

Mr. Speaker, the recognition that I am offering today before the House of Representatives for Jane Margaret Johnston is small compared to the contributions and impact she had on the lives of so many. She was truly an invaluable member of our community and an outstanding human being.

RECOGNIZING ANTHONY H. "TONY" GRIFFIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS FAIRFAX COUNTY EXECUTIVE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend Anthony H. "Tony" Griffin on the occasion of his retirement after a decorated career in public service, which culminated with his 12-year tenure as the County Executive in Fairfax County, Va., the largest local jurisdiction here in the National Capital Region.

Tony began his public service with the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served as an officer during the Vietnam War. He brought the collaborative, can-do spirit from his military experience to local government, where he served in managerial positions with Arlington County and the City of Falls Church before joining Fairfax County in 1989. I had the great pleasure of working with Tony throughout my 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, particularly during my 5 years as Chairman.

His accomplishments are many, but let me cite just a few to convey the magnitude of the profound benefit he has brought to our community and our region. One of the earlier initiatives on which we worked closely was a strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. Thanks to Tony's support and the efforts of staff, we held a community summit and created a partnership consisting of the faith, non-profit, business and civic communities. The Board created a standalone position to coordinate prevention efforts and adopted a 10-year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Today, Fairfax is one of the few jurisdictions in the nation that has seen its homeless population decline in the midst of the worst economic recession since the Great Depression.

Tony also has been instrumental in transforming our one-time bedroom community into the economic engine of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the National Capital Region. Fairfax is now home to more than 1 million people and nearly 600,000 jobs. Under Tony's leadership, Fairfax County was named the "best managed jurisdiction in America" by *Governing Magazine*, and the county has consistently retained its AAA bond rating. Throughout his tenure in Fairfax, Tony has steadily worked to advance the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, which will finally link the Washington, DC, Metro system with the region's premier international gateway, Dulles International Airport. It is one of the largest public works projects in the nation, and Tony has collaborated with local, state and federal stakeholders to ensure its success. As an extension of that effort, Tony also oversaw the replanning of Tysons Corner, the region's premier retail and commercial center. After a multi-year, commu-

nity-centered effort, the County Board adopted a new vision plan that will transform the collection of disparate office parks into a walkable, transit-oriented, mixed-use community. That effort won national recognition from the American Planning Association.

Perhaps Tony's most lasting achievement will be his effort to establish a model of regional cooperation for emergency management. As Chair of the Chief Administrative Officers Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Tony coordinated local government decisions and responses to a myriad of incidents. His leadership was invaluable during the events of 9/11, in which his calm leadership helped assure the delivery of essential government services throughout that tragedy. Under his leadership, the CAO Committee established a new framework to foster better collaboration and cooperation among the 17 local governments, two states and the District of Columbia that comprise the National Capital Region. Those efforts proved particularly vital during the 2001 anthrax incidents, the 2002 regional sniper attacks, the 2009 presidential inauguration, and 2010's historic snowstorms.

Tony's leadership has been recognized nationally by his peers. The American Society of Public Administration honored him with its Stone Practitioner Award for his commitment to improve intergovernmental cooperation. He also was appointed by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to the local, state, tribal and federal Preparedness Task Force, which is assessing the state of preparedness and recommending actions to build resiliency for communities across America.

Beyond those accomplishments, I want to recognize Tony's efforts to inspire the county's workforce and to recruit and train the next generation of public servants. During his tenure in Fairfax, he initiated partnerships with the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia, the George Mason University Fellows Program, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Regional Program of Excellence with George Washington University, and the Council's Project Manager Certification Program and Supervisory Development Training. So while we will surely miss having him here day-to-day in Fairfax County, his presence will continue to be felt here and in communities throughout our region and our nation.

Mr. Speaker, Tony Griffin's commitment to our community, the county workforce, our residents, and the mission of local government are unparalleled, and he leaves behind a legacy that will enrich our community for generations to come. His career in public service, beginning with his service in the Marine Corps, is truly commendable and deserving of our heartfelt gratitude. When I was Chairman of the County Board, I often used to joke with Tony at retirement announcements that we should not allow retirement for such talented and dedicated staff. I certainly wish that was the case here. I wish Tony, his wife and family the best of luck in his retirement, and I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in expressing our appreciation for his commitment and service to this community and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. AND MRS. ARLIN HORTON

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Arlin Horton and his wonderful wife Beka, who have selflessly served the Pensacola, Florida community for more than 60 years. Dr. Horton, the current President of Pensacola Christian College, and Mrs. Horton, who spearheaded and guided the Christian school's curriculum, are the co-founders of Pensacola Christian. The Northwest Florida community owes a great deal of gratitude to this dynamic duo for their leadership and vision.

Dr. and Mrs. Horton's lives have been dedicated to bestowing upon students a "truly Christian foundation, character training, and excellence in academics." Pensacola Christian provides a first-class education to all levels from elementary school through college. Pensacola Christian Academy has grown from 35 enrolled students to over 2,000 annually, and Pensacola Christian College has graduated over 16,600 students. Additionally, Pensacola Christian has mentored over 37,000 children through the Camp o' Pines and since 1953, has hosted educational clinics for over 93,000 Christian school principals and teachers.

While located in Pensacola, the institution's impact is felt by those all around the world today, through their textbooks and modern-day technology. Dr. and Mrs. Horton's textbooks *A Beka Book*, named to commemorate Beka for her role in creating the school's curriculum, will reach the hands of approximately 730,000 students just in this year alone. An additional 40,000 students will be reached through the virtual *A Beka Academy*, and today, 10,288 Christian schools and daycares and more than 105,000 homeschoolers study from the books published under the Pensacola Christian name.

Outside of academia, Pensacola Christian runs a radio and television network that helps bring others to God's glory. In 1971, WPCS Christian radio began, and in 1996, the name changed to Rejoice Broadcasting Network. The station includes 39 satellite stations and through the Internet their message reaches a worldwide audience. Likewise, their television program, *Rejoice in the Lord*, is shown on 11 stations and viewed across the nation and around the world.

Teaching the Christian way of life through love and faith in the Lord became its inspiration, and Dr. and Mrs. Horton brought this ministry to life. Through their selflessness and unwavering dedication, they built a strong foundation that has grown into a worldwide educational institution. Despite its vast success, Dr. and Mrs. Horton have always remained humble and attributed their successes to the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the life-long career of Pensacola's Arlin and Beka Horton. Their dedication to bettering the lives of others and bringing faith to the communities of Northwest Florida is commendable. Through their vision, a small school has been transformed into a beacon for Christian education. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing them all of the best in their retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL W.
HUNKAPILLAR

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael W. Hunkapillar who today is receiving BayBio's prestigious Lifetime Achievement DiNA Award in San Francisco.

Mike is one of the brilliant minds in biotechnology. He has been instrumental in expanding the frontiers of genomics and proteomics. His extraordinary accomplishments include the invention of the first DNA sequencer and the realization of the Human Genome Mapping Project.

I had the great honor and pleasure to work with him while I was in the California Senate. I introduced legislation that established a missing person DNA database. Mike happened to hear me talk about it on the radio, called me and donated DNA testing equipment to make the program a reality. This important program helps solve thousands of rapes, homicides and missing person cases.

Mike has had a hugely successful and expansive career as a scientist, entrepreneur and life science industry executive. He is currently a general partner at AlloyVentures, a venture capital firm that invests in the next generation of information technology, life sciences and clean tech.

Before joining Alloy, he spent 21 years at Applied Biosystems which he co-founded. He turned it from a start-up into a \$2 billion a year company that supplies instruments and reagent systems to life science research. Mike also founded ABI's sister company Celera Genomics, now owned by Quest Diagnostics. Prior to ABI, Mike was a senior research fellow in the Division of Biology at the California Institute of Technology. While at Caltech he authored over 100 scientific publications, served on the editorial boards of several scientific journals and received patents for more than two dozen inventions.

Among his most influential inventions was the automated Gene and Protein Sequencer that was used to sequence the human genome in 2003. The project identified all 20,000–25,000 genes in the human DNA, determined the sequences of 3 billion chemical base pairs that make up human DNA, stored the information in a database, improved tools for data analysis and—for the first time in a large scientific project—addressed ethical, legal and social issues.

The National Academy of Engineering recently elected Mike for his life-long dedication to the human genome mapping project and the field of comparative genetics.

Mike was born in Paris, Texas in 1948. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1970 and his Ph.D. in Chemical Biology at Caltech in 1974.

Just last week he was appointed Executive Chairman of the board of directors of Pacific Biosciences, and he also serves on the boards of NuGEN, Verinata Health and RainDance Technologies.

Mike and his wife Beth have two children, Kathryn Keho and Nathan Hunkapillar, and two grandchildren, Christopher and Patrick Keho. In his spare time, Mike is an avid soccer player.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor Mike Hunkapillar, for his historic contributions to science and humanity.

HONORING MUSIC CITY HONOR
FLIGHT WORLD WAR II VETERANS

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II veterans who are flying to Washington, DC today from Nashville, TN, with Music City Honor Flight. This Honor Flight is part of a nationwide effort to bring as many World War II veterans as possible to the memorial created here in honor of their service and in memorial of their fallen peers.

Through their selflessness, the brave men and women who served in World War II protected our country and changed the course of history. We can never adequately thank them for their great sacrifice. Whether Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, or Coast Guardsman, they heroically stood up for their Nation during a turbulent time of great need. It is my great privilege to welcome them the Nation's Capital and to honor them here today.

I am proud to present the names of these distinguished veterans so that they can be recognized for their brave service and so my colleagues and I can express our gratitude.

Orville Jerome Aasen; Lytleton C. Anderson, Jr.; Clarence Arand; James L. Bass, James B. Batey, Jr.; Douglas Beard; Dempsie G. Binkley; Winston Bowling; Eugene W. Brock; Charles J. Brown; Edward L. Buquo; Roger L. Burgess; Hugh Lafayette Callens; Russell M. Campbell; Frank A. Cantwell; James W. Carroll; Francis A. Centimole; Robert E. Chadwell; James Robert Clower; Alfred Damon Corley;

James D. Craig; Fred M. Creasy; Rayford H. Danley; James L. Davis; Gerald Alvin Davis; Lloyd F. Driver; James W. Duke; Edward Eugene Durham; Lloyd C. Fisher; David Ray Fussell; Murray O. Fussell; Charles H. Gannon; Gerald Allen Gilman; Harry R. Guttridge; Herald D. Hackett; Thomas Hall, Jr.; Jones B. Hamlett; Wesley W. Harmon; Jackson Harris; Samuel A. Harris;

William J. Harvey; Eldon H. Hatcher, Jr.; Harley Walter Heilman; Irvan Hardeman Hendon; Wayne Hill; Vernard E. Hixson; Leonard Hollender; Edward L. Holton; Lawrence H. Horn; Edward W. Hudson; Robert W. Hull; Nathaniel B. Johnson, Jr.; Robert C. Jones; Clinton D. Keel; John W. King; James Fowler Lancaster; Earl Eugene Lerch; George Lukon; Nelson Lyne; Dock H. Lyons;

Joseph O. Maddux; Harry Eugene Margrave; Carl M. Martin; Henry C. McCall, Jr.; Carl E. Meeks; Ledlie J. Miller, Jr.; Charles A. Mitchell; Dr. John Myers; Robert M. Nabors, Jr.; James J. Panipinto; Andrew S. Parker; Baxter Lewis Perry; David M. Pettus; Carlos F. Plott; W.H. Reeves; Samuel Ralph Rehorn; Eugene R. Rhue; Clarence Richards; Robert McCulloch Rock; Elmer Julius Sager;

David Y. Sharpe; Milton Shearer; Robert Love Simpson; William Paul Sitton; Fred L. Stacey; John E. Stephens; Robert Merrill Stoops; Harry Richard Sturm; Glenn Swanson; James F. Tacker, Jr.; Denison Taylor; W. Glenn Tinsley; Jess Titus; Glenn Tompkins;

Eddie G. Wall; James E. Waugaman; Robert Conway Wilhite; Ross Williams; William E. Wingo; Henry C. Winstead; Talmadge R. Woodall; Charles Richard Zartman.

HONORING SERGEANT LAFAYETTE
SPRADLEY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Chowchilla Post 9896 Life Member Sergeant Lafayette Spradley. Sergeant Spradley served the United States of America honorably with the U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division in the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Spradley was born in Madera, California on November 24, 1943. Sergeant Spradley attended local Madera schools and enlisted in the U.S. Army in August of 1961. He completed basic training at Fort Ord, and was selected for communications training. Upon completion of communications training, he was assigned to work as a wireman. After additional stateside duty, he served with the 3rd Infantry Division before joining the 76th Artillery of the 3rd Infantry Division in Kitzingen, Germany.

In 1965, he returned to the U.S. for duty with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. In July 1966, Mr. Spradley deployed to Pleiku, Vietnam. His unit was responsible for laying communication wire to fixed installations and forwarding operating bases in the Central Highlands region. He later served with Company "C" of the 1st Battalion of the 12th Regiment as a Communications Sergeant.

Throughout his service in Vietnam, Sergeant Spradley served with the 4th Division in combat operations in the western Central Highlands along the border between Cambodia and Vietnam. His unit was frequently assigned to missions to repair communications equipment damaged by enemy artillery and mortar fire.

In May 1967, Sergeant Spradley completed his tour in Vietnam and returned to the United States. He was discharged at the Oakland Army Base. For his service, Sergeant Spradley received the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, two awards of the Army Occupation Medal, and the Sharpshooter Badge for the M-14 Rifle.

Sergeant Spradley returned to the Chowchilla area where he attended Merced College. He was employed as a line operator by Certainteed Corporation for 27 years until his retirement. He and his wife, Marion, have three children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He is a Life Member of Chowchilla VFW Post 9896, and he enjoys traveling with his wife.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sergeant Lafayette Spradley for his honorable service to our great country, and wishing him the best of luck and health in his future endeavors.