

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF PUEBLO

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 26, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I now take this moment to recognize the wonderful city of Pueblo, Colorado, a city I am proud to represent in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pueblo recently received national attention when it was named one of the Most Livable Communities in the United States by Partners for Livable Communities, a non-profit organization committed to improving America's collective quality of life.

Pueblo has a storied past, a vibrant present, and promising future, all of which make it most deserving of this high honor. It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I now pay tribute to Pueblo, Colorado, one of America's most livable cities.

The beautiful city of Pueblo is located south of Denver in the shadows of Colorado's Sangre de Cristo Mountains. In 1886, four distinct towns were incorporated into one, forming what is now the magnificent community of Pueblo. In the century since, the community has played a major role in shaping Colorado's character, be it socially, culturally, or economically.

Early on, Pueblo was home to smelting plants that helped refine ore extracted from surrounding mines. These plants fueled in large part the community's economic activity. Moreover, Pueblo also played a key part in the early national race to establish railroads across Colorado's Rocky Mountains. Thanks in large measure to these and other industrial activities, Pueblo rapidly became a booming economic hub.

Pueblo's industrial muscle flourished in the many decades after its inception, until the 1980's when an economic downturn crippled the city's once burgeoning steel industry. Undeterred by tough times, community leaders from all walks of life closed ranks, fighting together to restore Pueblo's civic strength and economic vibrancy. Ultimately, this broad based local effort spurred a remarkable economic resurgence that continues even today. Pueblo's vitality is displayed each year when the city hosts the Colorado State Fair, highlighting the diversity and strength of Colorado's heritage.

Nothing better symbolizes that resurgence than the Historic Arkansas Restoration project, a local effort to draw business activity along the refurbished banks of the Arkansas River which cuts through the heart of Pueblo. On October 6, 2000, the landmark Riverwalk Project will be dedicated. When it is, it will be a symbolic statement of Pueblo's economic and cultural re-awakening that continues to thrive in this new century.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress, I would like to congratulate this wonderful community on being recognized as one of the most livable

communities in the country. Pueblo has a special place in my heart and it is more than deserving of this distinguished recognition.

### TRIBUTE TO THE JONESBORO SUN

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a great Arkansas institution, and I am proud to recognize the Jonesboro Sun in the Congress for its invaluable contributions and service to our nation.

Family-owned, independent newspapers are part of a great, albeit vanishing, tradition that goes back to our nation's earliest days.

According to one recent study, independents' share of the daily newspaper circulation dropped from 90 percent in 1990 to 14 percent in 1998. Last year, it was projected that half of America's family-owned dailies—which number less than 300—will be sold within the next five years.

On the morning of Saturday, September 2nd, Northeast Arkansas learned that the Trout family, owners of the Jonesboro Sun for 99 of its 117 years, decided to sell the newspaper to the Paxton Media Group of Paducah, Kentucky. The Sun is the regional newspaper serving a dozen counties in the First Congressional District of Arkansas.

The Jonesboro Sun is a mainstream newspaper that has always emphasized fair and thorough coverage of the day-to-day news that affects the lives of eastern Arkansas residents. A great newspaper should always serve as the conscience of the area and the readers it serves. The Sun has played that vital role in the lives of many of our citizens.

The Sun is a great newspaper, not an entertainment-driven publication that feeds on this nation's cult of celebrity. The Trout family operated the Sun more as a legacy than a business. It has been a profitable business, but also an understated, integral part of the community.

"Independent" means many things to many people. The dictionary definition is "free from the control of others," but that is just part of its meaning when applied to an independent newspaper like the Jonesboro Sun. In the first place, it is free from the control of a distant corporate headquarters when it comes to a sensitive or controversial story that an influential person might seek to suppress. The Sun's corporate headquarters has been contiguous to the newsroom, where management and ownership is only a few steps away to make sure the facts are presented fairly.

Independent also means freedom from the influence of advertisers. An independent paper can choose to publish or not publish an article based on an objective evaluation of its newsworthiness. This decision is made in the newsroom—not in the advertising department.

John Troutt, Jr. the Sun's editor and publisher, did not worry about the bottom line

when he was filing more Freedom of Information Act lawsuits than any other publisher in Arkansas. He did not worry about the bottom line or journalism awards while directing the newspaper's coverage of the Westside Middle School shooting tragedy in March 1998. He made the tough calls without regard to overtime and newsprint costs. He made these decisions because he is a newspaperman.

Still, the Sun was the first runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Westside shootings.

Due to technology, as well as the economic and estate tax conditions that exist today, it has become increasingly difficult for independent newspapers to survive. Yet the independent local paper is most often the conscience, face, and voice of the community. The conglomerates that now dominate the newspaper industry must now rise to the challenge to fill the void left by these disappearing institutions.

With this in mind, I was very pleased to read the words of Fred Paxton, the chairman of the Paxton Media Group, which is assuming responsibility for the Sun.

"As is the case with the Troutts, ours is a family-owned newspaper company," Paxton noted. "As we have grown, we have sought to combine the best elements of local family ownership with the advantages and operating efficiencies of a larger organization."

"We have a philosophy about the role a newspaper should play in its community, but we rely on local managers to adapt that philosophy to each community in which we operate. We believe a newspaper should be a reflection of the community it serves," Paxton emphasized. "Publishers and editors make the final decisions about news and editorial content, and virtually every key business decision is made at the local level."

John Troutt, Jr., representing the third-generation of the family directing the operations of the Jonesboro Sun, observed that the Paxton Media Group is a fourth-generation family-owned media company with more than a century of history in the newspaper industry.

It is important that family newspapers survive, because I believe family ownership can make a difference. But most importantly, I hope we will always have newspapers like the Jonesboro Sun, with an independent spirit and the courage to report the truth with fairness. Our democracy depends on it.

### CONGRATULATING SAN LEANDRO FOR BEING CHOSEN TO PARTICI- PATE IN FEMA'S PROJECT IM- PACT

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate San Leandro, California for being chosen as a participant in FEMA's Project Impact. San Leandro's hard work and dedication

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to preventing natural disasters has given this city the opportunity to participate in this important program that provides increased federal resources for further disaster mitigation projects. I would like to recognize the hard work on the part of the city of San Leandro to make their community safer in the event of a natural disaster.

Located at the apex of the two segments of the Hayward Fault, San Leandro is at risk primarily from earthquakes, although the risk of flood and other natural disasters is very real. Alameda County, in which San Leandro is located, has been declared a federal disaster area several times since 1950. This has included the Loma Prieta earthquake, two fires, one freeze, and eleven floods.

Following the Loma Prieta earthquake, San Leandro realized it needed to make a commitment to disaster prevention. The San Leandro City Council established a plan called the Partnership for Preparedness Program that, along with other actions San Leandro has taken, helped lead to its designation as a Project Impact community. The hard work of the local officials will provide San Leandro increased federal resources to further protect the city from natural disasters.

Local officials have also established a disaster council, a formal city council committee chaired by Mayor Sheila Young. This committee meets quarterly to discuss mitigation and preparedness issues. In addition, San Leandro has published a Hazard Mitigation Master Plan, which has resulted in plans to retrofit buildings to prevent damage in the event of an earthquake.

Project Impact operates on a common-sense damage-reduction approach. Project Impact encourages communities to develop disaster prevention programs by working with citizens and the private sector. Success depends on long-term efforts and investments in preventive measures. Communities benefit from their participation in the program from FEMA's expertise and technical assistance at the national and regional level. FEMA works with community officials to incorporate the latest technology and mitigation practices.

I am very proud that San Leandro has been able to build the public-private partnerships necessary to be chosen a participant in Project Impact. The hard work of the local officials will prevent the future loss of life and property. I congratulate San Leandro for working with the business community and citizens to maximize all available resources to make the community safer.

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#### TRIBUTE TO CHARLES R. TRIMBLE

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 26, 2000*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles R. Trimble, former C.E.O. and Chairman of Trimble Navigation, who is receiving the American Electronics Association's (AEA) forty-seventh Medal of Achievement for his leadership in advancing and commercializing global positioning system (GPS) solutions.

Charles Trimble exemplifies the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit for which Silicon Valley is internationally recognized. In 1978,

Charles Trimble left the comfort and security of Hewlett-Packard, where he helped develop significant scientific achievements in signal processing, high-speed analog-to-digital converters, and digital time measurement techniques, to establish his own start-up company, Trimble Navigation. Once housed in an old, reconstructed theater, Trimble Navigation now has 23 offices in 15 countries and annual revenues that exceed \$270 million. It was the first publicly held company engaged solely in developing and distributing GPS solutions. His business acumen and success persuaded INC Magazine to name him "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1991.

During his 20-year tenure at Trimble Navigation, Charles Trimble democratized the use of GPS technology, putting it into the hands of different constituencies that have employed GPS products in ways not originally imagined. Trimble's GPS technology now accompanies pilots in the air, climbers on Mount Everest, farmers in the Mid-West and merchants at sea. Trimble's products have increased the accuracy of scientific research, hydrographic surveying and even golf course construction. Charles Trimble's ability to communicate his vision is the source of Trimble Navigation's great success. For his work, he earned the 1996 Kershner Award and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' 1994 Piper General Aviation Award.

But Charles Trimble is more than just a voice for his company—he is also a voice for his industry. Since 1996, Charles Trimble has served as Chairman of the United States GPS Industry Council, unifying the industry behind a common message to policy makers, industry officials and the media.

Charles Trimble's expertise and influence extend beyond the GPS industry. He sat on the Vice President's Space Policy Advisory Board's task group exploring the future of the U.S. Space Industrial Base for the National Space Council. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering. Charles Trimble was also a member of the Board of Governors for the National Center for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. AEA's Medal of Achievement award recognizes that behind all great scientific achievements are exceptional people. I join the Silicon Valley community and the electronics industry in recognizing Charles Trimble as one of the remarkable individuals that has shaped the direction of this new economy and this new era of technological advancement.

I ask my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me in honoring this great and good man whom I am proud to know and represent. We are indeed a better nation and a better people because of him.

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#### HONORING THE ANIMAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 26, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor a truly remarkable group of individuals who risk their lives to protect the health and safety of their community. The individuals I speak of make-up the

Animas Fire Protection District, a volunteer program that has worked to ensure safety in Southern Colorado for nearly three decades. It is the dedication and hard work from the members of the District that I would like to congratulate as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

Unlike many fire protection programs, this one is primarily volunteer. It began in 1970 under the name Durango Fire with \$12,000 and under two dozens volunteers. In the time since, it has grown to encompass a \$1.6 million budget, using over 100 volunteers in 12 different fire stations.

During the last three decades, through long hours and many perilous situations, the Animas District has maintained an efficient and effective program that guarantees rapid response and much needed protection from the harm of a fire. Whether it is fighting structure fires within town or battling the blazes at nearby Mesa Verde National Park, the volunteers of Animas Protection District have ensured that their community is as safe as possible from one of Mother Nature's most dangerous elements.

Volunteers and Staff of the Animas Fire Protection District, you have served your community, State and Nation bravely and admirably, and for that your neighbors are grateful.

On behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress, I thank you for your commitment to the safety and well being of the members the La Plata County and its surrounding communities. You make us all very proud!

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#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN TROUTT, JR.

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Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan, and I am proud to recognize John Troutt, Jr. in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to our nation.

John Troutt, Jr. for many defines the daily newspaperman. Almost anyone can call himself or herself an editor or publisher, but few can fill the role of a newspaperman. He is an anachronism in this corporate-driven world that equates bigger with better.

A highly successful businessman, he has stood at the helm of The Jonesboro Sun for decades, guiding the growth of The Sun from a small afternoon daily newspaper to the largest, independent family-owned publication in Arkansas that serves as the regional morning paper in the Northeast area of the state. His recent announcement that The Sun will be sold to the Paxton Media Group of Paducah, Kentucky, was felt across the state of Arkansas. Other newspapermen have paid tribute to Troutt in recent weeks after learning The Sun was up for sale.

For two decades he has served as editor, overseeing the newsroom, and as publisher, overseeing the business side of the newspaper, in addition to assuming the role of night editor two nights a week, in charge of putting out the next morning's edition. Very few newspapermen have had the love of the business or sufficient stamina—he will be 71 in October—to fulfill his many roles, much less fulfill them with his energy and passion.