

IN RECOGNITION OF LOUDOUN
INTERFAITH RELIEF'S 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 25th anniversary of Loudoun Interfaith Relief, Loudoun County, Virginia's largest food pantry, and their steadfast service to the good citizens of the Loudoun community. I would like to personally commend the volunteers who so selflessly dedicate themselves to providing support to those less fortunate without asking anything in return. These notable citizens truly embody the very best of our nation's values through their service to the community and commitment to the betterment of others' lives.

Loudoun Interfaith Relief has increased their service exponentially since it began. In 1991, LIR provided 50,000 pounds of food over 4,800 pantry visits. In 2016, LIR served 11,000 individuals in 73,000 visits with 1.2 million pounds of food. The pantry is now open six days a week and has over 320 volunteers working to provide services to those in need. This growth is a clear testament to the outstanding dedication to service conducted by the staff and volunteers at Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine organization, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Loudoun Interfaith Relief. I wish them all the best and hope that they continue to be a positive example of service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO THE KOCH FAMILY
FARM IN PUEBLO COUNTY, COL-
ORADO

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Koch Farm, located in Pueblo County, Colorado. Last month, the Koch Farm was honored by the Colorado Department of Agriculture and History for its 102 years of contributions to Colorado's agriculture economy, and its deep family roots in the community.

The Koch Farm was founded in 1914 at the beginning of World War I. It survived the dust bowl of the 1930s, fluctuating crop prices, and many other harsh conditions that have devastated other Colorado farms over the past decade. As a family, the Kochs were able to persevere, keeping their family's traditions and the farm alive. It's through the hard work and determination of family members like John and Conrad Wyss, the founders of the farm; Mark Koch, the current operator of the farm, and his siblings; and their father, John Koch, who passed away earlier this year, that this farm continues to thrive today.

Mr. Speaker, I am immensely proud of the family tradition and determination that the Koch Family Farm embodies. I congratulate the Koch Family Farm for receiving the distinct

honor of being designated as a part of the Colorado Department of Agriculture and History homestead collection. The Koch family truly deserves this honor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER
MIKE BRUNSON

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my constituent, Officer Michael "Mike" Todd Brunson, a master police officer in the Winchester Police Department. Officer Brunson passed away on September 11th, 2016 at the age of 48. He will be sorely missed by his family, his fellow officers, and his entire community.

Mike Brunson was sworn into the Winchester Police Department on February 10, 1995 and was promoted to the position of Master Police Officer in September of 2006. Officer Brunson was a respected and well known member of our community. In addition to protecting his neighbors, Mike helped found his department's community policing unit, and even served as a counselor at the Kids and Cops Camp. Officer Brunson was a member of the SWAT Team, a firearms instructor and field training officer. He also received a Meritorious Action Award and a Valor Award in 2014 for risking his life to enter a burning home in search for a 2 year old boy.

Winchester Police Chief Kevin Sanzenbacher in his statement said that Mike "was a great person, a great father, grandfather, husband, son and friend. He will be truly missed." Lt. J. Cornwell of the Frederick County Sheriffs Office had Officer Brunson as his first field training officer and said "he was a very courteous and nice man who was always willing to pass on information that he had" and that it was a "shame to lose him, especially at that young age." Officer Mike Brunson is survived by his mother, Carol D. Rockwell, his wife, Kimberly Brunson; his daughter Elizabeth Thurman and her husband Jesse, his daughter Katherine Brunson; a step-daughter, Eve Neal, and step-son, Stephen Neal-Crowe; as well as his two grandchildren Ryleigh Grace and Oliver James Thurman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Officer Michael "Mike" Todd Brunson. May he rest in peace, and his family be comforted.

HONORING BOB MCFADDEN IN THE
DALLES, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Bob McFadden for his many years of dedicated public service to the Port of The Dalles. Bob has retired after serving 11 years as commissioner and the last two years as President for the Port of The Dalles, and I would like to pay tribute to his leadership for the people of The Dalles.

Bob was born near Mollala, Oregon and graduated from Portland's Parkrose High School. Following graduation, Bob studied culinary arts and the hospitality industry at the Horst Mager Culinary Institute before beginning a career in culinary work and hotel management for Holiday Inn in the Portland area. During his tenure with the hotel industry, he met a fellow Parkrose High graduate, Kris, who would become his wife of 42 years. They would go on together to work in the Houston, Texas area before receiving an offer to manage a hotel in The Dalles and so the two moved their new family to The Dalles in 1982.

After arriving in The Dalles, Bob began his real estate career as well as his time as an Oregon athletics official for high school football and basketball. His career as a referee in the Mid-Columbia region also included service as basketball and football commissioner and the peer awarded State Football Referee of the Year.

Being a family man with a business to operate is a difficult and time consuming role in itself. In addition to being a great father, successful realtor, and a reliable referee for the region's student athletes, Bob found even more time to give to his community in a number of roles including membership and presidency of The Dalles Rotary and Lions Clubs, serving on the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Board, North Wasco County School District Budget Committee, and a term on The Dalles City Council. Bob and Kris also helped establish the long time sister city program with Miyoshi City, Japan that regularly sends citizens abroad and brings citizens of Miyoshi City to The Dalles to better promote understanding and exchange in the global community.

Bob's service with The Port of The Dalles began in 2003, where he served as commissioner until 2014 when he was elected President, a position he held until his retirement at the end of June. During his term, he has been an integral part of the economic driver that is The Port of The Dalles. Despite the progressive loss of major job creators over the years, The Port commission has managed to work with the community to create fruitful ideas to bring new jobs into the area. As a member of the Port's Community Outreach Team, I knew I could count on Bob to provide valuable insight in crafting solutions to the issues facing The Dalles and Wasco County.

As Bob begins his transition into retirement, I know he and Kris will look forward to more time together.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, please join me in recognizing and thanking my good friend, Bob McFadden for his many years of leadership and service to The Dalles.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2016
BREAST FRIENDS EVENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the important work done by Ms. Nicole Clark for hosting the 2016 Breast Friends event at Harmony Middle School in Virginia's Tenth Congressional District. Nicole has worked on hosting these events since

2013, when she first started them with her “breast friend” Michelle Batt. The success of these events has helped raise awareness and spread knowledge on the subject of breast cancer. Their hard work exemplifies the caring attitude of Loudoun County’s residents.

The 2016 Breast Friend event will entail discussion with a panel of doctors who are working in fields related to breast cancer, as well as Ms. Clark’s own story about her experience with breast cancer. The overall mission of Ms. Clark and the Breast Friends team is to provide support to a community of women suffering from breast cancer.

I believe that it is important to continue working to help defeat breast cancer; while also supporting those organizations and programs such as Breast Friends that do so much for those already suffering from this disease. These events serve a vital role in the continued education of our community about diseases such as breast cancer, and in the creation of support networks for those affected by it.

It is my hope that this event will endure into the future and continue this legacy of community support and awareness. I thank and commend everyone involved in the 2016 Breast Friends event. Their caring spirit will result in critically important issues being discussed to a greater degree in our society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing Ms. Nicole Clark of Loudoun County for her work as host of the 2016 Breast Friends event in Hamilton, Virginia. Although Michelle Batt will not be in the country for this year’s event, she will continue to be an integral part of the important work done by the Breast Friends in our great Commonwealth. I commend both Nicole and Michelle for their continued dedication to supporting those suffering from breast cancer. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MRS.
BRENDA FAYE YOUNG RUSSELL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Mrs. Brenda Faye Young Russell, who sadly passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Brenda attended North Carolina A&T State University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and Business Administration in 1969. After receiving her degree, she embarked upon a career in business by securing a position as an economist at The Rouse Company in Columbia, Maryland. In 1975, Brenda married Mr. Daniel Russell, who was also employed by the Company.

Later in her career, Mrs. Russell worked as a merchandising manager and developed several retail businesses through Maryland. Ultimately, she created Russell-Turcot and Company, a real estate development and consulting firm. Her talents and expertise surpassed the retail and consulting industries, and extended to community leadership. Mrs. Russell served her community by assuming the position of Acting President for the Washington Urban League.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to small business and society, Mrs. Rus-

sell was honored by the Metropolitan Democratic Women’s Club and received the Mayor Marion Barry Award for “Exemplary Business Achievement” in the retail industry in 1983. Indeed, the Washington Post described Mrs. Brenda Russell as “the walking embodiment of a successful retailer.”

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay my respects to Brenda and her family. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Russell; her daughter, Doni Kristen; and many others who grew to love and cherish her. I offer my deepest condolences to Brenda’s family. Her spirit, loving memory, and legacy will always live on.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMITTEE FOR DULLES

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 50th anniversary of the Committee for Dulles (CFD). Established in 1966, the CFD has worked tirelessly to help Washington Dulles International Airport and the economic growth of its region.

The hard work done by the men and women of the Committee for Dulles has helped to make excellent opportunities available to many of my constituents and ensure the growth of the Washington Dulles International Airport corridor.

Home to some of our nation’s largest and most successful companies, the CFD has worked tirelessly to secure the necessary infrastructure to maintain these economic staples in place, all while providing a better quality of life for the residents of Dulles. The close collaboration of the constituents of Virginia’s 10th Congressional District is crucial to bringing continued prosperity to the region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Committee for Dulles and thanking them for the hard work they do to help stimulate economic growth in the entire region. I know the Committee for Dulles will continue to provide excellent opportunities for the area in the future, and I wish them all the best.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BETO O’ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mr. O’ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of El Paso High School (EPHS).

September 18, 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of El Paso’s oldest operating high school, El Paso High. During these 100 years, the “Lady on the Hill” has played an influential role in defining the best of our community and country.

El Paso High has a long and proud history of service. In the early 1900’s El Paso High School’s first Texas Cadet Guard became one of the first Junior Reserve Officers Training

Corps (JROTC) in the United States. She has prepared notable officers like William D. Hawkins, an El Paso High JROTC alumnus and Medal of Honor recipient of the U.S. Marine Corps, after whom the U.S.S. *Hawkins* was named. In 1925, an airfield on the U.S. Army’s installation at Fort Bliss was named after James Buster Biggs, another EPHS graduate who was killed in a plane crash at Beltran, France in 1918.

El Paso High School also represents the best of our country’s connection with the rest of the hemisphere. Located just three miles from the U.S.-Mexico border, EPHS is 93 percent Hispanic, and has implemented a nationally recognized Dual Language Gifted and Talented Program. Also known as *Mundos Unidos*, or *Connecting Worlds*, the unique program was awarded the multi-million dollar Jacob K. Javits Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The program has helped EPHS graduates to receive top scholarships at the top universities.

Innovation and creativity flourish here. F. Murray Abraham, a 1958 graduate, began his acting career at El Paso High School. His talent won him a drama scholarship to the Texas Western College, and later an Academy Award for Best Actor in the film *Amadeus*. Jim Ward and Cedric Bixler-Zavala, best known for their collaboration in the groundbreaking band *At the Drive-In*, are both proud Tigers.

Another accomplished El Paso High graduate, Tom Lea, moved the nation through his art, writing, and war-time correspondence. Lea brought the Southwestern region to life in his famous murals that can be found in public buildings from Washington, D.C. to Dallas, Texas. Mr. Lea also worked as an eyewitness correspondent for *Life Magazine*, where he traveled more than 100,000 miles to record the experiences of U.S. and Allied officers in World War II. He wrote and illustrated *The Brave Bulls* and *The Wonderful Country*, which were later adapted into Hollywood movies.

Ruben Salazar, a pioneer journalist during the 1960’s Chicano movement, was the first Mexican-American to cover the Chicano community in mainstream media. His news coverage included police discrimination against Mexican-Americans, Chicano protests, and the relations between Chicanos and African Americans. On August 29, 1970, Salazar covered the Chicano Moratorium anti-war protest in East Los Angeles, the largest Mexican-American rally in U.S. history. Sheriff’s deputies and officers wielded clubs and fired tear gas at protestors in the area, hitting and instantly killing Salazar. His unfortunate death and fearless character has made him a civil rights leader for our country. Abraham, Lea, and Salazar are among the many high-skilled, gifted minds El Paso High has produced. Our city’s oldest high school has exceptionally prepared some of our nation’s best visionaries.

The beauty of El Paso High School lies not only within its students, but with its architecture as well. In 1980, El Paso High became an official historic landmark in the National Register of Historic Places. Its unique Greco-Roman architecture was inspired by the Portico of Octavia in Rome, Italy. Henry Trost, the chief architect, designed the school and some of the most unique buildings in the Southwest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor El Paso High School and the extraordinary work they have