

was inducted into the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame the year after. In 2004, she received the Jesse de la Cruz Award from the California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., a venerable legal advocacy and economic justice organization.

Gracia continues to work for equality for those who are underrepresented and underserved, particularly in the areas of service and education. For many years, she served as a professor at Mesa College and a lecturer at the University of California, San Diego, where she helped found the University's Thurgood Marshall College. She served as the Commissioner of the California Post-Secondary Education Commission, and recently initiated the Gracia Molina de Pick Endowed Fund for Chicano/a Studies at the University of California, San Diego. Currently, Gracia is a member of San Diego's Human Relations Commission, where she works to ensure that the city upholds the protections of basic human and civil rights that she herself has worked so hard to establish.

In keeping with her selfless spirit, Gracia is commemorating her birthday with a benefit celebration to raise financial support for the Logan Heights Library in San Diego. On this happy occasion, please join me in honoring Gracia Molina de Pick and her years of hard work making a difference in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF A
NEW BB&T BRANCH IN
HAYMARKET, VA.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of a new BB&T branch location in Haymarket, Va.

The branch location at the corner of Heathcote Boulevard and Route 15 serves Western Prince William County and creates six new jobs for the region. The staff of the BB&T Haymarket branch are responsible stewards of their community with affiliations to the Dominion Valley Woman's Club, Gainesville Haymarket Rotary Club, Prince William Chapter of the American Red Cross, Prince William County Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce, Haymarket Gainesville Business Association, Girl Scouts of America, George G. Tyler Elementary Parent Teacher Association and Haymarket Regional Food Bank.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the staff of the new Haymarket branch on the occasion of their ribbon cutting and commend them for their culture of robust civic participation.

BRANCH STAFF

Amelia J. Stansell, Assistant Vice President & Financial Center Leader; Liliana Grassa, Teller Supervisor; LaKeta McSellers, Relationship Banker; Shadia Shaikh, Relationship Teller; Erick Cabrera, Teller; Sherry Bobbitt, Area Operations Officer.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Donald Strehle, Northern Virginia Regional President; Karen Wallis, Regional Banking Manager; Sherri Hagenbuch, Sales & Service Leader for Prince William County; Michael Pybus, City Executive for Prince William County.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the opening of the new

BB&T branch in Haymarket, Va. A business that encourages its employees to take an active role in civic life makes an investment far beyond that of bricks and mortar. It strengthens civic bonds and leaves an indelible mark on the character a community. I look forward to having a lasting community partner in BB&T's Haymarket branch.

HONORING BRYANE HEABERLIN
AND ALEXANDER COSBY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to tell a heartwarming story of two young soccer players united in their common humanity.

Bryane Heaberlin is a sixteen-year-old goalkeeper from St. Petersburg, Florida playing on the U.S. under-17 soccer team. Alexandra Cosby is the goalkeeper on Haiti's under-17 team. Last week, after the U.S. defeated Haiti at the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football Cup in Costa Rica, the young women embraced in an emotional moment replayed around the world.

When Alexandra started crying at the end of the game, Bryane immediately understood. Still recovering from the effects of a devastating earthquake in her homeland, Alexandra and her teammates suffered through unspeakable tragedy. Bryane, understanding her team's victory was bittersweet, gave Alexandra a hug. They cried together. Soon after, both teams embraced in an emotional display of solidarity and friendship.

The story of Bryane and Alexandra is a testament to the enduring union and the generosity of spirit between the United States and Haiti. Our nations are neighbors and partners in an increasingly interdependent world. As young Bryane said after the game, "I did not think about the game at that moment . . . I simply thought about the hard times she had faced and everything she had lost. I thought that when the game was over, she had to come back to reality, that the game was her way of forgetting about everything for 90 minutes." Furthermore, Bryane's parents, Bryan and Gretchen along with the Clearwater Soccer Club and their daughter's school, delivered a 70-pound care package to the Haitian women's team.

Madam Speaker, as the representative of more Haitian Americans than any other member of Congress, I am compelled to share this story with my constituents and the broader public. Our community is hurting, but reading this story by John Cotey in the St. Petersburg Times gave me hope that brighter days are ahead for Haiti. These two young women are living examples of how sports bring us together in our common humanity. I applaud their compassion and grace in the face of adversity. Let us not forget their example as our nations move forward together.

CELEBRATING SWEENEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL'S FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on March 30, 2010 Sweeny Community Hospital will commemorate its forty-fifth anniversary. Located west of the Brazos River in the city of Sweeny in Brazoria County, which is in my Congressional District, Sweeny Community Hospital is a cornerstone of Brazoria County's health care system.

Sweeny Community Hospital has always been committed to providing top-notch health care to all who walk through its doors. Sweeny Community Hospital has always worked to grow and improve in order to better meet the health care needs of the people of Brazoria County. Today Sweeny Community Hospital employs approximately 150 people and has locations throughout Brazoria County. Having begun my Ob/Gyn medical practice in Brazoria County shortly after Sweeny Community Hospital opened its doors, I am well aware of the quality of the medical services offered at Sweeny Community Hospital. It is therefore my pleasure to offer my congratulations to Sweeny Community Hospital on its forty-fifth anniversary.

COMMENDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF NCIS SPECIAL AGENT
RICHARD J. CLOONAN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Special Agent (SA) Richard J. Cloonan, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterintelligence Program, for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). SA Cloonan retired from that organization on March 3, 2010 after 29 years of service, and following 33 years of Federal Service. I am pleased to say that SA Cloonan is one of my constituents from Manassas, VA.

SA Cloonan began his career with the then named Naval Investigative Service (NIS) in August 1981 at NIS Resident Agency (NISRA) Point Loma, CA. He subsequently transferred to the NISRA Naval Station in San Diego, CA. In August 1984, SA Cloonan transferred to the Washington Field Office (DCWA). During his time at DCWA, SA Cloonan participated in several landmark counterintelligence (CI) investigations including the Walker Family Spy Ring, the Jonathan Pollard Spy case, the Clayton Lonetree investigation and the subsequent BOBSLED Task Force. Also while at DCWA, SA Cloonan was appointed the "Mount Up" team leader. The "Mount Up" team formed the basis of what is now the Navy's Personal Security Operation (PSO).

In 1987, SA Cloonan transferred to NCIS Headquarters and was detailed to the Department of the Navy's Special Programs Office, and while there he provided comprehensive CI protection to the most sensitive Navy research and technology, to include the USS Sea Shadow, the Navy's STEALTH Ship prototype. In