

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

that have grown rapidly. The last twelve years have seen Darrell pioneer sales organizations at DC based SaaS companies and produce no less than 35 percent year-over-year growth rates.

Andrew Bailey is the first recipient of the IES Jay Nussbaum Rising Sales Star Award. A former Marine, Andrew has transitioned into an exceptional young sales professional with a deep and abiding commitment and appreciation for his customers. He's quickly become a top sales performer at SAP NS2.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Craig Abod, Tamara Green-span, Darrell Gehrt, and Andrew Bailey for their exceptional dedication and leadership within the business community.

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HONORING KATHRIN (KATE) SEARS

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kathrin (Kate) Sears for her outstanding career in public service as Marin County's District 3 Supervisor.

Kate has been a resident of Southern Marin for most of her life, and it is the place where she developed the principled values that have guided her private and public careers.

She earned a bachelor's degree in Asian studies at Carleton College in Minnesota, a master's degree in Chinese studies at the University of Washington, a doctorate in political science from the University of Michigan, and a law degree from Harvard University. In 2005, after working as an attorney in a private practice for 16 years, Kate joined the Consumer Law Section of the California Attorney General's Office. In 2011 Governor Jerry Brown appointed Kate to the Marin County Board of Supervisors after the heartbreaking death of long-standing Supervisor Hal Brown. She was reelected in 2012 and 2016.

Throughout her tenure on the Board of Supervisors, Kate represented the residents of Marin, its renowned public lands and the environment with passion and skill. She worked to improve public transportation, strengthen services for older adults, and increase affordable housing opportunities. Kate has helped to plan and implement key Marin initiatives including BayWAVE and Drawdown: Marin. As Chair of Marin Clean Energy, Kate worked to develop energy efficiency programs and expanded electric vehicle charging stations in Marin.

From Angel Island to Muir Woods, Kate has also fought for Marin's parks and open spaces. I am proud to have worked with her to find compromise in resolving community issues, including through the Muir Woods Parking Reservation System.

Kate is a champion for the people and places of Marin County and leaves an appreciable legacy as she retires from the Board of Supervisors. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in honoring Kate for an accomplished tenure, and extend to her best wishes in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER  
MARCUS L. JONES

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commander Marcus L. Jones of the U.S. Navy, upon his completion of the Department of Defense Legislative Fellowship program. Assigned to my office for the 2020 calendar year, Commander Jones quickly became an integral part of my team, lending his expertise as a U.S. Navy Supply Corps Officer to guide and inform my work as Chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee within the House Armed Services Committee. Over this past year, Commander Jones has worked closely with my personal staff and Readiness Subcommittee staff on the military's most pressing readiness challenges. He will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service.

Commander Jones is a native of Columbus, Mississippi, and is a graduate of the University of Memphis with a degree in International Business. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

Commander Jones began his career in 2001, and has since held numerous operational and shore assignments including on the USS *West Virginia* (SSBN-736B) and USS *George Washington* (CVN-73), at the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, Naval Supply Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and in the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget. His extensive background in logistics has been critical to my work in strengthening and recapitalizing our nation's maritime logistics force.

Commander Jones and his wife, Sybil, have three beautiful daughters, and his family continues to support him and his service to our nation.

This moment is bittersweet, as we are deeply saddened to see Commander Jones go. However, we are excited for what awaits him and what his future holds.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress and a grateful Nation, I extend our deepest appreciation to Commander Marcus L. Jones for his dedicated service to the U.S. Navy, U.S. House of Representatives, and to our Nation.

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RECOGNIZING RUSSELL BRYANT  
FOR 44 YEARS OF MILITARY AND  
CIVIL 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 Russell Bryant for his 44 years of selfless service to our nation and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement.

Mr. Bryant attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, receiving a ROTC scholarship after

his first semester. Though he initially studied Aeronautical Engineering, he switched to Nuclear Engineering following his ROTC mid-shipman cruise. After obtaining his Bachelor of Engineering in Nuclear Engineering, he received his commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 13, 1976.

He was first stationed on the USS *Mississippi* and later served on both the USS *South Carolina CGN-37* and the USS *Texas CGN-39*, serving in various capacities of increasing responsibility. Mr. Bryant left active duty on September 30, 1987, at which time he held the position of Ship Maintenance Manager for the USS *Carl Vinson CVN 70* on the Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific Fleet Staff in San Diego, VA. His active duty awards include Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Naval Expeditionary Medal, and two Sea Service ribbons. After his discharge from active duty, he joined the Naval Reserves where he served with distinction, again earning numerous medals and awards.

Mr. Bryant continued his service to our nation beginning November 11, 1987, as a civil servant in the Aircraft Carrier Program Office, PMS 312, of the Naval Sea Systems Command. In 1994, he took a new position in the Program Executive Office for Ship Self Defense Systems (PEO SSDS), which is now the Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems. Mr. Bryant has contributed greatly to the Navy through his involvement in the realm of electronic warfare and decoys from 1994 to present day.

Even while balancing the demands of a top-level civil service position and his responsibilities in the U.S. Naval Reserves, Mr. Bryant still found the time to complete courses at the Naval War College, receiving his diploma in 1997. He also completed the USDA Executive Potential Program and was recognized as the Outstanding Alumni for 2000. He went on to take other graduate level courses and received his Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2003. A recognized expert in various aspects of technical, social and organizational components of Command and Control, Mr. Bryant has published numerous peer-reviewed papers since 2000.

Mr. Bryant has also contributed to his local community. He served as his Prince William County Supervisor's Budget Advisory Committee Chair for two years. He subsequently served as Prince William County Woodbridge District Planning Commissioner, advising the Prince William County Board of Supervisors on land use and development issues in the County. Mr. Bryant remained in this position until December 31, 2018 after serving on the commission for 16 years, including 12 as Chairman.

At the end of December 2020, Mr. Bryant will retire following 44 years of exemplary service as a Naval Officer and a Civil Servant. I congratulate Mr. Bryant and commend him for his outstanding service to the protection of our great nation and the betterment of our local community. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Russell Bryant on his retirement and in wishing him and his wife Janelle continued health, happiness and success.