

Mr. Speaker, today marks the day we acknowledge Jack's bravery and present him the Bronze Star Medal.

I am proud to recognize Jack and all our Vietnam Veterans today. We thank you for your service. Welcome home.

HONORING THE DUNN LORING VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, and to congratulate the incoming 2016 officers and board members.

The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (DLVFRD) is 1 of 12 volunteer fire departments in Fairfax County, and since its founding in 1942, it has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention, and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of the Dunn Loring area and the surrounding community.

Currently, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Ladies Auxiliary operates from Station 13 on Gallows Road and boasts 80 active members. Alongside career firefighters, these brave volunteers contribute more than 29,000 hours each year to enhance public safety for more than 23,000 citizens and hundreds of businesses in the Dunn Loring area.

It is my honor to submit the following names of the 2016 officers and board members:

- Jaime Wolfin, President
- Kenneth Kubiak, Vice President
- Tammy Lauver, Secretary
- Richard Morani, Treasurer
- Shawn Stokes, Chief
- Michael Masciola, Trustee
- Keith Edgemon, Trustee
- Eugene Tighe, Trustee
- Michael Van Dyke, Trustee
- Ryan Robinson, Trustee
- Alan Caldwell, Trustee

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2016 officers and board members and in commending the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department for 74 years of service. I also extend my personal thanks to the outgoing DLVFRD officers and trustees for 2015. All these brave men and women deserve our highest praise for their dedication to public safety, and to each of them I say: "Stay safe."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EASTON PUBLIC MARKET ON THE OCCASION OF ITS GRAND OPENING

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the grand opening of the Easton Public Market, which will offer the citizens of Easton and surrounding towns a new community resource. The Public Market, a full-

service artisan food hall, will feature a farmstand, demonstration kitchen, and numerous local food vendors. Its focus on locally-sourced goods and crafts, sustainable business practices, and relationship-building will surely inspire new directions for growth and help transform the health of the community.

Markets like this have significant cultural and economic impacts. They offer opportunities to purchase from regional farmers and craftsman as well as provide a space for meaningful social engagement. They also encourage entrepreneurs and create jobs.

I commend the Greater Easton Development Partnership as well as its staff and volunteers for their commitment to creating a vibrant Easton Public Market. Paired with the offerings of the Easton Farmer's Market, America's oldest continuous open-air market, it will forge the Easton Market District into a regional attraction showcasing Easton's unique food culture.

HONORING JULIE BORDEN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Julie Borden, a great community leader, who is being honored as Citizen of the Year by the Associated Parents Group of Hillsborough, California. From the moment she moved to our town in 1995, she immersed herself in all aspects of our schools and greater community. She is an extraordinary role model, selfless advocate and a tireless volunteer. She is also a devoted mother, wife and, I am grateful to say, a good friend.

Julie and her husband of 29 years, Jim, have three children—Elaine, Craig and Mary—who all were students in Hillsborough schools. Julie served on the West and Crocker Parent Group Executive Boards as New Family Liaison, Parent Campaign Co-Chair, and Hillsborough Schools Foundation President. Her youngest daughter, Mary, and my daughter were in the same class at Crocker and more recently, Mary interned in my Congressional Office in Washington, DC. In 2005, Julie was elected to the Hillsborough City School District Board of Trustees where she served for four years. She returned in 2011 for seven months to fill a vacancy on the board.

Julie has also volunteered countless hours and her boundless energy on the Hillsborough Recreation Commission, the San Mateo High School Foundation, Stand By Our Schools Committee to Safeguard Our School, the San Mateo Union High School District Budget Advisory Committee and the Measure B School Bond Committee.

Julie's involvement in our schools over the years was steadfast and effective, but she would always give credit to the collective and stress that all successes were the result of everyone's effort. She is a true team player.

Julie has always been extremely active in the community and has served on the Task Force for a Sustainable Hillsborough, the Citizens Communication Advisory Committee, the National Charity League and the Hillsborough Auxiliary to Peninsula Family Services.

Julie was born and raised in Menlo Park and attended Menlo-Atherton High School.

She earned her Bachelor's degree in Geography from UC Santa Barbara and her Master's degree in Computer Cartography from Oregon State University. For the following 15 years, Julie made her career creating maps and even started her own company which she sold when she decided to focus her energy on her family and to raise her three children.

Mr. Speaker, Julie Borden is a shining example of a model citizen and an inspiration to others. I can't think of a more deserving person to be named 2016 Hillsborough Citizen of the Year.

DOES THE MAJORITY ALWAYS WIN? BY ROBERT WARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight from across the political spectrum that sheds a light on the concerns of our younger constituents. Giving voice to their priorities will hopefully instill a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Robert Ward attends Dawson High School in Pearland, Texas. The essay topic is: Does the majority always win?

Democracy: a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state establish policy and governance through a majority vote. Although we pride ourselves as one of the finest democracies in the world we don't and shouldn't exactly fit the formal definition of a democracy presented above simply because minority rights and national security are more important than majority wishes. I would approach majority rule with the idea that the constitutional rights of a minority and our national security should never be compromised by a majority ruling.

Following the civil war much discrimination still existed and racists in our government found a crafty way of excluding many African Americans whom they deemed unfit for suffrage by enacting a poll tax. This tax, although seemingly fair because it taxed all individuals the same amount to vote, was directly targeted at African American who had recently been emancipated from slavery and had minute sums of money to pay to vote. This situation clearly demonstrates a time when the majority rule (enacting a poll tax) was in direct violation of minorities' constitutional right to unrepressed suffrage. If I were elected this is exactly the state of affairs that I would steer clear of in order to protect the liberties of all citizens of the United States. Similar barriers to minority suffrage such as literacy tests to vote or flat out intimidation and harassment against minorities at voting centers would not be acceptable under my watch.

National security is another item that must never bow down to majority will. For instance the patriot act, enacted following the vicious attacks of 9/11, and those similar

to it should be upheld even against even majority rule because they are directed with the intention of the well being and safety of American citizens. Consider a hypothetical situation where 90% of congress voted to have key military technological advancements, such as the design and engineering behind the black hawk helicopter, released to the general public. Even if congress wasn't faced by opposition from the executive branch, judicial review and elected officials like my future self would fiercely oppose this divulgence of such essential information because of the great threat it would place on national security and military supremacy. This is another situation where majority rule would have to be denied.

If I were elected as a prominent government official I would strive to ensure that the liberties of the few and the safety of the many are protected even from a majority ruling in a proclaimed democracy to provide security and balance.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2016 DALE CITY CIVIC ASSO-
CIATION COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2016 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards.

The Civic Association represents the interests of the residents of Dale City in a manner that benefits the entire community. Association members complete revitalization and beautification projects, advocate for land use projects, and volunteer responses to community needs.

Each year, the Association hosts a recognition banquet to honor individuals and organizations that have shown exemplary devotion to the betterment of the community through public service. It is my honor to submit the names of the 2016 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards recipients:

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Firefighter of the Year Award: Robert "Alex" Willis
Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year Award: Lauren Clowser

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Officer of the Year Award: Sergeant Robert "OJ" Best
Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Cadet of the Year Award: Tristin Toro

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Career Firefighter of the Year Award: Technician I Andrew Hale

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Career Emergency Medical Technician of the Year Award: Technician II Mike Militello

Prince William County Police Department, Police Officer of the Year Award: Officer William Bowler

Prince William County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award: Deputy Thomas "TC" Williams

Kathy Feeney Nurse of the Year Award: Angela Cronan

Business of the Year Award: Haynes View, LLC, owned by LaBrenda Haynes

John D. Jenkins Youth Citizen of the Year Award: Sara Howell

Dale City Youth Environmental and Conservation Award: Rebecca Hawkins

Prince William County Public Schools, Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award: Ashley Hoyle

Prince William County Public Schools, Middle School Teacher of the Year Award: Donna Morgan

Prince William County Public Schools, High School Teacher of the Year Award: Karen Shaver

Kathleen K. Seefeldt Community Service Award: Mary Lively

Ernestine S. Jenkins Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award: Mary Allen

Catherine Spellane Citizen of the Year Award: Lucille Cahill

Dale City Civic Association Outstanding Service Award: Michael Bizik

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the 2016 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards winners for their commitment to building and maintaining such a vibrant community for residents to live, work, and play. Each recipient has made a lasting contribution to Dale City, and I hope their actions will spur others into serving our community to sustain this tremendous success.

TRIBUTE TO SUNNI SWARBICK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sunni Swarbick for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

Sunni serves as an Associate Director at Diversified Management Services in West Des Moines. She has been tirelessly committed to her clients by helping them grow through new innovative ideas. Sunni is dedicated to excellence and it shows through her hard work and determination to succeed. She is also a leader within her community and founded the Lead Like a Lady organization, a network that gives young women the tools they need to be successful leaders personally and professionally.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Sunni in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Sunni on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF OXNARD COLLEGE

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Oxnard College on its 40th anniversary as a principal, two-year institution of higher learning in Ventura County. Since 1975, Oxnard College has built a vibrant and diverse scholastic community, has enhanced the local and global consciousness of its students, and has fashioned itself into a remarkable academic asset for the Central Coast region.

Ever since its inaugural year, when it enrolled over 4,400 students, Oxnard College has been a significant driver of education and opportunity for Ventura County's residents. During its early years, Oxnard College classes operated out of borrowed facilities in churches, schools, military bases, and firehouses. Today and within a span of only four decades, Oxnard College has come a long way from its humble beginnings, and boasts of state-of-the-art classrooms, educational facilities, a physical education center, a performing arts center, and a library, with major new construction and renovations always on the horizon.

Oxnard College strives to provide open-access to educational opportunities so that every individual—regardless of age, sex, race, disability, or ethnic socio-economic status, cultural or educational background—can fulfill his or her potential. Oxnard College is a shining beacon to the community giving hope to all of Ventura County residents who seek economic opportunity and social mobility through their academic pursuits.

Pursuant to its educational philosophy, Oxnard College provides educational programs that develop individual abilities, strengthen human relationships, and enrich community life. To that end, Oxnard College offers 18 certificate programs, 17 Associate degrees for transfer, and 37 Associate degrees with classes in over 60 disciplines. Every year, Oxnard College prepares hundreds of students for further undergraduate studies, such as in the esteemed University of California and California State University systems.

On the occasion of its 40th anniversary, it is my sincere pleasure to honor Oxnard College and the entire Condor community for its contributions to academic excellence and success.

HONORING ANGIE CARRERA ON
HER RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angie Carrera on the occasion of her retirement from Fairfax County and to thank her for her service. Although she has been a Fairfax County employee for the last 22 years, her immense contributions to our community go back much further.

Ms. Carrera has devoted her career to the promotion and administration of volunteerism.