

saw it as a necessary tool to slow community spread of the deadly virus.

In mid-August, lightning struck, literally. More than 14,000 lightning strikes set off a series of 650 wildfires, eventually burning over two million acres in California. One of the fires, the CZU Lightning Complex, burned in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties, Adam rose to the occasion and responded to this disaster on top of the Covid disaster. He coordinated with other officials to assure emergency vehicles had access to hotspots. He set up Smith Field to assist evacuated fire victims.

Adam was drawn to public service by three broad and ambitious goals. He wanted community members to be involved, he wanted to engage a younger constituency, and he wanted to have the most qualified staff work for the city.

Shortly after Adam and his wife Katherine moved to Half Moon Bay from Connecticut, a tractor ran into a bridge that he used to bike to his mother's house. The damaged bridge was demolished and his path to his mom's was gone. He attended multiple council meetings lobbying to fix the bridge. With his typical optimism, he later told the local newspaper: "The bridge did get fixed; it just took a few years and it's fantastic."

As a devoted father of two young children, Kaleb, 12 and Ezra, 9, Adam wanted to make sure young families and younger people were represented on the council. He created an open channel of communication and made sure their voices were heard.

During his tenure on the council, Adam and his colleagues completed updates of Half Moon Bay's Local Coastal Plan and the General Plan with a great deal of community input. Both plans will impact the area for the next two to three decades. He was also deeply involved in the hiring of a new city manager and city attorney.

Adam worked on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to set standards and guidelines for new and existing parks. He helped revise the City's contract with local horseback riding stable operators to keep beaches accessible for riding yet free of horse manure so that all visitors can enjoy them. He was instrumental in banning single use plastic and flavored tobacco to keep our environment and our children safer.

The pandemic-induced economic downturn required quick and decisive action to keep Half Moon Bay solvent. To increase city revenue, Adam helped initiate Measure U, a ballot initiative increasing transient occupancy taxes, which passed by over 70%.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Adam Eisen who served the residents of Half Moon Bay for four years that feel like a lifetime. He is leaving the council, but I am certain his next chapter will be filled with adventure and with contributions that will benefit everyone on the coastside. It's been my honor to serve with him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
FREDERICK LEONARD BOLLINGER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Frederick Leonard

Bollinger, who passed away on September 22, 2020, at the age of 103. A native of Sebastopol, California, Frederick was a decorated Army sergeant who served in the European theater during World War II where he earned numerous battle stars and a Bronze Star for valor. Following his military service, Frederick returned home to Sebastopol where he would work on his family's ranch until the late 1970s. At the time of his death, Frederick was one of the oldest living veterans of World War II in the region he called home.

The Bollinger family ranch was sold in 1978 and following the sale, Frederick would go on to volunteer at the Luther Burbank Experimental Gardens, where he helped maintain the nursery for decades. In addition to his fame as one of the region's oldest living WWII veterans, there's a widespread belief in Sonoma County that Frederick may have been the area's last living links to the famed botanist Burbank. In his retirement, Bollinger also joined such organizations as the Native Sons of the Golden West and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He spent lots of time traveling to World War II reunions—and jumping on cruise ships, a favorite vacation outing of his. On the occasion of his 100th birthday, the County of Sonoma declared October 12 would be known as Frederick Bollinger Day.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating the life of a bona fide World War II hero and a beloved member of his community. He will be missed.

RECOGNIZING VICKI GRAHAM FOR
32 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH ACTION
IN COMMUNITY THROUGH
SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vicki Graham for her 32 years of service to Action in Community Through Service (ACTS).

Ms. Graham has become the longest serving employee in ACTS' 51-year history. As a community organization, ACTS fosters hope, provides relief, and promotes self-sufficiency for Prince William area neighbors in crisis. And Ms. Graham has been an essential part of developing this foundation.

Ms. Graham has been a critical part of ACTS and throughout her time with the organization, she enhanced several of the programs ACTS has offered. She served as the longest Director of the ACTS Helpline. What started as a local volunteer hotline has now grown to become a professional crisis hotline with the largest coverage in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and a backup call center for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. The Helpline answers over 20,000 calls annually which includes over 4,000 suicide crisis calls answered each year. Ms. Graham has been key in making what the ACTS Helpline is today.

Through her 32-year career at ACTS, Ms. Graham has several accomplishments in which further shows the selfless effort she put into her work. Ms. Graham founded the Senior Link program, the Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team, the Surviving After

Suicide support group, the Parents of Suicide Loss support group, Renewed Hope peer support group and the Traumatic Death Support Group peer led support group. These programs that were founded by Ms. Graham not only provide support to the participants, they also better our community. Ms. Graham did not stop there. She became ACTS first Chief Program Officer, overseeing the operation of ACTS Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Helpline, and Housing services.

I congratulate Ms. Graham and commend her for all she has accomplished. Helpline program participants and our community have benefited immensely thanks to her tireless efforts to make tomorrow better for everyone.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Vicki Graham on her retirement and thank her for her everlasting impact on the Prince William County community.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF RON MINER,
'DJ INDIANA JONES'

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember an Indianapolis legend, and my friend, Ron Miner, also known as DJ Indiana Jones who passed on Friday, December 4th.

Ron was an Indianapolis native, attending Ben Davis High School on our community's west side and DJing for his family's business 'Melody Skateland' in the 1980s. He fell in love with hip-hop at an early age and moved to New York City where he promoted for artists such as Boogiemonsters and Heather B before returning to his hometown. Ron established himself as a familiar voice in the Indianapolis hip-hop and Reggae music scenes, managing a local hip-hop group, the Mudkids, and later as a DJ with RadioNow 100.9 and Hot 96.3. As a local businessman, Ron co-founded Crush Entertainment, a midwestern management group, and owned the Casba Bar where he hosted 'Reggae Sundays' and I know his legacy will live on through the many charitable organizations he promoted and supported.

Ron's passing has been deeply felt by his family, friends, Hoosiers and colleagues across our country. He was a friendly and outgoing man who never hesitated to help others, and his passion for music and the hip-hop scene earned him countless fans. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the amazing life of Ron Miner, DJ Indiana Jones. His work has inspired countless individuals in our community, and he leaves a legacy of love for music and his fellow man.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I was en route from my district to the Capitol but was not able to arrive in time for the December 10 vote series. Had I been present, I

would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 242 (S. 906); and YEA on Roll Call No. 243 (H.R. 5040).

RECOGNIZING THE AWARDEES OF
THE 16TH ANNUAL FAIRFAX
COUNTY HISTORY CONFERENCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County History Commission on the occasion of the 16th Annual Fairfax County History Conference.

Since 1969, the Fairfax County History Commission has worked to identify, document, record and preserve the historic past of our region. Few areas in the country are as rich in history as ours. Indeed, the history of this region is the history of our country. The History Conference provides an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and to recognize our neighbors who have made significant contributions to preserving and promoting our local history. Through the dedicated efforts of the History Commission and its many volunteers, we are assured that our history will not be lost and will be available for future generations.

This year, several of these dedicated individuals are being honored for their commitment to the preservation and education of history. I am proud to include in the RECORD their names:

Ms. Todi Carnes for her design, research, script authoring and graphic production of the video now currently used at Historic Huntley by the Fairfax County Park Authority to describe the Mt. Huntley viewshed.

Ms. Heather Bollinger for her monthly publication of the Historic Records Center, Fairfax County Circuit Court (2014–present) called “Found in the Archives”.

Ms. Katrina Krempasky for her 13 years of leadership as Manager, Historic Records Center, Fairfax County Circuit Court (2006 through 2019).

Mr. John Ryan, for his work in orchestrating both the 2019 Shouse Village Oral History & Archive Project and the Village’s 50th Anniversary Committee.

The Shouse Village 50th Anniversary Committee, co-chaired by John Ryan & Mary Ann Hampton for their yearlong work in compiling, sorting and framing historical pictures and documents and orchestrating the anniversary, culminating in an Anniversary Reception and as such have preserved and honored the historicity of this important community in Fairfax County.

I commend the Fairfax County History Commission for helping to ensure that the abundance of history that is available to our community will be preserved far into the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating all the honorees and thanking the Fairfax County History Commission for the important work they do for the Northern Virginia community.

HONORING MR. GILBERT CARL
MAYS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Gilbert Carl Mays in honor of his 100th birthday. A distinguished man, Mr. Mays selflessly served our nation as a Navy pilot and flew two missions as a torpedo bomber in World War II.

Mr. Mays has valiantly carried on the storied tradition of courage, service and faithfulness that characterizes our Armed Forces. A graduate of North Carolina State University, Mr. Mays has for decades remained an avid supporter of Wolfpack sports, an active member in his church and a leader in his local Kiwanis Club, receiving perfect attendance for many consecutive years. Mr. Mays even drove himself to the polls this past election to carry out his civic duty to our nation. His extraordinary commitment and dedication to his community serves as an example for us all. Mr. Mays has lived a life full of faith, service and we owe him our utmost gratitude and admiration.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the legacy of this incredible and selfless man and wishing Mr. Mays a happy 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING MS. DANUSIA
HUBAH

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Danusia Hubah of the U.S. Department of State, upon her completion of the Brookings Institution’s LEGIS Congressional Fellowship. Assigned to my office for the 2020 calendar year, Ms. Hubah quickly became an integral part of my team, lending her expertise as a U.S. foreign policy and national security professional to guide and inform my work in Congress. She will certainly be missed after an exceptional year of service.

Ms. Hubah is a native of San Pedro, California, and holds a Master of Arts in International Security Studies from Georgetown University. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations from the University of California, San Diego.

Ms. Hubah has devoted her entire adult life to public service. With nearly two decades of foreign policy experience, she has held numerous positions at home and abroad, including the U.S. National Security Council, the U.S. Department of State, and U.S. embassies and consulates across the Middle East. Her knowledge and deep understanding of issues pertaining particularly to the Middle East have been invaluable.

This moment is bittersweet, as we are deeply saddened to see Ms. Hubah go. However, she has a bright future and we are excited for what awaits her.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress and a grateful Nation, I extend our deepest appreciation to Ms. Danusia Hubah for her dedicated service to the U.S. Department of State, U.S. House of Representatives, and to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 2020 GREATER
RESTON CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE EXCELLENCE AWARD RE-
CIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Annual Chamber Excellence (ACE) Awards. These awards are presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of Reston. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community and every year Reston proves to be one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia. That is due in no small part to the actions of those honored this year, and I extend my congratulations to all those honorees.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the recipients of the 2020 ACE Awards:

Small Business of the Year—Steven Toole, Toole & Associates

Medium Business of the Year—M & T Bank

Large Business of the Year—Leidos

Member of the Year—Kevin Taylor, CBD-x

New Member of the Year—Linda Graziano, AppQueen LLC

Committee of the Year—Reston Chamber Cup Golf Committee, (Co-chair) Tom Madden, Visual Impact Productions, (Co-chair) Kevin Taylor, CBD-x

Contributor of the Year—Iris Britt, Iris Britt Consulting, LLC

Young Professional of the Year—Eric Zutler, Pearson Smith Realty

Innovation Award—KME Digital

Pinnacle Award—Tom Madden, Visual Impact Productions

President’s Award—Dee Kakar, M&T Bank

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2020 ACE Award honorees for their tremendous contributions and in thanking them for their service. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and all its members for lending their time and energy to the betterment of our community.

HONORING DEBRA DeLAET AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Professor Debra DeLaet, the Executive Director of the Iowa United Nations Association (UNA), for her dedication to protecting human rights and ending violence against women.

November 25th marks the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, a day devoted to bringing awareness to intimate partner violence,