

RECOGNIZING OFFICER PAUL
JUSTIN COFFEE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Officer Paul Justin Coffee for being named the 2007 Police Officer of the Year by the Euless Police Department.

Officer Justin Coffee has been with the Euless Police Department since March 2005. Prior to serving and protecting the Euless community, Officer Coffee was a police officer in Bedford, Texas for seven years. He holds an Advanced Peace Officer certification from the great state of Texas.

Officer Justin Coffee, a native Texan, graduated from L.D. Bell High School and attended Tarrant County College. His father is a police sergeant in Hurst, Texas and his brother is a police officer in Bedford, Texas. Officer Coffee is married to Sarah and they have three children.

During Officer Coffee's distinguished career in the Euless Police Department, he has received seven commendations, was nominated for the 2006 Rookie of the Year, and was selected as one of six Field Training Officers for the department. He consistently maintains a high level of competency and has gained much respect among his fellow police officers.

It is with great honor that I recognize Officer Paul Justin Coffee for his dedication and outstanding service to the Euless Police Department and the City of Euless, Texas. I applaud his numerous achievements and wish him continued success in his service. I am proud to represent Officer Coffee in the 24th District of Texas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. FRAN
TONEY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Ms. Fran Toney, Executive Director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, upon her retirement from seventeen years of dutiful service.

Fran Toney is a woman who has always loved Plymouth, Michigan. Fran has focused the past seventeen years of her career on getting others to love it too. As executive director, Ms. Toney encouraged members of her community to invest in local businesses and the community. Under her venerable tenure, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has nearly doubled its size from 400 to 700 committed members. Ms. Toney initiated more than 42 new programs which continue to make the Plymouth area a prosperous and proud part of Michigan. From Scarecrows in Kellogg Park to the annual Auction Fundraiser, Fran Toney has made the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce a point of pride for our community and the entire state of Michigan.

Madam Speaker, for seventeen years Ms. Fran Toney has faithfully served the Plymouth community and its citizens. As she enters the next phase of her life, she leaves behind a legacy of dedication, vibrancy, and fellowship. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Fran Toney upon her retirement and recognizing her years of loyal service to our community, state and country.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNANDALE LIONS CLUB

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Annandale

Lions Club. a truly outstanding organization that has served Annandale, Virginia for 60 years.

Throughout its history, the Annandale Lions Club has embraced the Lions' philosophy of "We Serve," and all residents of Annandale— young and old—owe them a debt of gratitude. To date, the club has raised over \$1,000,000 and has dedicated innumerable hours toward making their community a better place to live.

Thanks to the Lions, there is playground equipment at Annandale Elementary School. Thanks to the Lions, Fairfax hospital got its first maternity ward. Thanks to the Lions, there are bleachers and lights at the Annandale High School athletic fields.

As Annandale evolved from small rural town to bustling suburb, the Lions have been there to help keep up with change. They marked streets, numbered houses and mapped their community to help firefighters respond to emergencies and facilitate mail delivery. As the number of children in the area grew, they helped provide wholesome activities by sponsoring Scout troops and baseball teams. They constructed the children's playhouse at the Annandale Christian Community for Action's (ACCA) day care center, and have sponsored local youths for the Virginia Boys and Girls State summer leadership and citizenship programs.

The Annandale Lions, like Lions everywhere, also do a great deal for those with special physical needs, particularly those with vision and hearing impairments. They support sight and hearing screenings and research, and have offered financial assistance to the Virginia Lions Eye Institute.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking each and every Annandale Lion for their hard work and dedication to helping others in making Annandale a great place to live. I am proud to honor the club on its 60th anniversary, and wish them continued success in the years to come.