

2025 ArtsFairfax Awards. These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of artists, arts organizations, individuals, and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church that support the arts in our community.

Founded in 1964, the formally named Arts Council of Fairfax County is a non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. Today, ArtsFairfax operates programs and initiatives that include grant opportunities, arts advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities for arts and culture organizations.

ArtsFairfax envisions a thriving arts and culture community accessible to all of Fairfax County. To support this vision, ArtsFairfax awarded a total of \$799,026 in 82 Awards to over 65 local arts organizations across its three grant programs for FY2026. Among those awardees, 82 percent are led by women, 30 percent are led by people of color, and 23 percent are led by veterans. These figures reflect ArtsFairfax's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility when it comes to the arts.

The Arts Awards honors supporters of the arts in four categories: the Jinx Hazel Arts Award, the Philanthropy Award, the Impact Award, and the Education Award. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2025 Arts Awards Recipients:

The 2025 Jinx Hazel Award will be presented to General (retired) Lester L. Lyles.

The 2025 Philanthropy Award will be presented to Tim Rizer.

The 2025 Impact Award will be presented to IACC—Pars Place.

The 2025 Education Award will be presented to Marco Rando.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2025 Arts Awards and recognizing the visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our Northern Virginia communities rich with cultural opportunities.

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#### HONORING CICELY MULDOON

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2025*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cicely Muldoon upon her retirement from the National Park Service after 40 years of extraordinary public service.

A Bay Area native, Cicely was born on the Presidio Army base in San Francisco. Her father was a World War II Army infantryman. She grew up in Sausalito and after earning her bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of California, Davis, began her first job with the National Park Service (NPS) in 1985 as a ranger at the Sitka National Historic Park in Alaska. During her tenure, Cicely had the wonderful opportunity to work in many parks across the United States, including Buffalo River National Park in Arkansas and the San Juan Island National Historic Park in Washington, before being appointed Superintendent of Pinnacles National Park in San Benito County in 2002. After three dedicated years, and significant progress in expanding the condor release program, Cicely became a deputy regional director for NPS. For five years she

oversaw community partnerships, fire and safety initiatives, and education programs across the region while providing direct management of 10 parks including Death Valley and Joshua Tree.

In 2010, Cicely was named Superintendent of Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS), a position she held for a decade. My staff and I worked closely with her in this role on many challenging matters including the aftermath of the Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar's decision to let the NPS lease to Drakes Bay Oyster Company expire and the ensuing years trying to deliver on the directive to pursue 20-year leases to the historic working ranchers in Point Reyes National Seashore. During her time in PRNS she also managed several vital infrastructure renovations, including the restoration of the 150-year-old Point Reyes Light-house.

In January 2020, Cicely left PRNS to assume the role of acting superintendent of the iconic Yosemite National Park. After 10 months, she was promoted to permanent superintendent, overseeing the 750,000-acre park, its 1,200 employees, and more than 40 million visitors annually. The second female superintendent in Yosemite's 156-year history, Cicely led the park through historic reforms and unprecedented challenges. At the start of her tenure, she skillfully navigated the pandemic, successfully preventing any major COVID-19 outbreaks among visitors or employees. She also managed Yosemite as it faced wildfire challenges, an unexpected winter closure in 2023, and the introduction of the new day-use reservation system to manage long-term overcrowding concerns.

Mr. Speaker, I personally worked with Cicely Muldoon for more than a decade on critical issues affecting the Point Reyes National Seashore and our natural resources. She is smart, committed, and has a great sense of humor. Always dedicated to the welfare of her employees and the protection of our natural lands, Cicely leaves an indelible positive impact on the National Park Service and all those visitors and staff whom she has taught and inspired. I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing heartfelt gratitude to Cicely for her generosity of spirit, innumerable good deeds, and in sending her best wishes on her next endeavors.

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#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF FALL- EN CORRECTIONS OFFICER JER- EMY HALL

### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2025*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, the 9th Congressional District of Virginia and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia mourn the loss of Virginia Department of Corrections Officer Jeremy Hall.

On Monday, November 17th, Officer Hall was working a morning shift at the North River Correctional Center in Independence, Virginia. Just before 8 am, an inmate at the facility attacked multiple officers, including Officer Hall. As a result of the inmate attack, Officer Hall suffered serious injuries and died.

Our communities depend on the incredible sacrifices of corrections officers to keep our

communities safe. These officers are trained to respond to, supervise and effectively tend to inmates under state custody. Accordingly, our corrections officers must be willing to put their own well-being on the line to handle stressful, challenging and even dangerous circumstances.

We rely on figures like Officer Hall, who made the selfless choice to serve the Virginia Department of Corrections since April 2024. Officer Hall carried out his corrections work with professionalism, integrity and strength. But he is also remembered for showing up to every shift with a smile and with pride in his work.

The attitude that Officer Hall carried to work can be attributed to his deep love for his family. Like so many of our corrections officers, Officer Hall received great support from his family and community.

He is survived by his wife Dawn Marie Hall, of the home; daughter, Amaya Hall (Bland, Virginia), mother, Mary Susan Richardson (Wytheville, Virginia); father, Michael L. Hall (Debra) Elk Creek, Virginia; Mother-in-law, JoAnn Bollin (Dorchester, South Carolina); brother, Drew Hall (Wytheville, Virginia); maternal grandmother, Edna Ruth Burcham (Galax, Virginia); paternal grandmother, Ruth Hall (Elk Creek, Virginia); stepchildren, Felix and Sophi Johnson (Durham, North Carolina) beloved dogs, Chia and Willow; and several loved aunts, uncles and cousins also survive. Jeremy is preceded in death by paternal grandfather, James Hall.

Officer Hall was about to celebrate his 41st birthday at the time of his death. While our region grieves his loss, River North Correctional Center and the Virginia Department of Corrections remain resolute in providing protection, safety and care to our communities. They will continue to operate according to the very same mission that Officer Hall supported and they will remember his service and sacrifice.

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#### RECOGNIZING CORNERSTONES CEO KERRIE WILSON ON THE OCCA- SION OF HER RETIREMENT

### HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2025*

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Kerrie Wilson on her upcoming retirement after nearly 25 years of dedicated service as the CEO of Cornerstones in Reston, Virginia. Cornerstones is a nonprofit organization that has provided Northern Virginia families and individuals with support, advocacy, and empowerment through critical services for over 55 years.

Founded in 1970 as Reston Interfaith, Cornerstones began as an advocacy group focusing on affordable housing needs in the Reston community and has now grown into a comprehensive service organization that serves and supports approximately 26,000 individuals throughout Fairfax County annually. The services available through Cornerstones have expanded significantly under the exceptional leadership of Kerrie Wilson and today encompass housing assistance, food assistance, financial assistance, childcare, youth services, community and family strengthening, and several community resource centers throughout the district.

Ms. Wilson became CEO of Cornerstones in 2001 after a distinguished career at the American Cancer Society, where she focused on cancer prevention for medically underserved communities and ultimately served as the organization's national vice president for government relations. During her tenure at Cornerstones, she has guided the nonprofit through a period of remarkable growth and strengthened its role as an indispensable resource for our region.

Her leadership has been defined by a deep commitment to social justice, equity, and collaboration. She played an instrumental role in expanding access to affordable housing, advancing supportive services, and forging strategic partnerships that empower individuals and families toward long-term stability. In 2023, Cornerstones extended its reach with the opening of the Free from Hunger Center, a 10,000-square-foot facility that strengthens food distribution networks throughout the region.

Ms. Wilson's many contributions to public service have been recognized throughout her career, including receiving the Katherine Hanley Public Service Award for her extraordinary impact on Fairfax County and her dedication to improving the lives of others, and Leadership Fairfax's Non-Profit Leadership Award for her tireless commitment to strengthening the region's non-profit sector.

Mr. Speaker, Kerrie Wilson's retirement marks the culmination of nearly a quarter-century of visionary leadership that has transformed and strengthened an institution central to the well-being of our region. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ms. Kerrie Wilson for her years of devoted service and wishing her a joyful, fulfilling, and well-earned retirement.

CONGRATULATING MS. NINA  
MARTINEZ ON WINNING THE  
LONE STAR EMMY AWARD

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2025*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Nina Martinez for winning the Lone Star Emmy Award in the Historical/Cultural—Short Form or Long Form Content category. This outstanding achievement is a testament to her dedication to telling meaningful stories that educate, uplift, and empower viewers throughout Corpus Christi and the entire Coastal Bend region.

Ms. Martínez began her journey in journalism at Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi and has since devoted more than two decades to television broadcasting and news reporting. Since joining KAJA Telemundo Corpus Christi in 2015 as the main evening anchor, she has become a trusted and respected voice—consistently delivering accurate, compelling, and community-centered reporting.

Throughout her career, Ms. Martínez has demonstrated not only excellence in journalism but a deep commitment to public service. She has established herself as a strong advocate for the Latino community, particularly on issues related to immigration, economic opportunity, and social equity. In addition to her

work on air, she serves on the Board of the West Side Business Association, where she helps support local businesses and advance community-driven initiatives that strengthen the region.

Ms. Martínez is equally dedicated to shaping the next generation of journalists. Through mentorship, training, and professional guidance, she has invested countless hours in helping young media professionals develop their skills and pursue successful careers in broadcasting.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Ms. Nina Martinez for her exceptional career, commitment, advocacy, and her well-deserved Lone Star Emmy Award. She represents the very best of South Texas, and I congratulate her on this remarkable achievement.

CONGRATULATING MEMORIAL  
MEDFLIGHT ON ITS 20TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. RUDY YAKYM III**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2025*

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone for our region. On January 1, 2026, Memorial MedFlight will celebrate its 20th Anniversary of service to the people of northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan.

For two decades, Memorial MedFlight has provided lifesaving air medical transport to our communities, often responding in the most critical moments when every second matters.

Their pilots, flight nurses, paramedics, and support teams have demonstrated extraordinary skill, professionalism, and courage day and night, in all conditions.

Thousands of families across our region have been touched by the fast, expert care this team delivers. Their work has strengthened our emergency response system, expanded access to advanced medical care, and saved countless lives.

Today, we honor Memorial MedFlight's dedication, their unwavering commitment to the people they serve, and the strong partnerships they have built with hospitals, first responders, and local communities.

We celebrate 20 years of excellence, and we express our deepest gratitude for the lives they have protected and the hope they continue to provide.

I congratulate Memorial MedFlight on this remarkable anniversary and thank them for their continued service.

HONORING CAPITAL ONE'S COM-  
MITMENT TO VETERANS, SERV-  
ICE MEMBERS AND MILITARY  
FAMILIES

**HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2025*

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Capital One and its exceptional contributions to our Nation's veterans, service members, and military families.

As one of Northern Virginia's largest employers, Capital One has demonstrated an un-

wavering commitment to supporting those who serve and those who stand beside them.

For more than a decade, Capital One's military-service-focused Business Resource Group, known as Salute, has been a cornerstone of that commitment. Today, Salute includes over 6,000 members and continues to grow as a vibrant community for veterans, active-duty service members, military family members, and allies.

Salute's mission is clear: to ensure that those connected to military service can thrive through meaningful engagement, professional development, and support during the unique challenges of military life.

One of Salute's signature initiatives, the Serve the Reserve program, provides personal and professional support to associates and their families during times of deployment or military separation. From care packages and communication assistance to navigating military systems and connecting employees to job placement resources, this program reflects the values of service and solidarity that strengthen our communities.

Capital One has also emerged as a national leader in helping service members transition into civilian careers. As an inaugural founder of the Hiring Our Heroes program, Capital One has helped veterans, military spouses, and caregivers access professional training and hands-on experience in fields such as cybersecurity, analytics, and project management.

Capital One also promotes career tools like "Translate My Skills," which helps applicants align military experience with civilian job requirements.

They consistently appear on the Military Friendly Employer list, and for 2025 it received the organization's prestigious Gold Status. Capital One has also been selected by the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for an Extraordinary Employer Support Award and is a proud member of the Military Spouse Employment Program, underscoring its commitment to hiring and advancing military spouses.

Capital One's impact extends beyond employment. Here in Virginia, they have played a critical role in bringing Terwilliger Place to life, which is the first housing credit development in the Commonwealth with a leasing preference for veterans.

Through a low-income housing tax credit equity investment, construction financing, and pre-development support, Capital One helped create 160 affordable housing units, half of them reserved for veterans. This project stands as a model for community-centered, veteran-focused development.

They also empower veterans to continue serving their communities through volunteerism. From resume reviews and mock interviews to care packages for active-duty service members and support for nonprofits that train service dogs for veterans with disabilities, Capital One helps extend the spirit of service well beyond military life. Their support for veteran entrepreneurship, including partnerships with Bunker Labs and the National Veteran Owned Business Association, has helped veterans build and grow small businesses across the country.

Capital One's dedication to veterans and military families represents the best of what it means to serve one another. I am proud to recognize their contributions and to thank