

long, proud history of providing fire-suppression and emergency medical services to the fine citizens of the City of Fairfax, Virginia.

Early records indicate that there was a volunteer fire brigade in the Town of Fairfax around the turn of the century. A group of visionary citizens decided that a firefighting system needed to be set up to protect their town from the ravages of fire. Their manual firefighting efforts were fortified by their purchase of a horse or man pulled chemical wagon to increase their firefighting efforts. This chemical wagon would allow them to fight fires with "some" water pressure.

On April 7, 1928, the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department was legally chartered. At this time, the department became the proud owner of their first motorized fire truck, a 1927 Childs. A garage was also built to house this fine piece of fire equipment. They were now able to respond in a more efficient manner to emergencies when asked by the townspeople.

In the 1960's the Town of Fairfax became the City of Fairfax. Fairfax's population had increased along with their need for more fire protection and firefighters. Career firefighters were hired to join volunteers in answering the call for help, and the City of Fairfax built their first fire station to house their fire apparatuses and equipment.

Today, the City of Fairfax has grown to a population of 19,622 and is 15.9 square kilometers in size. The Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department responded to an astounding 8,000 fire and emergency medical calls last year. That's an average of 22 calls a day, which equals to almost one call per hour.

The Fairfax Volunteer's strong fleet of fire and rescue apparatuses are housed in two fire stations, 3 and 33. Fire Station 3 houses the duty Battalion Chief, a pumper, a ladder truck, and an advanced life support medical unit. Fire Station 33 houses a rescue engine and an advanced life support medical unit.

Taking an active role in one's community is a responsibility we all share, but which few of us fulfill. Yet, the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department firefighters take great pride in providing round the clock emergency services to its neighbors. I know the visionary citizens who started this organization seventy years ago would be proud to see that what started with just a bucket has grown into one of the most respected volunteer fire departments in my district, the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department's distinguished volunteer and career firefighters who place their own lives on the line for their fellow citizens everyday. They are truly deserving of the title "hero".

SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING AMY FELDCAMP, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Amy Feldcamp, winner of the

1998 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Amy is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Amy Feldcamp is an exceptional student at Saline High School and possesses an impressive high school record. She has been involved with the National Honor Society. Amy is also involved with the high school marching band, S.A.D.D., 4-H, and FHA. Outside of school, Amy has been involved as a Sunday school teacher, providing music in her church, and teaching violin lessons.

In special tribute, Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Amy Feldcamp for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

1998 LEADERSHIP AND ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, within Larimer County, Colorado, my home county, reside some of the best and brightest young people in the state. Twelve of them were appropriately honored by the Fort Collins Coloradoan newspaper as 1998 Leadership and Academic All-Stars, and I would like to honor them here today.

Out of 67 teenagers nominated for the awards by teachers, parents and neighbors, these 12 stood out as particularly deserving of recognition: Loring Pfeiffer, Ryan Johnson, Robert "Bobby" Mosiman and Bret Peterson from Rocky Mountain High School; Elizabeth Leon and Steve Foster from Thompson Valley High School; Caitlin Devereaux, Yue Xu and Tiffany Yaussi from Poudre High School; Daniel Salas from Fort Collins High School; Samuel Severance from Loveland High School; and Scott Wilkinson from Windsor High School.

Besides academic achievement, the criteria for Academic All-Star status includes excellence in leadership and community involvement. These future leaders of our community, state, and country are truly our greatest hope for a stronger nation. Please join me today in paying them tribute.

RECOGNIZING NORTEL (NORTHERN TELECOM)

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate a good corporate citizen of mine,

Nortel (Northern Telecom) for the critical role they are playing in advancing the Internet for the betterment of all mankind.

Recently Donald J. Schuenke, Chairman of the Board of Nortel, was among a stellar list of guests at a White House unveiling of the largest and fastest research and education network in the world. The network, Abilene, is being developed by the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development (UCAID) with the expertise of Nortel, Qwest Communications, and Cisco Systems. Abilene will provide an advanced backbone network for universities participating in UCAID's Internet2 project. The unveiling was conducted by Vice President AL GORE who said the project "... represents the kind of collaboration among government, industry and academia that leverages the expertise and resources of each entity, to enable technological advancements and innovation. This project will provide the technological leadership our nation needs as we prepare to enter the 21st century."

Also attending the unveiling were Joseph P. Nacchio, president and CEO of Qwest, Dr. Douglas E. Van Houweling, UCAID's president and CEO, and John Morgridge, Chairman of the Board of Cisco.

Abilene will allow networking capabilities which will enable researchers and educators to develop advanced applications for higher education. Nortel and Cisco Systems will provide networking equipment that will enable the Abilene network's leading edge capabilities. Qwest will provide access to its state-of-the-art nationwide fiber optic network.

"Nortel is proud to be part of this important effort and to provide the most advanced equipment in the world to help Abilene develop cutting-edge applications that will make a real difference in the lives of constituents," said Schuenke. "This effort will allow researchers the security, capacity and reliability they will need to take technological innovation to a new plateau."

It is expected that initial operation of Abilene will begin before the end of 1998, with full deployment completed within one year. The Abilene project will provide unparalleled networking capabilities to the member universities of UCAID. It will provide advanced networking capabilities such as quality of service and multicasting and will interconnect with existing advanced research and education networks such as the very high performance Backbone Network Service (vBNS).

Nortel has been a leader in promoting the Internet in education. They have given generously to schools both here in the District of Columbia and around the country by providing computers, access to the Internet, teacher training and maintenance. They are also great believers in private-public partnerships. Greg Farmer who heads up Nortel's Washington, D.C. office is a leader in this area. Most recently he formed Partners in Technology, a public-private partnership aimed at ensuring all D.C. students have access to the Internet and teachers are trained to bring them into the 21st Century.

Nortel works with customers in more than 150 countries to design, build and integrate their communications products and advanced digital networks. Nortel has about 27,000 employees in the U.S., more than in any other country. In Nashville, they have about 1,200 employees who work at the company's headquarters or at Nortel's telephone remanufacturing facility. They also have major facilities in

Raleigh, North Carolina; Richardson, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; Sunrise, Florida; and Santa Clara, California.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Donald Schuenke and everyone at Nortel for the leadership role they are providing in Internet2 and Next Generation Internet.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD J. ERNST

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. DAVIS at Virginia. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Mr. WOLF, and I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Richard J. Ernst on the occasion of his retirement as president of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). For thirty years, he has made outstanding contributions to Virginia's educational system and to the community.

Dick Ernst joined NOVA in 1968, when it was a three-year-old campus of five thousand students housed in a warehouse. Through his tireless efforts and dedication, NOVA has grown and developed into the second-largest multi-campus community college in the world. The NOVA system now includes five campuses serving more than sixty thousand credit students and three hundred thousand participants in non-credit programs. The development of a sixth campus, the Medical Education campus, is in the preconstruction planning stage. This incredible growth is due to Dick's endless vision and boundless energy that has been the hallmark of his leadership.

Dick Ernst can take pride in the fact that it was his leadership that developed NOVA to one of the best community colleges in the nation. Today it offers training, classes and opportunities to thousands of Northern Virginians from various racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds that, without Dick's efforts, they would not have.

Throughout his educational career, Dick has been involved in numerous community organizations. In 1979–80, Dick served as Interim Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System in addition to his duties as president of NOVA. His many activities include membership in the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Virginia Roundtable, the Advisory Council of the Northern Virginia Minority Business and Professional Association, the Washington Dulles Task Force Advisory Council, and the Fairfax Committee of 100, and serving on the Board of Directors of the Fairfax Unit of the American Cancer Society, the American Automobile Association Potomac Advisory Board, and the Northern Virginia Community Foundation.

The many honors and awards Dick Ernst has received include CEO of the Year by the Association of Community College Trustees, Blue Chip Community College Leader by the University of Texas National Survey, and Man of the Year by the National Council on Community Services and Continuing Education.

He received his baccalaureate degree in mathematics and science and his master's degree in administration from the University of

Florida, and his doctoral degree from Florida State University. Dick and his wife Betty, a retired Fairfax County Public Schools educator, have seen their three children graduate from local area high schools and Virginia colleges and universities.

Mr. Speaker, we know our colleagues join us in saluting Dr. Richard J. Ernst, whose educational and civic contributions to the community have helped improve the quality of life for all Northern Virginians.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING
LINDSAY MCHOLME, LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Lindsay McHolme, winner of the 1998 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Lindsay is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Lindsay McHolme is an exceptional student at Quincy High School and possesses an impressive high school record. She has been involved with the National Honor Society. Lindsay is also involved with the high school newspaper, student council, and the varsity club. She is a member of the varsity softball, basketball, and volleyball teams. Outside of school, Lindsay has been involved with basketball coaching and tutoring.

In special tribute, therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Lindsay McHolme for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ROLLING MEADOWS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1997
HONOREES

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize several special business leaders in my district who will be honored today by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce.

Tom Rivera, President of Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors' Bureau, will be honored as the 1997 Business Leader of the Year. Under Tom's guidance, the Bureau has grown to serve 13 northwest suburban com-

munities, and produces more than \$25 million in tourism business for the Greater Woodfield area. In addition, Tom is an active member of the boards of Northwest 2001 and the Northwest Cultural Council. He also serves as the Co-Chair of the Illinois International Convention Center Authority and "The Friends of the Northwest Suburbs." For the past four years, he has been the President of "Visit Illinois," the state's public and private sector tourism association which engaged in marketing, lobbying and educational efforts on behalf of Illinois' tourism industry. In 1995, I was pleased to appoint him to serve on the White House Conference on Travel and Tourism. Tom is certainly an expert in his field and contributes a great deal to the Rolling Meadows community.

Mr. John Conyers, Superintendent of Community Consolidated School District 15 will be honored as the 1997 Community Leader of the Year. John is a dedicated educator, having been a classroom teacher and principal in inner-city and suburban schools. He is a member of the Advisory Committee to the State Superintendent of Schools, and also serves on the board of the Palatine Township Senior Citizen Council as well as the Roosevelt University-Robin Campus Community Advising Board. In addition, he serves on the Board of Representatives of the Northwest Suburban Education to Careers Partnership. John also has had articles published in several well-respected educational trade journals, and has served as a member of the State of Illinois Governor's Commission on Japanese Economy and Educational Interchange. Through John's participation, School District 15 has received a due amount of recognition of its excellence.

Incredible Technologies, Inc. will be honored as the Small Business of the Year for 1997. The company is the coin-operated game manufacturer of the popular Golden Tee 3D Golf game. The success of its games has earned the company a reputation for being able to develop innovative games that consumers enjoy playing. The company, and its owners Elaine and Richard Ditton, have been in the Rolling Meadows business community since 1993.

The City of Rolling Meadows has been selected to receive the 1997 Business Beautification Award. In the past four years, the City Council has transformed a virtually unidentifiable downtown area into a place that area residents are proud of. A key improvement was a new community events sign, located in the downtown area, which has an electronic message board to relay messages related to city events and activities.

Also receiving the 1997 Business Beautification Award is the Harris Bank Arlington-Meadows, a long-time member of the Rolling Meadows community. The new building constructed in 1997 has given great appeal to the local downtown area. This state-of-the-art banking center adds convenience to residents' lives as well.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate these leaders of Rolling Meadows for their hard work and dedication. Rolling Meadows and the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois is a better place to live because of them.