

It may be insufficient to say Mac simply did his duty. Landing on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944, with so many other young men from the greatest generation, Mac served as a Medic alongside the 1st Battalion, 18th Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division. Mac was awarded the Silver Star for valor, two Purple Hearts, and two Bronze Stars during five campaigns in World War II.

After the war, Mac and his wife Phyllis moved to Francesville where he began teaching at Francesville High School in 1946. Mac was beloved by his students for his patience and dedication to his craft, teaching everything from vocational agriculture to industrial arts. He finished as an administrator after more than 30 years in education.

Mac was the kind of person every community needs. Whether it was his service to his country or community, Mac asked nothing in return. He served on the library board, was active in Future Farmers of America, and participated in 4-H for 25 years: He was a pillar of the Francesville community and deserved every honor bestowed to him. Though he left this world on July 8, 2004, his legacy lives on.

I welcome the opportunity to further honor Mac Lawrence with the naming of the Francesville Post Office, the Malcolm Melville "Mac" Lawrence Post Office. Leading by quiet example while he was living, Mac deserves resounding recognition after death.

TRIBUTE TO JESSIE, GEORGE AND
KYLE HETHERINGTON

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to day to honor Jessie, George, and Kyle Hetherington. Jessie and George Hetherington, two grandparents, have faced many obstacles in the process of adopting their grandson, Kyle. This family is to be commended for they have persisted through personal and legal struggles to ensure Kyle's adoption.

Kyle entered Jessie and George's home in October of 2000. This family joins the growing trend of 6 million children being raised by "Grand Families" keeping children in loving homes. The Hetherington family is exemplary proof that often the best chance a child has at leading a normal life filled with affection is with a family of their own.

It is Grand Families such as the Hetherington's that provide a safe and stable home for children who would otherwise fall into foster care systems. But the commitment to a happy family has many obstacles and requires perseverance. The determination of this family defines unconditional love.

When Jessie and George first brought Kyle home, they lived in an age-restricted community. To keep Kyle, the family moved. Finding a new home was the first obstacle. Then, 15 months later, Kyle's mother regained custody. Kyle later returned to the Hetherington home, but his health, physically and emotionally, was worse than before. Since then, the family has been through several legal battles to keep Kyle from being returned to his mother, an absent father fighting Jessie and George's adoption rights, and accessing services for Kyle's health needs.

The family has undergone an intense legal pursuit but has been guided with love, patience, and support from Kinship, Adoption, Resource, Education (K.A.R.E.) program. The K.A.R.E. program works with Grandparents raising Grandchildren, and helped the Hetherington family navigate a system that does not understand the strength and needs of Grand Families.

The Hetherington family will soon celebrate a legal victory and adopt Kyle on December 6 of this year. Their emotional and legal struggle represents the battle of will over circumstance. This day is an early birthday gift for Kyle and a life long family gift. Kyle is a second grader at Miller Elementary School in Tucson, AZ and turns 8 on November 23.

Jessie and George Hetherington's love, hard work, and dedication, and that of all Grand Families, should be acknowledged today.

As Jessie states "Love can work wonders done in the right way".

WINTER OUTDOORS MONTH
RESOLUTION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as obesity and the associated health risks continue to increase it is important to encourage American's of all ages to participate in physical activity all year long.

To help spread this message, today I am introducing with my colleague from New York Representative JOHN SWEENEY, a resolution urging the President to declare a Winter Sports Month.

This resolution notes the increase in adult and childhood obesity along with the negative consequences of extremely overweight and obese people including a decrease in the average life span and rising health care costs stemming from obesity related illness. It also includes the role winter sport activities can play in addressing obesity and the positive effects of participating in physical activity. It resolves that the House of Representatives urge the President to declare January 2006 Winter Sports Month.

Alpine skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and cross country skiing, not only offer excellent aerobic and anaerobic exercise but they also are activities that allow an entire family to play together in a natural environment. Colder temperatures and snow should not deter outdoor activities.

"Winter Outdoors Month" would remind citizens of the importance to maintain a consistent exercise program and healthy lifestyle all year 12 months out of the year. Winter sports offer unique opportunities to allow all Americans a chance to be together outside, enjoy the season.

A TRIBUTE TO RETIRING ASSOCIATE
PARLIAMENTARIAN
MUFTIAH MCCARTIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Associate Parliamentarian Muftiah McCartin, who has served in the Office of the Parliamentarian with distinction for nearly 30 years.

Muftiah began her career in the Office of the Clerk in 1976 and earned her bachelor's degree and juris doctorate by studying at night. She became the first woman appointed a Parliamentarian in 1991.

When I came to Congress in 1993, Muftiah was like a navigator on a ship. I was unfamiliar with the trappings of the House of Representatives and it was overwhelming. To find the Parliamentarian had lived in Carmel Valley, California and knew my District helped me adjust.

I commend Muftiah as a role model to everyone. A lawyer and working mother, she was here at all hours, as long as the House was in session, sometimes at the expense of her family. Yet she has raised beautiful children: Marissa, Elaine, Sandra and Luke with her loving husband, Terry.

It's always sad to lose longtime professional staff; you lose that irreplaceable, institutional memory. But I wish her well in her new endeavors, including spending more time with her family and training for her next marathon or triathlon.

H.R. 1101

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, legislation which I have introduced, H.R. 1101, revoking a Public Land Order for certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in California, was passed by this body on May 23, 2005. Additionally, this legislation was recently reported out of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on September 28, 2005, and referred to the full Senate for consideration.

It is my understanding that the Committee included report language with this bill expressing its intent that the 140 acres H.R. 1101 transfers from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management not be viewed as an endorsement for development and that any management changes proposed by the Bureau be made through the appropriate planning process and include the continued protection of natural, cultural, and historical resources located on this land. I rise today to state my concurrence with this report language and encourage the Senate to act quickly on passage of this important legislation.