

HONORING MAYOR KEN SUNSERI

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize and honor Mayor Ken Sunseri of my hometown of Haleyville, Alabama. Mayor Sunseri has served as the mayor of Haleyville since 2008 and has proven himself to be a leader who has shown dedication to the city and every citizen thereof.

Mayor Sunseri is not only the leader of my hometown, but he is also the leader of men. During the Vietnam War, Sunseri served his country as a platoon leader with the First Infantry Division and retired at the rank of Colonel. He is one of our country's brave veterans whom we can all be proud.

Over the years he has dedicated himself to his country and his local community. In 2004 he was awarded the Civitan Citizen of the Year. In 2005 his involvement in the Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) program led to his being named the most outstanding ACE volunteer.

He has held numerous Board positions and received many awards, most recently receiving the 2011 Haleyville High School Alumni Service and Dedication Award. Sunseri has served Haleyville through many widespread agencies including President and Deputy District Governor of the Haleyville Lions Club, President of the Haleyville Chamber of Commerce, President of the Haleyville Merchants Association, Member, Haleyville Library Board, Member, Haleyville Housing Authority, Member, Haleyville Industrial Recruiting Committee, Member, Individual and Family Support Board, Board Chairman 310 Board, Winston/Marion Counties.

As Mayor, Sunseri was approached with an opportunity to construct a new city hall for Haleyville. Under his leadership this project was completed in January 2016 and will serve citizens for decades to come.

Most importantly, Mayor Sunseri is married to Kay Sunseri and they have three children: David Sunseri, Beth Moore and Jennifer Sunseri. They also have five grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Mayor Sunseri for his long service to so many in Haleyville and Winston County and the State of Alabama.

STORYCORPS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, as the founder and co-chair of the Public Broadcasting Caucus and a strong supporter of public media and federal funding for humanities, I would like to raise awareness of StoryCorps. As one of the largest oral history projects, StoryCorps invites people from across the country to record and preserve their stories for future generations within their archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. StoryCorps recently arrived on Capitol Hill and is welcoming individuals to record, preserve, and share their stories at their

MobileBooth recording venue, which will be parked outside of the Library of Congress until May 15, 2016.

Since 2003, generous support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and others has enabled StoryCorps to collect over 65,000 stories from more than 110,000 participants in all 50 states. They record interviews at various venues across the country, including at their MobileBooth, which tours the nation year-round. StoryCorps also shares excerpts of collected interviews with a national audience of millions through weekly broadcasts on NPR, broadcasts on local public media stations in towns and cities across the country, animated shorts on PBS, and via digital media and best-selling books. StoryCorps' work has been widely recognized with several George Foster Peabody Awards, a MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, and most recently, the 2015 TED Prize.

All StoryCorps' activities are carried out in collaboration with local and national partners. Each year, StoryCorps partners with hundreds of community-based organizations from across the country—including local schools, public libraries, local public media stations, hospitals, veterans' affairs centers, and others—to record, preserve, and share the stories of their constituents. In these ways, StoryCorps is promoting a deeper understanding—both historic and contemporary—of people living in diverse communities that contribute to our nation's rich diversity. This important work would not be possible without federal support of public broadcasting, and I urge my colleagues to continue their support.

I also hope that my colleagues and their staff will have time to visit the StoryCorps MobileBooth at the Library of Congress in the coming days to learn more and participate.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF W. BREWSTER ELY IV

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to W. Brewster Ely IV on the occasion of his retirement as Headmaster of Town School for Boys in San Francisco, after more than a quarter of a century of inspiring and thoughtful educational leadership and service to the San Francisco community.

I join generations of Town School students, families, educators and staff in expressing our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Ely for the indelible mark he has left on a treasured San Francisco institution and on the lives of all who passed through its halls.

Brewster Ely arrived at Town School in 1989, carrying the strong personal values and traditions of his family—following in his father's footsteps as an educator, and as a headmaster himself for 24 years.

During his 27 years as Headmaster, Ely helped countless students discover their strengths and talents, pursue their dreams, express their creativity and develop their unique character. Each and every morning, Headmaster Ely greeted his students with a handshake that conveyed his commitment to their education, his respect for their well-being, and the promise of a bright future.

With Ely's leadership, the campus has been dramatically transformed and the performing arts and athletic programs expanded. He has had a significant and lasting impact on every aspect of Town School life. When he retires, Ely will have served as Headmaster for more than a third of the Town School's nearly 80-year history.

Headmaster Ely also worked to support the educational opportunities of those beyond the Town School. In 1990 Ely co-founded Project Discover, an educational summer camp serving low income children in the San Francisco Bay Area. He created the New Teacher Institute which trains new educators and administrators to carry on the academic excellence and values of Town School throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, and further.

Brewster Ely has been deeply committed to our San Francisco community. He has served on the boards of the San Francisco Zoo, the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco, KIPP Bay Area Schools, Carney Sandoe and Associates, Stevenson School and the International Boys' Schools Coalition, of which he was president.

I join the Town School Community in thanking Brewster Ely's family, his wife Nancy and his children Jenny, Jamie and Katherine for sharing their magnificent husband and father with the San Francisco community. My husband Paul and our son Paul Jr., a Town School alumnus, join me in wishing Brewster Ely an enjoyable and rewarding future.

RECOGNIZING THE 2016 RECIPIENTS OF THE DALE CITY MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2016 recipients of the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards sponsored by Dale City Christian Church. The purpose of the event is two-fold: to highlight the extraordinary work of individuals who are improving the lives of people within the local community and to offer financial assistance to high school seniors pursuing higher education.

Since 1984, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards have recognized the accomplishments of African-Americans in the community. Formerly known as the "Afro Achievement Organization," the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Award and Scholarship Organization under the leadership of Bishop Patrick O. Thomas and Rhonda Pittman highlight the achievements of residents.

This year's award recipients highlight the achievements of African-Americans under the motto: "For if a man does not know his history, he cannot know his future." It is my honor to submit names of the recipients of the 2016 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards:

Pastoral Leadership: Pastor Douglas Greene, Sr.

Religious Leadership Award: Rev. Marvin Hargrove

Educational Leadership Award: Mrs. Sheila Coleman and Ms. Rae Darlington

Public Service Award: Del. Michael Futrell