

will be presented with the Media Advocate of the Year Award;

Jeffrey M. Pollock, president of the New Hampshire Business Development Corporation in Manchester, will be presented with the Financial Services Advocate of the Year Award;

Arlene Magoon, owner of American Nanny & Family Care Services in Amherst, will be presented with the Woman in Business Advocate of the Year Award; and

William T. Frain, Jr., president and chief operating officer of the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, will be presented with the Special New Hampshire District Advocacy Award.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely pleased that Rick, Christine, Jeff, Arlene, and Bill have been recognized for their contributions to small business in New Hampshire. As a small business owner myself, I clearly understand how necessary small business is to our economy, our community, and, most important, to our way of life. New Hampshire is indeed fortunate to have individuals of this exceptional caliber as members of the small business community. I hope that the House will join me in extending our congratulations to this year's small business award recipients.

HIGH ODYSSEY II: THE SIERRA IN THE WINTER OF 1999

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, seventy years ago, while Californians were experiencing the security and success of the roaring twenties, a lone mountaineer was skiing his way up the 300 mile crest of the Sierra Nevada from south of Mount Whitney toward Yosemite Valley. This little known feat in the annals of American Mountaineering was accomplished prior to the existence of the John Muir Trail, the advent of organized search and rescue teams, or cell phones.

Orland Bartholomew carried a 70-pound pack, a folding bellows camera and a double bit ax. He skied on custom made wooden skis without metal edges with only a crude wax system for climbing. He slept in a down robe with a half-tent and no stove. Fortunately, Orland wrote extensive journal entries and shot over 320 photographs of his adventure. Thanks to his son, Phil, these documents have been preserved.

This spring, to celebrate this historic trip, a team of four skiers recreated this great adventure. In completing this trip they were successful in drawing attention to the legacy of this lone skier's accomplishment and its proper place in the history of mountaineering. Their stated goal was to encourage the U.S. Geological Survey to name a peak for Orland. By taking over 2,000 photographs and keeping detailed journals they also documented the state of the High Sierra during the last winter of the 1900's.

The Fresno Bee has established a website to provide information on both of the trips and to report on the findings from their research. (www.fresnobee.com/man/trek)

The High Odyssey II team followed as accurately as possible the original route of Orland Bartholomew based upon his original journals

and photographs. They were assisted in their research by Phil Bartholomew and Sierra historian Gene Rose. The Team left Cottonwood Creek on April 2, 1999 and arrived in Yosemite Valley on April 28 after skiing 290 miles and crossing 20 passes over 10,000 feet.

The four members of the Team are accomplished ski mountaineers and climbers with extensive winter experience in the areas in which Orland Bartholomew skied. They crossed high passes, did winter ascents of peaks en route, including Mt. Whitney, and forded rushing streams.

At 17, Fritz Baggett represents the next generation of mountain adventurers. He has grown up in El Portal, the gateway to Yosemite, where he has climbed and skied since a babe in the backpack. He recently earned his Eagle Scout badge as a member of Yosemite Troop 50. As a musician and writer in the punk/shredder genera his contributions, like his skiing, are full of the zest and drive of true youth.

Tim Messick has spent his adult life teaching others the joys of skiing the Sierra backcountry. As a guide for the Yosemite Mountaineering School and Yosemite Cross-County School since 1980, Tim has skied and guided extensively in the Sierra. He skied one of the first three-pin descents of LeConte Gully at Glacier Point and the Y notch on Mount Conness. His classic book, "Cross-Country Skiing in Yosemite" (now in its second printing), is a tribute to his skills as writer, teacher, and skier.

Art Baggett has spent the past 25 years living in the Yosemite community. His mountain adventures include hiking the 2,040-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine in 1973, a 21 day ski of the Sierra Crest on wooden Bonna 2000 skis with a makeshift three pin set up, and numerous big wall climbing ascents. Art's background as a teacher-naturalist, field biologist, small town attorney and former Mariposa County Supervisor provides another unique perspective from which to view the terrain. Art's published works include papers and lectures on the public policy and legal conflicts between the practice of prescribed burning and the Clean Air Act.

The team would not be complete without a true historian and mountain sage. Howard Weamer brings not only the wisdom of a lifetime spent traversing the Range of Light on skis and on foot, but the keen eye of one of the best known Sierran photographers. His book, "The Perfect Art," the history of the Ostrander Ski Hut and skiing in Yosemite is a tribute to those that have gone before and the 25 years he has spent as the hutkeeper of this Yosemite institution.

I commend the courage and resolve of these present-day mountaineers to help us to learn more of those that came before and that are part of the heritage of the great state of California and the United States frontier. Further, based upon their efforts, I will renew my efforts to ensure that the United States Geological Survey name a Sierra peak in honor of Orland "Bart" Bartholomew, a Sierra High Adventurer.

MS. KINYA EFURD WINS THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCRIPT-WRITING CONTEST

HON. TOM A. COBURN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Mr. COBURN. Mr. Speaker, each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary conduct the Voice of Democracy script-writing contest. This year more than 80,000 secondary school students across the nation competed for fifty-six national scholarships by writing about the theme "My Service to America." It is with great pleasure that I announce that the winner from the State of Oklahoma is Ms. Kinya Efurd, a Junior at Eufaula High School in Eufaula, Oklahoma. Kinya, the daughter of Jerry and Vicki Efurd, is active in the Honor Society, Student Council, Band, and Future Farmers of America. Kinya's description of how her uncle, a veteran of World War II and the Normandy Invasion, served our country and her vision of personal service to America is both a reminder of those who have sacrificed so much and a call to all Americans to strive to continually serve our great nation. I am submitting Ms. Efurd's essay for the RECORD, so that my colleagues may have the opportunity to review and reflect upon her inspirational comments.

"MY SERVICE TO AMERICA"

Like many other Saturday nights, I was on my way to the theater and decided to see the new hit movie "Saving Private Ryan." My parents stopped me before I went in and warned me that what I was about to see was extremely graphic and violent. Evidently, they were visibly shaken by what they had just viewed. My parents were unsure if they wanted me to see what some say is the most accurate portrayal of war ever filmed. I told them I would be fine because I had seen those other bloody movies before, so in fact, I thought I had seen it all.

From the very beginning this became more than just a movie to me. I immediately remembered the story of my great-uncle being part of the Normandy Invasion. I have been told that he was awarded the bronze star, for an act of bravery, during that battle. No one knows what he did to gain that district honor. He has never told anyone about the horror that he experienced. After seeing this movie I feel I have a stronger appreciation of not only what my uncle did, but also the thousands of others who have served America.

Perhaps, I may never serve my country in headed battle. However, I know other ways to serve with honor and dignity. I strongly believe that as an American citizen I can and must serve my country in my own way to benefit future generations.

As a teenager what can I do now to serve my country? The answer to this question is as simple as getting an education. This means going, participating, and believing that this is not a right, but a privilege. Attending school and filling my head with knowledge that will prepare me for the real world is critical. Undoubtedly, school and education will give me the values and knowledge I need to reach my goals. Also, education has given me the power to believe that I can become whatever my heart leads me to be. I may want to be a doctor, a teacher, or even a social worker. I might even become the best stay-at-home mom there is. My parents have always told me that education is the key to success.