

danger. I appreciate his hard work and service to the community.

Sergeant Travis Short serves Mount Weather Police Department. Recently, he was recognized by the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and also received a Life Saving Award. In August, he was the first responder to a critical scene where an individual was in cardiac arrest and severely bleeding. He took decisive and immediate action to save the person's life. Sergeant Short's focus on training and his preparedness in crisis greatly benefit the community he serves so well.

Officer John Dixon serves the Winchester Police Department and was recently recognized for resuscitating a young woman who was suffering from an overdose. This was the second time he saved someone in critical condition. Officer Dixon is an excellent police officer and a leader among his peers—his colleagues frequently applaud the high quality of his investigations. His good police work makes him a committed role model to all those who serve.

Investigator Greg Frenzel has served the Berryville Police Department since 1997. He began his career as a patrol officer and now serves as an investigator where he conducts investigations involving major property loss and crime. Additionally, he has worked as a firearms instructor and serves with the regional Criminal Justice Academy. Berryville Chief of Police Neal White has submitted Investigator Frenzel as the 2013 nominee of the year, citing his valuable contributions to the department throughout his career. I congratulate Investigator Frenzel on this nomination and commend him for his diligent investigative work.

Sheriff Lenny Millholland has served the City of Winchester since 1979. I have known and worked with Lenny for many years. He began his career as a Cadet Deputy for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office in Maryland, where he worked for two years before accepting a position with the Winchester Police Department. During his tenure with the Winchester Police, he rose through the ranks from patrol officer, K9 Handler, Investigator, and Lieutenant for the Criminal Investigative Division, which handles murders, rapes and robberies. He is also a graduate of the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, the Maryland State Police K9 Academy and the FBI National Academy Session 188. In 2001, he was elected Sheriff of the city of Winchester and shortly after completed the National Sheriff's Institute in Longmont, Colorado. Over the course of his term as Sheriff, he has been appointed to a number of committees and boards that service law enforcement and local non-profit organizations. He is also a past president of the Virginia Sheriffs Institute, which trains Sheriffs in Virginia. I commend Lenny on his outstanding career and thank him for his committed service to the Shenandoah Valley over the years. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

I am proud to join with the Horseshoe Benevolent Association, which has been honoring local law enforcement since 2004, to recognize these officers for their bravery, dedication and strength. We owe them a sincere debt of gratitude for their service to the 10th District.

I submit the following Winchester Star article on the Horseshoe Benevolent Association's annual police appreciation dinner.

[From The Winchester Star, Nov. 5, 2013]

CITIZEN GROUP HONORS LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

(By Val Van Meter)

PINE GROVE—The Horseshoe Curve Benevolent Association honored eight area law enforcement personnel recently for their service to the community in 2013.

Those attending the event at the Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company in Pine Grove also gave retiring Winchester Sheriff Lenny Millholland a special tribute for his 12 years in office.

Association spokesman Jim Wink said the gathering was to recognize local police and security officers who put their lives "on the line" to protect the community.

Each of the officers honored received a plaque from the association and a certificate of appreciation from the Virginia House of Delegates, sponsored by Dels. Joe May, R-Leesburg, and Beverly Sherwood, R-Fredrick County.

Honorees were:

Frederick County Sheriffs Office Deputy Stephen A. Moore, who was on his way to a court hearing on June 18 when he saw smoke coming from a residence at 300 N. Kent St. in Winchester and learned that a child might be in the house.

Despite it not being his jurisdiction, he went to the scene—and when the mother of the child re-entered the building he followed her and brought her back out. He then re-entered the house with two city police officers, though he was unable to save the child.

Moore's boss, Sheriff Robert Williamson, said his actions are "a mirror image of what we all should be."

Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center officer George Bell, who was nominated for his actions Aug. 12 in subduing an inmate who tried to escape while being treated at the Winchester Medical Center. Bell fought off an attempt by the inmate to snatch his gun and then pursued him through the hospital and captured him in the lobby.

Mount Weather Police Department Sgt. Travis Short, who was honored for responding to a 911 call Aug. 16 for a Federal Emergency Management Agency employee in cardiac arrest. As first responder on the scene, he began measures that were credited with saving the employee's life.

Winchester Police Officer John Dixon, who was nominated for resuscitating a young woman who was suffering from a drug overdose. His action on Sept. 26 was the second time that Dixon had been able to restore someone's breathing.

State Police Trooper Ronnie Riggs, who has served on the force for more than 10 years.

Riggs, who works from the Kernstown Barracks, was praised for his "professionalism" in enforcing criminal statutes and driving safety efforts.

Clarke County Sheriffs Office Chief Deputy Travis Sumption, who joined the department as a communications officer and moved to a deputy position in 1998. Sumption was later appointed first sergeant and became one of the few members of the county's investigative unit, working with the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force and on gang activities.

Winchester Sheriffs Office Deputy Greg E. Lambert, who was cited for a number of community policing efforts including work on an enforcement program to stop drivers from passing school buses that are picking up or dropping off students.

Berryville Police Department Investigator Greg Frenzel, who was nominated for his professionalism in handling investigations, especially those involving major property loss and crimes against persons.

Clarke County Sheriff Anthony "Tony" Roper praised retiring Winchester Sheriff Lenny Millholland, who he said exemplifies the concern a sheriff should have for his community.

Roper said Millholland originally planned to study veterinary medicine at Allegany College in Cumberland, Md., but switched to criminal justice.

Millholland joined the Winchester Police Department in 1979 and moved from patrol officer to canine handler, investigator and then lieutenant for the Investigative Division.

He was elected city sheriff in 2001.

Roper said Millholland has served on numerous boards and committees in both law enforcement and for nonprofit organizations serving the community.

He is a past president of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute, a nonprofit organization that handles training and education for sheriffs in the state.

Millholland received a standing ovation from the audience as he accepted a plaque from Del. May.

The Horseshoe Curve Benevolent Association is a citizens group, based in Pine Grove, which raises funds for groups and organizations that serve the community, mostly in Clarke County. Among other efforts, it supports the Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire Company and senior and handicapped residents of the Johnson-Williams Apartments, and presents a scholarship annually to a Clarke County High School senior.

IN RECOGNITION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon, Georgia as the membership and leadership of the church celebrates a remarkable 175 years. The congregation of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church will commemorate this milestone with a Celebration on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon.

Tracing its roots back to the pre-Civil War era, the Church was organized around 1838 when Pastor Samuel Cassels was instructed to preach and minister to the slaves of the members of the 1st Presbyterian Church's congregation. The "African Chapel," a separate facility, was built on Fourth Street (now M.L. King Drive) but remained associated with the 1st Presbyterian Church. With a request for full independence by "African Chapel" members that was granted on May 5, 1866, the present Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church was formed. Joseph Williams, David Laney, and Robert Carter were the first Ministers ordained to serve the church following its formal establishment.

The Church had humble origins due to racial and social stratification in the post-Civil War South. With the end of the Civil War, the bells of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church rang to celebrate emancipation. Under the pastorate of David Laney, most notably, the distinguished Gothic Revival structure of the Church was constructed.

The Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church is not only the oldest African-American congregation in the state of Georgia, but also bears the distinct honor of being one of the oldest minority congregations in the country. Named for the street on which it is located, the Church has become the primary place of worship for many generations of the most prominent black families in Macon. It also enjoys the privilege of being listed in the National Register of Historic Places in America, another indication of its importance in the local, state, and national communities.

The story of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church, which began as a small group of slaves worshipping in a small "African Chapel" and has grown into an expansive and successful church, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon, GA for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD  
W. BOERS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 15, 2013*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dick Boers, who passed from this life on Wednesday October 2, 2013. Dick's family and friends will remember him in a memorial service at the Toledo Botanical Gardens on October 15, 2013.

Dick Boers was "a man for all seasons." A horticulturalist and landscape architect, Dick was instrumental in the establishment of the Toledo Botanical Gardens, then known as Crosby Gardens. He was later named Trustee Emeritus of the Gardens' Board and was affectionately known as "Mr. Crosby." The gardens were a signature achievement in a distinguished career.

Born in 1941 in Rochester, New York, Richard Boers graduated from Cornell University. He was pursuing his graduate degree at the University of Michigan when he was recruited by the City of Toledo as a seasonal park designer. In 1965 he was named the City's Forestry Commissioner, at age 25 the youngest in the city's history and the youngest in the nation. Dick spent the next thirty years in the City of Toledo's Parks Department. A dedicated public service, Dick's efforts during his tenure were evident and everywhere. He was widely credited with "greening up" industrial Toledo. Even as he served the City and the citizens of Toledo, Dick was a respected member of several professional organizations and his talent was sought by many.

The Toledo Blade noted that "A sign in Dick's office summed up who he was, 'There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit.'" Philosophers' words indeed, and characteristic of Dick's wisdom.

Dick Boers' efforts of his lifetime are all around us in our city. His legacy is a gift of beautiful landscapes to be enjoyed for genera-

tions to come. When the flowering pear trees burst into bloom in early spring in downtown Toledo, and along the city's thoroughfares, we shall fondly remember Dick Boers. When the annual arts festival is held at the Toledo Botanical Gardens, we shall say thank you to Dick Boers. When native plant species like the blue lupine displace invasive species, we express appreciation to Dick Boers for beautifying our parks and environs. For every part of nature he tended and stewarded to the next generation, we say thank you always to Dick Boers.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 15, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,149,193,429,752.16. We've added \$6,522,316,380,839.08 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 15, 2013*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, on rolcall No. 572, I was unavoidably detained in Georgia and could not make it to Washington, DC in time to cast my vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

FURTHERING ASBESTOS CLAIM  
TRANSPARENCY (FACT) ACT OF  
2013

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 982) to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524 of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos; and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 982, the misleadingly-named "FACT Act." When the Congress should be considering important legislation to replace the sequester, address our budget deficits in a balanced way, and reform our broken immigration system, we are instead using our scarce legislative time to consider this cynical, counterproductive bill that specifically targets victims suffering from diseases caused by asbestos exposure.

Under the cloak of "transparency and accountability," this legislation would needlessly force asbestos trusts to release personal claim information about victims. It would also allow asbestos defendants to demand unlimited and irrelevant information from asbestos trusts—at any point in a proceeding. The cynical intent of this provision is to burden the asbestos trusts with so many requests for information (from deep-pocketed, corporate defendants) that they will have to spend time and resources fulfilling those information requests, thus delaying trust recoveries by victims. This is especially concerning considering mesothelioma usually kills its victims within 4 to 18 months of diagnosis.

Finally, the allegations of fraud within the trust process are simply untrue. The error rate in the asbestos trust process has been shown to be less than one-half of one percent. Any examples of fraud found are rare and isolated incidents, and are aptly addressed by state courts. Simply put, this legislation is nothing but a legislative handout to the corporations that have (and continue to) subject workers to unsafe working conditions. The one-sided nature of this bill was further exposed when its supporters defeated an amendment that would have required the corporate defendants to disclose information about the location of their disease-causing asbestos products.

I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 982.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT  
RODNEY PAINTER FOR HIS  
SERVICE TO OUR NATION IN THE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 15, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Staff Sergeant Rodney D. Painter, Jr. for nearly 11 years of service to our nation in the United States Air Force.

As a member of the 19th Security Forces Squadron in Little Rock, Arkansas, Staff Sergeant Painter implemented the first Discipline and Adjustment Board and the Parole Board with First Sergeants. He coordinated with the U.S. Air Force Security Forces Center to develop a new confinement floor plan and led an extensive camera project to certify a new confinement facility that ensures the security of inmates.

Staff Sergeant Painter has been generous in his philanthropy, in the most recent year volunteering over 40 hours with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America to provide guidance and mentorship to local youth. In the same year, he also volunteered over 20 hours with the United Way Homeless Shelter, strengthening the bonds between the United States Air Force and local communities. I commend Staff Sergeant Painter for his dedication to serving our nation and the Central Florida community. It is because of men and women like Staff Sergeant Painter who give of themselves to our country that we can live in a free country.