

Team Award: BVFRD Train Team: Melissa Ashby, Kevin Grottle, Shaun Kurry
 Chief's Award: Shaun Kerry
 President's Awards: Nancy Stone, Charlene Murphy

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the department for 67 years of service and in thanking all of the brave volunteers who do not hesitate to drop everything when the community calls in need of help. To all of these men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect our residents I say: "Stay safe".

HONORING THE COALITION FOR
 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ON
 THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Coalition for Healthy Communities on their 20th Anniversary. The Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Midwestern Regional Medical Center assembled the Coalition of leaders in the Zion-Benton Township to effectively address the need to improve the health and wellness of our community.

The Coalition's focus is to provide the community with education on ways to access primary health care, sexual education, immunizations for young children, parental education, and adolescent substance abuse. The leaders of the Coalition are working hard to provide healthcare that extends beyond the walls of hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, the Coalition of Healthy Communities is essential to ensuring that Zion, Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor's residents receive the proper tools to lead a healthy, safe and fulfilling life. I offered my sincere thanks to the Coalition for their efforts over the last 20 years and wish them continued success in the future.

HONORING JOHN BROOKS SUPER-
 MARKET AND NETTIE ALVA-
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HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Brooks Supermarket, and in particular, Nettie Alvarado for her exceptional customer service and dedicated commitment to our senior citizen community.

Since 1979, John Brooks Supermarket has prided itself as a locally owned and operated establishment. The John Brooks on Candeleria and 12th Street in Albuquerque, New Mexico, certainly takes on this persona; it's a neighborhood corner spot that caters to each of its customers on an individual level and takes great lengths to serve our senior community.

That's how I first heard about Nettie Alvarado, a radiant, compassionate woman who has spent thirty years of dedicated service to John Brooks' customers. Every Monday and

Thursday, store owner John Brooks and Nettie trade off delivering groceries to the senior community living at The Good Samaritan Society: Manzano Del Sol Village on 5201 Roma Avenue NE. These are crucial services for many of the seniors there who are unable to drive or take transportation to the grocery store.

Nettie takes this dedication one step further. Customers will inform her of a sick friend, disabled relative or struggling senior and it's not long before numbers are exchanged, a grocery list is filed and Nettie is off making deliveries. Nettie has earned a reputation for her selfless actions and genuine, heartfelt appreciation for others. When asked, Nettie will tell you "I want them to be taken care of" and has no qualms about dipping into her free time to ensure her beloved Albuquerque residents receive the services they need.

Nettie's sentiment towards others extends beyond age, gender, race, and socioeconomic status—it's universal. I am inspired to see that we have individuals like Nettie in our community and stores like John Brooks that put people first and serve our ailing seniors. By valuing our community and continuing these practices of goodwill and shared responsibility we will achieve a better tomorrow and build a stronger America.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH
 ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and pleasure to extend my sincerest congratulations to the students, parents, staff, and supporters of the Head Start program as they celebrate 50 remarkable years of eliminating poverty through education, services, and partnerships. Enrichment Services Program, Inc. (ESP) will celebrate Head Start's 50th anniversary on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at noon at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center in Columbus, Georgia.

After President Lyndon B. Johnson declared the War on Poverty in his 1964 State of the Union speech, Sargent Shriver, a key social and political figure, took the lead in assembling a panel of experts to develop a comprehensive child development program that would help communities meet the needs of disadvantaged preschool children. The brainchild of this panel was Head Start, a program designed to help break the cycle of poverty by providing preschool children of low-income families with the tools and resources to meet their emotional, social, nutritional, and psychological needs.

In 1965, the Office of Economic Opportunity launched an eight-week program called Project Head Start. Fifty years later, Head Start has served more than 30 million children, becoming an integral component of America's education system.

Enrichment Services Program, Inc. is a community action agency that provides essential services to alleviate poverty levels, promote family stability, and gradually build self-sufficiency. It was established in 1964 and operated as the Community Action Development Committee. The Agency was incorporated in

1965 as the "Lower Chattahoochee Community Action Agency, Inc." In 1974, when President Gerald Ford signed the Head Start Economic Opportunity and Community Partnership Act, Head Start funding was allocated to local community action agencies such as ESP.

Enrichment Services Program, Inc. administers the Early Head Start and Head Start programs within a nine-county area, including Chattahoochee, Clay, Harris, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, and Talbot counties, located in Georgia, and Russell County in Alabama. Each year, ESP serves approximately 1,000 children ages 0–5 from low-income families.

The Head Start program has been essential to the early childhood development and forward progression of many children and their families. Head Start evaluates and works to improve six domains of early childhood development: social/emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, and mathematics. Through Head Start, ESP addresses the basic needs of each child and prepares them for entry into kindergarten. ESP also encourages parent involvement by offering services such as family literacy functions and parental input into the curriculum.

In the 2013–2014 program year, children in ESP's Head Start program made remarkable accomplishments. In the Cognitive domain alone, an average of 96% of children exceeded growth range. There were 505 three- and four-year-olds who were ready to read by the end of the school year.

Enrichment Services Program, Inc. has done an outstanding job of administering the Head Start program in the area that it serves. Because of the dedication and commitment of the teachers and the staff, thousands of children have gone on to achieve greater heights in primary, secondary, and higher education than they otherwise would have done. I firmly believe that Head Start's outreach will continue to help preschool children and their families overcome the cycle of poverty to lead successful and productive lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in expressing our profound gratitude to Enrichment Services Program, Inc. and to Head Start for working to improve educational outcomes for preschool children, which not only produces positive effects throughout their lives but also creates a ripple effect of improvement in the communities in which they live.

RECOGNIZING HERNDON-RESTON
 FISH, INC. AND THE 2015 "STAR
 FISH" HONOREES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. and the 2015 "Star Fish" Honorees.

Since 1969, Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. has provided Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help for neighbors in need in Reston and Herndon. FISH meets immediate critical needs for rental assistance, furniture, utilities, medical care, and other emergencies. FISH also manages a thrift shop, operates an information and referral service, and offers financial workshops to

provide clients with the tools necessary to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

During fiscal year 2014, FISH assisted a total of 2,337 families (5,665 people), gave emergency financial assistance to 1,328 families, and helped 180 families by providing them with used furniture and/or other household necessities. FISH collected, assembled, and distributed Thanksgiving food baskets for 965 people and holiday food and gift baskets in December for 967 people. More than 800 volunteer hours were spent working at United Christian Parish on these two projects in coordination with other human service providers in Fairfax County. In addition, volunteer drivers provided 294 free rides for the elderly and other needy individuals to and from their medical appointments.

At its annual gala, FISH recognizes individuals and companies who have made extraordinary contributions over the past year. I am pleased to submit the names of the 2015 "Star Fish" honorees:

Jocelyn Colao has been a volunteer pricer at FISH's thrift shop, The Bargain Loft, for over 20 years. Jocelyn specializes in identifying, cleaning, pricing, and displaying donated linens. Her careful handling of vintage lace and fragile fabrics greatly increases their value. In addition to her work with donated linens, Jocelyn's lifetime of traveling makes her an indispensable part of the pricing team. The years she lived in Europe and Africa make her a great resource when identifying unusual and valuable donations.

Jane and Mike Drewes were long-time Reston residents who volunteered in the community in many capacities. In 2007 they moved to Shepherdstown, WV but continued to drive to Reston for volunteer activities. They started volunteering for FISH in 2006, the year of the first FISH Fling Gala and Fundraiser. Jane designed the decorations and they built the huge FISH sign that has been used behind the band at every Fling Gala. Mike created an auction check-out program that accelerates the check-out process and has been used at many charitable events.

Diane Mandel manages the huge tasks of establishing and maintaining the schedule of Assistance Workers who handle the client requests for financial assistance from FISH. These volunteers make FISH's "Instant" help a reality. Diane makes certain the volunteers are trained and ready to take calls and she serves as a phone volunteer herself.

Chuck Veatch, owner of Charles A. Veatch & Associates, provided three storage units for FISH free of charge for many years and is well known throughout the community for his support of a wide variety of organizations and causes.

CDW is a leading provider of integrated information technology solutions in the U.S. and Canada and has been a FISH Fling sponsor since 2008. CDW has provided many fabulous electronic products for our games and for both our silent and live auctions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Herndon-Reston FISH for 46 years of service. I also extend my personal congratulations to this year's honorees and express my sincere appreciation to these individuals for contributing their time and energy to helping the most vulnerable in our community.

HONORING RICHARD ARROWOOD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Arrowood for 50 years of exceptional winemaking, exclusively in Sonoma County. Mr. Arrowood has been, and continues to be, a tireless advocate and fierce supporter of grape growing and wine making in Sonoma County. We therefore recognize and thank Mr. Arrowood today for his unwavering support and relentless efforts to preserve and promote the Sonoma County wine industry.

Born and educated locally, Mr. Arrowood began his wine-making career in 1965. He got his start at Korbel Champagne Cellars and soon moved on to work with the legendary Rodney Strong. His education and experience helped his first vintage receive critical acclaim, and each subsequent vintage after that cemented his status as one of the most respected vintners in the area.

A pioneer in the field of viticulture, Mr. Arrowood worked with a wide array of unique varietals, a concept that was ahead of its time. His efforts changed the perception of wine from Sonoma County, and the total number of vineyard acres in the county has increased fivefold over the time he has been in business. He was one of the first to emphasize vineyard designations on his wines, a trend that has since spread across the world. This success and influence on the industry led to an offer from Robert Mondavi to buy Arrowood Winery, which Mr. Arrowood accepted so he could return to focusing on the art of fine winemaking.

Amapola Creek Vineyards is his latest project, which is quite simply Richard's quest to make his greatest wines ever, and is a perfect example of the phrase "saving the best for last." Its main focus is using the special fruit grown on Moon Mountain and its unique terrior. Devoting himself entirely to the new Sonoma vineyard, Richard bought the adjacent land and built a home for his family. The vineyard uses exclusively organic methods to produce just 3,000 hand-crafted cases annually in its state-of-the-art facilities. Here, he continues to showcase Sonoma County in the groundbreaking way he did many years ago when he started his journey.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Richard Arrowood for his role as an outspoken supporter of the production of high quality wines in Sonoma County. His impact on the growth of Sonoma wine cannot be overstated and for this it is only right that he be honored here today.

HONORING MANUEL PROL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Manuel Prol, who will turn 100 on April 4, 2015. Manuel is a World War II veteran and cherished father of three, grandfather of three, and great-grandfather of five.

Manuel was born on Easter Sunday in Samieira, a tiny village or "aldea" in the north-west corner of Spain in 1915. He was the youngest of four children and only son of Agripina Rodino and Antonio Prol. In 1932, he bade farewell to his mother for the last time and emigrated to the United States. Manuel would also not see his three sisters, Agripina, Peregrina, and Dolores, again until 1960.

He was reunited with his father in New York City, where he settled in a Spanish-speaking neighborhood around 14th Street. Manuel embraced his new home, learning English at Julia Richmond High School in Gramercy Park while working at the Roosevelt Hotel.

In 1941, he married Vicenta Prol and soon after entered the U.S. Army Air Force at the outset of World War II. Manuel saw action on three continents over the course of the war, honorably serving his country in Europe, Africa, and Asia. When he returned home, Manuel and Vicenta settled in the Bronx and had three daughters: Pilar, Victoria, and Consuelo. Over the years, their family has grown and spread out across the country.

Pilar, their oldest daughter, was a nurse for over forty years. She married Charles Sergis in 1964 and had three children: Alicia, Laura, and Charles. They also have five grandchildren: Catie, Noah, Matthew, Juliana, and Grace. Pilar and Charles live in Redondo Beach, California.

Victoria lives in Bronxville, New York. She worked in Westchester County as a high school language teacher for over thirty years.

Consuelo is married to Richard Liebowitz and lives in New York City and Montclair, New Jersey. She retired from the business world after thirty-eight years in sales.

Manuel and Vicenta retired to Southern California in 1982, where they lived happily until Vicenta's death in 1997. Manuel then moved to Montclair, New Jersey, where he currently lives with Consuelo and Richard. He spends winters in Redondo Beach, California with Pilar and Charles.

Next month, Manuel will turn 100 years old—yet shows no signs of slowing down. He still writes letters and reads the newspaper every day. Manuel attributes his longevity to the Mediterranean diet, a glass of red wine every day, and yes, an occasional Rusty Nail, his favorite drink.

I hope all my colleagues will join me in wishing Manuel Prol a happy 100th birthday, and continued health and happiness to him and to his family.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER "JEWELS OF ASIA" AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce and the recipients of the 2015 Asian-American Chamber Awards.

The Asian-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) is dedicated to improving economic development opportunities for Asian Pacific American-owned businesses in the Washington, D.C., region. The 11th District of Virginia is blessed by its diversity. About 1 in 4