

Earlier, I stated that H.R. 3246 was not fair to either small business or employees. I believe that the moral strength, and the economic vigor of this country derive from a healthy balance of power between employer and employee. H.R. 3246 would destroy that balance by removing some of the fundamental protections of workers in this country. For all of the reasons above, I urge my distinguished colleagues to vote against H.R. 3246.

PROJECT HOPE

HON. J.D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 1998

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I come to the well of the House today to recognize a community success story: Project HOPE (Hayden Offers Positive Encouragement).

Project HOPE is a pro-recreation program for youth in Hayden, Arizona. The program was started by David Elmira, a former Hayden town councilman, in 1993 and has been supported every year since then by Hayden's mayors, Melesio R. Chavez and Jose Aranda. The program's purpose is to encourage youth to participate in after-school activities in order to keep them from getting into trouble.

Mr. Speaker, we often talk about the importance of local control. This program helps youth without the bureaucratic strings from the federal government. More importantly, Project HOPE doesn't rely on federal funds. Therefore, they can craft a program that fits their youth, instead of the federal government's "one-size-fits-all" approach. This gives them the freedom and flexibility to create a program that can succeed.

Project HOPE organizes various sporting activities including basketball, golf, and volleyball tournaments and football pass, punt, and kick competitions. Night swimming also remains a central component of this program. The program enters its fourth year under the leadership of Hayden Vice Mayor David Aguirre, who heads up the town council's Parks and Recreation Department. Carlos Galindo-Elvira, who is the Economic Development Program Coordinator, also deserves credit for the success of this program.

Project HOPE is primarily funded by the Town of Hayden, along with various grants. The year, Project HOPE will open a new youth recreation center. The center, a renovated fire station located in downtown Kearny, will have a physical exercise room and group activity room for all youth from the surrounding community to enjoy. It is local programs like this that need to be replicated in other communities. I wish Project HOPE continued success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S FAIRFAX COUNTY 1997 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND MERIT AWARD WINNERS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 1998

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Mr. DAVIS of Virginia and I are honored to recognize four outstanding Northern Virginians who are being recognized this week by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association as the Citizen of the Year and as Citation of Merit Award recipients for their community contributions.

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations is a volunteer, nonpartisan, umbrella for the organized citizenry of Fairfax County. For the past forty years it has represented the interests of hundreds of civic, condominium and town house associations working together with the magisterial district councils of citizens associations.

Minerva W. Andrews is the Fairfax County of Citizens Associations 1998 Citizen of the Year award recipient. Ms. Andrews' record of lifetime achievement and her dedication to country issues sets a shining example of public service for the Fairfax County community. Born and raised in South Carolina, Ms. Andrews distinguished herself by pursuing a career in law at a time when social mores directed women toward "traditional" occupations. She came to Fairfax County after graduating from the University of Virginia's Law School in 1948. Formerly a partner with McGuire, Woods, Battle and Boothe, Ms. Andrews specialized in real estate law. Her professional interest and civic commitments dovetailed as she worked to strengthen land development environmental practices. Ms. Andrews assisted in drafting the very first Erosion Control Ordinance adopted by Fairfax County.

During the 1950's, when Virginia entered the era of "massive resistance," Ms. Andrews served as the Fairfax League of Women Voters' President. Under her leadership, the LWV strongly supported integration of public schools and took the lead in opposing the states' actions to close the public school system. Ms. Andrews has been active in providing opportunities for young people throughout her life. She served on the Fairfax County Vocational Educational Foundation Board for 25 years (renamed the Foundation for Applied Technical Education) and served as the organization's President from 1977 to 1980.

Since her retirement, she has increased her participation on the National Society of Arts and Letters Board, an organization that recognizes talented students in the creative and literary arts. First associated with the Washington Chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters, she served as the Chapter President from 1973-1974 and more recently has served as the National President from 1994-1996. Ms. Andrews has been an active member of the Fairfax-Falls Church United Way Executive Committee for many years and is a past chair of the Government Relations Committee.

Ms. Andrews was an early supporter of the Fairfax Committee of 100 having served on its

Board and as its volunteer registered Agent. Until her retirement she also served for twelve years as a board member of the Greater Washington Research Center, a forum supported by the business community to encourage research on regional business, social issues and public policy, with an emphasis on transportation issues.

In addition to her county-wide and national activities, she has been active in her home community of McLean, serving as the president of the McLean Citizens' Associates from 1971-1972 and working with her husband Robert in forming the McLean Planning Commission that helped secure a federal grant for McLean's central business district. She has also served as a board member of the McLean Citizens' Foundation, the McLean Community Center and the McLean Project for the Arts.

She is a life Elder in the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and has just completed a term as vice President on the board of the National Capitol Presbytery. She is also on the board and serves as counsel for the Lewinsville Retirement Residence.

In addition to Ms. Andrews, three citizens will be honored with Citations of Merit. They include: Mildred Corbin who will be recognized for her work in many county wide organizations such as the National Political Congress of Black Women, the Fairfax Care Network for Seniors, the Fairfax Commission for Women, the Route One Human Service Task Force, the Fairfax Committee of 100, and the Steering Committee for the Human Services Alliance to name just a few. She is also a two-term member of United Community Ministries and dedicates time to the Mount Vernon Mental Health Center and the Eleanor Kennedy Homeless Shelter. She actively supports Fairfax Offender Aid and Restoration Program, Black Women United for Action, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the American Association of Retired Persons. In 1997, she became the District representative to the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging. Ms. Andrews also participates in the Pinewood Lake Civic Association. Her volunteer contributions span more than forty years of service to young people, as well as senior citizens in the Northern Virginian community.

Shirely O. Nelson will also be recognized for her contributions to the Chantilly community and for her county-wide volunteerism. Her work has focused on innovative and practical youth programs, such as the Chantilly Pyramid Minority Achievement Committee (CPMSAC), a program that serves twenty eight schools. CPMSAC works toward improving youth motivation and awards academic achievement; it is currently in its thirteenth year. She also has been a lynchpin in saving and expanding the Saturday Toward Excellence Program (STEP). After serving on the Fairfax County Council of PTA for seven years, Ms. Nelson became its first African-American President in 1996. Since then she has spearheaded planning and communications program activities for the PTA. She has also coordinated community activities such as the first County-wide extended Family Solutions Conference. Additionally, Ms. Nelson founded and directs the Young Voices of Chantilly, an ensemble of fifteen elementary, middle and high school students. This group provides positive and inspirational messages to youth through song.

Thomas E. Waldrop will add the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations