

projects, congressional inquiry review and response, and primary command briefing responsibilities.

Highlights of his service prior to DLI include: Defense and Army Attaché, Uganda, July 2005–July 2007. In this role, Lieutenant Colonel Skow advised the ambassador on Uganda's continually shifting security situation. He coordinated with the Ugandan Army in dealing with the Lord's Resistance Army and reported on the activities of this group in neighboring countries. Notably, he was instrumental in the recovery of five citizens from the UK, Australia and New Zealand after an attack by LRA insurgents.

Army Attaché, South Africa, January 2003–July 2005. Lieutenant Colonel Skow regularly reported on military issues in South Africa where he coordinated a joint training exercise between a U.S. Ranger company and the South African airborne regiment. Additionally he coordinated the procurement and transportation of South African mine resistant armored personnel vehicles, NYALA, and mine detection and IED detection vehicles, HUSKY, for deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Defense and Army Attaché, Rwanda, October 1998–December 2001. Lieutenant Colonel Skow served as the primary military/political advisor to the ambassador during a violent insurgency in northwest Rwanda. He monitored the security situation in northwest Rwanda and advised the ambassador regarding travel restrictions for U.S. citizens. He was responsible for routine interface with Rwandan military personnel and interviewed insurgent prisoners of all ranks. In addition to providing current combat intelligence and information from the POWs, Lieutenant Colonel Skow also created a list of insurgents that were responsible for the murder of U.S. and UK tourists in Bwindi National Forest, Uganda. He then coordinated closely with the FBI to ensure they received all necessary support.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I want to extend the gratitude of the House to Lieutenant Colonel Skow and his wife, Janice, for their service to the Nation and to wish them the very best in the future.

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HONORING DIANNE FRITZ

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 9, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dianne Fritz upon her retirement as Mariposa County Supervisor, District IV. Supervisor Fritz will be honored by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, December 16, 2008.

Dianne Fritz was elected to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, District IV in 2004 and officially took office in January 2005. In 2008 she served as Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors and also the Vice-Chair for the Mariposa County Local Transportation Commission. For the past four years, Supervisor Fritz has been involved in numerous projects, committees, and organizations. As supervisor she has served on the board of directors for numerous agencies and organizations including: Mountain Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency; National Association of Counties; San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties; Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System, YARTS, Joint Powers Authority; High Speed Rail Authority; San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee; and California State Association of Counties. She also served as board liaison member to the Fiscal and Educational Services and Justice System Services area, the Yosemite Gateway Socioeconomics Workshops, and for the Cali-

fornia State Mining and Mineral Exhibit issues. Supervisor Fritz worked tirelessly on many projects benefiting the county that ranged from community planning and development, wastewater treatment facilities, recreation facilities, road and fire station maintenance, airport improvements, and restoration of the Mariposa Courthouse. During her tenure there were natural disasters that she worked diligently on, for example the floods of 2005, the Ferguson Rock Slide Disaster of 2006, and the recent wild fires of 2008.

Supervisor Fritz has worked on many issues pertaining to economic development. She was instrumental in the privatization of the Visitors' Bureau, with the formation of the Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau and fought the closure of Mount Bullion Youth Conservation Camp. She also worked on the General Plan update for Mariposa County, improvements to community parks, health care, public safety and agri-nature tourism. Supervisor Fritz has always been active in the community; she performed with the Vagina Monologs and other fundraising activities in support of the Mountain Crisis Services programs for victims. She also coordinates the "Las Mariposas Civil War Days Re-enactment". She is an active member of Soroptimist International, Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Republican Central Committee. Supervisor Fritz has been an integral member of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, and her impact on the county will be displayed for years to come.

Madam Speaker, Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Supervisor Dianne Fritz upon her retirement from the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Supervisor Fritz many years of continued success.