

Anne McClosley is a native Philadelphian who graduated from Mastbaum High School. She shares her husband's interest in the government and has participated in Philadelphia politics for years. Mrs. McCloskey was a Constituent Service Representative for Pennsylvania State Representative Cliff Gray from 1978–1982. She is currently employed as an Administrative Aide for State Senator Vincent J. Fumo and serves with her husband on the Democratic Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize these two outstanding American citizens, James and Anne McCloskey. They have devoted their lives to their four children and six grandchildren while maintaining the vital role as neighborhood leaders. The McCloskeys are an extraordinary couple who possess a love and dedication to each other that is commendable. I wish them many more years of marital bliss.

SEVEN CHEERS FOR MONTGOMERY  
BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 10, 1999*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. This year, Montgomery Blair had six finalists named in the Intel Science Talent Search, formerly known as the Westinghouse Science Talent Search. This group of six students is the largest number from one high school since 1991.

Montgomery Blair is a math, science, and computer science magnet high school drawing students from every corner of Montgomery County, Maryland. When Blair first became a magnet school in 1986, its reputation was declining. The development of an outstanding science and math magnet program has brought the school into the national spotlight.

As a former teacher, I applaud principal Phil Gainous and the teachers at Montgomery Blair High School for inspiring six of the top finalists in the Intel Science Talent Search. The fact that six science all-stars attend the same high school is a testament to the commitment and dedication of the teachers at Montgomery Blair in providing a quality education to a diversity of students.

My heartiest congratulations to: Wei-Li Deng, James Hansen, Grace Lin, Michael Maire, David C. Moore, and Scott Safranek. These students of the math and science magnet program are multi-talented and participate in a wide range of activities at Montgomery Blair and in the Montgomery County community: Wei-Li plays first violin with the Montgomery County Youth Orchestra; James is a drummer in a jazz band, Grace is an accomplished pianist and singer; Michael reads French fluently; David scored a perfect combined score of 1600 on his SATs; and Scott enjoys martial arts, bowling, poker, poetry, philosophy, and listening to music.

I also want to congratulate another Montgomery Blair High School magnet student. Sarah Iams, from Bethesda, Maryland, is a national winner of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement (AP). This award is given to the most outstanding young science and mathematics students from around the coun-

try. In addition to her pursuit of accelerated programs in math and science, Sarah is a member of the debate team, and a serious athlete who practices Tae Kwon Do, plays team soccer and runs cross country and track.

I wish the winning combination of students and teachers at Montgomery Blair High School continued success in achieving excellence in math and science education.

HONORING FIRE CHIEF ALBERT V.  
WINGO

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 10, 1999*

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and dedication of Chief Albert V. Wingo who, after serving the Village of Bradley for 44 years, retired as Bradley Fire Chief on December 29, 1998.

Chief Wingo has a long and distinguished record with the Village of Bradley Fire Department as well as the Village of Bradley itself. During his 44 year career with the Bradley Fire Department, Chief Wingo served as Bradley Fire Chief for 28 years. Chief Wingo's dedication to the Fire Department is also shown through his membership in various fireman associations. Chief Wingo has played an active role in the following associations—member and Past President of the Kankakee Valley Firemen's Association, member of the Kankakee Valley Arson Task Force, member of the Kankakee County 911 Board, member of the Hundred Club, member of the Illinois Association of Fire Chiefs, and a member of the National Fire Protection Association. Chief Wingo also served 21 years as Building Inspector and 21 years as Health Inspector for the Village of Bradley.

Chief Wingo was born on April 28, 1926 in Kenney, Illinois. He proudly served his country during World War II while in the service of the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. On July 3, 1949, Chief Wingo married Jean Vaughn who passed away in 1993. Chief Wingo is the proud father of three children and the grandfather of six grandchildren.

I know the Village of Bradley will greatly miss Chief Wingo's dedication, knowledge and experience. It is always a great honor for me to be able to proudly acknowledge outstanding citizens, like Chief Wingo, who resides in my 11th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, today I recognize this gentleman for his honorable career and uncommon loyalty. I urge this body to identify and recognize others in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefited and strengthened America's communities.

HONORING SYLVAN DALE RANCH

**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 10, 1999*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and praise the Sylvan Dale Ranch for obtaining a conservation easement from the Larimer County Commissioners, which will preserve a very scenic stretch of

open space at the mouth of the Big Thompson Canyon west of Loveland, CO.

The easement will prevent development on the land, protecting it for the benefit of current and future users. This pro-active, public-private agreement strikes a balance between preserving open space and respecting property rights. I strongly support the ideas underlying this partnership, namely, that ranchers and farmers are the best stewards of the land, and they are crucial to preserving valuable open space amidst Colorado's booming growth. It is my hope other ranches and farms will follow Sylvan Dale's lead and take effective steps to preserve their land heritage through such common-sense, forward-looking arrangements.

Sylvan Dale is a well-known, family owned and operated guest ranch, a viable cattle and horse ranch, and a working farm. Susan Jessup manages Sylvan Dale Ranch, founded in 1946 by her parents Maurice and Mayme Jessup. Building on their commitment to provide one of the best outdoor experiences in Colorado, the Jessup's vision has always been to sustain the natural character of the landscape and provide an authentic Western environment. Accordingly, the Jessup's sought to shield the land from urbanization pressures which lead to the easement protecting 431 acres—about 15 percent of the ranch's land. The family will continue to actively use the land, including grazing horses and cattle, and raising hay.

Clearly, Sylvan Dale Ranch embodies the unrefined characteristics of the Colorado Rocky Mountain foothills and the West, as well as the straightforward, no-nonsense thinking of the earliest pioneers. Highly visible, extremely popular, and easily accessed, the lands owned by Sylvan Dale Ranch are a testament to the wisdom of landowners who know how to best protect and preserve the land.

HONORING JAMES VICTOR  
STANCIL III

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 10, 1999*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. James Victor Stancil III on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout. This outstanding young man from Lillington, North Carolina is an active member of the community and Antioch Baptist Church, as well as an exemplary student at Western Harnett High School.

As a member of Troop 2, Victor displays his leadership ability as Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and Junior Assistant Scout Leader. He has also organized many community service projects, including building a picnic shelter for a local church. In 1995, Victor earned his Order of the Arrow Award and served as the troop chaplain.

Academically, Victor excels in many areas of study. He is President of the Beta Honor Club and of the Future Teachers of America Club, as well as a member of the Future Business Leaders and Future Farmers of America Clubs. He has been awarded best actor for his Drama Club performance of "Miracle on 34th Street" and the "Advanced Biology Project