

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
Gabriella (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.

His work in advancing childhood literacy, supporting local nonprofits, and fostering community partnerships embodies the very spirit of this award. Through both his professional endeavors and volunteer service, he has set a standard of leadership that continues to inspire those around him.

On April 26, 2026, the Rotary Club of Herndon-Reston honored Kurt Rose at the Reston Community Center, celebrating a lifetime of service that has strengthened our community and uplifted those most in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kurt Rose on this well-deserved recognition. His leadership, generosity, and steadfast dedication to others serve as an inspiration to us all and embody the very spirit of community that defines Northern Virginia.

RECOGNIZING MALACHI WILLIAMS

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 pay tribute to a dedicated civil servant from Rochester, New York: Malachi Williams.

Throughout his life, Malachi has exemplified the values of hard work, perseverance, and service to others. He began his career as a custodian at the Jewish Nursing Home before dedicating eighteen years of service to the City of Rochester. Through his work, he earned the respect of colleagues and community members alike, carrying out his responsibilities with diligence, humility, and an unwavering commitment to those around him.

Even after retiring in 1998, Malachi's strong work ethic remained unchanged. Never one to remain idle, he embarked on a second career as a full-time taxi driver, continuing to serve members of the Rochester community for many years. Today, he finds joy in tending his backyard garden, cultivating fresh fruits and vegetables that he generously shares with family and friends, a reflection of the kindness and generosity that have defined his life.

This June, Malachi celebrates a remarkable milestone: his 100th birthday. Reaching a century of life is an extraordinary achievement, and one made all the more meaningful by the positive impact he has had on countless individuals throughout those years. His dedication to family, commitment to service, and generosity of spirit have made him an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of knowing him.

It is with great pride that I recognize Malachi Williams during Caribbean American Heritage Month and on the occasion of his 100th birthday. His life stands as a testament to the enduring values of service, perseverance, and community. On behalf of the Rochester community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as he celebrates this extraordinary milestone.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TRANSIT
ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ACT

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my legislation, the Transit Oriented Development Act, and urge my colleagues to support this commonsense, bipartisan effort to expand affordable housing opportunities in communities across our country.

The affordable housing shortage remains one of the most significant drivers of the rising cost of living facing millions of Americans. In my home state of Hawai'i, the crisis is particularly acute. Housing costs consume an outsized share of household income, forcing working families to make impossible choices between rent, groceries and health care. Far too many of our children (keik), and locals (kama'āina) find themselves priced out of the communities they call home.

To truly address affordability, we must not only increase the supply of housing but do so in ways that reflect the unique economic realities of our communities and lower overall living costs for families. That means building housing that is attainable, well-located, and connected to jobs and services.

One of the most important federal tools we have to do that is the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which has long been one of our Nation's most successful programs for financing affordable rental housing. Yet the current allocation structure does not always reflect the significant differences in housing costs and development challenges that exist across the country. Because allocations are based principally on population, communities facing exceptionally high housing costs—including Hawai'i and other noncontiguous jurisdictions—often face greater difficulty producing affordable housing despite having substantial need.

Our Transit Oriented Development Act takes a targeted approach to addressing that challenge. The bill provides an enhanced Low-Income Housing Tax Credit incentive for affordable housing developments located within designated transit-oriented development areas. This includes places that are already served by rail, bus, harbor or waterway transportation and are zoned for higher-density development. By encouraging affordable housing near existing transportation infrastructure, we can help reduce transportation costs for residents, improve access to jobs and essential services and support more efficient and sustainable community growth.

The legislation also recognizes the unique circumstances facing Hawaii, Alaska, and the United States territories by providing a modest additional basis boost for developments in those jurisdictions. This adjustment reflects the higher costs and unique constraints associated with affordable housing development in non-contiguous areas while helping ensure that the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit can more effectively serve the communities it was designed to assist.

Finally, this bill directs the Department of Housing and Urban Development to study how geographic differences in housing costs and transit accessibility might be better reflected in future tax credit allocations. That analysis will

help inform future policy discussions and ensure that federal housing resources are distributed in a manner that more accurately reflects real-world conditions.

Mr. Speaker, affordable housing and accessible transportation are both essential components of strong, resilient communities. This legislation advances both goals through a practical, bipartisan approach that builds on an existing and proven housing program. For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support the Transit Oriented Development Act.

RECOGNIZING THE RESTON SOCIAL
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
FIELD OFFICE DURING PUBLIC
SERVICE WEEK

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Public Service Week and to honor the dedicated public servants of the Social Security Administration Reston Field Office who tirelessly serve Virginia's 11th Congressional District each day.

The Reston Field Office plays a critical role in supporting residents across our district. Whether assisting seniors with retirement benefits, helping individuals navigate disability services, or supporting families during times of transition, these public servants are often the first point of contact for those seeking help. Their work ensures that residents receive the vital services they depend on.

The staff of the Reston Field Office carry out this responsibility with professionalism and care. They assist individuals through complex processes, answer questions, and help resolve issues that have a real impact on people's lives.

During Public Service Week, we recognize the importance of this work and the individuals who make it possible. In recognition of their service to Virginia's 11th Congressional District, I include in the RECORD the names of the 22 dedicated staff members of the Social Security Administration Reston Field Office.

Brandice Shafron, Anh Duong-Anderson, Shyrell Delair, Srinivasulu Rayala, Ravi Akkineni, Ramiro Espinoza, Quincy Batiste, Erika Wells, Gabriela Martinez, Kaila Scott-Whitehead, Whitney Gordon, Joseph Deguzman, Julie Kubiak, AJ Hartman, Natalia Jimenez, AnhTu Luu, Carisma Johnson, Brenois Kim, Jawaria Adeel, Mariam Popal, Nora Bahamonde, and James Lee.

Their efforts reflect the vital role public servants play in strengthening our communities and supporting individuals and families across Northern Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Public Service Week and in expressing our gratitude to the staff of the Social Security Administration Reston Field Office for their continued service to our district.