

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.

Fortunately, there are wonderful organizations such as the Hydrocephalus Association and Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation, that serve as global leaders for hydrocephalus awareness, education, support, research, and advocacy. These organizations are advancing the wellbeing of every individual with hydrocephalus, their families, and their caregivers.

Especially important to the awareness work of hydrocephalus community are the volunteers who give their time to advocate for and provide services to all those living with hydrocephalus.

I'd like to offer special thanks to Carly Weismann, one of my constituents and a volunteer who for the last eight years has been the chairperson of the New Jersey Hydrocephalus Walk which raises needed awareness and funds to aid those with hydrocephalus.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting the important goals of World Hydrocephalus Day and join me in recognizing September as Hydrocephalus Month.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF JONATHAN PAUL WOOD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and extraordinary work of Jonathan Paul Wood, a man who devoted himself not only to his family but also to the well-being and safety of his community. His absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

Jonathan was raised in Springfield, Virginia, and studied at the University of Virginia where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology. He later received his Master of Business Administration from George Mason University. Over the years, Jonathan worked with multiple companies, each one recognizing his expertise and leadership. His final 20 years before retirement were spent as a construction and IT project manager at Northrop Grumman.

Above all else, Jonathan took great pride in being a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He began his service at the young age of 18 and continued in various roles for over 50 years. He achieved the esteemed rank of Command Officer and played a crucial role in training the next generation of firefighters, instructing Fairfax Fire Academy students in the demanding task of driving emergency vehicles. Jonathan's expertise and dedication were instrumental in the design and commissioning of numerous fire engines, ambulances, and service vehicles.

His volunteer career began at the Greater Springfield Station 22, where he quickly rose through the ranks to become Chief. In 1982, he relocated to Fair Oaks, where he continued to serve with distinction at Fair Oaks Station 21. There, Jonathan held several leadership roles, including Chief and President, earning the respect and admiration of his peers and community alike.

Outside of his work and fire station duties, Jonathan loved domestic and wild animals, hiking, camping, kayaking, and distance cycling. He led groups of volunteers to maintain his community's wild spaces, controlling

invasive plants, cutting down dead trees, and monitoring the wild fox population.

Jonathan's commitment to his family was unwavering. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Knapp, her children, Gabrielle and Nathaniel Baylon, his brother James Wood, and his nephew Christopher Wood. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gloria and James Wood, and brother, David Wood.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the joyful and resilient life of Jonathan Paul Wood and in sending his family our sincere condolences.

REMEMBERING JIM MORRIS

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jim Morris, who passed away in July at the age of 81.

For decades, Jim has been a leader in the civic, business, and sports communities in our state.

Jim grew up in Terre Haute and graduated from Indiana University in 1965.

By 1967, he was chief of staff for Indianapolis mayor Richard Lugar.

He proceeded to hold leadership positions with Lilly Endowment, Indianapolis Water Company, the World Food Programme, and, most recently, Pacers Sports and Entertainment, serving as vice chair since 2014.

Jim was a devout Hoosier through and through, loyal to his city and his state.

He was committed to giving back, including by serving on the executive boards of the U.S. Olympics Committee, UNICEF, the American Red Cross, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway board of directors, and the Indianapolis Power and Light Advisory Board.

He leaves a legacy like no other, and I thank his family for sharing this servant leader with all of us.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TRACEY ANNE KENNEDY

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Ms. Tracey Anne Kennedy, who passed on September 16, 2024, and whose life's work instilled faith, hope, and love in everyone around her.

Ms. Kennedy was born on May 6, 1963, to John and Carol Kennedy of Tonawanda, New York. She attended Sweet Home High School and graduated from Buffalo State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. She married John Plante in 1991, and together they raised two beautiful children, Michael and Mary Katherine. Though they went their separate ways later in life, Tracey lived out the last five years of her life with John, who helped her navigate her medical journey.

After being diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer and later Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma,

Ms. Kennedy bravely fought for nine years through numerous treatments and procedures, always with a positive attitude and remaining strong in her faith. As a member of The Chapel at CrossPoint, Ms. Kennedy found comfort in knowing that God was with her every step of the way.

Ms. Kennedy always ensured that those around her felt loved. She was everyone's loudest cheerleader, strongest supporter, and best friend. She relentlessly encouraged her family and friends to strive for the impossible and reach for the stars. She always wanted to make everyone feel seen and special, armed with her thousand-watt smile and contagious laughter.

Today, Ms. Kennedy is remembered as a hard-working woman of God, who put the needs of others first, had a profound love for her children and family, and continuously fought for her health. Please join me in honoring Ms. Tracey Anne Kennedy for her lifetime of dedication to service and faith.

HONORING JUDITH PITTMAN FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SECOND STORY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Judith Pittman, Chief Executive Officer of Second Story. Judith has been serving communities in Northern Virginia through Second Story since 1995. Since 1972, Second Story has worked closely with youth and families across Northern Virginia through strategic programs to help them work towards self-sufficiency as well as break cycles of homelessness, abuse, and poverty. As Chief Executive Officer, Judith has used her background of almost 30 years in nonprofit management and advocacy to obtain more services for at-risk, abused, homeless and runaway youth—including opening seven new programs since 2004 targeted to this population. Because of Judith, thousands of youths and families have been able to write their Second Stories.

Judith has served on federal panels to develop standards for federally funded programs serving runaway, homeless, and street youth. She also was a Greater Washington Nonprofit Roundtable Fellow. She has presented at numerous National Conferences on topics relevant to youth and young adults. Judith serves on the Policy Advisory Committee for the National Network for Youth. She is a member of the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team of Fairfax County as a former Board Member for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Judith Pittman for her tremendous efforts as a leader in Northern Virginia communities, as she celebrates her retirement after 30 years with Second Story.