

Against Racism. GOPIO has now expanded its mission to pool financial and professional resources for the benefit of people of Indian origin and the communities in which they live. Today GOPIO has 28 chapters in 18 countries.

The Virginia Chapter of GOPIO is led by its founding President, Jay Singh Bandari. The chapter has a mission of serving the entire community and has collected food for the less fortunate, held free medical clinics, and provided financial assistance and scholarships.

The Chapter also honors people of Indian origin who have excelled in the fields of education, business, industry, community service and other endeavors. I am pleased to enter the names of this year's honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Dr. Partha Pillai—Community Service
 Korok Ray—Education and Economic Research
 Aziz Haniffa—Journalism
 Dr. CM Prasad & Dr. Surya Dhalcar—Medicine
 Lt. Colonel Ravi Chaudhary—Politics
 Natwar Gandhi—Finance

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Virginia Chapter of GOPIO on its 5th Anniversary and in thanking this year's honorees for their service to our community.

HONORING WEST FORSYTH
 BASEBALL

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the West Forsyth baseball team, which recently won the North Carolina state 4A baseball championship. West Forsyth defeated Richmond in a best of three series. This was the Titan's first baseball state championship, and the school's first championship in any boys' sport.

West Forsyth's victory was under the leadership of first year head coach Brad Bullard, a West Forsyth graduate and member of the Titan's 2001 second place team, which was the last team to reach the state championship. This year, the Titans amassed a 29 and 6 record and won the West Regional Championship to earn their place in the final series.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these young athletes and the coaches who led them on their winning campaign and wish the team continuing success in future seasons.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HERNDON ROTARY CLUB

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Rotary Club of Herndon on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary and to recognize its significant contributions to the community. The Club's celebration for this event will be held in the historic Dranesville Tavern, where it received its charter in 1939.

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago was formed February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris. The name "Rotary" is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. The Rotary Club concept thrived in its early years, and, by 1921, there were chapters on six continents. In 1922, the name "Rotary International" was adopted. The objective of Rotary International is to encourage and foster community service. International understanding, goodwill and peace are fostered through the shared commitment to service of Rotarians from 166 countries.

For the past 75 years, the Rotary Club of Herndon has served as an integral part of the local community. The Club has initiated such programs as the Herndon Rotary Citizen of the Year Award, the Senior-Senior Prom, and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as well as provided funding and volunteers to advocate for the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic.

The Club provides remarkable volunteerism opportunities through its support of community programs including the annual Herndon Festival, Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help (FISH), Herndon Relay for Life, and clean-up activities at local streams and trails. In addition, the Club sponsors scholarships for Herndon High School students and has provided free computers for Herndon Middle School students. In 2013, thanks to \$15,000 raised by the Club, The Herndon High School Band was able to travel to Hawaii to perform in front of the USS Missouri and participate in a parade commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On an international level, the Rotary Club of Herndon contributes to the Polio Plus campaign to eradicate polio worldwide, donates "Shelters in Place" for disaster relief efforts, and provides grants for water system development projects in third world countries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Herndon on its 75th Anniversary and in thanking its members for their tremendous service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF RALPH PRESTON BOLT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Ralph Preston Bolt, a constituent of mine from Anniston, Alabama. Mr. Bolt will be celebrating his 90th birthday on July 4th.

Mr. Bolt was born on July 4, 1924, in Randolph County, Alabama. He graduated from Randolph County High School and after World War II, graduated from Auburn University in 1950. By the end of World War II, Mr. Bolt was a Staff Sergeant with the 94th Infantry Division. He was in the 302nd Battalion, Company K. With his division, he landed on Utah Beach 94 days after D-Day and ended up in Germany in 1945. His division spent just under a year in France and Germany.

In 1947, Mr. Bolt married Betty Wright and had two sons, Ralph Preston, Jr. and James Andrew. He also has four grandchildren. Weathers Preston Bolt, Edward Morrisette Bolt, Sarah Sage Bolt and Anne Jacobs Bolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolt reside in Anniston where he has been very involved in the community. Over the years, he has served on the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and served as past Chairman of both the Chamber and YMCA Board. He was president of the Anniston Jaycees and is still a member of the Kiwanis Club of Anniston. He served on the Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Anniston and was recipient of the Silver Beaver award from the Choccolocco Council of the Boy Scouts of America following many years of service. He has also served on numerous boards and committees for the First United Methodist Church of Anniston where he is still an active member.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Bolt for his brave service to our country and join me in wishing him a very happy 90th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARC OF GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM/INSIGHT, INC.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Arc of Greater Prince William/Insight, Inc., based in Woodbridge, Virginia.

The Arc is an affiliate of The Arc of the United States and The Arc of Virginia and is a tireless advocate for the rights and full participation of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc provides support services to residents of the community that help to realize the organization's broader mission.

The local chapter of the Arc of the Greater Prince William County was founded in 1964, and has since seen vast growth within the community. At their start, the local chapter served 26 children in a school setting. Today, they serve over 1,700 children and adults from the Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park communities. Over 10 major programs are provided, including family support, residential and child care services, and advocacy.

The assistance provided by The Arc in raising a child with disabilities begins early in life with their child care services. Children ages 6 weeks to 21 years can seek therapeutic and educational activities at the Muriel Humphrey Center in Dale City, Virginia. At the Robert Day Child Care Center in Manassas children enjoy recreational activities that encourage healthy socialization and friendship. Recognizing the added stress and time commitments that accompany raising a child with disabilities, The Arc offers "Parents Night Out" and respite care programs. Prince William families are not alone and have a dedicated and capable partner in The Arc of Greater Prince William.

The Arc extends its support beyond high school education with a number of programs designed to give adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities a well-rounded life experience. In the vocational services program individuals are taught ground maintenance, lawn care and janitorial skills.

Young adults are encouraged to continue to develop their social skills through bowling

leagues and various recreational activities. The Arc has numerous group homes which allow adults to enjoy an independent and less structured living environment. These programs afford individuals the opportunity to grow and develop their skills and social networks.

This year, The Arc of Greater Prince William celebrates its 50th Anniversary. The organization has built a remarkable infrastructure of programs and facilities, including a new 13,800 square foot expansion. The residents of Prince William are served well by the diverse and comprehensive selection of assistance programs offered by The Arc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating The Arc of the Greater Prince William County on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and in thanking their compassionate members and staff for their commitment to providing opportunities for disabled individuals. I would like to express my personal gratitude for their work and my admiration for the mission they seek to accomplish.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL WILLIAM
"KYLE" CARPENTER ON THE OC-
CASION OF RECEIVING THE
MEDAL OF HONOR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable military service of retired Marine Corporal William "Kyle" Carpenter, and former Defense Fellow with the House Veterans Affairs Committee, as earlier today he became the latest and youngest recipient of our Nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor.

Born in Flowood, Mississippi on October 17, 1989, Corporal Carpenter enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in February 2009. Upon completion of Recruit Training at Parris Island, South Carolina, then Private First Class Carpenter was assigned to Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines as a Squad Automatic Weapon gunner. In July 2010, Corporal Carpenter deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Later that year, his life would change forever in an instant.

On November 21, 2010, Lance Corporal Carpenter and Lance Corporal Nicholas Eufrazio were providing overwatch on the rooftop of a makeshift operation center in Marjah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, when his unit took small arms fire from enemy forces. A live grenade landed next to both men and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Lance Corporal Carpenter leaped onto the grenade to save the life of his brother-in-arms. His subsequent injuries were so extensive that the medical team of a nearby facility labeled him "Expired on Arrival".

Thanks to the remarkable efforts of his medical team, Corporal Carpenter stabilized. In the following two and a half years, Corporal Carpenter would undergo more than forty surgeries to fix a skull fracture, punctured lung, thirty fractures to his right arm, a fractured jaw, ruptured ear drums, and subsequently lost his right eye. All the while, the Marine Corps and Department of the Navy had been conducting an investigation into the incident

and found that Corporal Carpenter's actions proved worthy of the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity.

I do not believe Corporal Carpenter's actions that day occurred in a vacuum; selflessness and heroism of that magnitude do not simply happen overnight, and it serves as a testament to the moral character he had developed every single day leading up to that fateful event. The true grit, determination, and never-give-up attitude he has demonstrated through his extensive rehabilitation these past few years since serve us all as an example of the best this Nation has to offer. While the duration of his official military service was cut short, the example he left will motivate and inspire not just those within our military ranks, but our entire Nation for generations to come.

I wish Kyle all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his selfless service and sacrifice. Semper Fi, Corporal Carpenter.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF
NIAGARA

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the City of Niagara. Founded in 1914, this community is located at the northern part of my district and has been referred to as a "City of Scenic Beauty". The name itself means "thundering waters". Smalley Falls and Piers Gorge are two highly visited places near the city. The beautiful Menominee River serves as a border between this city in my district and the State of Michigan. This part of the 8th District is a wonderful destination for travelers looking to get outdoors.

This community also takes great pride in some residents that have represented the City of Niagara well through their professional accomplishments. Anna DeForge, an alumna of the Niagara High School basketball program, became the first resident to not only play for the WNBA but also played on the 2004 WNBA All Star Team.

Retired Major General Michael J. McCarthy, another Niagara native, served his country with distinction in the United States Air Force and completed his service to our country by working at the Pentagon. Major General McCarthy has been recognized with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Vietnam Service Medal as well as Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and Kuwait Liberation Medal, just to name a few.

The City of Niagara is planning to commemorate their centennial from June 25–29th with a giant carnival, live music, children's activities and a grand parade that will include the University of Wisconsin Marching Band. Again, I congratulate the City of Niagara for achieving this milestone, and wish the city and its residents all the best in the next 100 years!

CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNI-
VERSARY OF AEROJET
ROCKETDYNE

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. BERA of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate an important milestone for one of Sacramento County's most important economic drivers, Aerojet Rocketdyne.

It was one year ago that the formerly separate companies officially launched their future together as Aerojet Rocketdyne, a company that jointly represents 130 years of space launch and rocket propulsion.

Aerojet Rocketdyne is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader providing propulsion and energetics to the space, missile defense, strategic, tactical missile and armaments areas. They also play a key role in our nation's space program.

They employ more than 5,300 people nation-wide, and more than 3000 of those employees are in my home state of California. They represent the best our nation has to offer in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and contribute to our community and to keeping our nation a leader in aerospace and propulsion.

Over this inaugural year, among Aerojet Rocketdyne's many accomplishments was successfully contributing to 11 rocket launches; and they have already contributed to the successful launch of 4 of the 17 rocket launches planned for 2014. They have powered every human mission to space since the Gemini and Mercury missions that preceded the Apollo Moon missions.

Aerojet Rocketdyne will also power the next generation Space Launch System, which will launch humans into space farther than we have ever gone before, and they are working with commercial partners to provide affordable and innovative solutions to launching crew and cargo to the International Space Station.

So, again, I want to recognize Aerojet Rocketdyne and the men and women who have worked to invigorate our economy and make our country a leader in propulsion and space exploration. Thank you, Aerojet Rocketdyne, for 130 years of success. I wish you many more!

TRIBUTE TO QUINTON JENKINS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Quinton Jenkins for being named a state winner of the Library of Congress's Letters about Literature program.

Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that is sponsored by the Library of Congress. The program asks students to write to the past or present author of a book that affected their life. More than 50,000 young readers from across the country submitted letters last year to compete for the state-level awards for 2014.

A panel of judges that can include published authors, editors, publishers, librarians, teachers, and state officials chose Quinton's letter