PAYING TRIBUTE TO ED WARD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to the life and memory of Edwin ''Ed'' Ward of Durango, Colorado who passed away recently at the age of eighty-nine. Ed lived a full life as a devoted family man and beloved member of his community. As his family mourns his loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Ed and the many contributions he made to his community and state.

Born and raised in Delta, Colorado, Ed spent twenty-three years working with power companies helping to maintain the generating stations and their infrastructure in Western Colorado. Ed represented his fellow employees as an elected union representative for Local 57 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Upon his retirement in 1976, Ed dedicated his efforts to numerous civic organizations in his Durango community. He was active in the Animas Valley Grange, Pomona Grange, and Durango Elks Lodge. He also served for ten years on the board of directors of Animas Water Company, and on the board of the Animas Mosquito Control District Board. Ed was also a member of the La Plata County Fair Board and the Fair Grounds Commission.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Edwin Ward, and I am deeply honored to bring his life to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation. My heart goes out to his family during this difficult time of bereavement.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LINDA BRADY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Linda Brady in recognition of her commitment to the provision of healthcare services to the people of Brooklyn.

Dr. Linda Brady is a physician executive with extensive clinical and healthcare management experience. She was appointed President & CEO of Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in 1999, and has been associated with the hospital for 19 years. She previously served as the Hospital's Medical Director as well as the Director of the Department of Neurology & Psychiatry. Dr. Brady was the guiding force behind the development of the Geriatric Psychiatry Inpatient Unit, which has received considerable praise for the highly professional and compassionate care rendered in the treatment of older adults with psychiatric disorders.

Dr. Brady served as the Associate Medical Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services at Kings County Hospital from 1980 to 1993. A cum laude graduate of Barnard College, Dr. Brady received her medical degree from the New York University School of Medicine and completed her psychiatric residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. She is a Board Certified Psychiatrist with added qualifications in Geriatric Psychiatry and an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at SUNY Health Sciences Center of Brooklyn. Dr. Brady is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, the American College of Physician Executives, and the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Dr. Brady has received numerous awards for community service from various elected officials and Community Based Organizations, including the Bikur Cholim of Crown Heights, the Caribbean Women's Health Association, the Boy Scouts of America and the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce & Industry. She pledges that Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center will continue to forge ties to the culturally diverse community in which it is located and will remain a vital part of the healthcare delivery system in Brooklyn.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Linda Brady has dedicated her life to improving mental health services for the residents of Brooklyn. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable health professional.

RECOGNIZE HEIDI CAPRARO

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Heidi Capraro, of Hillside Middle School in Northville, who was chosen as Michigan's Teacher of the Year for 2004–2005. Mrs. Capraro has shown extraordinary commitment to her students and her profession over the past 14 years.

Mrs. Capraro's enthusiasm and patience have made her a favorite among her students, and a well-respected teacher among her peers. She is an engaging instructor known for incorporating hands-on learning as a key element of her science curricula. Her willingness to devote extra time and attention to her classes repeatedly leads to academic and personal successes among her pupils.

In addition to being a conscientious and competent educator, Mrs. Capraro is a dedicated mentor and role model for the students of Hillside Middle School. She is held in high esteem not only among her colleagues, but by parents and students as well, and her influence carries on long after her students leave the sixth grade.

On behalf of my constituents of Michigan's Eighth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Heidi Capraro for this well-deserved honor, Michigan's Teacher of the Year.

THANKING MS. JANET CONRAD FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement in May 2004, we rise to thank Ms. Janet Conrad for 30 years of outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives. Janet began her career at the House working as a Junior Communications Terminal Operator and for the past 30 years has served this great institution as a valuable employee at House Information Resources (HIR) within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

While at HIR, Janet held many positions of increasing responsibility, requiring her to learn new and evolving computer technologies. Initially, Janet worked in the Bill Status Office providing the status of bills in the legislative process to both the American public and the House community.

In the early 1980s, when the House began using personal computers, Janet began working in the User Assistance Office. There she continuously expanded her technical expertise to help House staff in their use of personal computers and a wide range of desktop software. Over time she began supporting increasingly complex hardware and software technology projects to include evaluating software, configuration of network servers, and development of applications and databases for Member, Committee, and House Support Offices.

Since 2000, Janet has been an invaluable member of HIR's Information Management directorate where she had primary responsibility for the Customer Tracking System (CTS). CTS is used by the CAO to collect, record and report customer service delivery information. Janet has been very customer oriented, displayed great passion for her work and has maintained excellent relationships with her customers.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Janet for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish Janet many wonderful years in fulfilling her retirement dreams.

RESUMING EDUCATION AFTER DEFENSE SERVICE (READS) ACT

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, tonight I am introducing legislation to assist a number of soldiers across the nation, based on stories I heard from Reservists in my home state of Utah. These Reservists served honorably in U.S. operations in Afghanistan over the past few years. Over two separate activations, they served 24 months on active duty in the Marine Corps. When they finally returned home, it was to find out that they fell under a loophole within the Montgomery GI Bill. They were ineligible for educational benefits for Reservists, because while they served the requisite 24 months on active duty, their service was not consecutive.

I think that at a time when our nation and our military is increasingly relying upon Reservist contributions for extended periods of time, Reservists have certainly earned the same educational benefits that they would be entitled to if their service had been for 24 straight months.

As a result, my legislation will change the criteria for Montgomery GI Bill eligibility to include at least 2 years of cumulative active