

Dr. Coleman moved to the community of Pennswood Village in Newtown, PA where he currently resides and is loved and admired by all who know him.

As we celebrate Dr. Coleman's 105 years of life, we are incredibly grateful for the many positive impacts he has made. We want to thank him for his devoted service to our Country and we heartily wish Dr. Coleman continued joy and God's blessings for the future.

COMMEMORATING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF REV. DR. PAUL SHEPPARD, SENIOR PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERRIFIELD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Reverend Dr. Paul Anthony Sheppard, a native of Fairfax County, Virginia, who possesses a God-given desire to serve people. He describes himself as "a humble and committed soldier on the battlefield of life trying to destroy the vicious armies of Satan." He attended Howard University, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and Sociology in 1991.

Pastor Sheppard was licensed to preach the Gospel on March 21, 1993, and was ordained on December 10, 2000, at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. He earned his Master of Theology Degree from Wilbur H. Waters School of Religion and Theological Seminary in 2003.

In April 2017, Pastor Sheppard received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian University in Jacksonville, Florida for his committed service in the community and abroad, and for his preaching ministry.

Pastor Sheppard aims to help people apply timeless truths of Scripture to their everyday lives. He formerly served as a certified instructor and advisor teaching Ministerial Counseling and Psychology of Religion. He was inducted into the Savannah State University Foundation Hall of Fame for his community activism and service. He is especially passionate about youth and elders. He feels: "When you bridge the gap between the two groups, you can create a very powerful society with the youth absorbing much wisdom and knowledge."

Rev. Sheppard has been extremely active in civic and community organizations serving on numerous civic and non-profit advisory boards in the Savannah and Chatham County areas. He was a member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (I.M.A.), partnering with several organizations to bring about educational and economic empowerment. Rev. Sheppard also served as President of the Georgia Fellowship of Churches through the National Baptist Convention of America, International, Inc.

Throughout his ministry he has participated in symposiums discussing social issues, economic development, and religious thought concerning the contemporary church in the 21st century. He also worked with the Governor of Virginia where he spearheaded the Voting Restoration Rights for felons through the Peninsula Baptist Pastor's Council.

Pastor Sheppard has established numerous ministries that have transformed congregations and communities throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast. In 2019, after much prayer and fasting, Pastor Sheppard's path guided him to lead the First Baptist Church of Merrifield in Falls Church, Virginia.

He currently serves as the 3rd Vice Moderator of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association and is extremely active in civic organizations that uplift multi-generational interests in topics such as media, politics, and education. In February 2024, he traveled with a missionary group serving an orphanage and community in South Africa.

He is married to the former Esther Morris whom he cherishes dearly. Out of this beautiful union, they are blessed with one son, Justin Gregory Milton Sheppard. Pastor Sheppard's favorite Bible verse: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me"—Philippians 4:13.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Dr. Sheppard for his tremendous efforts as a leader in our communities, as he celebrates his 5th Anniversary as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Merrifield.

RECOGNIZING HENRY SOCIAL CLUB

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Henry Social Club, a restaurant in my hometown of Columbus, Indiana.

Opening in 2014, Henry Social Club is helmed by Gethin Thomas, former executive chef at Columbus-based Cummins.

With an impressive resume including work in New York, Paris, and London, Chef Thomas now calls Columbus home, a testament to the community we have in my district.

Today, I recognize Henry Social Club and Chef Thomas' efforts as he continues to bless the Sixth District.

RECOGNIZING THREE HEROES FROM BURTCHVILLE TOWNSHIP

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor three exceptional heroes from Burtchville Township who demonstrated extraordinary courage on August 24, 2024.

Early that afternoon, Rick Onyshkevich noticed smoke rising from his neighbor's property on State Road. At first, Mr. Onyshkevich believed that the smoke was a result of yardwork—however, as the smoke grew thicker, he soon realized that it was coming from the house.

Immediately, Mr. Onyshkevich alerted 911 and didn't spare any time before entering the home and removing the occupant. According to Chief Harrington of the Burtchville Township Fire Department, Mr. Onyshkevich was able to remove the occupant from the home but was not able to get her down the steps to fully exit the house.

It was at this time that two deputies, Jacob Garza and Doug Schneider, arrived at the scene where they proceeded to rescue her. Soon after, she was turned over to Burtchville Fire & Rescue and was quickly transferred to the hospital.

Thanks to an extraordinary display of heroism by Mr. Onyshkevich, Deputy Garza, Deputy Schneider, and the dispatchers responsible for coordinating the response, a life was saved. Our community is indebted to every person involved in this rescue.

Mr. Speaker, the actions of these heroes exemplify the very best of our community. Their bravery, quick thinking, and lack of hesitation to act in the face of danger is truly commendable. The actions of these brave men are a fervent reminder of the impact one can have when they put service above self. We should all be inspired by their heroism, and I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding their efforts.

RECOGNIZING HOUSING ASSISTANCE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Housing Assistance as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Housing Assistance was originally founded in 1974 by Rick Presbrey in a small office converted from a garage in West Yarmouth. At first, the organization's sole program was administering State Chapter 707 Rental Assistance, but in 1975, Housing Assistance also began administering HUD Section Rental Assistance, followed by weatherization services. Over the past five decades the Cape Cod and Islands region has grown and evolved and so has the organization. What began as a rental voucher agency with only a few employees has grown into a regional housing agency and one of the largest developers of affordable housing in the region.

Now with 120 employees and led by CEO Alisa Magnotta and Board Chairman Bill Bogdanovich, Housing Assistance strives to elevate the Cape and Islands economy and community, empower residents of all ages and income levels, and address the root causes of housing shortages and affordability. In addition to its original rental subsidy and voucher program services, Housing Assistance offers homelessness prevention and outreach services, shelter services, and permanent and transitional supportive housing. Further, Housing Assistance offers first time home buyer courses, and as the only HUD-approved housing counseling agency serving the Cape and Islands, the organization provides housing counseling on issues such as foreclosure prevention, reverse mortgages, and other housing related matters.

Through its many services and programs, Housing Assistance works to bridge the gap between homelessness and homeownership to support the vision of a year-round Cape Cod community where everyone has access to housing and a stable place to call home. Over the last 50 years, the organization has assisted more than 200,000 residents, provided shelter to over 20,000 people, and built

over 585 affordable housing units across the Cape and Islands. Housing Assistance has established itself as a leader in the community by creating housing solutions for families at a variety of income levels and working to address some of the greatest challenges in access to housing.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Housing Assistance, and I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking the organization for its unwavering commitment to supporting the residents of the Cape and Islands and improving access to affordable housing.

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE FAIRFAX RESOLVES AND THE FAIRFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves and the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution for the exemplary service and invaluable contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter has long been recognized as a pillar of strength and resilience within the Fairfax community. Since their establishment, they have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to defending the ideals and principles upon which our Nation was founded.

Their tireless efforts in preserving our historical heritage and honoring our Nation's values have had a profound impact on our society. From their active involvement in local events to their extremely informative educational initiatives, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter has consistently demonstrated the highest standards of duty and patriotism.

This year, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter was a leader in the efforts to commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves. On July 5, 1774, George Washington, George Mason and other leaders of Fairfax County met in Alexandria, Virginia to appoint a committee to draft a document that would serve as instructions to the County's delegates at the Virginia Convention and, as Washington put it, "define our Constitutional Rights." George Washington and George Mason met at Mount Vernon and drafted a set of resolutions that came to be known as the Fairfax Resolves. At a meeting of Fairfax County residents on July 18, 1774, the Fairfax Resolves were adopted.

While other counties across Virginia and in other American colonies adopted resolutions of "resolves" during the late spring and summer of 1774, the Fairfax Resolves were the most detailed, the most influential and most radical. The Fairfax Resolves was an important influence on the drafting of other documents that served as the foundation for the future government, laws and basic rights and freedoms of the citizens of the United States, including the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the United States Bill of Rights.

This document continues to serve as a cornerstone for the foundation of the United States of America and its role as the beacon of liberty and justice for many persons across the globe who yearn and struggle to achieve the basic human desire to be free.

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter has also been instrumental in fostering a spirit of honor and civic responsibility in the next generation. The chapter's dedication to educating others about our rich history and the importance of active citizenship is truly commendable. By instilling a sense of duty and pride in our collective heritage, they have contributed to the growth and development of responsible and engaged citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each member of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution as they continue the important work of honoring the heroes of the American Revolution in years to come. I express my deep appreciation to the Fairfax Resolves Chapter for their vital role in promoting unity and fostering a strong sense of community within our district.

RECOGNIZING UPLAND COLUMBUS PUMP HOUSE

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Upland Columbus Pump House in my hometown.

The Columbus Pump House was designed by Harrison Albright and constructed in 1903.

Over the years, the historic building has had many incarnations, and now houses Upland Brewing Company, which has been brewing quality beer for 25 years.

Even as it changes, the Pump House has never lost its intended architectural quality.

Today I thank Upland for their dedication to keeping that history.

CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE HOME2 SUITES

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Home2 Suites by Hilton in Paris, Texas.

The Hilton brand is a longstanding leader in the world of hospitality, and this new addition to Paris, Texas, is no exception. The Home2 Suites, which opened its doors on April 1st, 2024, represents a remarkable achievement and a profound personal milestone for the Pankaj family.

As the Mayor of Paris and a second-generation Hilton franchisee, Mihir "Mark" Pankaj has proudly followed in the footsteps of his father, Pankaj "Greg" Magan, who established the Hampton Inn by Hilton here in Paris 24 years ago. Greg's enduring legacy as a five-time oral cancer survivor and unwavering pillar of strength has been a source of inspiration and perseverance for his family. The Home2

Suites project is the result of faithful collaboration between father and son, and it is the pinnacle of the Pankaj family's continued dedication and hard work.

It is the first Hilton hotel to be equipped with a groundbreaking geothermal HVAC system to improve environmental sustainability and hospitality for guests. Additionally, the Home2 Suites boasts a full bar and coffee shop, Paris Coffee Co., Obsidian Craft Cocktail Bar, and a 6,000 square foot Conference and Event Center, enhancing the guest experience and contributing to our community's vibrancy. Today, we celebrate not just the opening of a hotel, but a lifetime of innovation, resilience, and family tradition.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in honor of this historic occasion. Congratulations to Mark and his family, and I wish them the very best.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS AND IDEAS OF NATIONAL HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH AND RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 20TH AS WORLD HYDROCEPHALUS DAY

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as the proud Co-Chair of the Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus—along with my good friend Congressman LLOYD DOGGETT of Texas—I rise to express my support for the goals and ideas of World Hydrocephalus Day and recognize September as National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

Hydrocephalus—a build-up of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain—is colloquially known as "water on the brain." Everyone, from babies to the elderly, can develop it. While some cases are congenital, it can also be caused by a traumatic brain injury, an infection, or even just develop as part of the aging process—anyone can acquire hydrocephalus at any time.

Hydrocephalus is a life-threatening condition that affects approximately 1,000,000 people in the United States with an incidence rate of 85 per 100,000 individuals. One out of every 770 babies born will develop hydrocephalus. Nationwide, over 400,000 babies a year are born with hydrocephalus. Since 2000, more than 470,000 United States servicemembers have sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI), one cause of Hydrocephalus.

Brain surgery is the only treatment—many patients endure dozens of surgeries in their lifetime. The implantation of a 'shunt', a tube that allows fluid to move from one part of the body to another, is the standard course of treatment for hydrocephalus. Unfortunately, shunt's have one of the highest failure rates of all medical devices, resulting in repeated procedures for patients and a diminished quality of life. It is essential to better understand this condition and its profound impact on the people we represent.

While there is no cure yet, Congress can play a role in moving the ball forward.

Mr. Speaker, further education and research is needed to prevent, detect, and treat hydrocephalus.