

Brie Smitley. They are owners of Miss Aimee B's Tea Room & Gallery and are receiving the 2016 Employer of the Year Award, in the Service Category from the City of St. Charles Economic Development Department.

There is historical significance as Miss Aimee B's Tea Room and Gallery is in the National Register of Historic Places. Miss Aimee B's Tea Room and Gallery (the Marten/Becker House) remained in the family until 1982 when Miss Aimee Marie Louise Becker bequeathed it to the St. Charles County Historical Society. In 1991, Sherry Pfander and Judy purchased the Marten-Becker House from the St. Charles County Historical Society to start a business selling local arts and crafts. In January 2014, locals Zack and Brie Smitley proudly purchased the wonderful Miss Aimee B's Tea Room & Gallery. Miss Aimee B's takes pride in displaying local artists and crafters work in its upstairs shops.

Since the year 2014, Miss Aimee B's has increased sales by 20 percent. Zack and Brie also work to repurpose, rebuild, and preserve the historical energy of the house. This practice honors the City of St. Charles efforts to preserve its historical Main Street. Miss Aimee B's employees are dedicated, knowledgeable, and well respected. These employees are what make Miss Aimee B's an enjoyable place to visit. Employees of Miss Aimee B's are encouraged to spend time with their families and friends, deepen their faith, lead healthy lifestyles, be kind to others, and to always show warm hospitality.

Miss Aimee B's is a proud contributor to the St. Charles Community. The house donates food, gift cards, and time to local galas, churches, animal shelters and families in need. In addition, Zack Smitley has raised thousands of dollars for local charities with his personal art pieces. Miss Aimee B's has also donated hundreds to local charities and holds charitable events for nonprofit organizations and individuals in need.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Miss Aimee B's for its accomplishment in the 2016 Employer of the Year Award—Service Category.

RECOGNIZING CURRENT AND FORMER PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS WHO ASSISTED AND SUPPORTED THE LOSS TEAM

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Prince William County Police Department for its invaluable participation in the Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (or LOSS) team. On January 27, 2012, Action in Community Through Service (or ACTS) of Prince William, Inc. signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Prince William County Police Department to collaborate on the creation of a LOSS team.

The team is comprised of trained volunteers and staff who are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the ACTS Helpline. Since entering into the formal agreement with ACTS, members of the Prince William County Police Department have diligently

supported this program by immediately contacting the LOSS team upon notification of deaths by suicide to the Criminal Investigations Division—Violent Crimes Bureau. The LOSS team then disseminates information about available community resources and provides ongoing support to people grieving the loss of a friend or loved one to suicide.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States for all ages; homicide ranks 17th. For every suicide, at least, six other lives are impacted. By ensuring survivors receive the support that is desperately needed, the LOSS team in partnership with the Prince William County Police Department helps individuals weather their grief and take steps to rebuilding their lives. Just knowing that they are not alone helps give the surviving families the strength to go on. Without the dedication and leadership of the Prince William County Police Department, the LOSS team would not be able to sustain its successful first response program that continues to positively impact the lives of Prince William County residents each day.

It is my honor to submit the following names of current and former Prince William County Police Officers who have assisted and supported the LOSS program: Dan Carton, Brian Cavanaugh, Brian Coady, Darien Cupka, Dan Downey, Mike Fernald, Ben Grantham, Ray Hyatt, Rob Kasper, Joe Medawar, Juan Pena (deceased), Gina Pinedo, Astrid Robinson, Caillen Smith, Mike Sullivan, and Gary Van Dyke.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these Prince William County police officers for their tireless commitment to our community, the newly bereaved, ACTS, and the Prince William LOSS team.

### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF COLUMBUS

### HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Kiwanis Club of Columbus for celebrating its 100th year of serving the community.

Kiwanis International is a global volunteer organization with more than 8,000 clubs worldwide in over 80 countries. With a focus on serving children, members collectively organize nearly 150,000 service projects and raise nearly \$100 million every year in their communities.

As the fifth oldest club in the organization, The Kiwanis Club of Columbus was founded in 1916 and has been steadfast in its service for a century. The Club has been involved in a variety of projects in downtown Columbus, ranging from helping the homeless to providing scholarships to area students. While many of the members of The Kiwanis Club of Columbus are busy professionals, they commit to making time in their schedules to participate in these and other service projects, and to give back to our great community.

I would like to thank members of The Kiwanis Club of Columbus, past and present, for all they have done, especially for our kids. I also would like to congratulate them for reaching their Centennial Year.

CONGRATULATING KIM BARK OF COMPLETE TRUCK & RV REPAIR FOR RECEIVING THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2016 EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD—JOHN HECK AWARD

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Kim Bark. She is the owner of Complete Truck & RV Repair and is receiving the 2016 Employer of the Year Award—John Heck Award from the City of St. Charles Economic Development Department.

When Complete Truck & RV Repair opened as a family-run business in 2013, it had ten employees. Now, the shop is staffed by 22 employees and has been able to add Restoration, Fabrication, Auto & RV Detailing, and Towing Services. The Barks family also added another location for RV storage to continue serving their customers.

To say that Complete Truck & RV Repair contributes to the St. Charles community would almost be an understatement. Kim and her father are passionate about animals and built a dog park for guests who come to service their vehicles. Kim is also a supporter of the organization Dogs on Duty, Five Acres Animal Shelter, and the Humane Society.

Another part of Complete Truck & RV Repair's community outreach is its contribution to the St. Charles' Backstoppers. Kim's father has helped the Backstoppers raise money for over 15 years. Complete Truck & RV Repair is hosting the 1st Annual Backstoppers Summer Dance June 24th at the Machinists' Hall to continue this fundraising effort. The Barks and their repair business work year round to raise awareness for the Backstoppers. The business owns a fire truck, named Red. Red travels around town to various fire houses to promote awareness of the Backstoppers fund. Red also can be seen in various city parades.

Complete Truck & RV Repair hires veterans and is part of the Hire Heroes Program. The business honors veterans by giving them a discount. It currently has five veterans employed on the Complete Truck & RV Repair staff. Complete Truck & RV Repair also gives Police Officers, EMS, and Firefighters a discount on services.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Complete Truck & RV Repair for its accomplishment as the 2016 Employer of the Year Award—John Heck Award.

### NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for National Infertility Awareness Week, which has been federally recognized since 2010.

Infertility is a disease of the reproductive system that affects men and women equally,

and millions of people—as many as 12 percent of reproductive-aged couples in America—suffer from this devastating disease, unable to start a family.

The good news is that treatment for infertility has advanced sharply in the last two decades, and includes in vitro fertilization, now considered the standard of care for many couples being treated for infertility.

Despite such 21st century advances, only 15 states currently provide coverage for even basic treatment for infertility.

It is my hope that National Infertility Awareness Week will encourage honest and candid dialogue among lawmakers and health professionals, in an effort to seek cures that will allow every American the opportunity to have a family.

Mr. Speaker, in concluding, I want to congratulate RESOLVE, the nation's oldest fertility advocacy organization, for the brilliant work they are doing to raise awareness about infertility.

HONORING THE 2016 VIENNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Vienna Business Association (VBA) and to congratulate the incoming 2016 board members.

Vienna is known for its local charm and strong small business community. Money Magazine and CNN have both rated Vienna as one of the best places to live in the United States. The vibrant community spirit exhibited by its residents and local businesses has fostered an exceptional quality of life that is sought out by so many.

The Vienna Business Association is the voice of the greater Vienna business community. It promotes business opportunities and development through networking and increased interaction between the commercial and residential communities within the town. Its members help maintain Vienna's small town feel by hosting and supporting many annual community events.

The VBA has thrived thanks to the diversity of its members and the leadership of its Board. I am pleased to submit the following names of the incoming 2016 board members:

2016 Chairman of the Board: George Creed.

Incoming Board Members: Mary Kay Claus, Kathy Georgen, Jeff Bollettino, Agnes Wasowski, James Cudney, Tracy Murphy, Michael Amouri.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the incoming board members and in commending the Vienna Business Association for their commitment to promoting the business community while encouraging social responsibility. I wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF DALE EARNHARDT'S 65TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, it's no secret that I'm a huge supporter of NASCAR. In fact, I'm fortunate to represent Charlotte Motor Speedway, "The Rock" in Rockingham, many NASCAR teams, and the best fans in the world.

That's why I'm here today to pay tribute to NASCAR champion, Kannapolis, North Carolina native and my all-time favorite driver, Dale Earnhardt.

"The Intimidator" would have been 65 years old today, and I want to ask my fellow North Carolinians and racing enthusiasts to join me in celebrating his life and career.

A legend on and off the track, Dale lived the American Dream. He came from humble beginnings in Kannapolis, North Carolina and worked hard to become one of NASCAR's greatest heroes.

He earned seven NASCAR Winston Cup championships, tying "The King," Richard Petty. And through his success, he remained a man of the people who always gave back to the community he loved.

From his debut at Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1975, to his last NASCAR championship that he secured with a win at "The Rock" in 1994, to his final laps at the Daytona 500—battling to keep two cars he owned in the lead—Dale faced every obstacle and opportunity with unmatched courage, passion, determination and a tremendous sense of humor.

There's no question that Dale Earnhardt left a lasting impression on motorsports, on our community, and on NASCAR fans like me. Happy birthday, Number 3.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, the weeks of April 18th and April 25th, I was unavoidably detained and missed several votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on Roll Call No. 155, "no" on Roll Call No. 156, "no" on Roll Call No. 157, "no" on Roll Call No. 158, "yea" on Roll Call No. 159, "no" on Roll Call No. 160, "no" on Roll Call No. 161, "no" on Roll Call No. 162, "yea" on Roll Call No. 163, "yea" on Roll Call No. 164, "yea" on Roll Call No. 165, "yea" on Roll Call No. 166, "yea" on Roll Call No. 167, "no" on Roll Call No. 168, "no" on Roll Call No. 169, "yes" on Roll Call No. 170, "no" on Roll Call No. 171, "yea" on Roll Call No. 172, "no" on Roll Call No. 173, and "no" on Roll Call No. 174.

CONGRATULATING DAVID AND DEBBY SPETNAGEL OF FLEET FEET SPORTS FOR RECEIVING THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2016 EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD—RETAIL CATEGORY

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor constituents of mine, David and Debby Spetnagel. They are owners of Fleet Feet Sports and are receiving the 2016 Employer of the Year Award, in the Retail Category from the City of St. Charles Economic Development Department.

Fleet Feet Sports opened its doors on April 12, 1993 and since then has been successfully serving the community. Since the first store opening in 1993, five additional stores have been opened. In 2001, Fleet Feet Sports opened its Chesterfield location. In 2008, Fleet Feet Sports welcomed a new store in South St. Louis County. On Fleet Feet Sports' 20th anniversary, David and Debby Spetnagel opened another store in Des Peres. The most recent store openings were in Town & Country in 2014 and O'Fallon in 2015.

Over the last several years, Fleet Feet Sports has maintained consistent sales while adding 24 new employees in 2015. Employees of Fleet Feet Sports are recognized throughout their time with the company by the owners, David and Debby Spetnagel. With this type of employee recognition, it cultivates the spirit of strong customer service which positively affects their business and creates continued successes.

Fleet Feet Sports has faced many challenges over the years. Overcoming a very competitive retail and run specialty market and adapting to an ever-pressing e-commerce environment were two of the hardest struggles faced by owners, David and Debby Spetnagel. To overcome these challenges, Fleet Feet Sports has had to consistently seek better ways to recognize and serve their customers as well as keeping their website and digital offerings up-to-date.

Fleet Feet Sports' dedication to the community is made evident by the various events it sponsors. The company hosts free social runs in the St. Charles area as well as Frontier Park. Throughout various donations of shoes and apparel, Fleet Feet Sports impacts numerous lives in the local community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Fleet Feet Sports for its accomplishment as the 2016 Employer of the Year Award—Retail Category.

CELEBRATING CARLOS ELIAS, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE U.S. CAPITOL BUILDING AND THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2016*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and thank Carlos for his 17 years