

NARFE is a national organization that was founded in 1921 to support both active and retired federal employees. It functions as an information resource, keeping its members up-to-date on federal retirement, health care, compensation and other benefits that affect federal employees and retirees. It also advocates on behalf of its members to protect and enhance the benefits they have earned.

With well over 1,000 chapters nationwide, NARFE also serves as a source of community engagement. It unites public servants and provides them with opportunities to do what they do best: serve their community.

Today, I would like to recognize the past and current members and leaders of NARFE Chapter 1116. They have contributed to a thriving civil society in Northern Virginia and are part of the backbone that makes both our community and this country great. I would like to specifically recognize President Kathy Arpa and the other officers and board members for their dedication and efforts on behalf of our current and retired federal employees.

The federal government cannot function effectively and efficiently without the hard work and commitment of our exceptional civil servants. NARFE Chapter 1116 has advocated and supported our public servants for the past 50 years and I am honored to recognize the Chapter on this occasion.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating NARFE Chapter 1116 for 50 years of service to our federal workers and to wish them continued success protecting the rights of current and future federal workers and retirees.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on June 10, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 242, Roll Call Vote 243, and Roll Call Vote 244. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 242, Yea on Roll Call Vote 243, and Yea on Roll Call 244.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRS CRISISLINK

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize PRS CrisisLink on its 50th anniversary. This occasion carries great significance for my family and I, as my wife is co-chair of the Congressional Spouses for Suicide Prevention and Education.

PRS CrisisLink is a free 24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention program that offers a free and confidential crisis and suicide prevention hotline for Northern Virginia and the Washington, D.C. region.

Under the leadership of Wendy Gradison, PRS CrisisLink continues to evolve into a highly important resource within our community. Based on a 2009 report by the Substance

Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, PRS CrisisLink has determined that an estimated 72,000 residents of Northern Virginia have a serious mental illness with the majority of whom not receiving treatment. Given the high numbers of persons with mental illness, PRS seeks ways to serve those in need through a variety of programs.

PRS CrisisLink hotlines are staffed by highly trained volunteers and crisis line workers who provide helpful information about community services, referrals to mental health services and tips on how to help those struggling with mental health issues.

With many community members in Northern Virginia and the Washington, D.C. region still in dire need of mental health services and support, PRS CrisisLink aims to further expand service delivery to reach as many individuals as possible.

Each year, PRS serves more than 1,100 clients. Last year alone the volunteers and staff at CrisisLink responded to 45,000 phone calls. I commend the staff and volunteers for their selfless service to our community. The tools they provide to help individuals with mental illness live with dignity and become fully integrated members of our community.

Madam Speaker, programs like PRS CrisisLink are a testament to good community leadership and further evidence that we live in a community that cares. I commend the staff and volunteers of PRS CrisisLink for the life-saving work they do every day on behalf of others. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating PRS CrisisLink on its 50th anniversary and in thanking them for their continued service to our community.

#### TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS AVAILABILITY ACT

##### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the "Transportation Emergency Relief Funds Availability Act" to safeguard federal funding for disaster-recovery projects.

I want to thank my colleagues from California's Congressional delegation for their support: Representatives JARED HUFFMAN (D-CA2), MIKE THOMPSON (D-CA5), MARK DESAULNIER (D-CA11), BARBARA LEE (D-CA13), JACKIE SPEIER (D-CA14), ERIC SWALWELL (D-CA15), RO KHANNA (D-CA17), ANNA G. ESHOO (D-CA 18), ZOE LOFGREN (D-CA 19), JIMMY PANETTA (D-CA20), SALUD O. CARBAJAL (D-CA24), KATIE HILL (D-CA25), JULIA BROWNLEY (D-CA26), GRACE F. NAPOLITANO (D-CA32), NORMA J. TORRES (D-CA35), RAUL RUIZ (D-CA36), GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR. (D-CA39), ALAN S. LOWENTHAL (D-CA47), HARLEY ROUDA (D-CA48), and SCOTT H. PETERS (D-CA52).

Our legislation would prevent the Trump administration from targeting disaster-recovery funding for highway and transportation projects across our state. In January 31, 2019, the Federal Highway Administration denied the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) request for 1-year extensions for 66 out of 73 projects awarded "emergency relief" funding from the U.S. Department of Transpor-

tation. During previous administrations, such 1-year extensions were routinely granted under the Federal Highway Administration's and Federal Transit Administration's emergency relief programs.

Californians are facing increasingly frequent and severe floods and wildfires due to climate change. They deserve nothing less than the full-throated support of their Federal Government, and that is exactly what our bill ensures.

Current U.S. Department of Transportation regulations allow the Federal Government to claw back "emergency relief" funding for highway and public transit projects if those projects do not reach construction within 2 fiscal years. The "Transportation Emergency Relief Funds Availability Act" would repeal this regulatory deadline and provide up to 6 years for projects awarded these funds to advance to construction. The new 6-year deadline would start following the date on which a disaster was declared by the respective state's governor or the president.

I also want to thank Caltrans, the California State Association of Counties and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for their support of this critical legislation for our state.

Madam Speaker, I hope that any surface transportation reauthorization bill this Congress will include the "Transportation Emergency Relief Funds Availability Act." This is a major priority for California: the nation's most populous state and the fifth largest economy in the world. As a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I am working with my fellow California colleagues to see this done.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2019 FAIRFAX COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Volunteer Fairfax and express my sincere appreciation to recipients of the 27th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Established more than 40 years ago, Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of thousands of volunteers with the needs of local non-profit organizations. The success of this model and its impact on delivery of needed services is beyond question; Volunteer Fairfax has been rated as one of the most effective community service organizations in the nation.

Last year alone, over 6,000 individuals contributed more than 328,000 volunteer hours totaling almost \$8,000,000. These staggering numbers are a testament to the strong ethos of public service and of volunteerism that exists in Fairfax County and is one of the many reasons why this community is such a wonderful place to live.

Each year, Volunteer Fairfax selects a few exceptional individuals, groups, or organizations to receive special recognition. It is my great pleasure to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2019 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards honorees.

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS  
Braddock District: Allan Boswell Robertson

Dranesville District: Homer W. Johns  
 Hunter Mill District: St John Neumann Catholic Church  
 Lee District: Liz Murphy  
 Mason District: Binod Gupta  
 Mount Vernon District: Jonathan Kiell  
 Providence District: Oakton Women's Club  
 Springfield District: Jenni Cantwell  
 Sully District: Carol Robinson  
 At-Large: John D. Pellegrin

## COMPETITIVE AWARD WINNERS

Adult Volunteer 250 Hours and Over: Julie Hill  
 Adult Volunteer 250 Hours and Under: Danae Delman  
 Adult Volunteer Group: OLLI Photo Club  
 Corporate Volunteer Program: Mt. Vernon Center for Dentistry

Fairfax County Government Individual Volunteer: Stephen Richardson

Fairfax County Government Volunteer Program: Fairfax County Public Library Volunteer Program

Family Volunteer: Linda and Stefanie Kline  
 Lifetime Achievement: Kevin Holland  
 Rising Star: Stephanie Bridgewater  
 RSVP: Sheller Brosnan  
 Senior Volunteer: Alcira Pernot  
 Volunteer Program: Ecumenical Community

## Helping Others

Youth Volunteer: Carmela Dangale  
 Youth Volunteer Group: Stony Brook Jr. Volunteers

In addition, Benchmark Honors will be awarded in four different categories to commend those who have contributed 100, 250, 500, or 1,000 hours of volunteer time to our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Volunteer Fairfax for its decades of outstanding community service. I congratulate the recipients of the 2019 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards and thank them and the thousands of other local volunteers for their incredible contributions to our community. Their selfless dedication is worthy of our highest praise and is one of the main reasons that our community is often ranked as one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

## INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO ADD SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES TO SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

## HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, in 2017, there were more than 47,000 suicides nationwide, making it the tenth-leading cause of death.

Tragically, among teenagers and young adults, the suicide rate is particularly alarming, with suicide the second-leading cause of death for people between the ages of 15 and 24.

For people experiencing suicidal thoughts or emotional distress, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Crisis Text Line provide free and confidential round-the-clock support. Many colleges and universities also offer mental health resources on campus.

To raise awareness of these available resources, the bill simply requires colleges and

universities to provide the contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; Crisis Text Line; and a campus mental health center, if applicable, on student identification cards. For colleges and universities that do not provide identification cards to their students, schools must ensure that the information is available on their website.

Suicide is a major public health problem. Providing information on existing suicide prevention resources can help students experiencing suicidal thoughts or emotional distress and potentially save lives.

## HONORING SUNNY SUNG-IN KIM

## HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Sunny Sung-In Kim, 68, died on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at Sunrise at Fair Oaks in Fairfax, Virginia following a three-year battle with an aggressive meningioma. His final days were spent surrounded by his loving family, especially his five beloved grandchildren who serenaded him with music, song and laughter. Sunny was born on November 16, 1950 in Pusan, Korea during the Korean War. He enlisted in the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, graduated basic training with the 218th Class and served from 1969 to 1972, having achieved the rank of Lance Corporal.

He emigrated to the United States in 1973, became a naturalized citizen and on May 11, 1975, he married the love of his life, Susan Bok-Ja Kim in Long Island, New York. Their wedding was officiated by the Reverend Dr. Young-Kyo Hahn (1902–1982), an historically renowned Korean Christian Scholar and civic leader who was a former Dean of the College and Graduate School at Yonsei University. Dr. Hahn led Sunny and his wife into the Christian faith, the Presbyterian Church and baptized them. Together the couple had two sons. In 1986, Sunny founded and was President of Grass Roots, Inc., a food service and catering business with multiple locations in the Financial District of Boston, Massachusetts. He retired to Haymarket, Virginia to be near his sons and grandchildren after nearly three decades of running the company together with his wife.

Sunny had a lifelong passion of service to his community and served as President of the Korean American Association of New England and the Secretary-General of the Federation of Korean Associations, U.S.A. He was also instrumental in galvanizing support for the creation of the Massachusetts Korean War Veterans Memorial at the Charlestown Naval Shipyard. Having never forgotten the 36,574 U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines that paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect and defend freedom during the Korean War when he was born, he dedicated his life to honoring all Korean War veterans and their families. For his contributions to the U.S.-Korea alliance and the Korean American community, Sunny was the recipient of a Presidential Commendation by the President of the Republic of Korea.

An active member of the Korean Presbyterian Church in Greater Boston where he was an ordained Elder, Sunny's deep and

abiding Christian faith was the foundation of his family. He instilled in his sons the virtues of generosity, graciousness and a heart of gratitude. An avid sports enthusiast, he was a devoted fan of the Washington Redskins and the Boston Red Sox. In the final years of his life, nothing brought him greater joy than cheering on his grandchildren while watching them play football, lacrosse and baseball.

Sunny is survived by his wife of 44 years, Susan Bok-Ja Kim, his sons Thomas (Nancy) and James (Susan) and his grandchildren Thomas "TJ" Kim, Rachel Kim, Samuel Kim, William Kim and Henry Kim. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road Fairfax, VA 22032 at 7:00PM. The Burial Service will be held on Thursday, June 13 at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road Fairfax, VA 22032 at 10:00AM. Memorials may be directed to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance in Washington, D.C. or to Open Door Presbyterian Church in Herndon, Virginia.

## RECOGNIZING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF VIENNA PASTOR VERNON C. WALTON

## HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize First Baptist Church of Vienna and my friend, Pastor Vernon C. Walton, on the occasion of his 5th anniversary as pastor. Installed in 2014 after the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Kenny Smith, Pastor Walton has continued the legacy of spiritual wealth left behind by his predecessor. As someone who spent time with Rev. Dr. Smith, I can attest that having to fill his shoes as pastor is an unenviable task. However, Pastor Walton has not only succeeded in this task, but thrived.

As someone who studied for the Catholic priesthood, I can also speak to the unique benefits and challenges of being called to ministry. Being entrusted with the pastoral health of a congregation as large as First Baptist Church of Vienna is a significant undertaking and I commend Pastor Walton for handling it with dedication, devotion and with grace.

Pastor Walton's tenure has also enhanced First Baptist Church of Vienna's civic engagement. I have attended multiple events in the sanctuary designed to boost the civic engagement and awareness of the congregation. Most recently, I attended a community forum on affordable housing put together by the Fairfax chapter of the NAACP. First Baptist had graciously allowed its sanctuary to be used as the staging location for the event and Pastor Walton was a featured speaker. The sight of hundreds of people, many of them congregation members, coming together to educate themselves on one of the most pressing issues facing our community was inspiring. I have no doubt that there will be more events like this under Pastor Walton's leadership.

In times of turmoil and uncertainty, it is critical that members of a community have a unifying force or entity in which they can find strength and reassurance. First Baptist Church of Vienna has provided that spiritual strength for this community for centuries and I am confident that, under the leadership of Pastor