

and Morning Star Baptist Church in Enterprise, Alabama. In 1989, Rev. Hayes was called to be the pastor and spiritual leader of Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia and he and his family moved to the Fountain City.

For the past 30 years, he has served as a guiding light and beacon of hope for the congregation of Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church and the Columbus community. Rev. Hayes believes that you enter the church to worship, but you leave to serve. Therefore, his ministry has been to take the church and the teachings of Christ beyond the church building into the community and throughout the world.

Outside of the church, Rev. Hayes has also proved himself a true servant of the communities in which he has lived. At the age of 26, he became the Chairman of the Coffee County, Alabama branch of the Alabama Democratic Conference, a post that he held for eight years. Years later, he was appointed by then Georgia Governor Zell Miller and later Governor Roy Barnes to serve on Georgia's Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. Having seen issues arise with human trafficking, he was moved to open two group homes for girls. Because of his love for young people, he opened a counseling center called "Mentoring Youth." As a result of his tremendous advocacy and support for the Columbus community, on August 8, 2017, the Council of the Columbus Consolidated Government named the intersection of 6th Street and 6th Avenue as "C. Medley Hayes Way."

Always seeking to improve his craft in discipleship and Christian ministry, he has been a longtime member of the National Baptist Convention, USA; General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia (G.M.B.C.); Fourth District of G.M.B.C.; Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Association; along with many other faith-based organizations.

The great agricultural chemist, Dr. George Washington Carver once said that, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Reverend Hayes has gone far in his ministry and in life because of his love for all people in the same vein as his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On a personal note, Rev. Hayes has been a great friend and supporter over the many years I have known him. I value his wise counsel and sage advice. He never told me only what I wanted to hear, but always told me what I needed to hear. And for that, I am grateful.

Reverend Hayes has achieved much in his life, but none of it would be possible but for the Grace of God and the love and the support of his wife, Stephanie, and their children, Leon, Lester, Tonya, Alyssa, Tiffany, and Sophia. Rev. Hayes is man of great accomplishment, an outstanding mentor, and a strong leader, but above all, he is a faithful servant of God.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the congregation of Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church and the 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in congratulating Rev. Dr. C. Medley Hayes on the joyous occasion of his 30th pastoral anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREVENT BLOOD LOSS WITH EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT DEVICES ACT OF 2019

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Prevent Blood Loss with Emergency Equipment Devices Act of 2019—the Prevent BLEEDing Act—legislation that would expand access to Bleeding Control Kits (BCKs) in public gathering places across the country. I would like to thank my colleague, Dr. BRAD WENSTRUP, for introducing this legislation with me, which will help to save lives during emergency situations.

Approximately 214,000 people die every year from traumatic incidents. Motor vehicle crashes, shootings, natural disasters, and workplace accidents, to name just a few, oftentimes result in situations where people suffer traumatic blood loss. Such an injury can lead to death within five minutes, where many of these deaths can be prevented. The Prevent BLEEDing Act will help states to distribute thousands of BCKs to schools, libraries, places of worship, concert venues, shopping malls, and any other place where people gather, while providing staff and volunteers at these facilities with the necessary training to utilize the materials.

Following the disaster at Sandy Hook in December 2012, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as well as others in the medical community, the federal government, and the U.S. military, convened the Joint Committee to Create a National Policy to Enhance Survivability from Active Shooter Events and Intentional Mass Casualty. The committee's recommendations are called the Hartford Consensus, and they led to the establishment of the Stop the Bleed Program, a national awareness campaign to train and equip everyday Americans with the skills to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. To date, Stop the Bleed has trained nearly 125,000 Americans anti blood-loss skills, empowering them to help prevent unnecessary deaths from blood loss.

This legislation builds on that program's successes by amending the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make it easier for states to apply for BCKs through the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). By making these materials more accessible during times of disaster, bystanders with little or no medical training can save lives when confronted with traumatic injury, similar to the use of CPR or automatic defibrillators (AEDs).

Madam Speaker, this bill will help save lives. We can't prevent disasters, but we can help to ensure we are ready to respond to them. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CONGRATULATING SUE MALAHY FOR WINNING THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sue Malahy for winning the Gold-

en Apple Award. Ms. Malahy is the first educator from downstate Illinois who has received this award.

Ms. Malahy serves as the Principal at Charles Lindbergh Middle School in Peoria, Illinois. Upon receiving the award, she was greeted in the school's gymnasium by golden balloons and singing middle school students to show their appreciation for her work and congratulate her on this outstanding achievement. Ms. Malahy has earned the admiration of her colleagues and students through her leadership. After five years with Ms. Malahy as principal, Lindbergh Middle School is known for having a positive culture for students and teachers to grow and support one another inside and outside of the classroom. One of the areas where Ms. Malahy has led the way is helping teachers use data to recognize students' achievements. In addition, she has introduced programs for students to arrive early before school to study subjects such as algebra and Spanish. As a result of winning this award, her middle school will receive a prize to put towards enhancements at the school, while Ms. Malahy will use her prize to help prepare Illinois undergraduate students interested in pursuing a career in education. I applaud Ms. Malahy's successful efforts to make her school a better place to learn.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Ms. Malahy that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Ms. Malahy on winning the Golden Apple Award.

HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS OF LONDONDERRY, VERMONT ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Neighborhood Connections of Londonderry, Vermont which will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on May 17th. I especially want to recognize the vision of its two founding partners, Dr. Dolores Barbeau and Gloria Dawson, who identified a need in their community and had the energy and skills to deliver results that have improved the lives of their neighbors.

Today Neighborhood Connections serves nine towns in rural, south-central Vermont. This is an area of my state where many residents are vulnerable to poverty, food and employment insecurity, lack of transportation, mental and physical health issues, disability, isolation and simply not knowing where to turn for basic support.

Neighborhood Connections is a vital organization committed to welcoming all people through its doors, regardless of challenge or financial status, to help them navigate a range of personal difficulties by connecting them with all forms of available assistance. Its focus is on the most vulnerable and those who face barriers to care.

It offers a myriad of services from connecting people to transportation, housing, heating and employment assistance to helping people access disability and income benefits,

Medicare, Medicaid and tax preparation assistance. The small professional staff offers counseling, crisis management assistance and home visits primarily to elderly and disabled residents. They “walk with” those they serve, offering support for “as long as it takes.” In a given year, Neighborhood Connections delivers over 1,200 services to individuals and families, 90 percent of whom fall below the federal poverty level and 80 percent of whom have significant mental or physical health issues.

Neighborhood Connections is committed to the “total well-being” of communities to improve health and quality of life for all. In short, it exists to foster hope, particularly for vulnerable individuals and families, by delivering care and connecting everyone who walks through its doors to comprehensive wellbeing support.

The motto of Neighborhood Connections is simple: “Neighbors Helping Neighbors.” For ten years they have been fulfilling their vital mission and I know they will continue their work for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I urge the House to join me today in paying tribute to Neighborhood Connections, Dolores Barbeau, and Gloria Dawson for the countless ways they have improved the quality of life for people in south-central Vermont. Congratulations on this remarkable milestone and best wishes for many more years of success.

THE JEFFERSON CENTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud The Jefferson Center for receiving the 2019 Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award for a non-profit organization.

To receive this award an organization must maintain integrity, conviction and possess high ethical standards demonstrated by the treatment of customers, employees, community and the environment. The Jefferson Center checks all those boxes. The Jefferson Center is a mental health and substance use organization committed to making mental health care accessible to all. Each year, The Jefferson Center helps bring hope for a brighter future to thousands of community members who struggle with mental health and substance abuse disorders and individuals whose mental health problems contribute to difficulties at work or school or who have endured hospitalization, homelessness, or even involvement with the juvenile or criminal justice system.

The Jefferson Center's programs and services serve people of all ages and encourage recovery and resiliency of clients throughout their treatment. Their services include outpatient counseling, 24-hour emergency services, wellness classes, recovery-focused support groups, vocational services, homeless prevention assistance and school-based counseling. Because The Jefferson Center offices are throughout our neighborhoods, the Center's staff members are intertwined in the community and provide personal care to the people they treat.

I extend my deepest congratulations to The Jefferson Center for this well-deserved recognition by the Golden Rotary Club.

RECOGNIZING EVAN PRESS

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a San Fernando Valley native and constituent of mine, Evan Press.

Mr. Press has worked tirelessly to improve the Greater San Fernando Valley and give back to his community. Earning a degree in Political Science from our state schools at UC Berkeley and San Francisco State University as well as a Certificate in Financial Planning from UCLA, Mr. Press briefly worked in San Francisco for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Thereafter he brought his wealth of knowledge to our community's Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Press began his work in the Chamber of Commerce in 2015 where he worked his way up from serving as the Chairman on the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee to leading the Chamber as Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Press helped establish the San Fernando Valley Regional Foundation, which advances economic, community, and educational development in the area. Further, while Board Chair, the Chamber's Job Training Program expanded with over 800 workers learning management and leadership skills. Mr. Press has shown his clear commitment to the financial success of his community by working to promote San Fernando's small businesses. As Chairman, Mr. Press advocated to decrease costs and streamline the process for the Valley's emerging independent brewing industry. He worked with Valley entrepreneurs to help them navigate the difficulties of opening new stores and setting up new businesses. Even in retirement, Mr. Press continues to serve the San Fernando Valley as an Independent Financial Consultant.

I applaud Mr. Press and his commitment to our community. Such a prominent business leader and respected community member deserves recognition. I hope Mr. Press' efforts inspire other Angelenos to dedicate themselves to the economic success of their neighbors and the Greater San Fernando Valley.

CONGRATULATING THE PEANUT & TREE NUT PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION ON ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating The Peanut & Tree Nut Processors Association (PTNPA). The PTNPA was established in 1939 and is proud to be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2019.

Headquartered in Virginia's 8th Congressional District, the PTNPA is an association of leading nut industry companies and representatives. PTNPA member companies range from large global organizations to small family-owned businesses that focus on the food industry production of peanuts and tree nuts—along with companies who supply equipment

and services critical to the nut industry. The PTNPA also works closely with nut and food industry associations, alliances, and coalitions.

PTNPA member companies generate billions of dollars in today's global economy and are growing in response to consumer interests and demands. Eighty percent of PTNPA's employees are constituents of mine lead by Executive Director Jeannie Shaughnessy. The vision of the PTNPA is to be “The Voice of America's Nut Industry”.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the association and its members on their 80th anniversary.

OATH CEREMONY ON MAY 10, 2019

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on May 10, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On May 10, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Amorette Jackson Vorkpor, Ragubir Singh Rathore, Zeyad Khalaf Al Sedra Al Sedra, Bushra Thamer Mohsin, Jason Christopher Richardson, Sana Hajira Kendrix, Mari Diaz, Marisol Lopez Pantoja, Felipe Garcilazo Garcilazo, Alexandros Angelos Taflanidis, Henry G. Huang, Carlos Magdaleno, Teodora Orduno Gutierrez, Geena Jikyung Kam, Natalie B. Leonov, Andres Loza, Ying-Ling Lin, Araceli Magdaleno, Janet V. Fatti, Mourad Takawi, Veronica Gonzalez, Qusai M. Odeh, Ana Delia Aleman Lorenzo, Estela Reyes, Boubacar Bouka Gamby, Norma Alicia Garmendiz, Mika Trivunovic, Adrian Jaesim, Hisham Mahmoud Salih Abidallh and Stanislaw Antonina Malochleb.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.