high numbers of deaths and wounded of Latinos and African Americans.

In 1982 he founded the Orange County chapter of Hermandad Mexicana Nacional (HMN) based in Santa Ana, an organization dedicated to improving the social and political conditions of Latinos in the United States. He

was involved in successful efforts to win a large-scale amnesty for undocumented immigrants in 1986, and the years-long campaign to allow undocumented immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses in the 1990s.

In 1996 Lopez and Hermandad was instrumental on a Latino get-out-the-vote drive that helped Loretta Sanchez win California's 46th District seat in the U.S. Congress.

In 1996 Nativo was elected as a trustee of the Santa Ana Unified School District and served through 2003. Backed by the MALDEF—Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund—he claimed that the practice of printing initiative and recall petitions in English-only was a violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. This led to the state requiring Spanish-language petitions statewide in 2002, and local jurisdictions also providing multilingual election materials.

Nativo was a key co-organizer of the 2006 United States immigration reform protests. Over 500,000 people marched for comprehensive immigration reform in those marches in Los Angeles and Santa Ana. Nativo was leader in making this a reality.

Nativo has been a previous member of LULAC and has renewed his 2019 membership with Santa Ana LULAC Council No. 147. He has worked closely with LULAC National President Domingo Garcia to stop the building of the border wall and continuing his struggle for the adoption of a comprehensive immigration reform that has a smooth pathway towards citizenship.

Nativo Lopez is truly a fighter for the immigrant community, and I am proud to honor his commitment to the community.

#### CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OF MR. D. SCOTT KARNs

##### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 8, 2019*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and celebrate Mr. D. Scott Karns, a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, mentor, business owner and community leader from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Messiah College with a B.S. in Business Administration, Mr. Karns joined his father, David, at the family grocery business, Karns Quality Foods, in 1977. Upon joining the company, Scott began learning every facet of the business, and in 1989, he succeeded his father as Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Karns takes great pride in operating Karns Quality Foods with his family, which has grown to eight stores in Central Pennsylvania that total over 370,000 square feet, employs over 1,200 associates, and serves 100,000 customers each week. Mr. Karns and his team have capitalized on the advantages of a locally-owned and -operated business by catering directly to their customers' needs and requests. Their hard work and dedication has resulted in Karns Quality Foods recognition as the premier meat and seafood store in the greater Harrisburg area.

In addition to his business leadership, Mr. Karns recently was honored by the Boy Scouts of America New Birth of Freedom