

to vote and now thoroughly enjoys exercising that precious right. She is proud that her hands, which once picked cotton, aided in picking the first African-American president, not just once, but twice. She has always taught others to “treat people the way you want to be treated, no matter what color they are.”

George Washington Carver once said, “How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these.” Mrs. Moore has advanced far in life because she never forgot these lessons and always kept God first.

The race of life isn’t given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mrs. Moore has run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed her over her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding citizen and woman of faith, Mrs. Lillie Bell “Shug” Carson Moore, as she, her family and the congregation of Shady Grove Baptist Church prepare to celebrate her 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 23RD ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., YOUTH ORATORICAL COMPETITION

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its Education Foundation.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left an indelible mark on our nation in his pursuit of civil rights through civil dialogue. Despite the violence perpetrated against Dr. King and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King responded with reverent oratory and nonviolent resistance to condemn the injustice of social inequality. His legacy is one of tolerance and steadfast commitment to principled and peaceful communication.

Contestants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Contest pay tribute to Dr. King’s legacy with their ability to exercise the strength of the spoken word. This skill will serve them well as

they seize future leadership opportunities and forge the personal relationships necessary for effective community engagement and organizing.

I congratulate and applaud the following contestants of the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition:

Middle School Contestants:

Norman Jones—Stonewall Middle School.

Hazma Mir—Mary G. Porter Traditional School.

Nathaniel Raffier—Herbert J. Saunders Middle School.

High School Contestants:

Jacob Gonzalez—Thomas Jefferson High School.

Abbas Idris—Osborn Park High School.

Cynthia Johnson—Stonewall Jackson High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for recognizing the benefit that Dr. King’s teachings bring to the development of our youth. We lay the foundations of a more tolerant society when we nurture the ability to engage and communicate with one another in a way that respects our common humanity.