

sexual violence and harassment, human trafficking, and more. Professor DeLaet has been passionate about gender equality and human rights from a young age. She developed her passion for international relations and global issues of human rights during her time at the University of Notre Dame where she received her master's in Peace Studies. She began teaching at Drake University in 1995, leading courses ranging from human rights to world politics.

In 2019, Professor DeLaet was brought on as the Executive Director of the Iowa UNA, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that focuses on advocating for constructive U.S. global engagements and supporting the work of the UN. It is in this position that Professor DeLaet has been able to advocate for change on a larger scale. Gender equality and women's rights are two of the main focuses of the Iowa UNA, and Professor DeLaet takes pride in the organization's work which has focused on everything from refugees and human rights to female empowerment and environmental issues.

In addition to teaching college students, Professor DeLaet speaks to young people about the Iowa UNA and the importance of caring about global issues. She encourages students to get involved so they can be advocates for their own future, as well as for the future of Iowa and our country. Many current Iowa UNA members have been involved for decades, some since their charter in 1953. The longtime membership of many in the Iowa UNA inspires Professor DeLaet to remain resilient and tenacious, and their dedication to the important work of the UN shows the universality of the issues the Iowa UNA focus on.

Professor DeLaet's dedication to human rights, especially pertaining to women, is incredibly inspiring. She has been a lifelong advocate for equality among all people, and she continues to teach the next generation of leaders to support human rights and global involvement. Professor DeLaet hopes to see a new generation of Iowans get involved in the Iowa UNA and champion important issues such as gender equity. I am proud of the work that she and the Iowa UNA have done to continue these important discussions and stand up for decency and equality. Professor Debra DeLaet's many years of dedication and passion are exactly why we are inspired by her, and why I am honored to recognize her as our Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL WILLIAM
F. MCCOLLOUGH

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 today to honor Colonel William Ferree McCollough, United States Marine Corps, for his 30 years of service to our great nation and his family's faithful service as well. Colonel McCollough is a 1991 graduate of Norwich University where he graduated summa cum laude and was nominated for a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. The theme of his distinguished career has been one of achievement with highest honors throughout his three decades of unconditional service to the United States of America.

Literally every military school he attended, he distinguished himself by graduating with honors, which is an absolutely tremendous achievement. The schools he attained these high honors at are the Basic Officers' Course, the Amphibious Warfare School and the Marine Corps War College.

His deployments have been more numerous than most Marines. As a young officer, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines where he deployed twice to Okinawa. In 1995, he was assigned to the elite Fleet Anti-Terrorist Security Team Company where he was involved in human trafficking interdiction operations working with the United States Coast Guard (USCG). One operation led him and his Marines to interdict a foreign freighter in the Atlantic that was carrying Chinese slave laborers. They assisted the USCG by ensuring the laborers were freed and their kidnappers were captured and brought to justice.

In 2002, Colonel McCollough was selected for the highly prestigious Marine Corps Congressional Fellowship. This selection entailed working in the hallowed halls of the U.S. Congress for a year in a congressional office. The competition for this program is very keen. Once again, he excelled, which led him to his current assignment as the Director of the Marine liaison office to the House of Representatives.

In 2006, then Major McCollough deployed to Iraq as a Military Transition Team leader. He and his team worked advising an Iraqi military unit. During one engagement, his unit came under fire from 122mm mortars where he sustained wounds and was awarded a Purple Heart.

Colonel McCollough has received a Legion of Merit with a "V" device for valor or heroism in combat. This was awarded when he was the Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines for the battle to seize the Nawa district in Afghanistan from the Taliban.

Colonel McCollough also has received the Bronze Star with a "V" device for leading the advisor element with an Iraqi Army unit in 2006. Colonel McCollough had several combat deployments. There were two to Iraq (2006 and 2008). There were two to Afghanistan (2009 and 2013/14) and one also to Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait and other undisclosed locations.

He served on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. There his vast experiences in Middle East operations was used to help formulate future plans in the region. Additionally, Colonel McCollough was deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in 2015 and 2016. This military operation is ongoing, with the goal to eradicate terrorists in the countries of Iraq, Syria and Libya.

Colonel McCollough has received combat action ribbons in two theaters of war—Iraq and Afghanistan where he was engaged in multiple combat actions.

Colonel McCollough's final tour in the Marine Corps is with us once again in the hallowed halls of Congress. During his tenure as the Director of the House Marine Liaison Office, Colonel McCollough has led the Marine Corps' efforts to modernize the Marine Corps and prepare our Corps for future wars. His duties have taken him to six continents and multiple countries supporting both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Marine Corps.

Colonel McCollough has served 30 outstanding years to our beloved nation and will retire on 1 June 2021. His wife, Caroline, and

sons Jack and Hunter deserve recognition too because their support for Colonel McCollough has been unwavering. They have lived through 10 moves and the extended absences of Colonel McCollough's many deployments. Their courage and determination are noteworthy.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to recognize not only Colonel McCollough, but his entire family for their undeniably incredible service to the U.S. Marine Corps and our great nation. Their sacrifice and dedication to our nation is truly remarkable. I wish his beloved wife, Caroline, and their two sons Jack and Hunter, well, as all of them embark on a new chapter in their lives. God bless the McColloughs, God bless the United States of America, and Semper Fidelis.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2020 LITERACY COUNCIL OF
NORTHERN VIRGINIA RECOGNITION
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) and to congratulate the volunteers, instructors, students, community partners, and others who will be recognized at the 2020 LCNV Recognition Celebration.

The mission of LCNV is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English so they can access employment and educational opportunities and more fully and equitably participate in the community. LCNV serves low-literacy and limited English language proficient adults with a selection of low-cost, moderately intensive courses to help them transition into the workforce or other educational opportunities. LCNV provides the crucial first steps of language and literacy proficiency for workplace, citizenship, and community integration to help adults make measurable improvements in their lives.

Each year LCNV recognizes students and members of the community who have contributed their time, energy, and resources to achieving the mission of LCNV. LCNV will also recognize the recipients of the Patricia M. Donnelly Merit Scholarship and the winner of the Mid Allen Ries Award that recognizes exceptional contributions to the advancement of LCNV. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2020 LCNV honorees and scholarship recipients:

Community Partnership Awards: Acumen Solutions, Crimsonbridge Foundation, City of Alexandria Workforce Development Center

Volunteers of the Year: Eileen Foxwell, Karen Lathrop, Nancy Rottenecker

Patricia M. Donnelly Merit Scholarship Recipients: Yesika Cruz, Norma Zavala

Mid Allen Ries Award: Dr. Carole Bausell

I also want to recognize those volunteers who are celebrating service anniversaries with LCNV. Volunteers are being recognized for service milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years respectively.

Volunteer Service Anniversaries:

25 years—Marilyn Stone

20 years—Elizabeth McBurney, Andrea Mehrer, Elizabeth Nelson

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Literary Council of Northern Virginia and in thanking and congratulating each of the honorees of the 2020 LCNV Recognition Celebration. I wish all of them great success in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ED
HELTON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my congratulations to a gifted educator, great team builder, loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend of longstanding, Dr. Ed Helton. Dr. Helton will retire from Columbus State University (CSU) on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, after a distinguished career that culminated in his selection as Interim Chief of Staff for the University.

Dr. Ed Helton earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and English and a Master of Arts in Philosophy and Religion from Samford University, and a Doctor of Divinity from Judson College. He has been a student of leadership development and communication throughout his career. In addition to his educational achievements, Dr. Helton completed the Executive Education course, The Art and Practice of Leadership Development, at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in May of 2013. And in March 2015, he attended Minds at Work's Immunity to Change (ITC) instrument training in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

For almost two decades, Dr. Helton has been a highly trusted leader in the higher education sector. He built quite an impressive career, which began in 2002 when he became an Adjunct Professor in Philosophy at CSU. In 2004, in addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Helton started serving as a consultant with CSU's Leadership Institute, where he became instrumental in promoting the Institute. In May 2005, he assumed the position as Director of the Leadership Institute at the Cunningham Center for Leadership Development. Dr. Helton played an integral part in the Jim Blanchard Leadership Forum that brought distinguished leaders to Columbus, Georgia such as Former President George W. Bush, Former First Lady Laura Bush, Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Dallas Mavericks Owner Mark Cuban, and Dr. Mae Jemison, among others.

A man of many talents, Dr. Helton is certified by several leadership organizations that qualifies him as an expert on team building, conflict resolution, and human behavior. Ed is also an ordained minister whose spiritual insights inform his extraordinary ability to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the human character. He has also lent his time and talents to serve as a consultant and keynote speaker for a wide range of other organizations.

Winston Churchill once said: "You make your living by what you get, you make your life by what you give." Dr. Ed Helton has given so much to Columbus State University, his community, his friends, and most importantly, his God. Ed has cast a wide net in his service to

humankind, and the world is a better place because of his work.

Ed has accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his wife, Lana, and his son, Brett.

On a personal note, Ed has had a significant impact on my life, both personally and professionally. He has offered sage advice and counsel as a consultant and has often been a sounding board for me when grappling with thorny issues. His ability to balance critique and encouragement in a way that is constructive in achieving a positive outcome is exceptional. I will be forever grateful for his professional guidance and his friendship.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me along with the more than 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Dr. Ed Helton upon the occasion of his retirement from an outstanding career in Higher Education Administration and his continued service to humanity.

ROB STRAIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Rob Strain, a friend and constituent who is retiring as President of Ball Aerospace headquartered in Colorado.

Rob first joined Ball Aerospace in 2012 after serving as Director of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. At Goddard, Rob's strong oversight and leadership skills contributed to the success of more than 13 missions as he was able to blend technical and programmatic solutions while under intense Congressional and agency scrutiny. Rob has a hands-on managerial style and collaborative nature which makes him a critical contributor on mission teams and not just the person in charge.

Rob helped devise and execute a smooth transition from the flawed tri-agency NPOESS program for the Nation's next generation polar weather satellites to the NASA-NOAA Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) based at Goddard to ensure the continuity of these critical weather satellite observations. The significance of his thoughtful, effective leadership during the program's transition cannot be overstated.

Rob also served a key role for the final Space Shuttle servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. The mission encountered a major programmatic challenge from a pre-launch computer failure one month before the scheduled launch. In this "failure is not an option" moment, Rob brought together the government and industry expertise to fix the problem, ensured the team stayed on track, and minimized schedule impacts. The result was a successful servicing mission, extending Hubble's incredible contributions to our scientific community as we approach 31 years in service.

Prior to joining NASA, Rob led the Space Department of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, where he was integral to the successful development, launch and oper-

ations of the New Horizons spacecraft to Pluto. New Horizons overcame numerous technical and instrument availability issues to meet an extremely tight planetary launch window and successfully flew by Pluto in 2015.

Through his career at Ball Aerospace, Rob has been a strong champion for diversity and inclusion across his teams and empowering all members of the team to be themselves and contribute to the success of the business and the mission. Despite the success Rob has achieved in his career, he remains an incredibly approachable and humble person. Rob remains accessible to individuals at all career levels, actively seeking their input and making them feel valued.

I will miss Rob, for his dry sense of humor which often brought levity to serious meetings and tense situations. I thank him for his friendship and his work on behalf of the aerospace community, Colorado and the Nation. I wish him the best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE WASHINGTON REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM AND THE 2020 LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) and their continued dedication to the elimination of impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington metropolitan area.

WRAP is a public-private partnership that works with law enforcement, community stakeholders, and advocacy groups in Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland. Through educational and innovative public programs, WRAP is credited with keeping Washington area alcohol related death rates historically below the national average. Programs and resources include Youth Outreach, Adult Outreach, and Public Education programs designed to educate students and the general public on the dangers of alcohol and drugs, particularly driving while under the influence. WRAP offers unique programs such as the WRAP Holiday SoberRide program, where individuals who are impaired can request a free safe ride home.

In 1982, the year that WRAP was founded, 26,173 people in the United States lost their lives in alcohol-related car crashes; 60 percent of all traffic fatalities involved drunk driving. Due to the tireless efforts of WRAP, other organizations such as MADD and SADD, local and state police, and enforcement of more stringent anti-drunk driving laws, alcohol-related traffic fatalities decreased to 9,878. WRAP continues to work tirelessly to ensure these statistics are not repeated. In fiscal year 2020, WRAP was successful in removing 2,243 potential drunk drivers from Greater Washington's roadways during only two, pre-COVID WRAP SoberRide campaigns. WRAP also experienced a record level of ridership for Halloween which was the highest in Sober Ride's 27-year history. In addition, WRAP reached the "80,000-served" level of total ridership for its Sober Ride program; in fact, total