

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

ridership nearly tripled between 2016 and 2019.

Since 1997, WRAP has sponsored an annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony to honor local law enforcement professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the fight against drunk driving. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2020 Law Enforcement Award of Excellence recipients:

Officer Anggelo Suarez—City of Alexandria Police Department

Officer Anthony Gatto—Arlington County Police Department

Officer Bryce Cooper—City of Falls Church Police Department

Private First-Class Zachary Davis—City of Fairfax Police Department

FCPD GROUP—Fairfax County Police Department

Private First-Class Jonathan Heavner—Town of Herndon Police Department

Deputy First Class Mark Sarrichio—Loudoun County Sheriff's Office

Trooper First Class Anthony Wallace—Maryland State Police

Officer Roderick Saunders—Metropolitan Police Department

Corporal Patricia Cox—Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

Officer Patrick Kepp—Montgomery County Department of Police

Corporal Thomas Kosakowski—Prince George's County Police Department

Officer Chad Mason—Prince William County Police Department

Officer Aram Karapetyan—United States Capitol Police

Officer Christopher Gogarty—United States Park Police

Trooper Jordan Corvin—Virginia State Police

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) and congratulating each of the honorees of the 2020 Law Enforcement Award of Excellence recipients. I wish all of them great success in their future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EARL LEROY ASHE, JR.

#### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take pause and reflect on the life of Earl Leroy Ashe, Jr.

Earl Ashe was born on February 8, 1933. As a teenager, he joined the Army and later became a member of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Following Earl's discharge from the military, he went on to attend North Carolina State University and later graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in English.

It was after his graduation from college, Madam Speaker, that Earl Ashe became a pioneer in the early days of television. He first started at several small television stations and then moved to Raleigh, North Carolina where he helped launch WRAL.

During his career at WRAL, Earl produced and directed the daily news, the Uncle Paul

children's show, local wrestling, and many other shows and commercials. While with WRAL, Earl met and befriended the future Senator Jesse Helms.

Years later he joined Senator Helms to write, produce, and direct commercials for his senatorial campaigns. Earl was a trendsetter in campaign ad production; creating effective ads that moved public opinion and had a lasting impact on the state of North Carolina. So effective, in fact, that he also helped write advertisements for Senators' John East and Lauch Faircloth.

Earl was known for his love of jazz music from the 1950s and 1960s and his plethora of opinions relating to foreign affairs, the military, and the overall direction of our country. And, Madam Speaker, Earl's storytelling was that of legend.

Sadly, however, Earl Ashe passed away on November 12, 2020. He is deeply missed by his friends, family, and the entire community.

#### REMEMBERING ROBERT H. BROTHERS

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Robert H. Brothers, of Howland, Ohio, who passed away on Friday, December 4, 2020 at the age of 89.

Mr. Brothers was born in Warren, Ohio on August 11, 1931, the son of Gerald E. and Alta Lucille (Pfile) Brothers.

Bob was a 1949 graduate of Warren G. Harding High School and remained in contact with many of the 49ers' classmates. He worked at Republic Steel, Bridgeport Brass and retired in 1991 from Packard Electric.

Soon after graduating, Bob served in the United States Army, 1st Cavalry Division, in Japan. His division was one of the first to land in Korea in July 1950. Bob received many decorations and citations for his brave and honorable service.

Bob was the Past Commander American Legion, William McKinley Post No. 106, Niles, Ohio; Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter 137 of the Mahoning Valley; Chairman of Korean War Veterans "Tell America" program; Committee to fund and erect Korean War Memorial in the Mahoning Valley; Chaplain for Trumbull County American Legion Honor Guard; Trumbull County Veterans Service Commissioner; Veterans Affairs Volunteer; Niles Church for Housing; Interfaith Churches for Housing; Niles Churches Community Meals; Niles First Christian Church; Church's Lenten production of "It Is Finished;" Niles Historical Society; Recipient of a Trumbull County Community Star in 2009; Inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2009 and President of the Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Commission in 2013 to 2014.

Left to cherish his memory are his three children, Ann (Rick) Bush of Millersburg, Robert Brothers of Cedar Park, Texas and David (Rebecca) Brothers of Niles; two grandchildren, Jenna (Owen) Grella and Ben Brothers; six sisters, Barbara, Dorothy, Janet, Judy, Elaine and Mary Jayne; brother, Gerald and sister-in-law, Marilyn Brothers.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Virginia F. (O'Reilly) Brothers, whom he married on August 29, 1953 and who died on April 26, 2010; grandson, Andrew Bush and six brothers, William, David, Wayne, Eugene, James and Kenneth.

It was obvious to all who knew him that Bob was a hardworking and dedicated man who deeply loved our country and was a strong advocate for all those who served. I thank Mr. Brothers for his service to our country and for his work in our community. My deepest sympathies to Bob's family and to all whose lives he touched.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2020 EXCELLENCE IN SALES HONOREES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2020 recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Woman in Sales Leadership Award, IES Member of the Year, and the Rising Star Award presented by the Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development (IES).

IES was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices and to help sales professionals and organizations maximize their efforts. IES conducts a variety of workshops and programs designed to provide the knowledge and tools necessary to advance the careers and growth of those who attend. Each year, IES recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations throughout the United States who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development.

The Sales Excellence awards seek to promote and advance corporate and organizational sales excellence by recognizing organizations that have demonstrated outstanding leadership and strategic vision in Enterprise Sales. These honorees will each respectfully fall into the award categories of the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Woman in Sales Leadership Award, the Member of the Year Award, and the Rising Star Award.

The recipient of the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award is Mr. Craig Abod, President of Carahsoft. In just 15 years, Craig has grown the company from \$0 to more than \$6.5 billion in bookings by providing federal, state, and local governments and academic institutions with IT solutions that best fit their needs and budgets. As a top-ranked GSA schedule and SEWP contract holder, Carahsoft now employs more than 1,300 people.

The recipient of the 4th Annual Women in Sales Executive Leadership Award is Ms. Tamara Greenspan. Tamara is responsible for a team of account executives that deliver software solutions for complex business problems. The team assists the Federal Government, the International Agency community and Canada with their digital transformation.

Darrell "DG" Gehrt is the IES Member of the Year. He is a sales leader at Cvent and a member of the IES Advisory Board. Darrell's professional career has been defined by taking on a series of entrepreneurial ventures