

family's name until the mid-1950s when Harvey Draper and his daughter, Mildred Summers, purchased it and began restoration. Plans are now underway to place the home and slave graveyard on the National Historic Register.

June 6, 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of White Plains, and what would later become Putnam County.

#### HONORING JAMES T. PHILLIPS

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mayor James T. Phillips, who has committed the past five years of his life to being the mayor of the Township of Old Bridge. Under his leadership, Old Bridge has thrived and become a vibrant home to many New Jersey citizens. On May 3, 2009 his accomplishments earned him the Hubert H. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award, presented by the Middlesex County AFL-CIO.

Every year since 1983, the Middlesex County Central Labor Council has recognized a prominent individual who has followed the example of U.S. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey's dedication to human and civil rights. As a leader and key proponent of labor unions and their interests, Humphrey furthered the rights of laborers across the nation. Mayor Phillips has followed in his footsteps as a strong advocate for labor who has furthered the cause of labor unions and civil rights.

The Honorable James T. Phillips has become a valuable leader and advocate for the state of New Jersey. The mayor began his career in 1995 as the Middlesex County Treasurer, as well as serving on the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. His involvement with the County Board led to the acquisition of a 2,500 acre plot of land designated for public open space. In addition to acquiring this land for open space he created the Middlesex Co. Old Bridge Waterfront Park, which maintains a healthy and protected community forest.

The influence of Mayor Phillip's hard work and his active presence in the area extends throughout the Township of Old Bridge. Mayor Phillips is a member of the Old Bridge Township Housing and Redevelopment Agency, which has founded two important residences: the Maher Manor and the Chuck Costello Home. The Maher Manor is a 100-unit complex that provides senior citizens with health, wellness and recreation activities. The Chuck Costello Home offers independent living for seniors with more than 60 units of housing.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mayor Phillips on this achievement and thanking him for his service to the community. His accomplishments will continue to benefit and inspire my constituents and future generations.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS

#### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the upcoming 150th anniversary of Wyandotte County, Kansas, which is one of three counties composing the Third Congressional District of Kansas. On June 6th and 7th, the Wyandotte County Historical Museum will commemorate Wyandotte County's 150th anniversary, including activities featuring re-enactors, speakers, dancers and music.

In the territorial period of Kansas, previous to 1859, the area that is embraced in Wyandotte County was a part of Leavenworth and Johnson counties. Thus, with the domination of the "Leavenworth crowd," or of the Missourians who came over into Kansas territory, the citizens at the mouth of the Kansas River had little influence over the affairs of government or of politics. The first election in the county, aside from the elections held by the Indians themselves before the organization of the territory, was in June 1857 to select a delegate to the Lecompton constitutional convention. The polls were guarded by soldiers and the votes were deposited in a candle box, which was afterward found buried in a woodpile at Lecompton and became historically infamous. In October of the same year the county came into notice again, politically, due to the stuffing of a ballot box and other frauds, perpetrated at the Delaware crossing, eight miles west of Wyandotte. It is said that many of the names found on the poll list could also be found in a New York City directory, which some enterprising pro-slavery advocate happened to have in his possession at that time.

The political history of Wyandotte County, however, began with its organization under an act passed by the legislature of January 1859, the same legislature that authorized the Wyandotte constitutional convention. The act, signed by Governor Medearby on January 29, 1859, cut off one hundred and fifty-three square miles from the southeast corner of Leavenworth County and the north side of Johnson County. The Wyandotte Constitutional Convention was a key event in Kansas history. From this convention, Wyandotte County was created, Kansas became a state that was free from slavery, and women were given some rights in voting and holding property. The county is named after the Wyandot (a.k.a. Wyandott or Wyandotte) Indians. They were called the Huron by the French in Canada, but they called themselves Wendat. They were distantly related to the Iroquis, with whom they sometimes fought. They had hoped to hold off movement by white Americans into their territory and had hoped to make the Ohio River the border between the United States and Canada. One branch of the Wyandot moved to the area that is now the state of Ohio. They generally took the course of assimilation into Anglo-American society. Many of them embraced Christianity under the influence of missionaries. They were transported to the current area of Wyandotte County in 1843, where they set up a community and worked in cooperation with Anglo settlers.

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Wyandotte County, with roughly 160,000 residents, today boasts one of the most vibrant economies in the state of Kansas and an amazing story of resurgence. Comprised of the cities of Bonner Springs, Edwardsville and Kansas City, Kansas, the entire county has embraced a unified vision for the future. This vision has produced a monumental transformation over the last several years with the creation of the Kansas City metro area's premier tourist and retail destination including the Kansas Speedway, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Cabela's, the Legends at Village West, and Schlitterbahn Vacation Village. The explosion of development in the western portion of the City of Kansas City, Kansas, is also paving the way for redevelopment opportunities in the eastern portion of the city.

Madam Speaker, I know that all members of this House join with me in celebrating the 150th anniversary of Wyandotte County, Kansas. I am proud to represent it in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING LORDS AND LADIES OF FAIRFAX

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. For the past twenty-five years, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has selected two people from their district who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, more than 470 individuals have been recognized as a Lord or Lady Fairfax by their representative on the Board of Supervisors.

Individuals recognized as Lords and Ladies of Fairfax have made significant contributions in their communities. This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized outstanding individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety providers, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments by the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and should be commended.

The following individuals were recognized as Lord and Lady Fairfax Honorees for 2009. Each of these individuals was selected as a result of his or her outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other special achievements. These individuals have earned our praise and appreciation.

Chairman of the Board—At Large: Lady Corazon Sandoval Foley and Lord William "Bill" Hanks

Braddock District: Lady Pamela K. Barrett and Lord Thomas Frenzinger

Dranesville District: Lady Lisa Lombardozzi and Lord Vance Zavala

Hunter Mill District: Lady Joan Dempsey and Lord Howard Springsteen

Lee District: Lady Michele Menapace and Lord Doug Koelmay

Mason District: Lady Suzanne Holland and Lord Kevin Holland

Mt. Vernon District: Lady Christine Morin and Lord Gilbert McCutcheon

Providence District: Lady Lola Quintela and Lord G. Ray Worley

Springfield District: Lady Leslie Carlin and Lord Erik Hawkins

Sully District: Lady Patricia "Trish" Strat and Lord David L. Lacey

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides innumerable benefits to Northern Virginia and serves to strengthen and enrich our communities.

#### RECOGNIZING MARILYNN RUBIO

##### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marilynn Rubio, a member of my staff. Friday, May 29, was Marilynn's last day as the Congressional Aide in our office. Marilynn has been serving the people of the Illinois Fifth Congressional District with distinction since 2007, and deserves our wholehearted thanks for her efforts.

After graduating from DePaul University in 2007, Marilynn went to work for my predecessor, Rahm Emanuel, beginning as an intern. After spending a few months working for Emily's List, Marilynn returned to Congressman Emanuel's office in April 2008, working in the District Office and the Washington Office as a Congressional Aide.

Marilynn has been extremely helpful to me as I've begun my time in Congress. I have certainly benefited from her experience handling casework for Spanish-speaking constituents, managing the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois office in the interim period, and assisting with travel, records and logistics for our new office.

I would like to wish Marilynn the best of luck in her future endeavors, whether it be teaching English to students in Brazil, attending law school, or any other adventure. I know that she will find success in whatever path she chooses, and I thank her for her service to the people of the Illinois Fifth Congressional District.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE'S 114TH ANNIVERSARY AND DEPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK, JULY 19, 2009–JULY 25, 2009

##### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and 114 years of dedicated service to our service men and women.

Founded on August 25, 1895, the War Department envisioned an exchange at every

post where practical to bring our troops a taste of Americana. Since then AAFES has expanded to over 3,100 facilities worldwide. The growth and success of this exchange service is due in large part to the numerous employees, now totaling over 43,000 associates, dedicated to serving and supporting our service members and their families. For Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, over 450 associates annually volunteered for deployment, choosing to follow our troops wherever they may go and proudly upholding the AAFES motto of "We go where you go!" Their dedication, courage, and patriotism are commendable and resonate deeply within each of us, as we stand united in our support for our soldiers and AAFES.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating AAFES for 114 years of exemplary service and in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for their unwavering support of our armed forces.

#### DARBY HIEB

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Darby Hieb who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Darby Hieb is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Darby Hieb is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Darby Hieb for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD PROTO

##### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with special and personal gratification that I introduce into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for the Nation and the people of my District, especially in my home town of New Haven, Connecticut, the enormously gratifying and important tribute that was paid to Richard Proto on May 18, 2009, by the United States National Security Agency. who died last July after a hard-fought bout with cancer, was recognized by the NSA with the naming of the "Richard C. Proto Symposium Center" within the NSA compound at Fort Meade, Maryland. It is only the second time the NSA has formally named one of its facilities.

Richard was born and raised in the Fair Haven section of New Haven, a graduate of

the city's public schools—Strong, Fair Haven, and Wilbur Cross High School—and the son of Matthew and Celeste Proto, both active in the political life of our community at the same time as my own parents. Like many of the children of immigrants—Richard's mother was born in Italy and immigrated with her parents in 1916 at six years old, and both his grandparents were immigrants from Italy as well—his parents encouraged education, broadly defined, and a commitment to public service as a way of ensuring more fairness in the Nation they now called home. Richard was educated at Fairfield University, where he received his bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1962 and at Boston College, where he received his master's degree in mathematics in 1964. He then joined the NSA.

His contribution to the Nation—he served at NSA for thirty-five years; its Director of Research from 1994 to 1999—was described by the current Director of Research, Jim Schatz, in these terms during the ceremony: Richard was "Universally regarded as one of the Agency's most visionary thinkers. He influenced NSA unmatched by anyone else in recent history . . . Nearly twenty years ago, when large scale networking was still in its infancy, Richard anticipated the emergence of cyberspace as a battleground for national defense, and committed himself to ensuring NSA was prepared. . . . [His] life was a celebration of intellectual power dedicated to the service of his country. He was an exemplary American . . . NSA and the Nation owe him a debt of gratitude." Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI (Maryland), in her capacity as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, in a letter following Richard's death, wrote that "By any definition of the words, Mr. Proto was a warfighter and a patriot. He set high standards of performance at NSA and inspired others to conform to his expectations. He dedicated his life to the security of this Nation and has left a contribution that will endure for decades." During his career, Richard received the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Service and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal. Since his retirement in 1999, he remained as an adviser to the intelligence community, the national laboratories, and the Institute for Defense Analysis at Princeton, until his death.

Richard's family was present and participated in the ceremony, including his brother, Neil Proto, also a New Haven public school graduate and now a lawyer in Washington, D.C. and a professor of public policy at Georgetown University, and his sister, Diana Proto Avino, an educator and mathematics consultant in the public school system in Clinton, Connecticut, and formerly a nationally-recognized teacher of the year. Richard had been raised in New Haven among twenty-six cousins, four of whom made the journey from Connecticut. Richard was truly a product of his community and his Italian-American heritage. He was a member of the famed 1958 Wilbur Cross team that won the New England High School basketball championship in the Boston Garden that captured the soul of our community when I was a teenager. Mr. Proto also was the founder of the Antonio Gatto Lodge of the Sons of Italy in Laurel, Maryland.

I am personally gratified to recognize Richard; a wonderful American who exercised his