

home and family, community, school and their Boys & Girls Club. The nominees had to prepare two essays explaining why post-high school education is important and what the Club means to them. Additionally, students had to prepare a 3–5-minute speech and have an interview session with a panel of judges. The candidates attended the Youth of the Year Summit, where they received professional guidance regarding public speaking, writing, and interviewing skills.

After winning the Local Youth of the Year award, Will moved onto the state level competition, where he refined his essay and prepared for the next round of interviews. Will was an extremely qualified candidate for the Youth of the Year 2008. He served as President of the Greater Newark Boys & Girls Club's Keystone Club for 2 years. At school, Will participates in a variety of activities, including boys' basketball and baseball, Leaders of America, and the yearbook committee. Will volunteers with the Jefferson Finance Awards committee and Adopt-A-Family.

Once again, I commend Will Townsville for being named as the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware's Youth of the Year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I was not present on April 24, 2008. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 220, rollcall 221, rollcall 223.

I would have voted "nay" on the following: Rollcall 222.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLEAN AIR CHAMPIONS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mrs. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize many of Sacramento's outstanding individuals and businesses as members of the Sacramento community gather at the 32nd Annual Clean Air Awards Luncheon hosted by Breathe California of Sacramento Emigrant Trails. The men and women being honored this afternoon are dedicated to the success of Sacramento and have worked tirelessly to advance the region's environmental conditions. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine Sacramentans.

Gary Federico and the Federico Beauty Institute will be presented with the "Business Award." Gary has partnered with Sacramento Municipal Utility District to implement a recycling program, changed his light bulbs to energy efficient compact fluorescent lights, established a photovoltaic carport system, and installed occupancy sensors to save energy. These changes will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 165,643 pounds, which is equivalent to annually removing 14 cars from the road. Gary and the Federico Beauty Institute are an example of how even individuals and small businesses can truly make a difference.

Tony Powers is receiving the Clean Air "Individual Award," for his tireless dedication to air quality by focusing on bicycle-friendly alternatives to driving. Tony has worked with the City of Folsom to build a new Lake Natoma Crossing and has inspired people to trade in their cars for bicycles. Tony has made bicycling easier and safer for the Sacramento community. Due to his efforts, Sacramento is ranked among the top 10 cities in the Nation for bicycle commuting.

The Natomas Unified School District is receiving the Clean Air "Government Award" for its dedication to air quality and energy-saving techniques. These techniques include solar panel use, conversion of school buses to biodiesel, synthetic turf playing fields and promoting walking and bicycling to school with the Safe Routes to School program. This program reduces traffic and encourages safe driving. The Natomas Unified School District has also been designated as the State's only "Climate Action Leader" due to their participation in voluntary greenhouse gas emissions reporting programs.

The Clean Air "Regional Award" will be presented to the Million Mile May Program. This program challenges individuals in the Sacramento Region to not only bike to work, but also to use their bicycles for their errands and leisure time as well. So far this year, over 2,500 individuals have pledged to ride over 600,000 miles and this number continues to rise. In 2007, the Million Mile May Program nearly reached its 1 million mile goal and saved nearly 19,000 gallons of gasoline. I would like to commend this program for its dedication to promoting clean air and exercise.

9onF is being awarded the Clean Air "Smart Growth Award" for their work in developing more eco-friendly homes in the Sacramento area. These homes feature state-of-the-art energy performance combined with environmental responsibility. They come equipped with geothermal heating and cooling systems, the SMUD "Solar Smart" Program and they are LEED-for-Homes certified. This project improves air quality in building design and construction materials as well as in its location. 9onF is built within walking distances of restaurants, stores, entertainment venues, and employment bases.

Keelan Shaw-Connelly is receiving the Clean Air "Youth Leadership Award" for her involvement in air quality issues. Keelan joined the Breathe California Youth Advisory Board as a freshman in high school and has done a wonderful job giving her peers a voice in all of the organization's outreach activities. Now as a Sacramento Country Day School junior, Keelan has become a role model for others. Active in her community, Keelan organized a tree planting day at Arcade Middle School, bringing together student volunteers from Muslim, Jewish and Christian faiths.

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate the Clean Air Champions, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their contributions to the environment and to the Sacramento region. On behalf of the people of Sacramento and the Fifth Congressional District of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their unwavering commitment to our region.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ALAN S. WEYMAN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant, Alan S. Weyman, as he completes more than 39 years of continuous service within the civilian leadership of the Department of Defense. He began his public service life in naval shipbuilding in 1969 as an engineer in training in the New Construction Program Office for the USS *Virginia* Class Cruiser and is ending it as NAVSEA's Executive Director for Surface Warfare. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to serve America and our Navy.

Mr. Weyman joined NAVSEA in 1979 as Assistant Program Manager for New Construction. In 1987 he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and assigned as the Deputy in the Gas Turbine Combatant Ship Program Office where he shared responsibility for fleet support and modernization of all non-Aegis gas turbine ships, acquisition of FFG 7 Class ships, and execution of the Australian and Taiwanese foreign military sales programs.

He was designated as Director of Corporate Operations at NAVSEA in June 1995. While in this position, Mr. Weyman successfully led the organization through a continuing downsizing and restructuring of monumental proportions. Under his leadership, the organization reduced by 45 percent to meet downsizing workforce goals, with minimal mission impact and involuntary separations. Mr. Weyman was a natural leader in this Navy initiative, educating the organization and developing actions to meet a major budget reduction of \$1 billion over 5 years. Through his determination, Mr. Weyman developed a plan to eliminate any negative impact on the fleet, core equities, or mission organizational objectives. The process he developed has been adopted as the standard for the Navy.

In 1999, Mr. Weyman was assigned to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (R,D&A) as the Executive Director for the Program Executive Officer for Theater Surface Combatants which consisted of nearly 400 managers, engineers, logisticians, and financial managers. He was directly responsible to the PEO for the development and execution of a wide variety of Navy programs, including *Arleigh Burke* Destroyer Class shipbuilding, Navy Area and Theater Wide Ballistic Missile Defense, the AEGIS program, and life cycle fleet support of the 115 surface ship combatant fleet.

As Executive Director, New Construction-Current Ship Fleet Support and Inactive Ships, he was instrumental in the successful restructuring of the PEO organization, phasing out PEO Theater Surface Combatants, primarily responsible for the Aegis Shipbuilding Program, and standing up a new organization, PEO Ships, that is responsible for all surface ship shipbuilding and modernization. He initiated an integrated Fleet Support Group for all surface ships and executed that structure within the Commander Fleet Forces Command SHIPMAIN initiative.

Mr. Weyman has far exceeded expected results of his duties as Executive Director for In-