

the 2020 Congressional Art Competition. Due to the coronavirus, this year's competition was held remotely. The theme of this year's artwork focused on the Indian River Lagoon.

This year a total of thirty-one students from high schools across the Space and Treasure Coasts submitted artwork—all very talented students with creative and imaginative pieces. Three finalists were chosen, and two entries were also selected for special recognition.

This year's winning piece, titled "The Promise" by Michael Spears of Master's Academy will be displayed in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. His teacher is Gerry Geary.

The runners up included: Adam Hicks of West Shore Jr./Sr. High for "Mosquito" earned the Third Place Award. His teacher is James Finch. Rain Perlman of Merritt Island High for "At the Beach" earned the Second Place Award. Her teacher is Lara Klopp.

This year the judges also selected two pieces of art for Special Recognition. Krystal Reither of Merritt Island High earned a Special Recognition for her piece "Lagoon Panoply". Her teacher is Lara Klopp. Kevin Olson of Indian River Charter High School also earned a Special Recognition for his piece "Goo Lagoon". His teacher is Amelia Strazzulla.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these fine students for their creative efforts and saluting all students across the United States who accepted the challenge to participate in this year's Congressional Art Competition.

RECOGNIZING THE EARLY DEER PARK SETTLERS TEXAS HISTORICAL MONUMENT DEDICATION

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Deer Park Early Settlers Texas State Historical Marker in Deer Park, Harris County, Texas. The text of marker reads as follows:

In 1928, Shell Oil Company purchased land in Deer Park, Texas for a new petrochemical refinery. Surveyors discovered a marble headstone broken into four pieces. Shell reassembled the headstone and maintained the area as an actual gravesite. In 1976, Shell was given permission from the Texas Historical Commission, as well as the Harris County attorney and Harris County judge to relocate the marker and disinter any remains. In March of 1977, the marble headstone and a small cement casket, from the original site, were moved to Dow Park in the City of Deer Park.

The inscription on the headstone gave the name of two siblings, Mary W. Jackson and William Wilson. These early settlers died in 1834. William Wilson purchased land in the early 1830's and built a cabin on the bank of the Buffalo Bayou with his wife and children. This was adjacent to what became the site of the Battle of San Jacinto that secured Texas' independence from Mexico in 1836. William Wilson also owned land near the settlement of Crosby. Humphrey Jackson, one of the "Old 300" settlers, owned land near the Wilson property in Crosby. It was presumed that Mary W. Jackson was somehow associated with Humphrey, based on a judgement

recorded in Harris County records in 1852. This could explain why Mary Wilson became Mary W. Jackson.

The 186-year-old headstone is one of the oldest marked headstones in Harris County and Deer Park's oldest artifact. The historical marker reflects the history of Deer Park, as well as the history of Texas. The historical marker presents a glimpse of ordinary people in Texas in the 1830's and commemorates these early Deer Park settlers.

As a former member of the Texas Historical Commission, I know that this is a great honor for the community. I wish all of my friends in Deer Park well as they celebrate the dedication on October 20th.

HONORING DR. BETTINA "TINA" ATKINS

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Bettina "Tina" Atkins, a pioneer in education who passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2020, at the age of 61.

Dr. Bettina "Tina" Atkins was born in Des Moines, Iowa, later moving to South Texas as a teenager. She graduated from McAllen High School in 1977 and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors in Communication from the University of Texas, Pan American (UTPA) in 1981, now the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV).

Dr. Atkins went on to earn a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership at UTPA in 1993 and a Ph.D. in Organization Leadership from Our Lady of the Lake University in 2015. She shared her love of and commitment to lifelong learning with thousands of children in South Texas.

Dr. Atkins' dedication to educational equality made her one of the most influential women in South Texas in the field of higher education. Dr. Atkins spent 24 years with Region One, an organization that assists school districts improve student performance and implement initiatives assigned by the state legislature or education commissioner. During her tenure with Region One, Dr. Atkins helped bring the first GEAR-UP grant to South Texas in 1999. These grants are designed to provide more low-income students with the tools and resources needed to succeed in postsecondary education.

Eventually, Dr. Atkins became the Director of several GEAR-UP grants, helping over 25,000 students and their families reach post-secondary education, changing their lives forever. Dr. Atkins also helped launch Project Heal2, which supports students who are interested in pursuing a nursing degree in high school through college. Dr. Atkins' accomplishments do not stop there, but I would like to take a moment to talk about her love for her family.

Dr. Atkins achieved all these incredible feats while being the "happy coordinator" for her family and her friends. She was a proud sister, aunt, and daughter. She emanated joy and positive energy everywhere she went.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Bettina "Tina" Atkins was an incredible leader and a shining light for South Texas. Her accomplishments will certainly be remembered for generations to

come. I stand here today to thank Dr. Atkins for her contributions to the world, and I wish her family peace during these difficult times. She will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING HOLLEY DEAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Holley Dean of Savannah, Georgia, for being named to Forbes' America's Top Women Wealth Advisors List for 2020.

Ms. Dean is remarkably one of ten women who were selected from a pool of 32,000 nominations.

Top advisors across the country were nominated by their firms and then researched, interviewed, and assigned a ranking within their respective states.

Service models, investing process, client retention, experience levels, review of compliance records, and firm nominations are some of many factors considered.

The decision is also based on quantitative criteria, such as assets under management and revenue generated for their firms.

Holley currently serves as a financial advisor for Stifel, which is a diversified global wealth management and investment banking company.

Her hard work and dedication throughout the years has clearly paid off, and she deserves to be honored and celebrated for this amazing accomplishment.

I wish her the best of luck in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIDDLE RIDGE COMMUNITY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Middleridge community.

Located in the heart of Fairfax County and the 11th Congressional District of Virginia, Middleridge is a tight-knit community and the land on which it is built is steeped in history. The very name of Middleridge was derived from a 1766 decision of the Vestry of Truro Parish, including George Washington and Colonel George William Fairfax, to establish the new Payne's Church at the "middle Ridge" of Ox Road.

On July 17, 1970 the grand opening of Section 1 Middleridge, consisting of 39 lots, was announced in The Evening Star. It was advertised by the developer as being in "the best of Virginian tradition." "Surrounded by the rich history of the county, its homes radiate with old charm and aristocratic character." Today the community consists of 578 homes situated on approximately ninety-five acres and boasts amenities including a lake, large park, basketball and tennis courts, and swimming pool.

The all-volunteer Middleridge Civic Association was formed in 1973. The civic association promotes an exceptionally strong sense of community that greets new residents with open arms, providing welcoming gifts to the newest neighbors. The Civic Association coordinates regular stream clean-ups and awards annual scholarships to high school seniors. Annual events include an Easter egg hunt, home and garden tours, Halloween parade, a holiday light decorating contest and community movie nights.

In 2002, Middleridge established a National Night Out celebration in partnership with the Fairfax County Police Department. Of the scores of NNO events held each year, the Middleridge National Night Out has been recognized as the largest event in the entire county—again a testament to the community spirit and activism of Middleridge residents.

As the former president of the Mantua civic association, I know firsthand that a community is more than houses in a development. In fact, the health and well-being of a region can be measured by the involvement of its citizens. When residents invest their time, care, and energies, a true community is created to the benefit of all. Fairfax County is considered one of the best places in the nation in which to live, work and raise a family, largely because of the willingness of so many to become actively involved. Middleridge Civic Association and the residents of this neighborhood provide an excellent example of how to create a thriving, energetic, and welcoming place to call home.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Middleridge and in thanking the residents and civic association members and officers for their contributions and service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CHARLES
W. REEDER, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness but great respect that I take this time to remember Mr. Charles W. Reeder, Jr., who passed away on September 7, 2020, at the age of 69. Mr. Reeder's love for his family and dedication to his community is noteworthy and admirable. While he will be truly missed by his family and friends, the impact he has had on his community will live on for generations to come.

Mr. Reeder received a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary and he later completed a Doctor of Ministry from Ashland Seminary and worked for Food for the Poor, raising funds for third world countries. During 40 years of ministry, he served churches in Ohio, Illinois, Washington, and Colorado. He also taught classes at several college venues as well as prisons. Teaching and preaching were his passions, and he excelled at both. He had a love for theology and physics, remodeling and good music.

His life was filled with compassion, and he lived to serve the needs of others. His greatest loves, however, were his wife, Pat, his two daughters, and his three precious grandsons.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to rise with me in honor of Mr. Charles Reeder, Jr. He will be profoundly missed, but his memory lives on in his family.

CELEBRATING JUSTICE RUTH
BADER GINSBURG

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, today we celebrate Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We remember her groundbreaking work and remarkable legacy. We owe our opportunity to be who we are to what she accomplished.

That's why we call her the Notorious RBG. Justice Ginsburg defied expectations. Despite her acumen and proven ability in the law, she was denied jobs for which she was well-qualified. She nonetheless pursued that career at a time when social norms kept women at home and discouraged them from working.

Justice Ginsburg showed up for a generation of women and men. Equality drove her work.

Her vision and imagination demanded that she not allow an individual's dreams be short-changed by institutional inequality.

When people are held back by unjust laws, they cannot flourish and thrive. She felt that in her bones, and she strove to fix it.

As a Jewish woman, I feel a strong sense of identity with her. She was grounded in the teaching of Tikkun Olum—to repair the world and the Torah's admonition that one doesn't have to complete the work but cannot desist trying.

Now, there will be not just a void with her passing, but a chasm as our role model—our champion of liberty, equality, and democracy.

So we and future generations must pick up the torch and continue her fight.

HONORING MOHANDAS
KARAMCHAND GANDHI

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, one of the most influential men of the modern world. As we celebrate the close of the 150th anniversary of Gandhi's birth, it is important to remember that his legacy is born out every day in the lives of billions of people who live the way they do because of his selfless work.

His teachings of non-violence have impacted the entire world; and his promotion of racial, social, and political equality will continue to touch the global community as we work towards a brighter, freer future.

It is vital that we continue to embody Gandhi's perseverance and non-violent ways as we work to make the world a better place. Today, we honor his legacy and the power that an individual man had to change the world. 151 years ago, Gandhi was born an ordinary man. Today, he is a worldwide symbol of peace and civil disobedience. May he con-

tinue to rest in peace, and may his legacy prevail eternally.

MALCOM BLAIR "MAL" WHITE

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. Malcom Blair "Mal" White of Metter, Georgia, who passed away on September 21st.

Mal was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, leader, and friend.

Mal taught high school math at Savannah Country Day School in Georgia's First District for over three decades.

Mal generously and selflessly served Savannah Country Day in various roles, including math department chair, dean of students, Upper School assistant principal.

He was dedicated to enriching the lives of all students and equally invested his time to athletics, including assisting with the varsity football and JV basketball teams, serving as the varsity girls basketball head coach, as well as serving as the varsity golf coach for over three decades.

He led all teams to numerous victories.

I am thankful for the lasting impact Mal made on his community, and I know his legacy will continue at Savannah Country Day School for years to come.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and the countless students, parents, and teachers' lives he touched.

TRIBUTE TO BABA SHEIKH

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, I want to express my heartfelt condolences to the Yazidi community around the world and in my hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska on the loss of spiritual leader Baba Sheikh.

In August 2014, ISIS launched a genocidal campaign against the Yazidi people in Iraq, killing and brutalizing thousands. Five years later, hundreds of thousands of Yazidis are still displaced in refugee camps in their own country. Throughout all this terror and diabolical suffering, the spiritual leader of the Yazidi people, Baba Sheikh, stood steady as a great source of comfort, love, and inspiration.

Madam Speaker, it's not widely known, but two years ago, at the behest of Vice President Pence, I traveled to Northern Iraq to assess the situation faced by religious minority communities after the ISIS genocide. It was my privilege to meet with Baba Sheik. Together we met with the Yazidi women who had been enslaved by ISIS. I will never forget his gentleness, kindness, and eagerness to be with us even amidst all the suffering.

May he rest in peace.