

currently provide coverage for even basic treatment for infertility.

For many patients, IVF not only increases the chance of having a baby, it significantly reduces the incidence of multiple births.

A reduction in multiple births decreases health care and other costs both for insurance companies and families, and studies by the American Society of Reproductive Medicine show this treatment results in healthier babies.

I want to congratulate RESOLVE, the nation's oldest fertility advocacy organization, and the important and necessary work they are doing to raise awareness about the devastating effects caused by disease of infertility.

I urge all Members to join me in commemorating National Infertility Awareness Week.

RECOGNIZING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIFESTREAM BEHAVIORAL CENTER

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize LifeStream Behavioral Center as they celebrate 45 years of service and Mental Health Month during the month of May. LifeStream is dedicated to their mission of supporting recovery, promoting health and creating hope. Mental Health Awareness Month is an important opportunity to highlight the progress that has been made thus far, as well as to inspire continued efforts toward building a better future for the next generation.

In 1969, LifeStream began as a component of Waterman Memorial Hospital in Eustis, Florida, and became a non-profit organization in 1971. Since its founding, LifeStream has expanded to twenty-one facilities and fifty-two programs to serve and empower those who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness in Lake, Sumter, and Orange Counties. For 45 years, LifeStream has helped thousands of individuals in our community achieve recovery and reach their highest potential. Not only does LifeStream provide rehabilitative services and conduct research, they also engage in community outreach programs to provide families and individuals with the resources they need to live healthy lives.

This is a momentous year for LifeStream, and I am honored to join my friend, Jonathan Cherry, CEO/President of LifeStream in celebrating this milestone. The community and families of Central Florida are blessed to have a committed behavioral health center such as LifeStream, and I commend them for the measures they are undertaking to support recovery and provide hope to those in need.

CONGRATULATING ELLIOTT STIPES OF GREEN CLEAN COMMERCIAL FOR RECEIVING THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2016 EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD—SUSTAINABILITY CATEGORY

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Elliott Stipes. He is the owner of Green Clean Commercial and is receiving the 2016 Employer of the Year Award, in the Sustainability Category from the City of St. Charles Economic Development Department.

Green Clean Commercial is a national company that joined the St. Charles community in 2015. Green Clean is a janitorial services company and currently employs 38 individuals locally. Green Clean strives for positive employee lifestyle through weekly recognition announced at weekly company culture meetings, employee of the month recognition, and annual recognition.

There have been some difficulties for Green Clean, but it has overcome these difficulties and maintained consistency with its customers and employees. Throughout the recession, Green Clean was able to be successful by committing to flexibility and partnership with its customers. Green Clean has created a supportive workplace with recognition, training, leadership, and compensation.

Green Clean is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and was awarded "Best Janitorial Services Company" for 2015. To improve energy efficiency, Green Clean uses LED lighting in all offices and additionally uses motion sensors for its lighting, which reduces energy consumption. Additionally, Green Clean uses green seal certified cleaning solutions. Green Clean sets the standard for its customers through implementing recycling programs for the Green Clean employees and for the employees of the businesses for which it is providing janitorial services. Another way Green Clean is sustainable is by providing its employees with drinking thermoses, which will in turn reduce water bottle waste.

Green Clean is passionate about its community involvement and encourages its employees to also become involved with volunteering opportunities. Green Clean hosts a donation drive to support a local organization, "Youth in Need." Additionally, Green Clean supports programs that are initiatives of its customers across the country.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Green Clean Commercial for its accomplishment in the 2016 Employer of the Year Award—Sustainability Category.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE HBCU CAUCUS

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor to speak in recognition of the

one-year anniversary of the Bipartisan HBCU caucus and highlight the great impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

HBCUs continue to stand as a bastion of learning and advancement for so many students of color. About 20 percent of African American students earning their bachelor's degrees do so from HBCUs.

HBCUs serve a disproportionate number of low-income, first-generation students. More than 75 percent of HBCUs students rely on Pell Grants and almost 13 percent of students rely on PLUS loans. It is clear that, for many students who would otherwise find higher education out of reach, HBCUs provide a strong pathway to success. HBCUs also provide a strong value to students and their families, allowing for a small-college experience with lower tuition and fees than comparable institutions.

This includes schools like Florida Memorial University, located in Florida's 24th district. Florida Memorial has the distinction of being the only historically black university in southern Florida and one of the oldest academic institutions in the entire state of Florida. Under the leadership of Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, Florida Memorial continues to provide students with the quality education, leadership skills, and heart for service they need to become strong global citizens in our changing world.

As a proud graduate of an HBCU, I am proud to work with my colleagues to advance policies that benefit HBCUs. I want to thank Congresswoman ALMA ADAMS of North Carolina and Congressman BRADLEY BYRNE of Alabama for their strong leadership on this bipartisan caucus over the past year. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues for the betterment of HBCUs in Florida and across the country.

DESIGNATING MAY 2016 AS DIRECT DEPOSIT AND DIRECT PAYMENT VIA ACH MONTH

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize May as the Direct Deposit and Direct Payment via Automated Clearing House (ACH) Month. NACHA—The Electronic Payments Association serves as the trustee of the ACH Network, which is supported by 12,000 financial institutions across the nation. Working together they enable payments such as direct deposit and direct payment via ACH. Annually, the ACH Network transfers 24 billion Direct Deposits and Direct Payments, totaling more than \$41 trillion.

Direct Deposit is the deposit of funds for payroll, employee expense reimbursement, government benefits, tax and other refunds, annuities and interest payments. Direct Payment transactions can include bill payments, person-to-person payments, business-to-business payments, and online and mobile purchases.

Today, more than 80 percent of U.S. workers receive their regular pay using Direct Deposit via ACH, and consumers pay 800 million bills each month with Direct Payment via ACH. Direct Deposit and Direct Payment are an

easy, safe, convenient, cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to make and receive payments. Use of Direct Deposit and Direct Payment enable consumers and businesses alike to save costs, save time and protect the environment by eliminating the time, hassle and expense of writing and cashing paper checks and making trips to the bank or credit union.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the month of May as Direct Deposit and Direct Payment via ACH Month, and I urge all members of the community to consider Direct Deposit and Direct Payment as a valuable option to make and receive payments.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 179, Number 177, Number 176, Number 175, Number 172, and Number 171 I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on passage.

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SUPPORTING WORK OF THE  
HIGHLAND CENTER

**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, Highland County, Va., is a little slice of heaven. Anyone who lives there or has visited this beautiful area knows exactly what I mean. I am honored to represent the Sixth Congressional District in the House of Representatives, including this unique region of the Commonwealth.

Part of what makes Highland County special is that it is remote. It is a living example of how vibrant rural America remains. That has plenty of advantages and in many ways Highland County remains a well-kept secret. But that also comes with a unique set of challenges, including limited access for businesses and limited opportunities for growth. In a region that continues to be known for its heavy reliance on an agri-business economy, the Highland Center is an important asset in helping preserve jobs and encourage new enterprises.

With the mission of serving all citizens of Highland County by being a catalyst for cultural and economic development, the Highland Center in Monterey, Va., has become a gathering place and treasured landmark in the community. Since its inception in 1998, I have visited the facility to see its programs in action and have been kept well-informed about the variety of ventures that it supports in the Alleghany Highlands.

The Highland Center has spent a great deal of time building public and private connections to sustain its many operations, including a business incubator, a farmers market, and the Youth Employment Program. Today, the Highland Center houses 13 tenants representing a mix of small businesses, individual artists, and

non-profit organizations. It also serves as a public venue for community events.

Most recently, the Center has embarked upon an effort to renovate the old school building that serves as its headquarters. On May 1, the Highland Center will hold a ribbon-cutting to officially unveil its newly renovated facility. While the Highland Center was temporarily relocated to the historic Highland Inn during construction, the organization's work in the community did not cease. The improvements made to the Highland Center over the past 13 months will aid in the Center's innovative and collaborative work as well as efforts to further integrate this vital community center into the local economy.

The reopening of the Highland Center is a long-awaited occasion. I thank the Highland Center Board members, Executive Director Betty Mitchell, and the countless volunteers for their hard work and dedication to seeing this through. I wholeheartedly support the Highland Center's drive to develop creative solutions to rural Virginia's needs. I wish the Center great success as it reopens its much-improved facility.

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RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES OF  
THE 2016 NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME  
AWARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame (NVFHOF) and to congratulate the 2016 inductees and scholarship award recipients.

Participation in organized sports instills many values that will serve our youth well throughout life, including sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, and the work ethic developed by striving for success and working to achieve a common goal.

For 26 years, the NVFHOF has recognized the efforts of players, coaches, officials, and cheerleaders from local youth and scholastic football programs and inducts a few exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions to the game. In addition, the NVFHOF presents several student-athletes with scholarships to help defray the cost of college.

I commend the NVFHOF and congratulate the following students, coaches and community leaders who are being recognized during the 26th Annual NVFHOF Awards Banquet:

\$1,500 Scholarship Award Recipients: Madeline Maria Morgan, Riley Newell, Michael Vaughn, and Kullen Kritsky

Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame 2016 Inductees: Eugene Y. Chung, Robert Meadows, and Brian Newell

Football Officials of the Year: Brian Pelleteir, Dave McKee, Darelle Crandall

Karl Davey Community Achievement Award: Michael Godwin

Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award: Bill Curran

Gene Nelson Commissioner of the Year Award: Brian Edwards

High School Coaches of the Year: Kyle Simmons, Jason Dawson

High School Players of the Year: Tyler Scanlon, Ceneca Espinoza, Jr., Kevin Allen, Zac Kerxton, Josh Hurlburt, Zach Burdick

Youth Coaches of the Year: Brian Conway, Rex Petrey, Phil Anderson, and Randy McCargo

Youth Sports Players of the Year: Max Garrison Gomez, Christopher Allen, Jalen Thomas Walker, Chet Kane Collins, Charlie O'Connor, Will Allen, Luke Fernandez, Clayton Rosenberger, Tyga Golden, Henry Hogan, Brodie Carroll, Michael Honesty, Mason Miles, Dayton Lipscomb, Scott Woods II, Nate Williams, Matthew Flenniken, Darius Brown, Clayton Sheffield, Nick Anderson, Dominick Keator, and Andrew Margiotta

Youth Cheerleaders of the Year: Ariana Lewis, Natteria Tillery, Aislinn Emery, Jessica Daly, and Janelle Lenore

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Northern Virginia Hall of Fame as well as those students, coaches and community leaders who are being honored at the 2016 Football Hall of Fame celebration.

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HONORING LT. PRESLEY NEVILLE  
O'BANNON

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, Presley Neville O'Bannon. He was born in Virginia in 1776, where his father served as a captain in the Continental Army. O'Bannon was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in 1801 and was quickly promoted to First Lieutenant in 1802. He served on the USS *Argus*, one of many ships used in the protection of United States commerce against the Barbary pirates. In 1805 he was selected for a special mission. During a storm, the USS *Philadelphia* went aground off the coast of Tripoli and the 180 member crew was captured and imprisoned at Derne. Lieutenant O'Bannon led a few brave Marines through fierce enemy fire, took possession of one of the enemy's batteries, and planted the American flag. He became the first American to raise our flag on foreign soil during a time of war. Weeks of fighting ensued and finally the captured Americans were freed. The bravery of Lt. O'Bannon and others is forever commemorated in the Marine Corps Hymn in the words "To the Shores of Tripoli".

Hamet Karamanli, the new leader of Tripoli, was so appreciative of the actions of Lt. O'Bannon that he presented him with the now famous blade of Damascus, a jeweled sword with a Mameluke hilt. U.S. Marine Corps officers still wear the Mameluke sword today as part of their dress uniform.

Lieutenant O'Bannon left the Marine Corps in 1807 and moved to Logan County, Kentucky to live for the rest of his days. He served in both the Kentucky House of Representatives and the Kentucky Senate. He died on September 12, 1850 at the age of 74. The Daughters of the American Revolution removed his remains to the cemetery in Frankfort, Kentucky in 1920 and erected a memorial to this "Hero of the Derne".

Lieutenant Presley Neville O'Bannon was a true American hero and I am proud to honor his memory before the United States House of Representatives.