

RECOGNIZING THE CHARTERING OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service organization, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD), and to celebrate the chartering of their Fairfax County Chapter.

The story of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. began in 1964 with a simple lunch invitation. When Mrs. Willie Lee Glass was unable to attend a luncheon hosted by Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson, she asked Major Ozell M. Dean to attend in her place. Inspired by what she witnessed at that gathering, Major Dean reached out to Mrs. Glass and other distinguished Texas women to explore the possibility of forming an organization dedicated to addressing the challenges faced by youth in their communities.

From its inaugural meeting on June 4, 1964, at Texas College in Tyler, Texas, TLOD has grown into a renowned national service organization with 135 chapters and over 5,300 members across the country. Their mission has expanded to include service initiatives for youth, women, senior citizens, community beautification, and strategic partnerships.

A cornerstone of their efforts remains the Top Teens of America (TTA) program, which provides young people with educational, social, cultural, and economic development opportunities. Today, more than 3,200 Top Teens benefit from this vital program.

Now, in 2025, the Fairfax County Chapter joins this legacy of service under the leadership of:

Amber R. Talbert, President

Dr. Charlotte Lofton, 1st Vice President

Millisa Lucas Gary, 2nd Vice President

Angel Lungelow Cooper, Recording Secretary

Indra' Gibson, Treasurer

Crystal Bivens, Financial Secretary

Marlo Thomas Watson, TTA Advisor

Additionally, the chapter is privileged to have Lady Tangie Lafaye Phair as its Organizer, guiding a distinguished group of charter members committed to advancing TLOD's mission in Fairfax County. Under the visionary leadership of National Area II Director Lady Hope V. Ruffin and President and CEO, Lady Eddie Lee Marsh, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. continues to leave a lasting impact on communities across the Nation through service, mentorship, and advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Fairfax County Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. I commend these outstanding women for their dedication to service, mentorship, and community engagement.

CELEBRATING GEORGE PERRY'S 103RD BIRTHDAY AND HONORING HIS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate George Perry on his 103rd birthday and for his longstanding service to his country and the York County community.

You would be hard pressed to find a better representative of York County than Mr. George Perry. He has served his country, his community, and is still active in the running of his family's business. George Perry was born on his family's dairy farm in York, Pennsylvania in 1922. Since then, Perry has become an icon in the community as the head of his family's thriving business, Perrydell Farms. Perrydell Farms produces fresh milk and ice cream made, all of which is made on site.

Not only is Perry a veteran of the dairy industry but also World War II. He left college in 1943 to join the Army and fight in the Pacific. After the war, Mr. Perry took over Perrydell Farms in 1949 with his brother. Together, they helped to establish Perrydell as a local one-stop-shop for fresh, high-quality milk and ice cream. In his 103 years, Mr. Perry has seen a great deal of change in agriculture in York County. One constant throughout that time has been Perrydell Farms, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2023.

Perrydell's long and storied history in York County is due in large part to the work of George Perry, who over his more than a century of life has pursued a mission of providing quality products to his community. Perrydell Farms is now run by Mr. Perry's three sons, Tom, Greg, and Chip. Despite no longer running the farm, George is regarded as the farm's patriarch, an invaluable member of the farm and family's history in the dairy industry.

It is with great enthusiasm that I congratulate Mr. Perry on his 103rd birthday, his service to our country, and his success as a business owner. His stewardship of Perrydell Farms has allowed it to remain a staple of the community, and I hope for their continued success for years to come.

HONORING PRINCIPAL MARKISHA STOVALL

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District honors an exceptional leader within our community: Principal Markisha Stovall of Madison Carver Academy. Her unwavering dedication to her students, their families, and our community embodies the very essence of exemplary public service.

Born and raised in Detroit, Principal Stovall's resilient life story includes overcoming the loss of her mother to addiction, her father's incarceration, and being raised by her grandmother with five siblings. Despite these hardships, she graduated from Michigan State University and, as a single mother, became an educator to uplift all children.

Serving as the Principal of Madison Carver Academy, her leadership has yielded transformative results: a significant 33 percent surge in enrollment, an impressive 99 percent average attendance rate, the establishment of over 20 enriching student clubs, and the implementation of crucial wraparound services to support families facing crises.

The 12th Congressional District honors her leadership and commitment to our students and community. I congratulate her on all her accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELON LOUISE WILLIAMS

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Elon Louise Williams, a woman whose dedication to her family and community left an enduring legacy.

Mrs. Williams was born on July 14, 1930, to Melvina and Hayden Owens. She had one brother, Yeoman Owens, who preceded her in death. She lived in Harvey, Illinois and was from Milton, Florida.

Mrs. Williams was a woman of strength and devotion. She shared over 60 years of life and love with her beloved husband, the late Sylvester E. Williams, whom she married on January 6, 1950.

Together, they raised four children: Alan Williams, Dale Williams, Vera Williams and Janet Williams, all who attended college. Their family was built on love and mutual respect.

For over three decades, Mrs. Williams faithfully served her community as a mail sorter for the United States Postal Service. She often worked long hours diligently ensuring our local postal operations ran smoothly. She was more than a mail sorter, however. With her consistent presence and friendly nature, she was a source of connection for those in her community. Her commitment to her work and the genuine care she had for her community earned her numerous commendations from both her colleagues and her community.

Mrs. Williams's positive influence extended throughout her community. She was known for her generosity, always ready to offer a helping hand or a word of encouragement. She made a difference in countless lives, often in deeply meaningful ways.

Beyond her career, Mrs. Williams was the cornerstone of her family. She provided unwavering love, support and guidance, shaping the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her wisdom and kindness created a lasting impact that will be felt for generations.

While we mourn her passing, we take solace in knowing her legacy will extend far beyond her years on earth. Her kind spirit will live on in the lives of those she touched, and we will not soon forget her incredible deeds and generosity. I thank Mrs. Elon Louise Williams, for her years of unwavering service. May she rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Elon Louise Williams.

RECOGNIZING KRYSTA FOWLER,
GOLD AWARD

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. STEUBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Krysta Fowler. Krysta is an individually registered member of Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact, by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1–2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Krysta's project, "BAT-vocate: Appreciation and Awareness for Bats," in partnership with The City of North Port, North Port School District, The Environmental Conservancy of North Port, Peace River Wildlife Center, Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida, was an excellent endeavor to address the issue of bat endangerment, conservancy, and awareness in our community. Krysta took action by constructing 26 sustainable bat habitats across Bradenton, North Port, and Ft. Myers to support endangered bat populations. She led educational workshops for Girl Scouts and community members on bat conservation and successfully petitioned the City of North Port to establish a Bat Awareness Day. Additionally, she collaborated with the council to develop a Girl Scout badge curriculum, ensuring ongoing education on bat conservation. Her efforts will have a lasting positive impact on the community. It is an honor to represent brave individuals like Tigran Gambaryan in Congress, and I celebrate his return home to his wife Yuki and their two young children. God bless their family.

On behalf of the 17th Congressional District of Florida, congratulations to Krysta Fowler for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Krysta for her leadership and making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2025 INSTITUTE
FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES AND
DEVELOPMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2025 recipients of the IES Sales

Excellence Awards presented by the institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development.

IES was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices and to help sales professionals and organizations maximize their efforts. Each year, IES recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development.

I am proud to include in the RECORD the following awardees:

Anthony Robbins is receiving the 15th Institute for Excellence in Sales Lifetime Achievement Award. Anthony was the Senior Vice President, Federal Sales for NVIDIA. He has been responsible for supporting federal customers and their missions, providing the technology and expertise needed to transform and improve their operations.

The Honorable Beth McGrath is Deloitte's Global Leader for Government and Public Services and is the 9th recipient of the IES Women in Sales Leadership award. In her role she is committed to strengthening synergies across global Industries and Government and Public Services with a focus on client mission needs and solutions.

Kristina Bouweiri is receiving the 2025 IES Entrepreneurial Sales Leader of the Year and serves as president, CEO and sole owner of Reston Limousine and Travel Service Inc. Kristina has built a globally recognized transportation business with a combination of innovative spirit, shrewd adaptation and a tireless dedication to diversity and international understanding.

Jessica Scott is receiving the 2025 Institute for Excellence in Sales Partner of the Year award. Jessica Scott is a senior team lead and corporate new hire coach at Carahsoft. She runs the IES partnership for Carahsoft and for dozens of their partners. A graduate of the IES Women in Sales Leadership Forum, she is a tireless advocate for her sales team and Carahsoft's technology partners.

Souror Humpton is receiving the 2025 Institute for Excellence in Sales Jay Nussbaum Rising Sales Star award. She is a Federal Account sales leader at Oracle Corporation.

Jack Daly is receiving the 2025 Institute for Excellence in Sales Speaker of the Year award. Jack Daly is the king of street-tested methods about smart selling. With a remarkable 30 plus year track record in sales, executive, and entrepreneurial positions, has been called the best professional sales trainer in America.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Anthony Robbins, Beth McGrath, Kristina Bouweiri, Jessica Scott, Souror Humpton, and Jack Daly for their innovative and effective leadership and congratulating them on being recipients of the 2025 IES Sales Excellence Awards. I wish them the best in all of their future endeavors.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose

of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anthony Tata, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Katherine Sutton, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol.

SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine field of streams, focusing on the new channel guide for sports fans.

SR-253

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Agriculture.

SD-124

11:30 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans at the forefront, focusing on the future at VA.

SD-106

3 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine S. 1462, to improve forest management activities on National Forest System land, public land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and Tribal land to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested land.

SR-328A

MAY 8

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine winning the AI race, focusing on strengthening United States capabilities in computing and innovation.

SR-253

MAY 12

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To receive a closed briefing on space superiority.

SVC-217