

The Elly Doyle Park Service Awards were established in 1988 in honor of former board member Ellamae Doyle's many years of outstanding service. Recipients have also been selected for the Eakin Philanthropy Award, named in honor of the family that donated the first parcels of parkland to the park authority more than 50 years ago; the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship, named in honor of a celebrated local historian and military veteran; the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, named in honor of a local champion of environmental education and protection; and the Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award, named for the former Sully District representative on the Park Authority Board. In addition, a special recognition will be given to Park Authority volunteers, who play an integral role in the agency's success.

It is my honor to congratulate all the recipients of the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards and to include in the RECORD the names of the following individuals:

Elly Doyle Special Recognition: Cynthia Glakas, Paul Gross, Brian Keith, and Christina Tyler Wenks.

Elly Doyle Park Service Award: Tim Bowers and Carolyn J. Gamble.

Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award: Marc Kohn.

Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award: Sara Holtz.

The Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award: Mary Lipsey.

Fairfax County Park Foundation Eakin Philanthropy Awards: Helen L. Kafka (posthumously), McLean Central Park Playground Team, Pohanka Automotive, and the Scott A. & Phyllis P. Crabtree Family Foundation.

Chairman's Choice Award: Ken Quincy and Aimee Vosper.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this year's awardees. Fairfax County is regarded as one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and our nationally recognized park system has played a key role in that distinction. Our community has a strong commitment to promoting and preserving our environment, including our public parks and outdoor spaces, as the efforts of the individuals and organizations recognized tonight reflects. These are truly selfless actions done for the benefit of all and merit our highest praise.

CONGRATULATING GARRETT ILLERBRUNN'S CAREER IN THE U.S. ARMY'S 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Warrant Officer Garrett Illerbrunn for his dedicated service in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

Chief Warrant Officer Illerbrunn, a native of North Dakota, with a love of the outdoors and dedication to farming, started his service in the U.S. military in 2005 and is now retiring after more than twenty years of service.

Garrett served honorably for those twenty years, as an Apache AH64 crew chief before becoming a pilot and officer. He is retiring as Chief Warrant Officer 4, where he provided

leadership and support to units from the battalion to the corps and beyond.

At the end of 2023, Garrett suffered a life-altering injury to his skull during a drone attack in Iraq. He's accomplished great strides in his recovery with his family by his side, even learning sign language from his son Tucker, and I look forward to seeing further successes in his future.

Garrett has many accomplishments in his time of service, including being awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and many more. But it's clear his most beautiful life accomplishments have been marrying his wife, Lorna, and becoming a dad to Tucker.

I hope Garrett celebrates with a Miller High Life and Jimmy John's and I'll be sure to do the same to honor his service today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Chief Warrant Officer Garrett Illerbrunn for his dedicated service to our great country. I wish him the happiest retirement with his family.

RECOGNIZING MR. STEPHEN D. AUSTIN, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF U.S. ARMY RESERVE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mr. Stephen D. Austin, Assistant Chief of Army Reserve, on his retirement from the U.S. Army Reserve as a Department of the Army Civilian, Senior Executive Service Tier 3.

Mr. Austin's career is a testament to unwavering dedication and distinguished service. Over the course of 26 years in uniform and 19 years as a civilian leader, he has served in positions with increased responsibilities, culminating in his role as Assistant Chief of Army Reserve. A native of Oregon and a proud graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Mr. Austin has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless Soldiers, Army civilians, and their families.

Even after retiring as a Colonel in the U.S. Army, Mr. Austin's passion to serve endured. In June 2015, he returned to the Army Reserve as a member of the Senior Executive Service, where he represented the Army Reserve in the formulation and synchronization of policy and strategy at the national, departmental, and service levels. His leadership has been instrumental in shaping the development of policy, resourcing, and plans that generate, sustain, and integrate Army Reserve capabilities in support of our Nation.

Mr. Austin's professionalism, integrity, and tireless commitment to service have been evident in every role he has held. His legacy is one of excellence, and his contributions have strengthened the foundation of our military and its future.

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to his children—Sarah, Grace, Naomi, Camille, and Nate—for their unwavering support throughout his career. The sacrifices made by military families are profound, and their strength and resilience are vital to the success of our armed forces.

As Mr. Austin embarks on this next chapter, I wish him and his family a future filled with

peace, joy, and well-deserved rest. The United States Army Reserve—and indeed, our Nation—is better because of his service.

I thank Steve for his extraordinary career and your enduring commitment to our country.

COMMEMORATING HICKORY FARMS ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Hickory Farms.

Established in 1975, Hickory Farms is a community made up of 198 single-family homes in the Braddock District. Fairfax County is full of history, and this community's history has been well documented by local historians, including resident Robert Cosgriff. Through research, Cosgriff found that Hickory Farms is situated on a piece of land that some scholars believe is the largest private land holding in history. In 1672, Charles II of England granted proprietary rights to approximately 5 million acres to Henry Earl of Arlington and Thomas Lord Culpeper, Baron of Thorsway, for their support of Charles' claim to the throne during the period of the Commonwealth under Cromwell. The rights to the property were passed through descendants, and the first owner to reside on the 21,996-acre estate, the largest single land holding in what is now Fairfax County, was William Fitzhugh. The estate was named "Ravensworth" after an ancestral home in England. Their property was approximately nine percent of the total area of Fairfax County, and included the land now known as Hickory Farms.

Fairfax County contains over 1,500 homeowners' and condominium associations, each one performing similar functions for residents, but some associations, like Hickory Farms Community Association (HFCA), go above and beyond for their members. While much of HFCA's functions are standard, such as ensuring owners maintain their properties and ensuring the common areas are maintained, they also make a conscious effort to encourage a deep sense of community within Hickory Farms.

This sense of community starts right when new homeowners or tenants move into the neighborhood. HFCA's Welcome Wagon Representatives welcome new residents, hand them a welcome packet, and collect contact information to make sure they are able to take full advantage of everything HFCA has to offer. Throughout the year, residents can gather with their neighbors for social events like children's parades, Halloween parties, summer kickoffs, and more. Many of these events take place throughout the large common areas within Hickory Farms. The common areas comprise over 20 acres of wooded land and open areas, including a number of maintained walking trails.

It takes countless volunteers to maintain the common areas, greet new neighbors, put on social events, and support the necessary functions of the HOA. Not only does Hickory Farms recognize people's contributions in the monthly newsletter, but a number of active volunteers have been recognized on an even

larger level. I include in the RECORD the following volunteers:

Braddock District Citizen of the Year: Robert Cosgriff (1997) and Bob and Lee Sottile (2002)

Braddock District Neighborhood Enhancement Award: Melissa and Jarrett Stark (2019)

Braddock District Civic Engagement Award: Robert Cosgriff (2024)

Lord Fairfax (Braddock District): Robert Mullin Jr. (1990) and Robert Cosgriff (2021)

Lady Fairfax (Braddock District): Pamela Barrett (2009)

In addition to these individual recognitions, HFCA has received a number of awards as a community because of their environmental and conservation efforts. HFCA earned the Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Award in 2002 and 2024, as well as earning the "Friends of the Trees" Award in 2021. These awards are a testament to the dedication of the Hickory Farms residents and the commitment of the HFCA to uphold high environmental standards for their community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me, in congratulating Hickory Farms on its 50th anniversary. For five decades, residents have enjoyed the best of what Fairfax County has to offer because of the tireless work of the HFCA. This community is a prime example of why this county is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. Cheers to another 50 years.

HONORING RONALD HUGUENIN AS
A DISTINGUISHED FIRST RE-
SPONDER LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Ronald Huguenin has dedicated more than two decades to public safety and service in Central Florida. Beginning his career in 2001, he served with the Daytona Beach Fire Department from 2002 to 2007, where he was a member of the Motor Medics, the Technical Rescue Team, and served as a fire explorer advisor, mentoring young adults interested in careers in the fire service. In 2007, he joined the Orlando Fire Department, where he currently serves as a lieutenant paramedic within the Special Operations Command, assigned to Engine 2/B, known as the "Pride of Parramore."

Lieutenant Huguenin is a state-certified firefighter and nationally registered paramedic, with specialized certifications as a hazmat technician and Scott Air-Pak technician. His career reflects a strong commitment to technical excellence, operational readiness, and leadership in complex emergency situations that demand precision and teamwork.

Beyond emergency response, Lieutenant Huguenin has played an active role in strengthening community ties and developing the next generation of firefighters. He participated in the "Books and Badges" program, which promotes literacy and mentorship in local schools, and contributed to strategic planning efforts that brought together a diverse group of individuals to help shape the long-term vision of the Orlando Fire Department. He currently serves as the lead instruc-

tor for the B-shift Field Training Officer program, ensuring probationary firefighters develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to complete their first year successfully. Additionally, as treasurer for the Orlando Professional Firefighters Union, he has helped organize initiatives that provide food and support for families and individuals in need across the Central Florida community.

Lieutenant Huguenin's dedication to his profession, his department, and the community he serves exemplifies the courage, service, and selflessness that define the firefighting profession.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF SANDRA FIGUEROA-VILLA

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor non-profit leader and lifetime activist, Sandra Figueroa-Villa. Born and raised in South Los Angeles, Ms. Figueroa-Villa has devoted over four decades to the non-profit sector, most notably serving as the Executive Director of El Centro del Pueblo since 1980.

At El Centro del Pueblo, Ms. Figueroa-Villa has worked to address and mitigate the impacts of gang violence in Los Angeles. Thanks to her leadership, El Centro was transformed from an organization with a budget deficit and two part-time employees to a nationally recognized social services provider with 80 employees and an annual budget of \$10 million.

Ms. Figueroa-Villa has expanded El Centro's services to include family preservation, employment services, and youth delinquency prevention programs, which helps reduce youth violence and strengthen local families. In addition, El Centro is home to the Echo Park Family Source Center, providing financial counseling, tax preparation, tutoring and college prep classes and other critical services to Angelenos.

Ms. Figueroa-Villa has also been active in public service, serving on the Board of Police Commissioners. In this role, she improved policies for the Police Department's interactions with homeless individuals, and the Department's de-escalation and use of force protocols. Ms. Figueroa-Villa continues to serve on numerous executive boards and commissions, notably including the City's Children, Youth, and Family Commission and the Los Angeles Unified School District's Redistricting Commission.

In recognition of Ms. Figueroa-Villa's decades of leadership in advancing social justice and community empowerment, the city has named the intersection of W. Sunset Boulevard and Lemoyne Street, adjacent to El Centro del Pueblo's main office, as "Sandra Figueroa-Villa Square." This historic renaming will ensure Ms. Figueroa-Villa's legacy is remembered by all Angelenos in the years ahead.

On behalf of my colleagues in Congress, I sincerely thank Ms. Figueroa-Villa for her continued dedication to Los Angeles and lifelong career in public service.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DIS-
ABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARE-
NESS MONTH

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, observed each October to honor the invaluable contributions of people with disabilities to the workforce and to reaffirm our commitment to expand their participation in the future.

In 1945, the Nation first designated a national week to recognize the contributions of people with physical disabilities. Designated by Congress as NDEAM in 1988, commemoration evolved to acknowledge the importance of increasing the number of people with disabilities in the workforce. In 2001, the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) was created and was given responsibility for NDEAM and for selecting and helping promote its annual theme.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Value and Talent", which reminds us that Americans with disabilities bring innovation, resilience, and unique perspectives to our communities and all sectors of our economy.

As we celebrate NDEAM and disability employment, I want to recognize the success of the AbilityOne Program, one of the largest and most impactful sources of employment for people who are blind or have significant disabilities in the United States.

Since Congress first established the program over 80 years ago, AbilityOne has empowered individuals with disabilities by providing meaningful work opportunities through Federal contracts. Today, nearly 40,000 Americans, including thousands of veterans, are employed on these contracts providing essential products and services for Federal agencies with excellence, reliability, and pride.

ServiceSource, based in my Congressional district, is one of 400 AbilityOne Federal contractors doing this work across the country, contributing to workforce development and strengthening communities. I commend their efforts and other employers who are actively hiring people of all abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month and in advancing policies that empower every American to secure a job and thrive. During the month of October, we should all reaffirm our commitment to a workforce that recognizes and welcomes everyone's contributions.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA CLEMENCY HOME
RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 6, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Clemency Home Rule Act, which would give the District of Columbia exclusive authority to grant clemency for D.C. crimes. Currently, the president exercises the authority to grant clemency for D.C.