

I commend the NVFHOF and congratulate the following players, coaches, and community leaders who are being recognized during the 2024 NVFHOF Awards Banquet:

Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame 2024 Inductees: David Hall and Oren Burks

Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award: Michael Terence—Musician

Karl Davey Community Achievement Award: Ed Miller—Assistant Commissioner CYA

Gene Nelson Commissioner of the Year Award: Jeff Fehrman—Gainesville/Haymarket Football

Football Official of the Year: Steve Lorenzetty—Northern Virginia Football Officials Association

High School Players of the Year: Cord Yates—Madison HS, Kevin Kabasele—McLean HS, Brady Echols—West Springfield HS, Elijah Williams—Edison HS, Brandon Binkowski—Battlefield HS, and Luke Jarvis—Madison HS

High School Coaches of the Year: Justin Counts—James Madison High School and Mike Dougherty—Lake Braddock High School

Youth Coaches of the Year: Luis Siguere—Gainesville/Haymarket, Damon Raymond—Ft. Hunt Football, Calvin Parker—Vienna Youth Inc., Scott Diep—DI Sports & Athletics

Youth Players of the Year: Giovanni Noble, Scott Shaw, Tyler Cabrera, Jeremiah Rosario, Karim Jean, Kaden Golston, Gabriel Helmstutler, Cole Henson, Thomas Polivka, Anthony Hunter, Benjamin Scheuerman, Hudson Rita, Elijah Otchere, Josiah Bolme, Zachary Lesniewski

Scholarship Recipients: Ivan Flores-Gomez, Annandale HS; Charles Beamon, Westfields HS; Ryan & Lucas Matheny, Lake Braddock HS

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating these remarkable students, coaches, and community leaders for their tireless dedication to becoming the best that they can be. As their achievements are memorialized during the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame Banquet, I hope that we can all learn from the example these individuals have set, working as a team to accomplish great things.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF BOB MOORE

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the amazing life of my friend, Bob Moore. He was an icon in so many ways.

It was such a delight to visit him in his company headquarters. The connection he had with all his employees was astounding. He was an evangelist for healthy foods, understanding nutrition, and giving quality products to the public. He built a thriving business, and then turned it over to his employees to continue his amazing tradition of quality, innovation, and service.

I learned a great deal from Bob about healthy food and of course caring for the public. We are all richer for his legacy. Evidenced each time young people go overseas with packages of his food to help sustain them.

I thank Bob for enriching our lives with a model that everyone should embrace.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAWRENCE D. MCRAE UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Lawrence D. McRae and to honor his retirement as vice chairman and corporate development officer of Corning Incorporated in Corning, New York.

A native of Berkeley, California, Mr. McRae earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Morgan State University and an MBA from Harvard University.

Mr. McRae began his career as a senior accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He joined the Controllers division at Corning in August 1985 and held a broad range of leadership positions in finance, sales, marketing, and general management. In 1990, he was named manager of International Sales, before being named business director for Revere Ware Corporation, a unit of Corning Consumer Products Company, in 1993. He was then appointed vice president of Corning Consumer Products Company and president of Revere Ware Corporation in April 1995. He next moved to Telecommunications Products, serving as division vice president of Global Development from 1996 to 2000. McRae led Corporate Development beginning in 2000 and joined Corning's Senior Leadership Team in 2007. In 2015, Mr. McRae was named vice chairman.

For nearly four decades, Mr. McRae played a pivotal role in shaping Corning's evolution—contributing to its past successes and helping build its strong future. He was a key partner and leader on many of Corning's most critical and successful projects, including the acquisition of Samsung Corning Precision Materials, the strategic realignment of Corning's ownership interest in Dow Corning Corporation, and Corning's majority ownership position in Hemlock Semiconductor. Over the course of his career, Mr. McRae also served on the board of directors of the Dow Corning Corporation, Samsung Corning Precision Materials, Samsung Corning Advanced Glass, LLC, Hemlock Semiconductor Group, and the Corning Foundation. In 2023, the Corning Black Employees Network honored him with a lifetime achievement award named for its inaugural recipient, Lawrence D. McRae.

Corning Incorporated is the beating heart of the Southern Tier's economy. On behalf of the state of New York, it is a privilege to thank Mr. McRae for his 38 years of distinguished service to Corning Incorporated and his important contributions to our great state and Nation. I wish the McRae family—including his wife, Sharon, and daughters, Lauren and Rory—health and blessings in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND RE- FLECTION ON THE LEGACY OF BLACK BUSINESSES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, during Black History Month, to reflect on the legacy builders that contributed to the rich entrepreneurial history and culture of the great city of Chicago and beyond. Manufacturing, banking, retail, grocery, and restaurant ownership are among the industries that the 6 Collins brothers dominated on the south and west sides of Chicago for more than 50 years.

The eldest Collins, Ernest T., founded Seaway National Bank in 1965 and was credited with pioneering the 24-hour supermarket concept at his four grocery store locations called The Food Basket, founded in 1952. Argia B. Collins, Sr., the youngest Collins brother, an accomplished restaurateur, created Chicago's original barbecue sauce brand—Argia B's Mumbo Sauce in 1950. Crafted as a signature sauce for his popular southside restaurants, the Mumbo Sauce brand debuted in a national advertising campaign in Life magazine. Collins not only tantalized the taste buds of Chicagoans but also became an integral part of the local community. A visionary entrepreneur and champion of small business, Argia B. was passionate about economic development and the growth of the African American business community. In fact, Collins was involved with Operation Breadbasket, a program initiated in 1966 by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to address economic issues affecting African American communities. He assumed a key position in operation breadbasket's efforts in Chicago, working alongside Reverend Jesse Jackson and other business leaders in the Chicago chapter. Argia B. utilized his business acumen to help advance the organization's goals, particularly in promoting economic empowerment and financial opportunities for African American businesses. The association with Operation Breadbasket resulted in the Argia B's Mumbo Sauce brand being among the first products manufactured by an African American company to gain chain-wide distribution with major grocery retailers in 1967. Other Chicago brands that were part of this significant campaign included Joe Louis Milk Company, Parker House Sauce, Grove Fresh Orange Juice, and Conway Cleaning Products, all quality brands created and manufactured by African American producers.

I recognize and commend the contributions of the Collins brothers and the other African American business vanguards of the Operation Breadbasket movement which embody the spirit of resilience and ingenuity that defines the city and exemplifies the legacy of Black entrepreneurship. Indeed, the Collins family's Chicago roots run deep, anchoring them to the values of integrity, generosity, and solidarity that define the city's spirit.

Today, Allison Collins, the daughter of Argia B., carries the torch of her father's vision as CEO of Select Brands, preserving its important 74-year legacy and ensuring that the spirit of the Mumbo Sauce brand continues to

thrive. The company has expanded the distribution of Argia B's mumbo barbecue sauce beyond the confines of Chicago. Over the years, mumbo sauce's popularity has soared, and it is now prominently displayed on retail shelves across the country. This iconic sauce brings a taste of our city's culinary excellence to households nationwide, showcasing the enduring appeal of the company's 74-year commitment to quality and flavor. This accomplishment not only underscores the sauce's widespread appeal but also reflects select brands' dedication to sharing the flavors of Chicago worldwide.

Again, I thank the Collins family for their tireless efforts and unwavering devotion to the city of Chicago. Their legacy will continue to inspire and uplift generations to come.

We wish them continued success.

CELEBRATING R&R PARTNERS FOR 50 YEARS OF ADVERTISING EXCELLENCE IN SOUTHERN NE- VADA

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate R&R Partners for 50 years of promoting Las Vegas around the world.

On January 18, 1974, Sig Rogich founded R&R Advertising. The firm quickly made a name for itself by landing casino accounts and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. A short nine years later, Sig Rogich hired Billy Vassiliadis, then a 26-year-old Chicagoan and fellow Greek American. I had the pleasure of teaching Billy at UNLV where he was a political science major and already engaged in local politics.

Just as Southern Nevada grew from a population of 350,000 in 1974 to 2,300,000 in 2024, R&R Partners has grown from a small firm to an advertising and public affairs institution with hundreds of employees in offices around the country and in Mexico. Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1999, R&R Advertising changed its name to R&R Partners, emphasizing the full service that R&R provides to clients. In addition to advertising, the agency offers legislative advice and often works pro bono for good causes.

In a 2004 profile, the New York Times declared Billy, "The Pied Piper of Las Vegas", saying that, "Every dream needs a merchant, every myth a mythmaker. In Las Vegas, the job falls to Billy." I've always said that while other congressional districts make cigarettes or cars, in Las Vegas we make dreams come true. And Billy and R&R Partners have played a key role in spreading that message around the world.

In 2003, R&R developed their most famous advertising campaign, one that has made Las Vegas the international tourism destination that it is today. "What happens here, stays here" is heard in movies, music, and even commercials for nonrelated products.

This simple and suggestive slogan ushered in a new era of tourism for Las Vegas. The iconic tagline was honored on Madison Avenue's Advertising Walk of Fame and won R&R Partners and LVCVA Brandweek magazine's Grand Marketer of the Year Award.

Billy and R&R have not only created winning campaigns for Las Vegas's casino and tourism industry, but also for causes like the Andre Agassi Foundation for Education, Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Brain Institute, and "Flip the Script", a state-wide anti-bullying campaign. R&R has also assisted various public entities like the Southern Nevada Water District in its compliance campaign, "It's a desert out there. Be water small."

Today, R&R remains at the forefront of advertising and public affairs in Las Vegas and around the world. Whether it is the 2020 remix of their famous slogan for LVCVA, "What happens here only happens here"; campaigns for the Las Vegas Raiders, Las Vegas Grand Prix, and Super Bowl LVIII; or innovative work for Fortune 500 companies, and non-profits and government entities, R&R continues to deliver for its clients and for Southern Nevada.

I am honored and pleased to call Billy Vassiliadis a longtime friend and am proud of the work R&R Partners has done for our community over the past 50 years. I cannot wait to see what the future holds. What happens at R&R, does not stay at R&R.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF VANESSA GRANT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate McCaskey High School senior Vanessa Grant for her recognition as "Most Outstanding Attorney" at the Empire Mock Trial tournament in Chicago, Illinois.

For the past four years, Vanessa has participated on the McCaskey High School Mock Trial team, beginning her time virtually during the pandemic. Despite the added challenges, she overcame the obstacles and became the team's leader a few years later.

This year, Vanessa led her team of twelve to the invitational competition against teams from across the world before sitting judges. The judges awarded Vanessa a perfect score in the defense of her case, an esteemed honor coming from legal professionals.

Vanessa's dedication to her team is admirable. She spends hours every week reviewing numerous cases her team will argue at future competitions, or even for fun.

The coaches and attorney advisors of the team praise Vanessa's growth and confidence as a leader and future international criminal lawyer, high praise reflected in her long list of accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Vanessa on her success at the Empire Mock Trial tournament and wish her and the rest of the McCaskey Mock Trial team all the best as they finish out the rest of their season and going forward. I wish Vanessa continued success in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PI LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Chapter includes the communities of Prince William County, the City of Manassas, the City of Manassas Park, and Stafford County.

Coinciding with the local chapter's 20th Anniversary is the international organization's 112th Anniversary. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded on November 17, 1911, by three Howard University undergraduate students, Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, and Frank Coleman, along with their faculty adviser, Professor Ernest E. Just. Together, they laid the foundation of an organization based on the core principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul", the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. For 112 years, the membership has upheld a strong tradition of friendship and civic engagement.

The chapter was chartered on January 24, 2004, by the fraternity's Supreme Council led by the 37th Grand Basileus, Dr. George H. Grace and the Third District Representative, Brother Curtis Baylor. The 29 Charter Members of the chapter are Brother Crispin A. Abad, Brother Honney L. Barner, Brother David Bell, Brother Gene Bryson, Brother Willie D. Camp, Brother Byron L. Cherry, Brother Leonard Daniels, Brother Phillip Ferguson, Brother Anthony M. Fields, Sr., Brother Walter Gooley, Brother Gregory L. Hamlett, Brother George M. Hampton, Brother Darryl K. Hairston, Brother James Harris, Brother Steven B. Holmes, Brother William H. Hundley, Brother Alexander King, Brother Johnny Q. Ledbetter, Brother Bennie J. Lotlie, Brother Herbert Mitchell, Brother Bernard V. Oliphant, Brother George M. Parker, Sr., Brother Jordon C. Pope, Brother Gregory Reid, Brother Carl T. Ross, Brother Andre Smith, Brother Arthur A. Sobers, Brother David Stevenson, and Brother Algie Walker, Jr.

The chapter members are expected to participate in social action programs and activities that will uplift their communities. Some of the activities under the umbrella of social action include voter registration, education, Assault on Illiteracy, Habitat for Humanity, mentoring, and participation in fundraisers for charities such as American Diabetes Association, United Way, Sickle Cell Anemia, etc. Additionally, the chapter offers 5 different scholarship opportunities for students.

The chapter leadership over the 20 years has been past Chapter Basilei: Brother Bernard V. Oliphant, Brother Byron L. Cherry, Brother Harvey L. Woodson, Jr., Brother George M. Parker, Sr., Brother Trevor J. Hamilton, Brother Tony B. Bullock, Brother David Holliday, Brother Raymond Bell, Brother Eddie Stephens, Jr., Brother Jeffrey Allen, and the current Chapter Basileus, Brother Charles Hunter.