

farming and almond processing operation based near Los Banos in California's San Joaquin Valley.

Louie began his agriculture career as a dairy farmer, and over his lifetime, he was a Merced County Sheriff Posse member, a gravel truck driver, an irrigation equipment installer, a cotton harvester equipment educator, and, after retiring from RPAC's daily operations, an Agricultural Ambassador for State Fairs throughout the United States.

Mr. Parreira helped build one of the early large-scale almond hulling and shelling operations in California during the 1970s alongside his wife Barbara and sons David and Paul Parreira. The company evolved into RPAC Almonds, which is now a major almond processor and exporter serving growers throughout California.

Besides almonds, Louie and his wife Barbara grew cotton, fruit, row crops, and grains. He has been married to the love of his life for 77 years. Louie and Barbara founded the Little Hands on the Farm experience at the Los Banos Fair and were both honored by the Los Banos Downtown Association as the 2021 Farm/Ag Leaders of the Year. Louie is also a graduate of Los Banos' Westside Union High School, and a member of the Future Farmers of America.

It is my privilege to recognize Louie, who has spent 100 years guiding, nurturing, and advancing California agriculture and the Los Banos community. Please join me in honoring Louie E. Parreira on his centennial birthday.

RECOGNIZING GARTH FAGAN

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Caribbean American Heritage Month to recognize a gifted creative from Rochester, New York: Garth Fagan.

Born in Jamaica, Garth Fagan developed an early passion for dance and a deep appreciation for the rich rhythms, movement traditions, and cultural heritage of the Caribbean. After immigrating to the United States, he settled in Rochester in 1970 and founded what would become Garth Fagan Dance, a company that has earned international acclaim and helped establish Rochester as a center for artistic excellence. Through his work, he brought Caribbean influences to audiences around the world while strengthening the cultural fabric of our community.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Fagan has pioneered a unique dance technique that blends modern dance and ballet with Afro-Caribbean movement, rhythm, and energy. His innovative choreography has expanded the boundaries of contemporary dance and elevated Caribbean artistic traditions within American performing arts. His creative vision reached a global audience through his celebrated choreography for Broadway's *The Lion King*, earning him a Tony Award and cementing his place among the most influential choreographers of his generation.

Beyond his accomplishments on stage, Garth Fagan has dedicated himself to mentoring young artists and cultivating the next generation of performers. As a teacher and

community leader, he has inspired countless dancers to pursue excellence while embracing creativity, discipline, and cultural pride. His work has served as a bridge between Caribbean and American artistic traditions, fostering greater understanding and appreciation through the universal language of dance.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Garth Fagan during Caribbean American Heritage Month. His extraordinary artistry, leadership, and commitment to cultural expression have enriched Rochester, strengthened the performing arts, and showcased the enduring contributions of Caribbean Americans to our Nation. I thank him for his remarkable achievements and for the inspiration he continues to provide to communities in Rochester and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE SEPTA EXCELLENCE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2026 recipients of the Fairfax County Special Education PTA Awards, an annual tradition that honors the extraordinary educators, students, staff, and community members who champion inclusion and excellence in special education across Fairfax County Public Schools.

These individuals and teams exemplify dedication in supporting students of all abilities, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.

I include in the RECORD the following names of the 2026 SEPTA Award recipients:

Kely Herrera and Samina Butt: Outstanding Instructional Support Staff

Jaee Lee: Outstanding Secondary Administrator

James Racine: Outstanding Support Staff

Jason Collazo and Jan Fisher: Outstanding Secondary Special Educators

Claire Soyeon Lee and Malika Bougri: Outstanding Preschool Special Educators

Patricia Rothweiler, Larissa Miller Pullam, Colleen O'Carroll, and Liz Smith: Mark Stewart Memorial Award for Outstanding Elementary Special Educators

Nia Ravenstahl: Secondary Educator of the Year

Katherine Charlotte "Casey" McLellan: Elementary Educator of the Year

Liz Busch: Preschool Educator of the Year
Courtney Kim and Beth Beal: Outstanding Elementary General Educators

Alina Jimenez Rosa: Outstanding Secondary General Educator.

Megan Pitts and Stephanie Schauder: Outstanding Related Services Providers

Hunters Woods SACC Team and Scott Elliott: Community Champions for Special Education

Cara Chaapel and Anne Hollis: Outstanding Co-Curricular Staff

Evelyn Harocopos: Outstanding Central Office Staff.

Becky Timm and Eric Kopacz: Outstanding Elementary Administrators

Devansh Saraff: Outstanding Student
Sheel Patel and Reema Patel: Abbie Bachmore Memorial Award for Students Most Supporting Inclusion

Jenna Cook and Kathryn Guard: Outstanding Inclusive FCPS Program

Cathy Adames, Anice Denton, and Laura Cerda: Outstanding Collaborative Team

Stephanie Curb: Volunteer of the Year

Avi Levy: Reflections: Silver Award of Excellence

Ben Smith: Reflections: Bronze Award of Merit

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2026 Fairfax County SEPTA Award recipients for their exceptional contributions to students, families, and schools. Their dedication to inclusion, equity, and excellence represents the very best of our community and serves as an inspiration across the Commonwealth and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GABE AMO

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, on June 8, 2026, I intended to vote YES on Roll Call No. 208, Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 8466.

RECOGNIZING NOELLE MCKINNON'S RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE EZELL

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Noelle McKinnon of Jones County, Mississippi, on her retirement after more than four decades of dedicated public service.

Noelle began her career in 1985 as a Legal Assistant and Office Manager for attorney Franklin C. McKenzie, Jr., where she oversaw the day-to-day operations of a busy law practice and managed everything from legal filings to financial administration.

In 1994, she began serving as the Certified Court Administrator for Mississippi's 19th Chancery Court District, a position she has held with distinction for more than 30 years. In that role, she managed court operations, worked closely with local governments, law enforcement, the Administrative Office of Courts, and the public, and played a vital role in ensuring the efficient administration of justice throughout Jones and Wayne Counties.

Throughout her career, Noelle has been a respected leader in the judicial community, serving on numerous committees within the Mississippi County Administrators Association, including as President, and as the Lieutenant Governor's appointee to the Judicial Advisory Study Committee.

The professionalism, dedication, and commitment to public service have left a lasting impact on Mississippi's judicial system and the countless people she has served over the years.

As she begins this well-earned retirement, I join her family, friends, colleagues, and the people of Mississippi in thanking Noelle McKinnon for her many years of service and wishing her all the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 2026 FAIRFAX
COUNTY STUDENT PEACE
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2026 Fairfax County Student Peace Awards.

The Fairfax County Student Peace Awards began with one high school in 2006 to encourage high school aged students to think about peace as both a means and an end, and to recognize young people who work as peace-makers. By 2013, the program was being offered in every public high school in Fairfax County, as well as in many private schools.

Participating high schools choose one Junior or Senior, or one student group active in promoting peace or removing the causes of conflict. Examples of outreach include committing to peace by engaging in activities that strive to end conflict, either locally or globally, promoting the understanding of divisive issues and situations to bridge differences, and working to resolve conflicts among students or members of the community who feel isolated or alienated.

I include in the RECORD the names of this year's Student Peace Award winners:

Lily Rumpf, Annandale High School
Caleb Crawford, Cedar Lane School
Sheba Ahmadzal, Centreville High School
Voices of Chantilly, Chantilly High School
Aaya Ali, Edison High School
Damanika Ravi, Fairfax High School
Gabiella (Gabi) Henriquez, Falls Church High School
Sinaiyah Emami, Hayfield Secondary School
Fredis Alexander Guillen Ayala, Herndon High School
The Verdict Publication Club, Justice High School
Yenni Ly Do, Lake Braddock Secondary School
Ryan Musmar, Langley High School
Rachel Chanel Yousaf, John. R. Lewis High School
Madison Red Cross Club, Madison High School
Lucia Castellon Soria, Marshall High School
Chloe Jeong, McLean High School
Savonne Clark, Mount Vernon High School
Sana Stanikzai, Mountain View High School
Yanis Mahenni, Oakton High School
Brycen Smith, Quander Road School
Caitlyn Murphy, Robinson Secondary School
Kayhan Kandahari, South County High School
Alden Walcott, South Lakes High School
Anwar Kiyar, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
Annalise Richardson, West Potomac High School
Natalie Ignacio, West Springfield High School
Student Equity Ambassador Leaders, Westfield High School
Maria Kim, Woodson High School

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of these young people are the building blocks of a more peaceful and tolerant world. I commend them on their efforts and dedication and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each award recipient and thanking them as well as Fairfax

County Public School System and sponsor organizations for all they have done for our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MOLLY
MURPHY QUINN

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Molly Murphy Quinn, a devoted wife, mother, and educator from our community, who passed away on June 7, 2026. Though her life was far too short, the impact she leaves behind is immeasurable, felt in the lives of every student she guided, every teacher she mentored, and every family she welcomed into her school community.

Molly was born on July 25, 1979, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and she carried that city's spirit of hard work and loyalty throughout her entire life. She was the beloved wife of Matthew Quinn and the devoted mother of Moira Quinn, roles she cherished above all else. She is also survived by her parents, William and Geraldine Murphy; her sister Betsy and brother-in-law Joe McMonagle; and her nephews Sean and Matthew McMonagle. They each carry with them the warmth of the countless memories she created, including visits to Newfoundland, where Molly cherished her family ties and roots.

Molly dedicated her professional life to education, earning three master's degrees in education, a reflection of her relentless commitment to excellence and her belief that great teaching begins with great learning. She served as Principal of St. Charles Borromeo School, where she was far more than an administrator. She was a builder of community, and a champion of the students. Under her leadership, St. Charles Borromeo was a place where kindness and excellence were held as equal measures of success.

Those who worked alongside Molly describe a leader who led with both rigor and grace. She inspired confidence in the uncertain, and ambition in the capable. The classrooms of St. Charles Borromeo School are forever shaped by her vision and her heart, and every student whose life she touched is richer for having known her.

Molly Murphy Quinn was taken from us far too soon, and the void she leaves in her family, her school, and her community cannot be overstated. Yet the legacy she built, in the character of her students, in the culture of her school, and in the hearts of all who knew her, will go on.

I ask my colleague to join me in honoring her memory, celebrating her contributions, and extending our deepest condolences to her family, friends, and all those whose lives she's touched.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on

Roll Call No. 216; YEA on Roll Call No. 217; YEA on Roll Call No. 218; NAY on Roll Call No. 219; and YEA on Roll Call No. 220.

HONORING KURT ROSE, HERNDON-
RESTON ROTARY CLUB'S 2026
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of our Northern Virginia community, Kurt Rose, on the occasion of being named the 2026 Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Herndon-Reston.

For decades, Kurt Rose has exemplified the very best of public service through his unwavering commitment to children, families, and community organizations throughout the Herndon and Reston areas. His leadership reflects the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self," and his impact can be felt across countless lives in our region.

In 2005, Kurt helped bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the Herndon-Reston community, a transformative initiative that provides free books each month to young children from birth to age five. Through this effort, thousands of local children have gained access to books in their homes, fostering early literacy and a lifelong love of reading.

Kurt is also the co-founder of Aspen Jewelry Designs, where he has demonstrated that business success and community service can go hand in hand. Through his work, he has supported numerous charitable initiatives and strengthened local partnerships. In addition, he co-founded the Ro-Sigle Community Giving Foundation, which raises funds and awareness to expand access to literacy resources for children and families in need.

Beyond these accomplishments, Kurt has generously given his time and support to organizations such as Kids R First, Cornerstones, the South Lakes High School PTSA Food Pantry, the South Lakes and Herndon High School Bands, the Reston YMCA, and the Reston Museum's Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. He has also served as a dedicated board member of the Reston Historic Trust & Museum, helping to preserve the unique heritage of the Reston community.

The Citizen of the Year distinction awarded by the Rotary Club of Herndon-Reston carries deep significance within the community. Each year, this honor is bestowed upon an individual whose service, leadership, and compassion have made a lasting and measurable impact on the lives of others. It is a recognition not only of professional achievement, but of a sustained commitment to uplifting neighbors, strengthening families, and building a more connected and resilient community.

The annual celebration brings together community leaders, local organizations, families, and friends to reflect on the values that define Herndon and Reston: service, generosity, and civic engagement. It serves as a powerful reminder of the role that local leadership plays in addressing community needs and inspiring others to contribute their time and talents in meaningful ways.

Kurt Rose's selection as the 2026 honoree reflects a lifetime of dedication to these ideals.