

family's name until the mid-1950s when Harvey Draper and his daughter, Mildred Summers, purchased it and began restoration. Plans are now underway to place the home and slave graveyard on the National Historic Register.

June 6, 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of White Plains, and what would later become Putnam County.

HONORING JAMES T. PHILLIPS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mayor James T. Phillips, who has committed the past five years of his life to being the mayor of the Township of Old Bridge. Under his leadership, Old Bridge has thrived and become a vibrant home to many New Jersey citizens. On May 3, 2009 his accomplishments earned him the Hubert H. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award, presented by the Middlesex County AFL-CIO.

Every year since 1983, the Middlesex County Central Labor Council has recognized a prominent individual who has followed the example of U.S. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey's dedication to human and civil rights. As a leader and key proponent of labor unions and their interests, Humphrey furthered the rights of laborers across the nation. Mayor Phillips has followed in his footsteps as a strong advocate for labor who has furthered the cause of labor unions and civil rights.

The Honorable James T. Phillips has become a valuable leader and advocate for the state of New Jersey. The mayor began his career in 1995 as the Middlesex County Treasurer, as well as serving on the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. His involvement with the County Board led to the acquisition of a 2,500 acre plot of land designated for public open space. In addition to acquiring this land for open space he created the Middlesex Co. Old Bridge Waterfront Park, which maintains a healthy and protected community forest.

The influence of Mayor Phillip's hard work and his active presence in the area extends throughout the Township of Old Bridge. Mayor Phillips is a member of the Old Bridge Township Housing and Redevelopment Agency, which has founded two important residences: the Maher Manor and the Chuck Costello Home. The Maher Manor is a 100-unit complex that provides senior citizens with health, wellness and recreation activities. The Chuck Costello Home offers independent living for seniors with more than 60 units of housing.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mayor Phillips on this achievement and thanking him for his service to the community. His accomplishments will continue to benefit and inspire my constituents and future generations.

TRIBUTE TO THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the upcoming 150th anniversary of Wyandotte County, Kansas, which is one of three counties composing the Third Congressional District of Kansas. On June 6th and 7th, the Wyandotte County Historical Museum will commemorate Wyandotte County's 150th anniversary, including activities featuring re-enactors, speakers, dancers and music.

In the territorial period of Kansas, previous to 1859, the area that is embraced in Wyandotte County was a part of Leavenworth and Johnson counties. Thus, with the domination of the "Leavenworth crowd," or of the Missourians who came over into Kansas territory, the citizens at the mouth of the Kansas River had little influence over the affairs of government or of politics. The first election in the county, aside from the elections held by the Indians themselves before the organization of the territory, was in June 1857 to select a delegate to the Lecompton constitutional convention. The polls were guarded by soldiers and the votes were deposited in a candle box, which was afterward found buried in a woodpile at Lecompton and became historically infamous. In October of the same year the county came into notice again, politically, due to the stuffing of a ballot box and other frauds, perpetrated at the Delaware crossing, eight miles west of Wyandotte. It is said that many of the names found on the poll list could also be found in a New York City directory, which some enterprising pro-slavery advocate happened to have in his possession at that time.

The political history of Wyandotte County, however, began with its organization under an act passed by the legislature of January 1859, the same legislature that authorized the Wyandotte constitutional convention. The act, signed by Governor Medearby on January 29, 1859, cut off one hundred and fifty-three square miles from the southeast corner of Leavenworth County and the north side of Johnson County. The Wyandotte Constitutional Convention was a key event in Kansas history. From this convention, Wyandotte County was created, Kansas became a state that was free from slavery, and women were given some rights in voting and holding property. The county is named after the Wyandot (a.k.a. Wyandott or Wyandotte) Indians. They were called the Huron by the French in Canada, but they called themselves Wendat. They were distantly related to the Iroquis, with whom they sometimes fought. They had hoped to hold off movement by white Americans into their territory and had hoped to make the Ohio River the border between the United States and Canada. One branch of the Wyandot moved to the area that is now the state of Ohio. They generally took the course of assimilation into Anglo-American society. Many of them embraced Christianity under the influence of missionaries. They were transported to the current area of Wyandotte County in 1843, where they set up a community and worked in cooperation with Anglo settlers.

The Christian Munsee also influenced early settlement of this area.

Wyandotte County, with roughly 160,000 residents, today boasts one of the most vibrant economies in the state of Kansas and an amazing story of resurgence. Comprised of the cities of Bonner Springs, Edwardsville and Kansas City, Kansas, the entire county has embraced a unified vision for the future. This vision has produced a monumental transformation over the last several years with the creation of the Kansas City metro area's premier tourist and retail destination including the Kansas Speedway, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Cabela's, the Legends at Village West, and Schlitterbahn Vacation Village. The explosion of development in the western portion of the City of Kansas City, Kansas, is also paving the way for redevelopment opportunities in the eastern portion of the city.

Madam Speaker, I know that all members of this House join with me in celebrating the 150th anniversary of Wyandotte County, Kansas. I am proud to represent it in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING LORDS AND LADIES OF FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. For the past twenty-five years, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has selected two people from their district who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, more than 470 individuals have been recognized as a Lord or Lady Fairfax by their representative on the Board of Supervisors.

Individuals recognized as Lords and Ladies of Fairfax have made significant contributions in their communities. This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized outstanding individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety providers, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments by the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and should be commended.

The following individuals were recognized as Lord and Lady Fairfax Honorees for 2009. Each of these individuals was selected as a result of his or her outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other special achievements. These individuals have earned our praise and appreciation.

Chairman of the Board—At Large: Lady Corazon Sandoval Foley and Lord William "Bill" Hanks

Braddock District: Lady Pamela K. Barrett and Lord Thomas Frenzinger

Dranesville District: Lady Lisa Lombardoizzi and Lord Vance Zavela

Hunter Mill District: Lady Joan Dempsey and Lord Howard Springsteen

Lee District: Lady Michele Menapace and Lord Doug Koelmay