

and Vermeer Midwest for celebrating the 50th anniversary as an outstanding company in the central Illinois area.

Vermeer Midwest first opened its doors in 1971. Founder Junior Kool, raised with hard-working American values, successfully expanded his business across four states with two distinct locations. Providing excellent service and ample charitable donations of money, time, and people, Junior's legacy will have a lasting impact on the area.

Vermeer Midwest is known throughout Central Illinois not only for their quality underground and environmental equipment but also for the lasting relationships they develop with their customers. Junior and his wife Beverly are fondly recognized for their pure commitment to customer service and seeing their consumers through to success. Never are they hesitant to complete the job or get their boots dirty, and as their motto says, "It's simply how business is done."

The Greater Peoria area has benefited from Vermeer Midwest's goodwill and generosity since they first opened. I extend my sincere congratulations to Vermeer Midwest, Junior Kool, and all of the hard-working staff for a successful fifty years. I wish their family and company a successful future.

BENJAMIN TAYLOR AND ZACHARY ASSELTA—EAGLE SCOUTS

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this past May, I had the pleasure of presenting Benjamin Taylor and Zachary Asselta their Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Both Benjamin and Zachary graduated from Millville High School last year. They completed their scout projects prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and were unable to receive their Court of Honor until this year. Benjamin's project consisted of painting the outdoor stage at Corson Park in Millville, South Jersey. Zachary's project was to put up street signs in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Millville, South Jersey. These young men should be proud of their accomplishments, and it was my honor to have the opportunity to recognize them for their service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Benjamin and Zachary and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING THE 2021 GRADUATES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT HIGH SCHOOL FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2021 graduating class of the Fairfax County High School Firefighter program. In 2016, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools created its High School Firefighter Program to provide training to stu-

dents who are considering a career as a firefighter.

Students who participate in this program attend courses taught by qualified instructors at the Fairfax County Fire Academy. In fact, they receive the same training as new professional and volunteer firefighters. The course is grueling but upon successful completion, the students are eligible to receive six college credits. Should these students decide to apply to the Fairfax County Fire Academy, this program will make them competitive candidates and will have prepared them for recruit school.

Fourteen seniors are graduating in the Class of 2021 of the High School Firefighter Program. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following graduates:

Seth Ballard, William Beavers, Nicholas Carpio, Peyton Czika, Moeed Ghazi, Matthew Hargrave, Mai Mohamed, Sarah Moumami, Michael Muldoon, Spencer Neyland, Robert Rupp, Joshua Scurlock, Isaac Spar, Jalen Wray.

Madam Speaker, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is one of the best fire departments in the country and in the world. I commend the Department as well as the public school system for partnering in the creation of this program. I also applaud these young people for their desire to learn more about the Department and for their interest in protecting our community. Northern Virginia is fortunate to have such dedicated young citizens. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these students on the successful completion of this program and in wishing them success in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SILVIA URIBE—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR

### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Silvia Uribe of Goleta, California.

Silvia is a language access advocate, who has devoted her business and community service providing language services and helping people connect. Born and raised in Mexico City, Silvia and her family moved to Santa Barbara 28 years ago where she immediately began serving the community. Her business, TransilPro provides translation and interpretation services to businesses, government, community organizations, and beyond. She has a knack for creating programs that overcome language barriers, including writing Spanish curricula for the Adoption Center of Santa Barbara. Silvia's work in the community goes beyond her everyday activities.

Her passion for communication extends to media, as a radio host, writer, Univision contributor, and speaker. Whether she is invited as a guest lecturer at Santa Barbara Community College, speaking to a church group, or in her former Univision segment, *En confianza* con Silvia, her objective is always to be of

service by sharing information and bringing services and people together. Silvia gives her time and talents to a wide array of organizations. She started Latino Girl Scout troops in North and South Santa Barbara County and created Fun in the Sun in collaboration with the United Way. She expanded into the business world as a co-founder of Lideres Latinos in Leadership Santa Barbara County.

A longtime advocate for victims of crime in the Santa Barbara District attorney's office, Silvia also created STESA's Spanish curriculum on sexual assault and delivers volunteer training to Spanish speaking volunteers with STESA and Just Communities.

Silvia is also an active public servant. In addition to working for the DA's Victim Witness, Silvia has served as a County Human Services Commissioner and a Public Engagement Commissioner with the City of Goleta. The common thread across all these activities is Silvia's commitment to connecting members of our community—to each other and to services. She is a worthy candidate for this honor and a role model for community leaders of all kinds. I am honored to recognize Silvia for her continued commitment to community and the residents of Santa Barbara County.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Silvia Uribe, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING MR. COLEMAN WALKER'S INDUCTION TO THE TENNESSEE RADIO HALL OF FAME

### HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coleman Walker for his induction into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame.

Mr. Walker, a well-known figure of longstanding in the Tennessee Broadcast community, began his radio career in 1961 at the age of 21 as a broadcaster for WCOR-AM in Lebanon, TN. Since that time sixty years ago, robust audiences of Middle Tennesseans have tuned-in to listen whenever this talented man sits behind the microphone.

During the course of those ensuing sixty years, Mr. Walker also became a licensed insurance agent, and he currently plies his trade for Walker and Phillips Insurance in Lebanon. But he never lost his love and enthusiasm for radio broadcasting, which manifests itself today when he hosts the daily morning radio show "Coleman and Company" on WANT-FM and WCOR-AM, focusing on community affairs in Lebanon.

Through his interviews of various elected officials, business leaders, community activists, and community volunteers on his show, this Middle Tennessee broadcast legend continues to keep his countless listeners informed on the important issues of the day. As a frequent guest on Mr. Walker's show, I can attest to his fervent passion for his Lebanon, TN hometown, where he and his wife Helen raised their three sons Clark, Brian, and Mike, and now enjoy their several grandchildren.

His involvement with Lebanon and insight into the issues of the day throughout his career are unmatched and serves as a shining

example of the positive difference a sincere, community-minded individual can make. I am very pleased that he is receiving this much deserved recognition of his achievements.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in commending Mr. Coleman Walker, the dean of local radio in Middle Tennessee, for his many years of broadcasting excellence and his induction into the Tennessee Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATION  
OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE  
AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT  
148TH RECRUIT CLASS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the graduates of the 148th Recruit Class. As they prepare to join the ranks of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, I encourage the 42 graduates to reflect on the history of the department and the contributions and dedication of the brave men and women who have served before them to protect our community.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Recruit School consists of an extensive and demanding 30-week program. In addition to two weeks of orientation, recruits completed twelve weeks of EMT training and sixteen weeks of fire suppression training. Upon graduation, these recruits will be certified at the level of Firefighter I/II by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

These recruits have the distinct honor of joining one of the best Fire and Rescue Departments in the United States. The efforts of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department have been recognized across this country. Members from the Department serve on the elite VA Task Force I, which is among the first units called to disaster zones to provide search and rescue support. Members of that Task Force were recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs with the Benjamin Franklin Award for Valor as a result of their efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes that struck Nepal in 2015.

Fairfax County is fortunate to have such excellent ambassadors for our community and I commend them for all that they have done to protect lives and property not only here in Fairfax County, but around the world. As the newest members of the Fire and Rescue Department, the 148th Recruit Class graduates join the department as integral parts of our community's emergency response and public safety team. I am confident that this graduating class will serve the residents of Fairfax County with honor and distinction. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 148th Recruit Class:

Paul Ayers, Juan Bailey, Jacob Biller, Joseph Boccabello, Andrew Brinton, Timothy Cahill, Jason Cook, Zion David, Joshua Davidson, Andrew Duke, Matthew McKay, Ariel Molina Heredia, Gary Moore Jr, Ricardo Munoz Caceres, Charles Nelson III, Christopher Ong-Hay, Kelly Paszkiewicz, Tyler Pennington, Elijah Quiceno, Brandon Rafferty.

Keith Fosco, Rachel Guszick, Jonas Holz, Timothy Hussey, Caroline Jarvis, Michael

Kloosterboer, Cameron Kotwicki, Adam Ladd, Joseph Leis, Maria-Clarice Lingat, Tyler Martin, James Reed III, Darioush Rush, Matthew Sisinni, Mark Taggart-Perez, David Tezza, Armin Saadi, Jason Vargas, Benjamin Welty, Taylor White, Matthew Wilson, Ian Wood.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. I thank them for their service to their community and to all members of the Fire and Rescue Department, past and present, I say: "Stay safe."

RECOGNIZING PAM HOWELL-  
BEACH

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Pam Howell-Beach in my District. Pam has been a longtime leader of our community, leading efforts and leaving her imprimatur on Northwest Ohio community organizations, and has come to retirement as the CEO of the Stranahan Foundation in Toledo, Ohio.

Pam Howell-Beach grew up in the Northwest Ohio rural community of Archbold, Ohio. Upon her high school graduation, the family was required to relocate due to her father's work. However, Pam chose to stay and supported herself, enrolling in evening and weekend classes at the University of Toledo and working full time to cover the cost of tuition and expenses. The first in her family to obtain a higher degree, Pam achieved a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and Psychology. She later went on to Case Western Reserve University where she obtained her Master's Degree in Social Work Administration, specializing in non-profit planning and management. Pam achieved this advanced degree earning a 4.0 while leading the Toledo Community Foundation as its director.

Under the leadership of Pam Howell-Beach, she grew the assets of the Toledo Community Foundation from \$20 million to nearly \$100 million. As a result, the Toledo Community Foundation's reach extended into every facet of Toledo life including social services, the arts and education.

After sixteen years at the helm of the Toledo Community Foundation, Pam was asked to become the first full-time executive director of the Stranahan Foundation. Thus, she oversaw the organization's services while bringing forth many new initiatives. Among these efforts was an early childhood education enterprise that brought national recognition to the Stranahan Foundation. In the seventeen years of Pam Howell-Beach's tenure at the Stranahan Foundation, more than \$70.5 million in funding has been disbursed to nonprofit organizations in our region and nationwide.

Pam Howell-Beach's strengths in the non-profit world and community at large brought her recognition as well. She was inducted into the inaugural class of 20 Under 40 in 1996 and was named a YWCA Milestone Honoree in 2010.

Accolades are well-deserved, but Pam has devoted her energies toward mentorship in the philanthropic world. She has particularly fo-

cused on raising up women. Pam has dedicated countless volunteer hours toward these efforts, as well as serving as past president of the Zonta Club of Toledo, past chair of Philanthropy Ohio, former chair of the Ability Center of Greater Toledo, trustee for Mercy Health Partners, advisor for the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative, and grant reviewer for Susan G. Komen Foundation.

In spite of Pam's accomplishments in the philanthropic world, the role she most treasures is the one in her family. Her biographer notes that she is a "devoted wife to her husband, Bob. Together they have travelled the world, trekked thousands of miles on their bikes, and spent cherished time with a wide community of friends and associates. Pam has also served as a source of support and strength for her step-children and her nephews. Beyond any doubt, Pam has led an exemplary life, both personally and professionally." Singer/songwriter Dolly Parton noted, "If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader." Truly, Pam Howell-Beach has embodied this message throughout her journey. We wish her Godspeed.

FREEDOM AND LIBERTY FOR  
CUBA

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, historic protests against the brutal communist Cuban regime are taking place across Cuba. I commend the courage of the Cuban people as they stand together to demand basic human freedoms. Socialist oppression in Cuba has gone on long enough and the people of Cuba are standing for freedom and liberty.

Cuba's socialist dictatorship has tortured the people of Cuba for decades, forcing the entire country into shambles and economic turmoil. Now, as the people of Cuba peacefully protest this oppressive regime, Cuban regime thugs are taking protesters from their homes for nothing more than calling for freedom. These horrifying events are not uncommon, and it is time the Cuban regime be held responsible for their offences against Cuban families.

It was inspiring to see American flags being flown during Sunday's protests. Cubans have historically stood up against totalitarian communism, and the United States stands with them.

RILEY QUIRK—EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Riley Quirk who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Riley's Eagle Scout project was the replacement of a 140' long timber bridge path through a swampy area located on Camp Edge. Riley was in charge of coordinating donations, design, materials, tools,