

welcoming and generous spirit, as well as hundreds of pieces of political memorabilia, drew roommates ranging from members of Congress to college interns from Luverne and Morris, and everyone in between. Rick had no children, but referred to many of his renters as “his kids.”

I had the honor of working with Mr. Jauert for the last three years of his career. He served as my communications director, senior advisor and dear friend. Mr. Jauert practiced the idea that politics is about improving people’s lives—he would always go the extra mile to help someone. He ended every e-mail with this quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Not only will we have to repent for the sins of bad people; but we also will have to repent for the appalling silence of good people.” I have fond memories of Mr. Jauert pushing everyone around him to do whatever they could to make the world a better place, or to at least put a smile on someone’s face.

Mr. Jauert moved to back Luverne in 2012 after his diagnosis, but continued to be deeply involved with politics. He was proud to be able to travel to Washington one last time on January 3, 2013, for Rep. Nolan’s swearing in ceremony. We are all better off because of his life of service. Mr. Jauert, thank you for your service and the wonderful legacy you left for us to continue fulfilling.

RECOGNIZING THE NOMINEES FOR THE AGNES MEYER OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award for Prince William County Public Schools.

The Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award program was established by The Washington Post to “recognize excellence in teaching, to encourage creative and quality instruction, and to contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area.”

The annual recipients include one representative from each of the nineteen metropolitan public school systems and a single representative from the area private schools. The winner selected from Prince William County Public Schools will also be named the Prince William County Teacher of the Year. Teachers who meet the criteria for the award are those who instill in students a desire to learn and achieve, understand the individual needs of students, and demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter and have the ability to share it effectively with students.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the 2013–2014 Prince William County nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award:

Peter Alouise—Battlefield High School, Barbara Babauta—Graham Park Middle School, Kimberly Black—Henderson Elementary School, Janine Byers—Patriot High School, Matthew Carbo—Brentsville District High School, Carlos Castro—Woodbridge High

School, Dina DaSilva—Stonewall Jackson High School, Robert Donaldson—Stonewall Jackson High School, Frank Dunn—Potomac High School, Gerald Fowkes—Gar-Field High School, Frances Gabor—New Dominion Alternative Center, Sara Gill—Osborn Park High School, Scott Howard—Hylton High School, Lynn Maletick—Bristow Run Elementary School.

Ashley Meyer—King Elementary School, Jeanine Mitchell—Buckland Mills Elementary School, Donna Notarantonio—Pennington Traditional School, Matthew Piette—Ronald Wilson Reagan Middle School, Kristen Putman—T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Jennifer Ramsey—T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Ramona Richardson—Coles Elementary School, Paul Rischard—Hylton High School, Bethany Robbins—Battlefield High School, Amanda Taylor—Gainesville Middle School, Alyssa Tice—Bel Air Elementary School, William Watts—PACE West School, Nancy Weaver—T. Clay Wood Elementary School, Dorothy Wright—Bel Air Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award in Prince William County and in thanking them for their dedication to our children. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County students are provided with a world class education in a more vibrant learning community.

CONGRESSWOMAN CELEBRATES AVISTA’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS
OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Avista Corporation of Spokane, Washington as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. I take great pride in representing this company which has diligently sought to capture the character of Eastern Washington and the entire Pacific Northwest.

Avista is a company that seeks to reflect the community in which it does business. In fact, during its 125 years, Avista has not only been enriched by the people and landscape that surround it but it has enriched all of Eastern Washington. In 1889, faced with increasing demand for electricity in the booming young city of Spokane Falls, Washington, trustees of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company sought funding from their backers in New York to build a power station on the Spokane Falls. Their request was denied because, as they were told, water power held little or no value. Not so easily dissuaded, ten stakeholders founded The Washington Water Power Company, now known as Avista, who opted to proceed with the project themselves. Since The Washington Water Power Company forged ahead in proving the value of what today we called “hydropower”, hydropower has become the most prominent form of electricity generation in Washington State. The decision of few investors in Spokane began a long tradition of a company and community joining forces to advance the economy, care for the Eastern Washington’s natural resources, and promote a lifestyle that we enjoy in the Pacific Northwest. Avista has repeatedly been honored for

its environmental stewardship. The company also contributes more than \$1 million per year to non-profit organizations throughout its service territory, and it has been named in the top 25 in the Puget Sound Business Journal’s list of top Washington philanthropists for the past four years.

In its early years, The Washington Water Power Company built six hydroelectric facilities, contributing to an era of growth for the company. Fast forward 125 years, hydropower continues to bring countless opportunities to the Pacific Northwest with Washington State getting over 70% of its power from this clean and renewable energy source. Seeking to further diversify and expand, in 1983, Avista’s Kettle Falls generating station commenced operation as the first utility-owned electric generating station of its kind in the United States constructed for the sole purpose of producing electricity from wood waste, or biomass. The award-winning plant, combined with Avista’s legacy hydroelectric power projects, has contributed to Avista being listed among the greenest investor-owned utilities in the country. That facility produces up to 52 megawatts of electricity—enough to power 46,000 homes. Supporting over 100 jobs in the region where I grew-up, the Kettle Falls is generating station also greatly contributes to the economy in Northeastern Washington and continues to add to a vibrant community.

Avista currently serves their 680,000 customers in a service territory of more than 30,000 square miles with a mix of hydro, natural gas, wind, biomass, and coal generation delivered over 2,200 miles of transmission line, 18,000 miles of distribution line, and 7,600 miles of natural gas distribution mains. While a Spokane-based company, Avista’s electric and natural gas services support community’s in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and, soon, we expect, Alaska.

I am also proud of the Avista’s close ties with the Spokane community which have remained steadfast for the last 125 years. Avista is the City of Spokane’s eighth largest non-government employer, employing more than 1,600 people. So today, I recognize Avista for achieving this historic 125-year milestone and applaud the entire community for the contributions they have made to Eastern Washington throughout the years.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LUCILLE ROBINSON FAULKNER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Lucille Robinson Faulkner was born in August of 1930 in Portland, Arkansas in the Mississippi Delta, eight miles from Parkdale, Arkansas where I was born and lived until I was nineteen years old. Mrs. Faulkner moved with her grandmother and family to Chicago where she attended Waller High School and graduated in 1948, which made her one of the more educated Black persons in her community at that time.

Mrs. Faulkner married her husband Mr. Derrell Faulkner in 1949, and to this union, thirteen children were born. Mrs. Faulkner worked as a seamstress, took care of her children and eventually was hired by Samuel