

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 32ND ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 37th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and the cornerstone of the event, the 32nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest, hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Each year, the members of the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated invite community members to gather on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to reflect upon the past year and receive a message of hope from the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow. Dr. King will forever be enshrined in our history as the formative figure in the quest for justice through civil dialogue. Responding through peaceful and principled communication to condemn the injustice of social and racial inequality, Dr. King worked tirelessly to establish a more fair and equal society. Our nation still faces obstacles that Dr. King fought to remove, and it is imperative that we continue his work for our next generations. Dr. King's words continue to inspire our youth, molding the future leaders of our country.

Participants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Contest pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy with their ability to communicate with passion and clarity, just as Dr. King did. This year, the competition challenged students to stretch their imaginations and bring inspirational meaning to Dr. King's vision. Specifically, students sought to honor the work of Black women, the unsung heroines of the Civil Rights Movement past and present.

Three middle and three high school orators demonstrated how the vision and tireless work of these women aligned with Dr. King's vision and maintained his legacy. I congratulate the following contestants and commend them for their participation in the 32nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Contest:

Mahmud Ibn Abdul-Rahman Khabir—Bull Run Middle School, Makaya Elizabeth Freeman—Graham Park Middle School, Shavonne Davis—Marsteller Middle School, Varsha Jyothikaa Palaniyandy—Gar-Field High School, N'Na-Mayi Akosua Tama—Osborn Park High School, Kenedi Cheri Wiley—Hylton High School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for showcasing the power of purposeful and meaningful communication reminiscent of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in congratulating the talented youth of the 2022 MLK Youth Oratorical Contest. Let us learn from the young people and renew our fight against

injustice, ensuring that all Americans will enjoy the equality they deserve.

LUCA MESTEMAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Luca Mestemaker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Luca Mestemaker is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Luca Mestemaker is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Luca Mestemaker for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF HIALEAH IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize the Women's Club of Hialeah, whose dedication towards bettering Southern Florida and giving back to the community has had a significant impact on Florida's 25th Congressional district.

The Women's Club was founded in the house of Mrs. James Bright and Mrs. Lua A. Curtiss on May 4, 1922. These dedicated women lived in Hialeah and created the club with the goal to form a library for the city. The first venue used for the library was the porch of one of the ten members, all the books for the library were donated by members for the community. As the club started to evolve it became part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, with their first project being art classes for children. The Women's club moved locations of their library multiple times over the years and were challenged when a hurricane wiped away one of their sites. Regardless of the obstacles that had to be overcome, they remained hopeful and persistent.

After many years of searching for a clubhouse to call home, the Women's Club of Hialeah moved into the Old Chamber of Commerce building in Hialeah. While there they held different events such as a dance for the Senior High students, sponsored a free clinic for babies, and donated dresses and clothes to the PTA for children in need. The club also worked on multiple projects around Hialeah to brighten the city and to eliminate pollution. Due to many of the projects done in Hialeah the Women's Club was able to create the Hialeah Pollution Environmental Control Board that was adopted in 1971.

The Women's Club of Hialeah has been organizing events and acts of services for now 100 years in May. Some of the events that have been held here are monthly Bunco parties for seniors and others, cooking classes for mothers and daughters, an annual Pink Party to raise money and awareness for cancer research, painting classes, a High School Arts scholarship, volunteer support with our County Commissioner and State Senator for Thanksgiving food giveaways and pet adoptions. The club has made an overall impact to not just the city of Hialeah but to many in South Florida.

Madam Speaker, as a beacon of service, it is truly a privilege to work with the highly esteemed Women's Club of Hialeah. Their determination to help others and their continuous generosity in our community has never wavered, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding club.

RECOGNIZING MARY ANN HIRN ON BEING NAMED THE 2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE CASS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Ann Hirn on being named the 2022 Citizen of the Year by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Ann began her career as a nurse, and later owned a business with her late husband Bob, who was named Citizen of the Year in 2003. She has also been involved with many groups in the Cass City community, including the local Catholic church, the Cass City Historical Society, the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, the Friends of Rawson Memorial Library, and the Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary.

One recommendation letter rightly proclaimed, "Look about and you will see her footprints throughout the community." I thank Mary Ann for her years of humble service to the Cass City community and congratulate her on earning 2022's Citizen of the Year award. As someone who does not do this for the attention or acclamation, I am confident she will continue to make an imprint on the community she loves for years to come.

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HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
PAUL HERZOG

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Bradley Men's Basketball Public Address Announcer, Paul Herzog, on his retirement after 45 years.

Paul Herzog has been announcing Bradley University men's basketball home games since the 1976–77 season. Paul had never missed announcing a game until the COVID–19 pandemic forced him out of the booth during Bradley's 2020–2021 men's basketball campaign. During his time as the public address announcer, Paul called 660 games which matched his idol's, Willie Mays, 660 home run total.

Paul has always been committed to his work and his community. It is my privilege to congratulate Paul on his retirement. We have all been blessed to have had Paul on the microphone for so many memorable and pivotal Bradley basketball moments.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2020 FAIRFAX COUNTY FED-
ERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIA-
TIONS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations 2020 Citizen of the Year Awards.

The Federation is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations who work together to promote and support initiatives that will benefit all. Each year, the Federation honors individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following individuals:

Paul Hammack is a retired local attorney, who has contributed his wisdom and efforts to civic life in Fairfax County for decades. He served on the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals for 39 years, from 1982 to 2021, and was its Vice-Chairman for the last 30 years. Paul has volunteered in many Bar Association activities and leadership roles, and exemplifies the selfless participation of attorneys in community activities.

Lance Beets volunteers in many capacities for Volunteer Solutions, a program housed in the Fairfax County Agency on Aging. Mr. Beets' efforts are directed at helping older adults and adults with disabilities age in place safely and with dignity by assisting them with transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, meal and supplement delivery, and the prevention of social isolation.

JoEllan Frasch has dedicated herself to serving the younger members of our district, inspiring literacy by reading stories in Fairfax County Public Libraries. She expanded on her passion for education, serving as an organizer for High school band, football, and chorus events for years.

Jeff Parnes was a voice for interconnectivity in the region and a consistent presence advocating for the transportation needs of the residents in Northern Virginia. Jeff has literally walked the walk, leading transportation reforms from firsthand experience on buses and beyond.

James Migliaccio was the Lee District representative on the Fairfax County Planning Commission from 2010 through 2019, where he devoted long hours to making Fairfax County an outstanding place to live. He coupled his own talents with compassion for his peers to build consensus and reform county-wide procedures for land use.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. Civic engagement is the foundation of a healthy community, and Fairfax County residents enjoy an exceptional quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

KENDRYL GILLETTE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kendryl Gillette for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

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The dedication demonstrated by Kendryl Gillette is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kendryl Gillette for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE GAZETTE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of The Gazette, the largest publication and hometown paper of Colorado's 5th Congressional District.

On March 23, 1872, just a year after William Jackson Palmer founded the city, the publication began as 'Out West.' The paper relaunched as 'The Colorado Springs Gazette' in 1873, was known decades later as the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph or just the GT, and then as 'The Gazette' starting in

1997. Over time, The Gazette and the city of Colorado Springs have risen and fallen and then risen again, victoriously.

The paper had humble beginnings, opening in a two-story frame house on the northeast corner of Tejon Street and Colorado Avenue. In that simpler era, the newly minted city had just over 2,000 residents, and a subscription to the four-page weekly paper cost \$3 annually.

In its 150-year history, The Gazette's size and structure have reflected the community in which it serves. When the city was small, The Gazette was small. When the city grew, so did The Gazette. During World War II, the Pikes Peak region military bases had a massive influx of troops and construction, which breathed new life into the local economy and The Gazette. With business booming, The Gazette merged with its competitor, the Telegraph, in 1947.

Years later, in 1990, The Gazette was awarded its first Pulitzer Prize for feature writing.

In 2012, The Gazette was purchased by Clarity Media Group, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Anschutz Corporation.

Soon after, The Gazette won its second Pulitzer Prize in 2014 for national reporting on combat veterans who were discharged "other than honorably."

Over the past decade, The Gazette has expanded its reach and launched into the digital future. In 2020, The Gazette expanded north into the Denver news market, with the launch of the Denver Gazette.

The Gazette is more than a newspaper for those living in Colorado's 5th Congressional District. It is a source of meaningful, well-composed news and information that reaches multiple generations of our community. For decades, The Gazette's staff and editorial board have told Southern Colorado's stories, shaped public opinion, and given readers something to think about.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in recognizing The Gazette for its legacy of delivering the news to its patrons and setting the bar high when it comes to quality and content.

I commend Philip and Christian Anschutz and the entire team at The Gazette for their hard work and contributions to the Pikes Peak region, which have made Colorado Springs a wonderful place for families to live and businesses to grow. Here is to another 150 years.

HONORING CARL RAY SNODGRASS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Carl Ray Snodgrass of Wise, Virginia, who passed away on February 3, 2022, at the age of 84. Mr. Snodgrass was foundational to the region and the Wise County community.

Mr. Snodgrass graduated from J.J. Kelly High School and Clinch Valley College. He went on to serve in the United States Army and Army Reserves from 1960 to 1967. At the start of his professional career, he began banking with the Wise County National Bank—later to become President of First State Bank.