

the liberation of Morocco from French and Spanish protectorates. Shortly after ascending to the throne in 1961, King Hassan established a constitutional monarchy based on a multiparty political system including free elections, an elected parliament, a free press, and free trade unions. The King has worked tirelessly for the economic and social progress of his people. I also want to commend His Majesty particularly for his commitment to a pluralistic society that is tolerant of ethnic and religious diversity.

Morocco's leaders have promoted peace through diplomatic dialog long before the country was liberated from colonial rule. King Hassan has continued in that distinguished national tradition, and he has personally played an important international role that has benefited countries and peoples well beyond the borders of Morocco. King Hassan is a former head of the Organization of African Unity, and he is a leader in the Arab world whose moderating influence has helped stabilize this turbulent region.

Recently, under the leadership of King Hassan, Morocco has played an extremely positive role in seeking to bring peace to the Middle East. King Hassan was the first Arab leader to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres following the signing of the Declaration of Principles in Washington, DC, in September, 1993, between Israel and the PLO, and Morocco was the first Arab country after the signing of that declaration to establish a liaison office in Israel.

I have personally witnessed the remarkable progress and modernization of the kingdom of Morocco under the leadership of King Hassan, and I have had the opportunity to meet with His Majesty King Hassan on a number of occasions over many years. I have the utmost respect and admiration for the enlightened leadership he has provided the kingdom of Morocco, in Africa and in the Arab world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to extend a warm hand of friendship and goodwill to this champion of peace and democracy in the true spirit of our Nation on the occasion of his visit to the United States.

CLEANUP THE GREAT LAKES

HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 1995

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday the 10th of March, I joined Congressman QUINN of Buffalo and Congressman OBERSTAR of Minnesota to introduce two pieces of legislation crafted to protect and enhance one of the world's most valuable natural resources—the Great Lakes. Representing over 90 percent of our Nation's fresh water supply, the Great Lakes' importance to our region's health and economy cannot be overstated. Currently, the Great Lakes supports a \$4.5 billion recreational fishing economy.

Unfortunately, historical pollution found in the sediments of Great Lakes rivers and harbors remains a severe impediment to our shipping and recreational opportunities, threatens fish and wildlife resources and places human health at risk.

Mr. Speaker, my first bill, the Assessment and Remediation of Contaminated Sediments

[ARCS] Reauthorization Act, will amend the Clean Water Act section 118 to continue the demonstration of innovative technologies to remediate contaminated sediments in Great Lakes rivers and harbors that was originally authorized in the 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act.

The first ARCS program provided valuable demonstrations of technologies at the pilot scale that now need to be validated for commercial use. In the reauthorization, the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes National Program Office will also consider new strategies for sediment removal and containment such as those being demonstrated at the Ashtabula River and Harbor in my congressional district in Ohio. To date, the formation of a new partnership among Federal, State, local government, and industry has been successful in avoiding a new Superfund designation and will lower cost and shorten the timeframe for cleanup. This is a success story that needs to be repeated throughout our country.

The second bill, the Great Lakes Federal Effectiveness Act, provides for enhanced research coordination efforts among the many Federal, State and Canadian parties across the Great Lakes Basin. By evaluating our current efforts against projected goals we can then prioritize among the agencies to ensure the best Federal investment while avoiding costly duplication of effort.

It is appropriate that I dedicate the Great Lakes Federal Effectiveness Act to the memory of Peter Seidl. As Secretary to the International Joint Commission's Council of Great Lakes Research Managers, Peter pioneered the concept and was instrumental to the drafting of this legislation. On May 7, 1994, Peter was on an environmental mission for the World Bank when his plane was lost over the Andes mountains enroute to La Paz, Bolivia. To date, the most extensive search and rescue effort in the history of South America has been unable to locate his plane.

While friends and family pray for Peter's safe return, I wish to memorialize his extraordinary efforts on behalf of the Great Lakes in service to both his homeland of Canada and his friends and colleagues in the United States.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 611'S EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

HON. NORMAN Y. MINETA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 1995

Mr. MINETA. Mr. Speaker, on November 5, 1995 in San Jose the accomplishments of seven members of Boy Scout Troop 611 were acknowledged. I was fortunate enough to play a part in the honoring of these seven accomplished and talented young men.

Congratulations to Kevin Endo, Dean Handa, Neal Nakano, Brian Tamekuni, Ted Nakano, Michael Leung, and Ryan Yoshida. Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is not an easy task. It takes hard work, commitment, and a lot of support from your family, your community and your Boy Scout leaders. Your dedication, resolution, and perseverance in achieving this rank is to be commended and emulated by all residents of the community,

both those who will follow you and those who have gone ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to respectfully request that the following account of the ceremony be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

On the evening of November 5, 1994, Boy Scout Troop 611, sponsored by the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor and dinner acknowledging the accomplishments of seven outstanding Boy Scouts. The recipients of Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout were Kevin M. Endo, Dean M. Handa, Michael S. Leung, Neal T. Nakano, Ted K. Nakano, Brian M. Tamekuni, and Ryan T. Yoshida.

Providing guidance and support for the seven Scouts were Scoutmaster Stan Kawamata and his assistants: Religious Advisor, Reverend Gerald Sakamoto, and Youth Director, Mrs. Jeanne Nakano. The Eagle Charge and Presentation and the Eagle Award Address were given by Mr. Doug McDonald, Santa Clara County Council Scout Executive. Among the dignitaries in attendance were U.S. Congressman Norman Mineta, a guest speaker, who presented an American flag flown over the United States Capitol to each Eagle Scout and Peter McHugh, the mayor of Milpitas, who made a special presentation to Ryan Yoshida.

Kevin M. Endo, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Endo, is a junior at Santa Clara High School. For his Eagle project Kevin supervised and participated in the construction of a four foot carved wooden Buddhist Wisteria symbol for the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin.

Dean M. Handa, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Handa, is a junior at Saratoga High School. Dean's Eagle project entailed supervising and helping to construct a display case for a kimono for the Yu-Ai-Kai Senior Center in San Jose's Japantown area.

Neal T. Nakano, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Nakano, is a senior at Piedmont Hills High School. Neal's Eagle project included the planning, supervising, and construction of Japanese style fence toppers for the fence between the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin and the neighboring property.

Brian M. Tamekuni, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Kaz Tamekuni, is a senior at Bellarmine College Preparatory. For his Eagle project Brian supervised and participated in the construction of two large tables for the library in the Yu-Ai-Kai Senior Center in San Jose's Japantown.

Mr. Jimi Yamaichi was the Eagle project advisor for the preceding Eagle Scouts.

Ted K. Nakano, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nakano, is a freshman at West Valley College. For his Eagle project Ted designed, planned, supervised, and participated in the construction of three outdoor planters to be utilized by wheelchair users as part of their rehabilitation process. It was installed at a rehabilitation center run by the city of San Jose. Ted's father, Bob Nakano, was his project advisor.

Michael S. Leung, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Leung, is a junior at Live Oak High School. For his Eagle project Michael planned and supervised the painting of a large map of the United States on the playground of Milpitas Christian School. His project advisor was Mrs. Celeste McVey.

Ryan T. Yoshida, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yoshida, is a junior at Bellarmine College Preparatory. Ryan's Eagle project entailed planning and supervising the refurbishing of the play kitchen area and the construction of a storage area for the kindergarten students at the Zanker Elementary School. Ryan's grandfather, Mr. Takeshi Sugimoto, was his Eagle project advisor.