

universal desire, not limited by race, continent, or culture." I join my Korean-American constituents in congratulating President Kim on receiving the Nobel Peace Prize for the year 2000.

ARLINGTON TRADITIONAL SCHOOL

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the parents, students and administrators at Arlington Traditional School. I will be pleased to welcome the students and teachers of this extraordinary school to the Capitol on Thursday, October 19, 2000.

For the last 15 years this school has sponsored an extraordinary summer reading and civics program for its students.

The Reading Challenge was started by its first principal, Dr. Frank Miller, who once spent the day on the roof of the school as a reward to the students for meeting their reading challenge.

Since then, the challenge has grown under the leadership of its present principal, Ms. Holly Hawthorne.

Mr. Speaker, the summer challenge program is based around themes including: "Reading Around the Library," to learn more about the different kinds of books in the library; "Read For the Gold," based on the Summer Olympics; "Reading Around the World in Eight Days," to learn about world geography; "Blast Off to Learning," that included a tour of the planets; "Reading Is Monumental," to learn about important places in Washington, DC and Virginia; and "From Sea to Shining Sea," to learn about the fifty states.

The reward for the students' reading accomplishments has evolved into a celebration of reading known as Reading Carnival Day. Activities have included special events in each classroom, school wide parades, and special guest speakers.

Over the years, the entire school has visited the public library and the Education Center where special guests read their favorite books to the students. In addition, a school-wide field trip was taken to the Air and Space Museum and to Mount Vernon for Colonial Days. These experiences undoubtedly enhance the interactive learning process for students beyond compare.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in commending the Arlington Traditional School for its many accomplishments over the past 15 years.

It is through their efforts that the prospect for the future is much brighter.

RECOGNIZING CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN EL PASO, TEXAS ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud of a high school in my district that continues to

show exemplarily results in education. Cathedral High School has a long standing tradition of excellence in El Paso, Texas. The school never falters in its steadfast commitment to teaching and to spiritually guiding young men as they prepare for higher education and for life's many challenges.

Through the vision and dedicated efforts of Bishop Anthony Schuler, the Rev. Robert O'Loughran, and Mr. William Fryer, the Christian Brothers established Cathedral High School in September of 1925. Cathedral High School has withstood the trials of the Great Depression, four wars, changing economic, political, and social conditions and has come out with ever increasing strength. Over 4,300 young men have graduated from Cathedral since 1927. It is a school that is emulated by other schools across the city, state, and even the nation. Over 95% of the Cathedral's students go on to colleges and universities.

The staff of Cathedral High School, both the Christian Brothers and the lay faculty, who's commitment and dedication play an integral part in the Cathedral educational experience, should be commended. Their efforts have contributed to the long-term viability of the school.

While accepting students of all faiths, as a Roman Catholic school, Cathedral's curriculum instills the Catholic heritage and stresses reverence for God, concern for others and personal responsibility. As much as any other aspect of the school, the spiritual emphasis at Cathedral fosters an atmosphere of brotherhood and caring and builds the foundation for life-long friendships. Spirituality, as a guiding principal, should be emulated across our nation. The values that are instilled at Cathedral are fundamental values that are central and important to the functioning of society as a whole.

Daily school prayer, religion classes, and school Mass emphasize God's central role in our lives. As a Catholic myself, God and reverence are personally important to me and I appreciate the commitment that Cathedral makes in insuring that our students will have faith and prayer in their lives. I cannot overstate how important faith in God is to overall success and happiness in life.

Cathedral has continually exhibited strong leadership; a clear vision and sense of mission that is shared by and connected with the school, students, parents, and alumni; high quality teaching; and a safe environment for learning. Cathedral has continually been a pillar of excellence in El Paso. I applaud the role that Cathedral High School plays in the fabric of our culturally diverse community and I wish the school continued success in their next 75 years of teaching excellence in the city of El Paso. Go Fighting Irish!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the House chamber for the day of Thursday, October 12th.

CONGRATULATING THE SAN LUIS OBISPO SYMPHONY'S CUARTETO DE LAS MISIONES ON THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I honor the San Luis Obispo Symphony String Quartet, Cuarteto de las Misiones who have traveled from San Luis Obispo, California to perform tonight at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage State Days Series. The Cuarteto is Sharon Holland, Ginette Reitz, Mary Houston, and Ken Hustad.

I had the privilege of nominating the Cuarteto to represent the great state of California for the Kennedy Center's program because they have demonstrated a wonderful commitment to their community, a unique sound, and inspiring talent.

The San Luis Obispo String Quartet has been performing at Central Coast schools for over a decade. Last Spring, the quartet was reorganized and renamed the Cuarteto de las Misiones and began working with local Grammy-nominated composer, musicologist and California Polytechnic State University music professor Dr. Craig Russell to design an in-school program for 3rd and 4th graders.

Dr. Russell has devoted the past several years to uncovering a wealth of music originally performed in California and Mexico during the colonial days. Through his discoveries, he has been able to demonstrate that there was a far richer musical life on the West Coast of the United States than was previously thought. Thanks to Dr. Russell, works by European immigrants to California and Mexico, once performed by the Chumash and Salinan people are being performed again after 200 years of silence.

Cuarteto de las Misiones presents a narrated musical journey comparing the unique styles of mid-18th Century western culture. The quartet's performance this evening will include Dr. Russell's arrangements of the newly rediscovered music of the missions, mountain music and reels of the eastern United States and the chamber music enjoyed in Europe's finest salons.

Mr. Speaker, this exciting new program has not only sparked my interest, but has received notice from the California Arts Council and has become part of their "Rural and Inner City Presenting Program" (RICP). They are a fine example for the community and I am proud to be their Representative.

I would like to give thanks to the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation and the Hock Family Foundation for their generous support of the Cuarteto de las Misiones, and to the ensemble itself for their invaluable contribution to the Central Coast.

THE STEENS MOUNTAIN COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues two letters I received concerning the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (H.R. 4828) that was debated on the House Floor on October 4, 2000.

House Resolution 4828 was supported by the entire Oregon congressional delegation and is the product of a long and hard-fought battle to ensure that there was an Oregon solution to an Oregon issue. I submit the following letters into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY'S
WILDERNESS SUPPORT CENTER

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WALDEN: Although this bill does not contain everything we wanted, we believe that this is a responsible resolution of a very important issue. This bill will grant lasting protection for the wildlands, wildlife, and waters of the magnificent Steens Mountain region. We support its passage today.

BART KOEHLER,
Director.

Recreation Service Providers on Steens Mountain—

The outfitting and guiding industry has been in existence on a small scale and in a variety of ways on Steens Mountain since the early days of trappers and military scouts. From the early 1900's until the early 1960's outfitters, particularly homesteader Chester Nye and partner Paul Howard, primarily offered hunting and fishing trips to the very wealthy into the inaccessible backcountry of the Steens. The completion of the Steens Mountain Loop Road opened up all of the hunting areas that Nye and Howard depended upon for their enterprise and consequently put them out of business. Shortly after during the mid-1970's, the homestead known as the Nye Place consisting of several guest cabins and a cookhouse on the rim of the Little Blitzen Gorge and which Nye and Howard had used was taken over by Velty Pruitt and his summer camp for girls.

From that time until now, outfitters and guides, otherwise known as recreational service providers, have continually modified the services they offer based on the needs and demands of the outfitted public using Steens Mountain. Currently, Steens Mountain has eight permitted outfitters operating on both public and private lands providing a wide range of recreational services. These current and historical uses include: cross-country high-altitude running training, big game hunting, upland bird hunting, fishing and heli-fishing, multiple day horse packing, trail riding, multiple day llama packing, backpacking, day hiking, mountain biking, ATV touring, van/pickup tours, snowmobiling, cross-country and backcountry skiing with and without motorized support (snow machine or helicopter), snow shoeing, and snowcat touring. With all of these activities, many service providers include interpretive and educational information to their programs, and/or use these various modes of transportation or travel to provide interpretive and educational services. Additionally, a number of the permitted recreation service providers have historically con-

ducted activities on private lands that may be transferred into public ownership through this legislation. All of these uses are considered current and historical uses and fall under the purpose of promoting viable recreation operations on Steens Mountain.

It should be noted that while there are thousands of places to go in the United States to engage in outdoor recreation, Steens Mountain is a unique natural attraction and is the chosen vacation destination for nearly 100 percent of the 56,000 people currently coming to the region. In fact beginning in 1975, the Bureau of Land Management began tracking visitor numbers of those using the Steens Mountain Loop Road. These visitor numbers have increased over 278 percent since 1975, and with a new designation will likely continue to increase. There will no doubt be a corresponding growth in the numbers of the outfitted public seeking experiences with the permitted recreation service providers on the Steens. As part of ensuring the viability of the recreation operations on Steens Mountain which is a purpose of this legislation, these permitted recreation service providers should be allowed to meet the growth and additional needs of the outfitted public within the current and historic activities they provide.

Further most outfitters, pre-legislation, have invested a great deal into their recreation service operations and public land permits to provide services to the public. Some of the investments are recent and substantial. Because of this the operators may not have had time to realize a return on these investments. One example of this, and there are many, is Steens Mountain Packers helicopter supported activities particularly the backcountry ski heli-supported program. A great deal of time and money went into the exploration of the Steens to provide a compatible and safe service to the public. The legislation, designation and future management thereof may terminate the operators opportunity to recoup investments with the possible termination of the activity within a given area, such as wilderness. In staying in conformance with the purpose of the Act, the operator should be appropriately compensated for the loss of revenue from the activity, or exchanged for a reasonable like permit. Because of the uniqueness of the area, a like opportunity may be difficult to provide. It should be noted that an opportunity or permit entirely outside of the area may well not be considered a reasonable option (e.g.—a permit in Catlow Valley would not necessarily be a reasonable alternative to an existing permit within the Blitzen Gorge, nor a permit in Idaho as an alternative to a permit on Steens Mountain.).

JOHN AND CINDY WITZEL
Frenchglen, Oregon.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF
NANCY LONG

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I honor my constituent, Nancy Long, on the occasion of her seventy-second birthday. Nancy Long has been continuously dedicated to community and civic service for, perhaps, longer than anyone in Glen Echo and Montgomery County, Maryland. Ms. Long was first elected to the Glen Echo Town Council in 1969, and re-elected every four years thereafter.

Early on, she was appointed as Town liaison to the National Park Service for the C&O

Canal National Historical Park, Glen Echo Park, Clara Barton Historic Site, and the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Her efforts have been and continue to be tireless in the pursuit of preservation of the Park, conservation of the Canal, and protection of the Town's environs.

Ms. Long has been a volunteer at Glen Echo Park since 1970 and, in 1986, became one of three original founders of the Glen Echo Park Foundation. She has been re-elected to that Board each term since its inception. She organized and directed a successful fund raising campaign to save the Park's beloved Dentzel Carousel, which today is enjoyed by children and adults. This historic artifact is admired by preservationists for its spectacular and painstaking restoration work. The attention to preserving the Park and the existence of the Carousel today, is in no small measure to Nancy's tireless efforts. Her work continues on the Montgomery County Glen Echo Park Working Group, which has been studying the future of the Park and its cultural and arts programs.

In 1975, Ms. Long was selected by then Congressman Gilbert Gude as one of 25 individuals to travel the entire length of the C&O Canal to call attention to the Canal's importance and need for the preservation and conservation of its resources. She is currently one of two Montgomery County representatives to the C&O Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission. Nancy Long has walked the 184 mile length of the Canal four times, the latest trek occurring in the spring of 2000.

Ms. Long has also served extensively on other boards and commissions. Just a few additional ports on which she served, are: Potomac Valley League, the Montgomery County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust, and the Potomac River Basin Consortium.

Ms. Long's 72nd birthday will be celebrated by her friends and Glen Echo neighbors today, October 17, 2000. I am proud that she expects to continue her work on behalf of community, conservation, and preservation.

TRIBUTE TO ERNEST T. DIERKING,
U.S. FOREST SERVICE DIRECTOR
OF LANDS AND MINERALS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, when the millions of people who live in Southern California want to escape our perpetual summer for a little winter fun or cool mountain breezes, we head to a refuge thousands of feet above and a world away from the beaches that are our trademark. Just an hour from those beaches lies the San Bernardino National Forest, which today provides thousands of acres of recreational splendor thanks largely to the efforts of one dedicated public servant: Ernest T. Dierking.

Ernest Dierking began his career with the U.S. Forest Service in June 1958, and has dedicated the last 22 years to expanding the San Bernardino National Forest and making sure the pines and mountain vistas are preserved for an appreciative public. He has served as the District Ranger in San Bernardino, and most recently he was Director