

his time to mentor at risk youth. His actions encouraged countless others to volunteer and make a difference in the lives of thousands of young men and women. His leadership and limitless energy provided a new way forward for these young lives and offered an alternative to joining gangs, dropping out of school, and making avoidable mistakes that would adversely affect their future and the State of California.

Mr. Sanderson's commitment to education and his community blossomed as a student at San Diego State University and at the University of Southern California. He is a model citizen, dedicated husband to his wife, Diana, and committed father to his twin sons and young daughter. I salute Mr. Sanderson's work and believe it is worthy of high praise and national recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives.

MR. WILLIAM (BILL) SANDERSON'S BIOGRAPHY

William (Bill) D. Sanderson is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Golden State Foods, a world-wide food processor and distributor to the quick service restaurant industry.

Mr. Sanderson began his career as a financial analyst with W.R. Grace and Company after earning his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Southern California. Mr. Sanderson later became the Director of Finance for Far West Services Restaurants, a wholly owned subsidiary of W. R. Grace where he was responsible for all financial planning, budgeting and acquisition analysis. Mr. Sanderson was instrumental in negotiating a license agreement with Kasumi Stores of Japan and was directly involved in the opening of the first 3 Coco's restaurants in Japan.

In 1982, Mr. Sanderson left Far West Services to start his own chain of retail popcorn and confectionary stores. Mr. Sanderson grew the company from a single store in 1982 to a chain of 20 stores in Southern California. He transformed his small business into a mail order gift company and licensed his concept in Japan and Korea.

In 1989 as chief executive officer of Cal Corn, Inc., Mr. Sanderson acquired the mall based Bob's Big Boy Restaurants from the Marriott Corporation. Mr. Sanderson and Bob's founder, Bob Wyman, worked together to develop a new restaurant concept called the Big Boy Diner.

In 1994, Mr. Sanderson negotiated a joint venture agreement with ConAgra to open retail popcorn stores throughout the United States. Mr. Sanderson served as managing director of Orville Redenbacher Retail Stores where he developed a retail concept and mail order gift division under the Orville Redenbacher brand.

From 1998 to 2000 Mr. Sanderson served as president of a middle market designer and manufacturer of arts and crafts products where he was brought in to turn around a struggling entrepreneurial company. During his tenure, he acquired a complimentary crafts products company, established a children's toy division which included licensed product such as "Pokemon", and focused the company on key account sales. The company regained profitability and grew its revenues by 95% in two years.

In 2002, Mr. Sanderson joined Golden State Foods where he was appointed president of Golden State Service Industries, a wholly owned subsidiary of Golden State Foods. Golden State Foods is a full line manufacturer and distributor of food products for the quick service restaurant industry serving McDonald's and other quick service restaurant chains worldwide. Mr. Sanderson was named senior vice president of finance

and administration in 2009 and chief financial officer in 2011.

Mr. Sanderson is active in the Young Presidents' Organization, where he has held many leadership roles over the past 17 years. Mr. Sanderson has been involved in giving back through volunteer and fundraising efforts supporting Boys and Girls Club of Irvine, Muscular Dystrophy, the March of Dimes, and the All American Boys' Chorus. Mr. Sanderson also chairs the Golden State Foods Foundation committee in Irvine. In that role, Mr. Sanderson founded and has been instrumental in spearheading the "Good News for Kids" fundraising event which holds an annual fundraising event at the Grove in Anaheim. The proceeds raised from this event have benefited a variety of children's charities throughout Southern California. Mr. Sanderson has been a member of the board of directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Orange County for more than 15 years and served as chairman of the board from 1997 through 2000.

Mr. Sanderson and his wife, Diana, live in Irvine with their twin 17 year old sons and their 10 year old daughter.

RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENCE EMPOWERMENT CENTER VOLUNTEERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Independence Empowerment Center.

Independence Empowerment Center is a community-based advocacy organization operated by and for people with disabilities in the state of Virginia. IEC promotes disability rights, equal access, and full community participation for persons with disabilities. They work with individuals with disabilities to maintain or take back charge of their own lives and make their own choices and decisions in order to be as self-sufficient as possible. Independence Empowerment Center is associated with a national movement of almost 500 Centers for Independent Living. These Centers are advocacy-based organizations governed and operated by persons with disabilities for persons with disabilities.

Volunteers for the Independence Empowerment Center perform essential tasks in and outside of the office. They assist the staff on daily functions and projects, as well as manage events that the IEC hosts. Additionally, IEC is staffed with volunteers constantly to help with their Annual Americans with Disabilities Act Fair in July.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Independence Empowerment Center:

Patricia Johnson
Judy Humphrey
Don Rhoades
Stephanie George
Marlene Orf
David Beverage
Alfredo Foz
Joshua Rammelsberg
Emilia Prokop
China McEachern

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers at the Independence Empowerment Center for their serv-

ice and in thanking them for their dedication to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 302 on agreeing to the Grimm of New York Amendment to H.R. 5854. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 303 on agreeing to the Franks of Arizona Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 5854. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS MARIE MUCCINI

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of a great citizen of my district who passed away earlier this month. Phyllis Marie Muccini of Corning, New York, was a dear friend and family member to many in the 29th District of New York.

Phyllis was employed by my hometown's Corning Incorporated for over 35 years. Outside of work, she spent her time volunteering at organizations that included the Girl and Boy Scouts of America, Cinderella Softball, the American Cancer Society, and the Corning Lioness Club. She received numerous awards for these activities, but that was never her goal or intention. Phyllis' activities allowed her to impact the lives of countless individuals over the years. She will forever be missed. However I, like many others, have been touched by her compassion and generosity that will provide a legacy of her life for many generations to come.

Thus, it is right and proper for Phyllis Muccini to forever be enshrined in the records of the United States Congress as a true American heroine for all of us to pause and pay tribute.

HURRICANE SEASON

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, as you know, June 1, marks the official start to the Atlantic hurricane season. Mother Nature decided to start a little earlier, unfortunately, and over the recent Memorial Day weekend my home state of Florida had an early scare with Tropical Storm Beryl. Thankfully, it turned out not to be as bad a storm as we initially feared.

It was a reminder that we all have to work together to make sure our families, neighbors and friends stock up on essential supplies and develop a plan of action in the event another storm appears headed our way.