

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TO HONOR MS. GEMA DUARTE LUNA AS A RECIPIENT OF THE ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to bring attention to the achievements of a great woman who was recently presented with the Arizona State University (ASU) Young Alumni Achievement Award. This award is bestowed upon an alum who has excelled early in his or her profession and has served the community with distinction. She is a native Arizonan, devoted wife, loving mother of two, and I am proud to know her as my friend. Mr. Speaker, I speak of Ms. Gema Duarte Luna of Phoenix, Arizona.

Raised in the small town of Superior, Arizona, Gema graduated from ASU in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree and was the first in her family to receive a college degree. She has had many triumphs in the fields of business, management, and local politics including appointments to many civic committees, such as the Mayor's Fiscal Capacity Committee and the City of Phoenix Transit Tax Citizen's Committee, due to her extensive involvement in issues affecting the community.

She also serves as a board member for KAET Channel 8 (a public television station), Xicanindio Artes, an organization that provides youth programs and promotes Chicano and Native American artists, the National Conference for Community and Justice, a diversity program for high school students, and serves as a member of the ASU Cesar Chavez Institute, a youth leadership program.

Gema served as chairwoman of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and is the current chair of the chamber's annual spring black and white ball which is the largest banquet and fund-raising activity of the Hispanic business community.

While working as the Affinity Marketing Manager for Bank of America she received the prestigious "LEND" award for her commitment to improve the efforts that target low and moderate families and neighborhoods. Currently, she serves as the market segment manager for the Arizona Republic and through her ongoing development and supportive measures, she has been instrumental in the funding of the ASU foundation, a non-profit organization that acts as the principal agent through which gifts are made to benefit the university.

As my colleagues can see, she is a role model to all Arizonans and young Latinas throughout the nation. Her involvement in the community is truly an inspiration and a testament to her dedication and commitment. Her strong presence and proven leadership skills have earned her the respect of her peers and she continues to be a well respected voice in the Valley's Hispanic community. Therefore,

please join me today in honoring my friend, Ms. Gema Duarte Luna.

RECOGNIZING THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as we observe National Police Week, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize members of the Guam Police Department who have distinguished themselves during the past year. On the island of Guam, the highest honors are usually reserved for the Police Officer of the Year and the Civilian of the Year—awards presented annually to the top employees of the Guam Police Department (GPD). For the year 2001, Police Officer II Patrick J. Santos was named Police Officer of the Year while Ms. Yolanda M. Crisostomo was honored as Civilian of the Year.

Assigned to the Homicide Unit as a Special Agent, Officer Patrick J. Santos has proven his knowledge and abilities in the field of law enforcement. Officer Santos has displayed diversified skills in investigating some of the most complex cases required in police work. With sixteen years of experience in the field, he has participated and investigated in several homicide cases, cleared 119 felony cases, 101 misdemeanor cases and 113 death cases involving suicides, accidents and death by natural causes. In the pursuit of his chosen career, he had been made to sacrifice time away from his family. Often on call without regard to the time of the day, he has selflessly devoted many hours investigating and working on sensitive, complex, and time consuming cases. For his efficiency, dedication and professionalism, the Guam Police Department has chosen to award Officer Santos its highest honor for the year 2001.

GPD's Civilian of the Year is a Clerk Typist II assigned to the Legal Affairs Section. While the department underwent a critical personnel shortage, Yolanda M. Crisostomo was left to manage GPD's Legal Affairs Section. As the sole employee assigned to the section, Ms. Crisostomo tended to duties normally distributed among six staff members. Within the period of one year, she was able to personally generate 7,837 minutes of transcription that converted to 237 investigative reports and a total of 4,740 pages of typewritten legal documents. This is in addition to her collateral duties as a claims representative and a lay representative in adverse actions—duties that entailed legal research and normally assigned to paralegals. Her efficiency and good judgement in the performance of her duties have earned her the coveted honor of being GPD's Civilian of the Year for 2001.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate Patrick and Yolanda for having been named as GPD's Police Officer and Civilian of

the Year. Through their diligence and dedication to their duties at the Guam Police Department, they have made great contributions towards the safety and protection of our island's residents.

I additionally wish to submit for the RECORD, the names of units, police officers, and civilian employees who were also recognized for their services to the department and to the people of Guam. I urge them to keep up the good work!

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Criminal Investigations Section; Special Programs Section

LIFESAVING AWARD

POI Seigfred D.R. Mortera; POI Juan LG Diaz, Jr.; POI Donny J. Tainatongo; POI Mark A. Nelson; Detention Officer Anthony P. Quichocho; CVPR Mario L. Laxamana.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Capt. Ricardo M. Leon Guerrero; Sgt. I Eric D. Fisher; Sgt. I M.J.Q. Sayama; POIII Robert A. Rasaan; POIII Jesse N. Camacho; POIII Joseph S. Carbullido; POIII Paul V. Sayama; POIII Rafael E. Pellacani; POIII Manuel R. Chong; POIII Dennis A.O. Santos; POIII Carlos Roman; POII Lydia C. Ogo; POII Thomas B. Manibusan; POII Jihn S. Tyquiengco; POII Jojo T. Garcia; POII Troy B. Lizama; POII Kenneth S. Espinosa; POII Barry K. Flores; POII Bryan J. Cruz; POII Vincent D.C. Nueva; POII Carl J. Nesmith; POI Francisco R. Cepeda; POI Donna L. Gomez; POI Gabriel T. Cruz; POI Vergilio A. Antonio; POI Peter A.R. Ada; Detention Leader Percy R. Manley; Civ. Rose Fejeran; Civ. Ovita A. Nauta; Civ. Erlinda T. Valencia; Civ. Monica P. Ada; Civ. Zenobia D. Lynn; Civ. Felisa Mae H. Pineda; Civ. Julie R.B. Paulino; Civ. Susan C. Reyes; Civ. Cynthia E. Ige; Civ. Elizabeth I. Barcinas; Civ. Albina E. Buccat; Civ. John F. Taitano; CVPR Dewey L. Castro; CVPR Jesus P. Angoco; CVPR Dean D. Delgado; CVPR Leo S. Diaz; CVPR Joey A. Terlaje; CVPR Mike L. Elliot; CVPR Michael A. Reyes.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

POIII James A. Buccat; POIII Raul Q. Atento; POIII Anthony V. Chaco; POIII Michael Q. Aguon; POIII Kenneth J.Q. Castro; POIII Mark A.B. Torre; POIII Jovito T. Jasmin; POIII Robert J.C. Santos; POIII Erfel O. Matanguihan; POIII Kenneth D. Mantanona; POIII John N. Quinatnillia; POIII John C. Aguon; POIII Eric A. Toves; POIII Anthony W.C. Taijeron; POIII Joseph I. Cruz; POIII Darren J. Caldwell; POII Gilbert J. Mondia; POII Glen S. Topasna; POII Jason P. Flickinger; POII Darryl L. Quitagua; POII Gilbert R.C. Quichocho; POII Anthony J. Kamminga; POII Michael S. Taitague; POII Ronny A. Barcinas; POII Craig C. Chong; POII Anthony V. Camacho; POII Robert J. Fejeran; POII David A. Brantley; POII Ray N. Quintanilla; POII Jesse J. Mendiola; POII John G. Gamboa; POII David Q. Manila; POII Norbert K. Sablan; POII Tracey Volta; POII Frank R. Santos; POII Daniel B. Anciano; POII Jason P.B. Aguon; POII Anthony J. Arriola; POII Chris Anthony M. Dangan; POII Anna I. Eustaquio; POII Steven F. Munoz; POII Timothy E. Certeza; POII Thomas H. Alger; POII Natanya R. Wolfe; POI Daniel D. Cepeda; POI Maria Lourdes O. Sumang; POI Ray C. Alcantara; POI Burt C.

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RECOGNITION FOR TWO
OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two teachers, Jack Ganse and Micheal Matassa of Superior, Colorado. Jack and Michael are eighth grade science and math teachers at Eldorado K-8 school. They have initiated a program in which their classes will work together to study how the tremendous population growth Superior has experienced effects the quality of the air, land, and water.

In this program, Jack and Michael have found a way to engage our children in a meaningful educational experience. This experience will engage the students in an issue that our civic leaders must wrestle with on a continuous basis. It will be an education in math and science and civics all at the same time.

As in many parts of the country, urban sprawl has become a great concern to the citi-

zens of Colorado. Superior has grown from a small, rural town of 250 residents in the mid-1980's to a community of nearly 9,000 residents according to the 2000 census. It holds the title of Colorado's fastest growing town. Jack and Michael and their students are going to investigate the effects of this growth on everything from wildlife to possible local climate change from all the new concrete. In addition to posting their findings on the school's web site, the classes will also provide the information to the town board, so that it can then be used to assist in municipal decisions.

Jack and Michael are two of only 55 pairs of teachers nation wide to earn a \$15,000 grant from Verizon to fund their project. This project will continue each year with each succeeding class picking it up and adding to the database.

At a time when unchecked growth is having detrimental impacts on our natural resources and environment, these two individuals are connecting our students' energies and knowledge to a pressing community need. They are teaching them that their studies can have a practical application, an application that will benefit the entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally thank Jack Ganse and Michael Matassa for their selfless dedication to their community and to the education of the students to whom we entrust to them.

TRIBUTE TO INA SINGER

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ina Singer, an American patriot and dedicated public servant, who retires on May 30, 2001, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

I first met Ina in 1969 when she came to the Coastal Bend of Texas after a hurricane. She was detailed to the Corpus Christi-Robstown, Texas, area to set up temporary housing for people who lost homes in the hurricane. It was the beginning of a long and beautiful friendship and professional relationship.

Ina is widely recognized as one of the best managers in the federal government. She is leaving the Directorship of Multifamily Housing in Baltimore, after a long and distinguished career in public service. Ina is a smart, tough motivator of people, and she has applied her considerable talents to improving public housing in the mid-Atlantic area since 1969.

Prior to her present position, Ina has held the following positions with HUD: Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multi-family Housing, Director of the Housing Management Division in the Baltimore Office, and a variety of positions in the mid-Atlantic area that provided her with a foundation of understanding asset management and property disposition, the staples of the work HUD does.

She is an extraordinary leader who motivates people and gets the job done. High performance ratings have followed Ina throughout her career at HUD, and her team consistently exceeds their goals. She is one of the "go-to" people at HUD when trouble pops up. She has been detailed all over the country to deal with troubled offices.

Ina has taken her no-nonsense attitude about the disposition of taxpayers' money and applied that to programs at HUD. Anybody can say yes, but Ina is the rare government creature who is unafraid to say "no" to people who would be bad partners or who would sell bad property.

In her current position, she expanded her responsibility from the Chesapeake Bay area to include other Maryland counties and the District of Columbia, forming valuable community partnerships and creating a virtual office in the greater Maryland-District of Columbia area.

In addition to all the work she does for HUD, she also gives of her time to national roles she views as important to furthering the mission at the Department. In 1990, Ina was awarded HUD's Distinguished Service Award for consistently going above and beyond the call of duty. She leaves HUD with the respect of her colleagues both locally and nationally.

Ina has a beautiful family: her husband Jon, and their children Meredith and Michael. I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Ina Singer as she completes a distinguished lifetime of service to the United States as a tremendous steward of the public trust.

A TRIBUTE TO LEE QUARNSTROM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I am in the habit of paying tribute on this floor to constituents and persons who have made extraordinary contributions to our community. But words fall me when it comes to describing the life of one of Santa Cruz's finest newspaper columnists, Lee Quamstrom. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, I ask your indulgence in my sharing with the House the observations of Mr. Quamstrom's journalism colleagues on the event of his retirement:

Whereas, Lee Quamstrom has toiled for the San Jose Mercury News for nearly 20 years, covering daily events in Santa Cruz County, Monterey County as well as the great American West, and during that time has written literally more than a dozen news stories; and

Whereas, Lee has covered three generations of Santa Cruz County politicians, simultaneously indulging and insulting them; and

Whereas, Lee is the only man in Santa Cruz County to have made the psychedelic journey from Merry Prankster to Cranky Curmudgeon; and

Whereas, Lee has acted as a selfless champion of homeless rights, giving even the poorest among us the special privilege to call themselves "bums"; and

Whereas, Lee has been voted "Man of the Year" by the Santa Cruz Bicycling Club for his columns that have come flat out against capital punishment for cyclists; and

Whereas, Lee is the longest-standing member of the local journalistic community's honorary, limited organization, "The Three Biggest Jerks in Santa Cruz County," serving along with such notables as Dick Little, Steve Shender, Tom Honig, Bob Smith, Greg Beebe, Lane Wallace and Don Wilson; and

Whereas, Lee has been a friend, an advocate and an intellectual voice for all that is

good about journalism, Santa Cruz County and for all who ply their trade just trying to get a story in the paper without the copy desk screwing it up. He's funny, appropriately disrespectful and—perhaps the greatest praise of all—never boring to have around.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Lee Quamstrom has been the most memorable Santa Cruz resident ever and thus shall be allowed to dismantle the Santa Cruz lighthouse, brick by brick, and take it to the real Surf City, Huntington Beach in Orange County, Calif. As his buddy and former fellow columnist, James Trotter, put it:

"He might as well take the lighthouse because without Lee Quamstrom, Santa Cruz will never be the same place again."

HONORING BILL AND JULIE ESREY

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two of my constituents from Kansas City who recently have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to their community.

William T. Esrey, Chairman and CEO of Sprint Corporation, and his wife Julie Esrey have been awarded the 2001 Star Award by the Kansas City Starlight Theater. The Starlight Theater is Kansas City's largest and oldest performing arts organization and is the second largest theatre of its kind in the United States. Founded in 1950, the Starlight Theatre is now in its 51st season.

This distinguished Star Award was presented the Esreys, who are Honorary Co-Chairs for the 15th Annual Starlight Theatre Benefit Gala on Saturday, May 19, 2001. The Star Award is given to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions and dedicated long-time service to Kansas City, making a difference in the community. The Esreys are honored with this award through countless hours worked in the community to help benefit an extensive list of community service organizations.

Under Bill Esrey's leadership, the Sprint Foundation has been a major benefactor of The Starlight Theater. Additionally over the past five years alone, Sprint has donated more than \$17 million in Sprint Foundation contributions and matching grants to organizations in greater Kansas City. Mr. Esrey also spearheaded the drive that raised millions of dollars for the rehabilitation of Union Station and the development of Science City, including \$9 million in Sprint contributions since 1991.

Julie Esrey has worked both for Exxon and as an international economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as well as serving on the boards of Bank IV (Kansas), Duke University and Brown Shoe. In Kansas City, she has served as honorary Chairman, American Cancer Society Gala; Honorary Chairman, Lyric Opera Ball; Chairman, Children's Mercy Golf Classic; Chairman, March of Dimes Gourmet Gala; and Honorary Chairman, KCPT Speaking of Women's Health for 2001, as well as serving on the Central Governing Board of Children's Mercy Hospital from 1989 through 1995.

During Bill Esrey's tenure as CEO, Sprint has grown into a \$23 billion worldwide communications force and was named the most admired communications company in Fortune Magazine's survey of corporate reputation. Business Week named Esrey as one of the "Top 25" business executives in the world in 1997. Bill Esrey joined Sprint, then known as United Telecommunications, Inc., in 1980 as Executive Vice President of Corporate Planning. In 1984, Esrey led the effort to fundamentally reposition the company by entering the long distance market and building the nation's first all-digital fiber optic network. Today Sprint is a leader in the communications industry, which has emerged as one of the growth engines for the overall U.S. economy. Currently, Bill Esrey serves on the boards of Exxon-Mobil Corporation, Duke Energy Corporation and General Mills, Inc. He also is chairman of the Business Council and a member of The Business Roundtable.

In addition to their dedication to the community and their careers, Bill and Julie are dedicated to each other and their family. Married since 1964, they have two grown children, Bill Jr. and John, who have participated in many local activities and follow in their parent's footsteps in giving back to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Bill and Julie Esrey on receiving the 2001 Star Award. Their dedication to the Kansas City community and their family is an example to all of us of the difference individuals can achieve who have dedicated their lives to making the world a better place. Thank you Bill and Julie.

FERS REDEPOSIT ACT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, there is no debate over whether the federal government is facing a crisis—it is. Reports indicate that about 30 percent of the government's 1.6 million full-time employees will be eligible to retire within five years, and an additional 20 percent could seek early retirement. Furthermore, 65 percent of the Senior Executive Service will be eligible for retirement by 2004.

One hearing has been held and numerous editorials have been written about the impending workforce shortage, but very few specific policy changes have been suggested. Today I am introducing legislation that takes a step in the right direction. The FERS Redeposit Act would allow individuals who left the federal government and received a refund of their Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) contributions to reenter government service without losing their accrued annuity. Instead of forfeiting credit earned during their prior service, returning employees would be able to redeposit their cashed out annuity upon reentrance. This benefit is already available to federal employees who are registered under the older Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS).

Retiring federal employees represent the institutional knowledge and expertise needed to run the government, and we must pro-actively address this drain on our human capital. Creating incentives for federal employees who left

for the private sector to return to government service is one way to address this problem. Studies indicate that a key trait of younger workers, who are covered by FERS, is their increased professional mobility. FERS's design implicitly acknowledges this fact by incorporating a portable private sector-style Thrift Savings Plan and 401(K) plan. It is ironic that those federal workers who are in CSRS—most of whom have worked their entire careers in the federal government—have a redeposit option while the younger FERS employees do not.

As more and more FERS employees leave the federal government and later wish to reenter federal service, a redeposit option would provide the incentive needed to bring these individuals back to the government.

I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort to make federal service more attractive by co-sponsoring this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the value of agriculture research and the contribution it makes to the lives of U.S. producers and consumers.

Over the past few months, American livestock producers have closely followed the latest international news. We have watched nervously as foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) has ravaged the United Kingdom's livestock community, and as it has marched into the European mainland, the Middle East, Asia and South America.

To date, around 1,560 sites in Britain have been hit by the highly contagious virus. Now, Brazil is the latest country suspected of hosting the disease. Moreover, FMD has cost the world's cattle, hog and sheep industries billions of dollars. Britain's meat industry estimates the highly-contagious disease has cost it \$12 million a week in lost sales leaving the UK with a bill of more than \$4.3 billion just to halt and destroy the disease.

All of this begs the question: How do we best protect American livestock from animal ailments such as FMD and mad cow disease?

In the new global market, it is only a matter of time before the rest of the world's diseases come knocking on America's door. Considering my district—Colorado's Fourth District—is a leader in livestock sales, and that the U.S. livestock industry generates \$55 billion a year, we must be able to defend our livestock from threats like FMD by means of science and technology, instead of relying only on border checks, federal agents and good luck.

Nor is new legislation the answer for the long term. The real key to prevention lies in agricultural research and development. It makes sense to take a proactive approach in protecting and improving America's livestock. Such research leads to the discovery of new uses for ag products, which in turn boosts demand.

I was surprised to learn that even though agriculture receives less than two percent of the federal research budget, productivity in the

ag sector grows four-to-ten times faster than in other sectors. And while the federal government provides about 24 percent of funding for ag research, the private sector pays more than 60 percent of the bill, proving ag research is one of government's best buys.

Much of agriculture's most innovative research is conducted in my home of Colorado. Research excellence is perhaps best exemplified at Colorado State University's Center for Economically Important Infectious Animal Diseases. The center provides America's livestock producers with the latest knowledge and technology in the fight against diseases. A leader in livestock research, the center also plays a key role in food safety concerns.

Another example is the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium (NBCEC). Comprised of renowned scientists from CSU and other leading universities, as well as local cattlemen, the NBCEC is bolstering the competitiveness of U.S. beef by maximizing genetic research and returning the advantage to U.S. cattle producers.

The USDA's research budget has barely grown in real terms over two decades. But the recent livestock epidemics have provided an overdue wake up call, and we can expect Congress to advance a substantial increase in funding for ag research. If planned properly, such support will secure long-term solutions for the producers and consumers of today and tomorrow.

With more than one million individual farms and ranches comprising the U.S. livestock industry, investing in knowledge and prevention is one of the best ways policy makers can stand by American agriculture. It is a matter of national security. After all, at stake is America's capacity to feed itself and the rest of the world.

I ask the House to join me in supporting America's producers by doing everything possible to better the country's agricultural research.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GUMA'
MAMI

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 20th anniversary of Guma' Mami, which means "Our House" in the native language of the people of Guam. Guma' Mami is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to facilitate the full inclusion and integration of adults with developmental disabilities or mental retardation into their communities through individual and family support. Their success stem from ensuring the highest quality of services to support, enhance and improve the quality of life of adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities.

Guma' Mami began in May 1981 by providing individual and family support and planning a housing support program. Until recently, the organization operated three housing support programs—the Independent Group Home, the Mary Clare Home and a transition home. The Mary Clare Home, which was opened in memory of a young woman in need of positive behavior support, and the Independent Group Home accommodates 11 indi-

viduals. These homes are staffed 24-hours a day, 7-days a week by Community Living Counselors and supervised by a Housing Support Manager with the ultimate goal for these individuals to transition into a home of their choice with the support services they need. To date Guma' Mami has successfully helped 18 persons from its housing support program to homes of their own—from dependency to autonomy. The third home, a transition or emergency shelter, served as temporary housing for homeless developmentally disabled individuals as well as those soon to be homeless. The housing support program successfully ran its eighteen-month funding cycle and transferred clients to homes of their choice. It was funded by the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant.

Guma' Mami also assists individuals who live in the community by providing supportive services through its Comprehensive Case Management Program. Three Case Managers and a Program Coordinator in this section provide services and support for up to 104 individuals in the community. Case Managers monitor the progress of consumers by conducting consumer-driven needs assessment on an on-going basis and coordinate linkages with community resources, such as respite care, day programs, employment, psychological services, medical and dental services, as well as recreation and leisure, and emergency shelter when needed.

Other services provided by Guma' Mami include assisting clients by advocating for rights and training in self advocacy efforts; crisis intervention by providing coping skills for daily living, supportive counseling especially in time of crisis, positive behavior support and family training; and transportation services. Home visits and other personal contacts are made to assist with social integration, budget management, mobility training and personal hygiene. Guma' Mami is the legal guardian of some of the individuals with more significant disabilities. As legal guardian, Guma' Mami attends to the needs of these individuals, such as medical matters and living arrangements.

One of the hallmarks of Guma' Mami has been its ability to take on an active leadership role in the community. Today, the island community looks to Guma' Mami not only for the provision of housing options, but also for leadership in the planning and development of policy reform. Guma' Mami is represented in the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, the Guam System for Assistive Technology, the University Affiliated Program on Developmental Disabilities, the Rehabilitation Council and the Statewide Independent Living Council. Guma' Mami takes pride in programs that are driven by the preference and choices of individuals it supports.

Twenty years later the organization continues to exist as a highly regarded professional service provider and this year they adopted the slogan, "IT'S ALL ABOUT CARE" to emphasize the basic human value that drives their mission of inclusion and integration of adults with developmental disabilities into their communities through individual and family support. The organization has implemented its three-year plan, "Guma' Mami: Millennium 2000," and has taken steps to begin meeting the goals and objectives as delineated in its plan.

In celebration of their 20th anniversary, and its continuous efforts to breakdown barriers, erase negative stereotypes of persons with developmental and mental disabilities, and educate the public, the Governor of Guam will proclaim the week of May 27 to June 2 as "Guma' Mami Week" in Guam. The Guam Legislature will also adopt a resolution in support of Guma' Mami's efforts.

The Guma' Mami Board of Directors, its staff and management have planned many activities for the week-long celebration. The celebration will begin with a Mass at Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao, the village where the organization's homes are located. Awareness activities include placing a banner along Guam's main highway, inviting the community to visit the Mary Clare and Independent Group Homes and to watch a series of interviews with Guma' Mami clients and staff during the nightly TV news program. Guma' Mami Week will culminate with a luncheon at which clients and persons in the community who have been of great support to Guma' Mami will be recognized.

Mr. Speaker, I share this story with you and my colleagues as a proud member of the Guma' Mami organization, and because its success is a reflection of the selflessness, the generosity and the caring nature of the people of my district. I lend my support in the form of financial contributions and by always being vigilant on the availability of federal grants with which the organization may improve the quality of its services. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating the staff and management of Guma' Mami, headed by Executive Director Peter Blas, for their tireless efforts to provide a positive and pro-active impact in the lives of persons with disabilities through community involvement, service excellence, and advocacy efforts.

Congratulations are also in order for the Board of Directors under the guidance and leadership of President James Denney for their significant contribution to the Guam community, most especially to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families enabling them to become active and contributing members of the community.

TRIBUTE TO LAURIE MATTHEWS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Laurie Matthews. For the past decade Laurie has directed the Colorado State Parks through a period of transition that has resulted in the system becoming a "national model." Overseeing forty state parks with an annual budget of \$40 million, Laurie has become one of the most valued leaders in outdoor recreation in the nation.

When Laurie took charge of the state parks system, it consisted of 190,000 acres with a maintenance backlog that experts said would take over forty years to clear up. Under her leadership the state park system in Colorado expanded by 25,000 acres worth \$54 million and completely erased the maintenance backlog. Her dedication to the outdoors showed in her bolstering of environmental education and interpretation by adding 19 new visitor centers

and 30 new seasonal interpreters to better assist the public.

Laurie also serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of State Park Directors, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, and Leave No Trace. She has been highly praised for her dedicated service to the state of Colorado by Gov. Bill Owens and the Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Greg Walcher. Today I would like to add my voice to this praise. Laurie's service to the people and the lands of Colorado has been outstanding. The quality of life in our state has been enhanced by her commitment.

She leaves Colorado to join her husband in the Himalayan Dental Relief Project in Nepal. During my travels and mountain climbing experiences in that country, I have come to know and appreciate the people of Nepal and I know that Laurie will be of tremendous service to them. I wish Laurie and her husband the best possible luck there. If she has even a fraction of the amount of success there that she has had in Colorado then the people of Nepal will indeed be extremely fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, I am attaching a recent article and editorial from the Denver Post, and want to personally thank Laurie Matthews for her years of dedicated service.

[From the Denver Post]

HEAD OF COLORADO STATE PARKS TO STEP DOWN

(By Theo Stein)

Tuesday, April 17, 2001.—Ten years ago, Laurie Matthews inherited a Colorado State Parks system that had 190,000 acres, a \$6 million annual budget and a maintenance program so far behind that officials said it would take 44 years to catch up.

On Monday, Matthews announced she is leaving her position as director after a decade that saw park officials erase the maintenance backlog and add 25,000 acres of new holdings to a system that now counts 11 million visitors a year.

Under her tenure, sought-after lands were added under the park system's "crown jewel" initiative, and acquisitions around three urban-area parks, Castlewood, Roxborough and Barr Lake, provided important buffers.

"State parks have flourished under her leadership, and we will miss her greatly," said Edward Callaway, parks board chairman. "I have absolutely the highest regard for that woman." Matthews said she's resigning effective June 20 to spend several months in Nepal helping her husband, dentist Andrew Holeck, with the nonprofit Himalayan Dental Relief project they co-founded. "For five years, we've gone over to Nepal and gradually have done more and more of the clinics," she said.

While she's excited about the challenge, Matthews also said she has mixed feelings about leaving. "It's been a wonderful 10 years, the system is positioned beautifully, but, yeah, it's difficult," said Matthews. "What I'll miss most are the wonderful people who work for Colorado State Parks."

Matthews said three developments provided the footing necessary to make the gains of the past 10 years. First came the legislation enabling Great Outdoors Colorado, which earmarked state lottery money to help parks and recreation.

Second was a bill championed by the state's congressional delegation that allowed federal agencies to join cost sharing partnerships with states to renovate aging parks.

Finally, the state legislature approved park fee increases.

Matthews also focused on environmental education in the parks, adding 19 new visitor

centers and 30 seasonal interpreters to assist the public.

CONTINUE PARKS LEADERSHIP

(By Denver Post Editorial Board)

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001.—In the past decade, Colorado's state parks have truly blossomed—and just at the right time. As our state's population grows, more people need more places for outdoor recreation. And our 40 state parks (with more slated to open in the next few years) offer just such opportunities to 11 million visitors each year.

Such a diverse system demands the excellence in leadership it has enjoyed for the past 10 years under state parks Director Laurie Matthews.

Now, however, the 48-year-old Matthews is leaving to help her husband run a new, non-profit group that will provide free dentistry to Nepal's impoverished children.

Matthews' contribution to Colorado conservation cannot be overstated. She has been a tireless advocate for public recreation, environmental education, wildlife habitat preservation and open-space preservation. She has created good will between her agency and the state legislature—no easy task, given lawmakers' skepticism toward bureaucracies—and fostered cooperation among local, state and federal public-land managers. She has also lent her energy to numerous outdoor organizations, building community ties even as she helped build trails.

There's no replacing Matthews, but the state now must find a successor.

Whether Gov. Bill Owens' administration chooses someone inside or out of the state system, the next parks director must possess certain key qualities.

Foremost is solid leadership, including the ability to think strategically and envision what the state parks system should be five to 10 years hence. Indeed, protecting the parks from development pressures, while respecting the rights of surrounding property owners, is one of the toughest juggling acts the new director will face.

The director also must work collegially with other state agencies, while having the gumption to stand up for the best, long-term interests of the parks system.

Matthews certainly brought such admirable traits to her job. The Owens administration should search for a successor with equal attributes.

TRIBUTE TO THE LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, as a former president of the Key Club in my hometown of Addison, Michigan, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor the members of the Lakeview/Urbandale Kiwanis Club in Battle Creek, Michigan and the over 40 students from Lakeview High School who will gather on May 22, 2001 to celebrate the chartering of the community's first Key Club.

Key Club is an international service club for high school students which operates under the sponsorship of a local Kiwanis Club, and is designed to aid students in developing leadership skills, initiative and good citizenship through interaction with business and professional leaders in the community.

The Key Club constitution promotes daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relation-

ships; the adoption and application of higher standards in scholarship, sportsmanship, and social contacts and providing a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render unselfish service, and to build better communities.

The history of Key Club dates to May of 1925 with the chartering of the first chapter at Sacramento High School in California by the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento. The club was originally formed to provide vocational guidance to young, high school males and to serve as an alternative to high school fraternities and secret organizations. Today, Key Club is the largest high school service organization in the country, with more than 200,000 members in over 4,500 clubs throughout North America, Europe and the Caribbean.

The impeccable reputation of Kiwanis International is well documented and well deserved. Countless individuals worldwide have been assisted through the organization's commitment to community service and helping those in need. I am honored to recognize the members of the Lakeview/Urbandale Kiwanis Club for tireless efforts on behalf of the greater Battle Creek area and for their willingness to serve as mentors and role models to area youth. I congratulate the Lakeview High School Key Club on the receipt of its charter and wish the group much success in its inaugural year.

WORCESTER—AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to inform my colleagues that the City of Worcester, Massachusetts has won the National Civic League's All America City Award five times in the history of the fifty-one year program: 1949, 1960, 1965, 1981, and 2000. Worcester is a city that the National Civic League credits with being able to solve community problems.

On Thursday, May 24th the city will host an All-America City Celebration in Worcester City Hall when city officials and community partners will unveil five permanently-mounted plaques to commemorate this achievement.

The Worcester City Council, Worcester School Committee, Superintendent Dr. James Caradonio, the Central Massachusetts Legislative Delegation, All America City Delegates, municipal department heads, and community partners will be invited to participate in this event. Reverend Richard Wright and Mrs. Shirley Wright, Community Co-Chairs for the City's successful bid for the Award one year ago, will serve as moderators for the occasion. The event will include a brief speaking program, refreshments, and music by the Worcester Firefighters Pipe and Drum Brigade. It should be quite a party.

As Tom Hoover, Worcester's City Manager, noted: "I am very proud of our collective work to improve the lives of others and ultimately this community; it is the right thing to do!"

Mr. Speaker, I know all of my colleagues join me in congratulating the people of Worcester for this remarkable achievement.

RECOGNIZING JUDY JAMES FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SONOMA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize Judy James, who is retiring after twelve years of service as the Executive Director of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau.

In the past twelve years, agriculture in Sonoma County has undergone profound changes. New pests and diseases have threatened production, farmers and ranchers have had to resist urban encroachment and development pressures, and environmental regulations have restricted some agricultural practices. The Farm Bureau, under the leadership of Ms. James, has successfully guided its members by adapting to these changing times.

Ms. James has always been a creative and dedicated advocate for Sonoma County agriculture.

She developed the Government Executive Institute program to educate local policy makers about the challenges faced by Sonoma County farmers and ranchers. The Sonoma County Farm Bureau received the first of its three national awards from the American Farm Bureau Federation for this program.

Ms. James also created the Ag-Education Contribution Fund that is supported by Farm Bureau members. Funds raised through this program are used to promote Sonoma County agriculture in the local schools.

Under her direction, the Bureau's annual Crab Feed grew from serving 100 people to serving more than 600 people, thereby generating more than \$15,000 annually for Farm Bureau activities.

Although Ms. James is retiring from a leadership role in the Farm Bureau, she will continue to be an active member. She will help her husband run the family vineyard, assist her children on their 4-H livestock projects, and teach agriculture classes at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Mr. Speaker, because of Judy James' many contributions to the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and to her community, it is fitting and proper to honor her today.

INTRODUCING THE FATAL GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS ACT

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Fatal Grade Crossing Accident Investigations Act" to require the National Transportation Safety Board to investigate all crashes between a train and a road vehicle that result in a fatality.

The NTSB is currently charged with investigating a variety of transportation and pipeline

accidents, some of which result in no loss of life or even injury. However, freight trains and cars collide 4,000 times a year resulting in 400 deaths. The NTSB gathers these statistics from the Federal Railroad Administration and feels that its work is done. Meanwhile, the NTSB is the only agency with the authority to fully investigate these fatal crashes, and its failure to do so leaves a vacuum where families have to fight with railroad companies for answers and local law enforcement agencies are powerless to help them. In some cases, the family of a lost loved one must sue the railroad for the train engine's data recorder or results of toxicology tests that railroads conduct on employees involved in a crash. The NTSB has the authority to collect this information—if it chooses to investigate the accident. My bill requires the National Transportation Safety Board to put its resources to work where a loss of life occurs on any railroad crossing.

I am offering this bill with support from a group called Citizens Against Railroad Tragedies which brought to my attention the serious gap that exists in car-train accident investigations. I encourage all Members of the House to hear the concerns of their constituents who are associated with this group and to help us eliminate railroad crossing accidents by increasing the safety at intersections and investigating the crashes that tragically still occur everyday across our country.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM WILKINSON

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Ms. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to rise today to honor a very special man—Dr. William Wilkinson, a long time physician and former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Beverly Hospital in Montebello, California. Today, in recognition of Dr. Wilkinson's numerous contributions to the hospital and community at large, a record of achievements and service spanning more than 40 years, Beverly Hospital will dedicate its new Senior Resource Center in his name and establish the "Dr. William Wilkinson Nursing Education Fund."

Dr. Wilkinson has a long litany of accomplishments which speak to his sense of duty and responsibility to the sick, to his profession and to the community that is so much a part of his life. He has been on the Beverly Hospital Board of Directors since 1971 and also served as its President; was an official physician for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles; a member of the Founding Board of Directors of MERC—Mentally and Emotionally Retarded Children (1962); a Clinical Instructor for the Department of Family Medicine at the University of California at Irvine (1974–1988); an Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Southern California beginning in 1980; and a Trustee on the Beverly Hospital Foundation Board. In addition, Dr. Wilkinson was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Teacher of the Year (1986–1987) while at the University of California at Irvine.

Mr. Speaker, I would like all my colleagues to join me in saluting Dr. William Wilkinson for

his selfless and untiring efforts on behalf of others. His devotion to his work and his commitment to others—the needy, the poor, the sick, the young and old alike—have endeared him to so many of his fellow medical professionals and to the countless people who have received his comfort, advice and professional care. It is indeed fitting today that we honor Dr. Wilkinson for all he has done to make life better for so many.

POWER TEAM WEEK, KENNESAW, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the dates Monday, May 28th through Sunday, June 3rd, 2001, will be recognized by the City of Kennesaw, Georgia as, "Power Team Week." During this week young people from all walks of life will have the opportunity to be motivated, encouraged and inspired by their awesome displays of strength, and powerful, values based motivational message.

In Congress we struggle every day with serious issues and problems facing the youth of our country. It is encouraging to know John Jacobs and his Power Team, are motivated by a quote from Mr. Jacobs himself, "today's young people are tomorrow's future." He is absolutely correct, and for more than 20 years, he and The Power Team have been taking the message of "saying no" to drugs and alcohol, the importance of high moral standards in one's life, and striving for academic excellence, directly to the youth of America.

We commend John Jacobs and The Power Team for their continued work on behalf of America's young people, and for the City of Kennesaw for recognizing May 28th through June 3rd, 2001 as "Power Team Week."

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month this May 2001. Almost two decades ago, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution declaring the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week as May 4–10, 1979. Then, a decade ago, the celebration was extended to the entire month. Finally, Public Law 102–450 approved on October 23, 1992, designated May of each year as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

I am proud that the region I represent in Congress is a diverse one and is home to many people of Asian Pacific heritage. So many of my constituents have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments in education, business, medicine and science, and other forms of public and private sector

involvement, and through a strong and successful family life. To commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, I would like to briefly highlight the remarkable accomplishments of three distinguished Asian Pacific American civic leaders who represent constituents from California's 27th Congressional District, which I am proud to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

John Chiang has shown a deep and genuine commitment to public service as Vice Chair of the California Board of Equalization. Elected as the representative of the Fourth District of the Board of Equalization in 1998, Mr. Chiang has promoted public-private community outreach and taxpayer-education initiatives to better serve his more than 8 million constituents in Los Angeles County. Mr. Chiang organized the first joint Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, and Internal Revenue Service seminar for nonprofit organizations and joined with the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office to hold a tax seminar for religious organizations. He has also organized business and labor forums on fighting tax evasion in the "underground economy" and sponsored state legislative reforms to enhance the California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights. John is the son of Judy Chiang, a generous and committed community volunteer, and Dr. Mutong Thomas Chiang, a thoughtful and dedicated scholar.

Carol Liu has a long-standing record of community leadership, culminating with her election last year as the representative of California's 44th Assembly District. Assemblymember Liu's top priority is to restore California's public education system to be among the very best in the nation. Prior to her election to the State Assembly, Ms. Liu's work in education included serving as a PTA President, President of the Pasadena City College Foundation Board, and Co-Chair of the Pasadena City College capital campaign to fund construction of a new physical education and sports complex. In addition, Liu sits on the Board of Trustees of the U. C. Berkeley Foundation. She also served her community as a civic leader, with her election to the La Canada Flintridge City Council in 1992, reelection in 1996 and her terms as Mayor in 1996 and 1999. Liu has been honored for her contributions to the community with the La Canada Flintridge Educational Foundation Spirit of Outstanding Service Award and the Second Baptist Church Outstanding Service Award. In 1998, when I served as a State Senator in California, I was proud to designate her as the 21st Senatorial District Woman of the Year. Liu is married to Mike Peevey, a businessman and entrepreneur, and they are the proud parents of three grown children, Jed, Maria, and Darcie, and even prouder grandparents of three grandchildren.

Matthew Y.C. Lin, M.D., is the first Asian American elected to serve as a Member of the City Council of the City of San Marino, California. Dr. Lin, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, has an extensive record of community service. His volunteer activities include leadership positions with the San Marino Schools Foundation, Pasadena Symphony, Chinese Club of San Marino, United Way of the San Gabriel Valley and Luke Christian Medical Mission. He has sought to improve the lives of our children through his service at the West San Gabriel Valley Boys and Girls Club, Asian Youth Center, and by coaching

AYSO soccer and serving as assistant coach for the San Marino High School Judo Club. He has taken part in voluntary medical missions to aid the victims of disasters, responding to the Taiwan earthquake in September 1999 and the earthquake in El Salvador in January 2001. Dr. Lin and his wife, Joy, are the proud parents of four adult children, Jenny, George, Tim and Jerry.

I am proud to recognize the community and civic accomplishments of Councilman Lin, Assemblywoman Liu and Board of Equalization Member Chiang as we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. They are truly remarkable leaders who through their service to our communities are an inspiration to us all.

AMERICA'S NATIONAL TREE—THE
OAK

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to introduce legislation recognizing the people's selection of the oak tree as America's national tree. This past Arbor Day, April 27, Members of Congress, Agriculture Secretary Veneman, Interior Secretary Norton, and EPA Administrator Whitman joined the National Arbor Day Foundation in a ceremonial unveiling of a young oak on the Capitol grounds. Selected by the American public over a four-month long open voting process using the Internet (<http://www.arborday.org/NationalTree/ntResults.html>), the oak earned the title of America's Chosen National Tree. To recognize this distinction, I and Mr. GOSS of Florida along with Mr. OSBORNE of Nebraska are introducing legislation today granting the oak official status as America's national tree. The junior Senator from Nebraska, Mr. NELSON, has already introduced companion legislation, S. 811.

As a member of Congress representing a heavily forested district in Virginia, I fully understand and appreciate how trees add to an individual's quality of life. As chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee responsible for forestry, I know how trees and forests enhance the environment, add recreational opportunities and provide for the livelihoods of 1.4 million working individuals in the \$262 billion dollar forest industry. Whether one is enjoying the myriad of products generated from a forest, or the simple satisfaction of laying under a shaded giant, trees contribute to all Americans. This is why I am here today and why it is appropriate to recognize the Oak as the National tree chosen by the American public.

I would also like to commend the National Arbor Day Foundation for its use of the Internet as the primary communication tool in this endeavor to name America's National tree. As co-chair of the Congressional Internet Caucus, I applaud the powerful role the Internet played in this historic vote. Not only did this medium make possible easy, broad-based participation in the vote, but it also offered many educational opportunities for those who checked out arborday.org online. Having been a member of the Foundation for 16 years, I am impressed with their work in promoting trees in

our communities across the country, and I am also pleased that they are using the capabilities of the Internet to educate the American public about the proper care and benefits of trees.

Along with other well-known national emblems, the oak is a most fitting selection as America's National tree. The stately oak not only surrounds us here on the Capitol ground, but also is a part of our daily lives as wood products in our homes, our offices and places of gathering. Common to all fifty states, the oak has played a huge role in America's history as a valuable resource. It helped our founding fathers establish a new nation, supplying building materials for the expanding original thirteen colonies. It further greeted pioneers as they traveled across the new republic to the West Coast. And to this day it has remained an enduring, valuable, and highly-prized raw material. Its use as beautifully crafted furniture, sturdy door and window framing, ornate flooring and paneling, all reinforce the sensible selection of the oak. This majestic tree, which has long been a part of our national heritage and strength, fully merits this distinction.

I want to personally thank those who took part in the vote for America's national tree, and I applaud Arbor Day for its dedication to the future for which the oak represents. I look forward to working with my colleagues to designate the oak as America's national tree.

PRINTED CIRCUIT INVESTMENT
ACT OF 2001

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and join my good friend and colleague, Bob Matsui of California, to introduce the Printed Circuit Investment Act of 2001. This simple and straightforward bill allows manufacturers of printed wiring boards and printed wiring assemblies, known as the electronic interconnect industry, to depreciate their production equipment in three years rather than the five years in current law. Printed wiring boards are those ubiquitous little green boards loaded with tiny wires and microchips that are the nerve centers of electronic items from television sets to computers to mobile phones and electronic organizers.

The interconnecting industry, like so much of the electronics industry, has changed dramatically in just the last decade. This industry, which has \$44 billion in annual sales, was once dominated by large companies. Now it consists overwhelmingly of small firms. The rapid pace of technological advancement today makes interconnecting manufacturing equipment obsolete in 18 to 36 months. This makes the interconnecting industry very capital intensive. In fact, capital expenditures last year totaled more than \$3 billion and continue to grow.

The depreciation rules found in the tax code have not kept pace with the realities of this dynamic market. The industry currently relies on tax law passed in the 1980s, that was based on 1970s era electronics technology. US competitors in Asia, however, enjoy much more favorable tax treatment as well as direct government subsidies,

The Printed Circuit Investment Act of 2001 will provide necessary tax relief to the interconnect industry and the 400,000 Americans whose jobs directly rely on the success of this industry. I urge my colleagues to join Congressman MATSUI and I in supporting this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 126, H. Con. Res. 56, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Had I been present for this vote I would have voted in favor of H. Con. Res. 56.

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 127, H.R. 1885, To expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings, and for other purposes. Had I been present for this vote I would have voted against H.R. 1885.

WELCOMING PRESIDENT CHEN
SHUI BIAN TO THE U.S.

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, a distinguished visitor, President Chen Shui Bian of the Republic of China will be stopping briefly in New York before heading to Central America later this month.

This is the first visit by Mr. Chen to New York as a head of state. President Chen has just completed his first year in office as the Tenth President of the Republic of China on Taiwan. As the former mayor of Taiwan's capital, President Chen has served as a dedicated leader to this island democracy.

President Chen's visit will undoubtedly serve to strengthen the warm friendship between the United States and the Republic of China. I hope my colleagues will join me in extending a word of welcome to President Chen during his visit to the United States.

THE INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1692,
TO SIMPLIFY AND MAKE MORE
EQUITABLE THE TAX TREAT-
MENT OF SETTLEMENT TRUSTS
ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO
THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS
SETTLEMENT ACT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, on May 3, 2001, eighteen of our colleagues from both sides of the aisle and I introduced H.R. 1692, a bill to simplify and make more equitable the

tax treatment of Settlement Trusts established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

I am very pleased today to add the names of two of our distinguished colleagues, Representative WES WATKINS, a cosponsor from last Congress and Member of the Ways and Means Committee to which the bill was referred, and Representative MARK SOUDER.

Also, in my statement upon introduction of the bill, there were two items that need correcting. First, Representative FROST, Representative BONO, and Representative STUPAK should have been referred to as "Representative" as were the other cosponsors. And, in the last paragraph of the statement, the word "vetted" was inadvertently transcribed in the RECORD to read "vetoed." With that edit, that paragraph should have read:

A version of this bill was included by the Ways and Means Committee in legislation last Congress that was vetoed and a version of it passed the Senate as well. This current version of the bill we are introducing today has been vetted over the past several years with the tax writing committees of Congress in the House and Senate, the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Department of Treasury. It addresses the key deficiencies in the current law. I urge that it be included in tax-related legislation considered by the House in this session of the 107th Congress and that our colleagues join the co-sponsors of the bill in supporting this meritorious legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, during the weeks of May 7, and May 14, 2001, I was unavoidably absent for seven rollcall votes, due to the illness and death of a family member.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 109, 110, 111, 112, and 113, and voted "nay" on rollcall votes 107 and 108.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a personal issue and was unable to be present last night for floor votes.

If I had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on H. Con. Res. 56 and H.R. 1885.

TO HONOR MS. TERRI CRUZ AS THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF THE JEWELL AWARD WHICH HONORS THOSE THAT HAVE GIVEN GENEROUSLY AND SELFLESSLY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITY

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to pay tribute to a great woman who has been an influential force in assisting Arizonans in need. The woman of whom I speak is Ms. Terri Cruz, a woman whose accomplishments in life are reflected in the success of her community and its members.

Ms. Cruz has touched the lives of many citizens of Arizona through her active community involvement. In 1985 she was appointed by former Governor Bruce Babbitt to the Nursing Care Institution Administrators Board, while concurrently serving as the National Chairman of the Hispanic Senior Citizen Foundation Board. Other boards Ms. Cruz has served on are the YWCA, Maricopa County and Phoenix Human Resource Commissions and the Mayor's Commission for the Aging. In addition, she served as President of the West Phoenix LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) Council.

Ms. Cruz's work as a Job Developer for Operation S.E.R. provided training for high school students in clerical skills, general office procedures, and other areas, giving young people who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to gain these valuable skills become productive members of their communities.

Currently Ms. Cruz is the Social Services Counselor for Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., based in Phoenix. Her primary responsibility is providing social services to clients. She helps solve problems they may be having with Social Security, food stamps, health agencies, and landlord/tenant problems. Many of these problems may have gone unchecked if it were not for caring individuals such as Ms. Cruz. As a tribute, Chicanos Por La Causa named one of their buildings after Ms. Cruz for all her work in helping individuals gain job skills and obtain employment.

Because of her lifelong dedication to helping others, Ms. Cruz recently was honored with a Jewell Award. This is an award that annually recognizes "a woman who has given generously and selflessly for the betterment of our community," in metropolitan Phoenix. Her extensive background in job training and development, her commitment to working within business, industry, social and community organizations and government to help others truly has made her deserving of this award.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me today in honoring this giving and caring individual, my friend, Ms. Terri Cruz.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be here yesterday due to my

daughter's grade school graduation in Oklahoma, and missed Recorded Votes No. 126 (Motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 56—National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day), and No. 127 (motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1885—extending section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act).

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on both of the above motions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 21, 2001 my flight was extremely delayed by over three hours. As a result I missed rollcall vote No. 126 and No. 127. Please excuse my absence from this vote. If I were present, I would have voted yea in support of H. Con. Res. 56 the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Resolution.

THE STORY OF EMILY ROSS

HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a courageous young woman from Westlake, OH, who recently contacted me to share her story and the need for increased funding for Muscular Dystrophy research. Emily, a sophomore at Westlake High School, has Friedreich's Ataxia, one of the many neuromuscular diseases that fall under the umbrella of Muscular Dystrophy. Emily was diagnosed when she was five.

Emily's parents, Charlie and Carolyn Ross, shared with me two articles Emily wrote about her daily struggle with Muscular Dystrophy and how she is overcoming the challenges the disease places before her. The first was written when Emily was in eighth grade, "A Day in the Life of Emily Ross." The second, "Onward and Outward!" was published in the April 2001 edition of *The Bay Press*. I am submitting the writings of Emily Ross into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so they will become a part of the official record of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, Emily believes that God chose her to have Muscular Dystrophy because he needed someone to help find a cure. I applaud her courage and grace, and hope that others will be as touched by her story as I was.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF EMILY ROSS

(By Emily Ross)

When I wake up in the morning, I shut off my alarm and begin my day by stopping to think how I am going to walk across my bedroom floor. Attempting to go into the bathroom is scary because my feet are stiff, my balance is terrible and I manage to bang into every piece of furniture in my bedroom! I get downstairs to the kitchen for breakfast by scooting down on my behind step by step. Going into the kitchen for breakfast I have trouble opening the peanut butter jar, pouring a glass of milk or getting any cereal into my mouth because my hands shake. I hope

my teeth are clean because I cannot squeeze the toothpaste. Buttons, zippers and socks are a challenge. I'm already tired but off to school I go with my Mom and my dog, Oats.

At school, my Mom helps me to the door because my feet trip easily on the uneven sidewalk. I cannot open the heavy doors by myself. Once inside, I hope on my battery-powered scooter and go to my locker. If I'm not shaking too badly I can get my combination lock opened in three tries! Headed to my first class I face crowded hallways, funny looks from other kids and hurtful comments like "there goes the cripple." Sometimes some of the kids will lie on the floor pretending that I have hit them with my scooter which really hurts my feelings. I'm constantly being asked to move out of the way because they say my scooter takes up too much room. After class I'd like a drink of water but the water fountains are too high. At lunchtime I never buy a school lunch because I cannot reach the food on the shelves or get my scooter through the narrow gate. I tried to walk through the lunch line several times but everyone is pushing and I'm scared I'll lose my balance. I dropped my tray once and believe me, once is enough!

It's now sixth period and I'm starting to get really tired and I have two more class periods to go. The bell rings and school is finally over. It's pretty tricky getting my scooter down the hallway with everyone pushing and shoving their way out to the buses. I finally get to my locker, hope I can get it open in time so I don't miss my bus, grab my coat and panic when I can't zip up my backpack. All my papers fall out all over the floor. I frantically stuff them back inside my backpack, park my scooter, and struggle past 800 other kids waiting to catch their bus rides home. My bus finally arrives and I gratefully sit down for my ride home. An aide helps me up to the side door of my house and helps hold my hands steady so I can aim my key in the lock and she also helps me to turn the doorknob so I can get safely inside. Once inside I let my backpack and coat drop on the floor and I fall onto the couch where I am grateful to God that I have made it another day. Oats, my dog, is the only one I can talk to when I get home from school. She always understands me.

My name is Emily Ross. I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade. I have Friedreich's Ataxia which is one of forty neuromuscular diseases listed under Muscular Dystrophy. It is a hereditary degenerative nerve disease which affects the hands and feet resulting in fatigue and loss of feeling and balance. I was diagnosed when I was 5. I thank God allowed me to have MD because he needed someone to help find a cure. He's chosen me and has led me to a team of doctors that have asked to take a biopsy of muscle and nerve tissue in a "one of a kind" research program which The Muscular Dystrophy Society is sponsoring. They are hoping to determine how they can replace or regenerate the protein that is missing in the cells of all Friedreich's patients. Even if a cure is years away, this study may allow for a medicine that could help me and many others to stop shaking and stop our muscles from weakening anymore.

Not all of my days are stressful because I have the love of my family and many good friends who help me throughout each day. My Mom, Dad and my brother, Hunter, help me squeeze the toothpaste, open the peanut butter jar and button my clothes. My school has allowed me to start my school day one hour later than everyone else and when my friends see me coming up to the door, they hold them open for me. Sometimes it's even a really cute boy which makes my day start off pretty darn good!!! My scooter is sometimes being used by my crazy science teach-

er but she always comes zooming down the hall just in time for me to get to English. My teachers have been wonderful with kind understanding and a willingness to adapt to my special needs. because of my school's support, I am a straight A student. And, if my feelings are hurt by some kids, I have many more good friends that support me in many different ways. Sometimes I think the entire school knows my locker combination because they are always helping me to open it. They help me carry my books, write my lessons for me, copy homework assignments, take notes off the board, stand in the lunch line to get me a chicken patty sandwich and help me make it through a Friday night canteen in the auditorium in one piece!!! god must have really been looking out for me after school because I have the oldest living bus driver in the world who is late every single day. For me, this is a blessing.

I am proud to say I am going on the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip this June for four days, I plan on attending M.D. Camp for the second years, I help elementary kids to read at our Library's summer program and if she'll hire me again, I'd like to help Mrs. Peterson at our church this summer in the Family Life Ministry office.

So I guess you could say that I'm quite a lucky girl. God has blessed me with a special challenge that lets me look at the world in a lot of different ways. When I grow up I hope to help make the world an easier place to be for all special people. Thank you for listening to me today and I hope you will see people with special needs through different eyes—God's eyes.

[From the Bay Press, April 2001]

ONWARD AND OUTWARD!

AN UPDATE FROM EMILY ROSS

(By Emily Ross)

Two years ago I shared "A Day in The Life of Emily Ross" with our congregation. I was very touched when recently many of you asked how I am doing now that I am in high school and faced with a new set of challenges. I'm proud to say that I am doing well, accepting the challenge Heaven has asked of me, Muscular Dystrophy is a silent, progressive disease, and Friedreich's Ataxia, the type I have, robs me of the ability to store energy in my cells. I have noticed a loss of touch and hearing, as well as slurred speech over the years, but I've become quite clever at managing my daily activity.

I am now a sophomore at Westlake High School, maintaining a 3.2 grade average, carrying a full class schedule, and even hosting a five-minute broadcast segment called "This Week in Science" through WHBS, our school's television broadcasting system. I am no longer able to walk by myself, so my new leg braces, along with the use of a scooter, help me to my classes. The school purchased a special locker for me that opens with a magnetic key, so I no longer have to worry about combination locks; they even remodeled certain areas to accommodate my scooter. I have full use of the school's elevator and front row seating in all of my classrooms. Some teachers are compassionate and understanding, some strict and unbending, but isn't that the way it is for all students? By evening, my hands are usually too tired to hold a pencil, so someone in my family writes my homework for me as I dictate. My mom is very good at not telling me if the answer I am saying is correct, she just keeps writing no matter what!

Every year, a few students stare and whisper as I drive by in my scooter, but most of the kids have know me since elementary school, and I now fit in almost effortlessly. I have concerns that boys will be judgmental,

seeing only the wheelchair and not the girl seated in it. I will admit to having days filled with self-pity at not being able to walk, dance, or run but they soon pass when I realize all the things I am capable of and have already accomplished. I actually like going to school because it's something I can manage independently, and I feel comfortable surrounded by my teachers and friends.

I am a bit more cautious, though, in the world outside my high school. I am trying very hard to leave the security of familiar surroundings and make an attempt to be seen at more school and community functions. It took me a long time to learn that if people do not see you at school events, the mall, or the movies (like a normal teenager), then they assume that you do not wish to be included. Many teenagers have never even been close to a wheelchair, or think that because my body is weak then my mind must be also. It is up to me to invite questions from people, to answer their curiosities, to help them feel comfortable—not only around me, but around my equipment, too. I need to let them know that I just wish to be treated like everyone else.

One of my personal challenges this past year was saying yes to a movie and dinner with my friends. It meant not being ashamed to be seen in my wheelchair, which may not sound like a big thing to an adult, but it was a scary first step for me. To help me accomplish this, God blessed me with two guardian angels, my friends Stephanie and Britney. Stephanie, my best friend for six years now, proudly pushes me through the mail, across parking lots, or up to jewelry counters. We have an understanding that when she pushes, I hold all our packages, frozen cokes, and purses. Stephanie has always treated me with dignity, great compassion, and honesty, and I thank her for that. Britney is a girl I met at Muscular Dystrophy Camp last summer, and she is fighting her own form of the disease. She is also a sophomore living in Alliance. Having someone to talk to who truly knows how you are feeling because they are going through the same experience is a one-in-a-lifetime gift from Heaven. The two of us together at the mall is a team adventure with both of us counting on the other for balance or for a steady hand when trying on a new lipstick.

God has also given me a wonderful family, who has taught me how lucky I am. I can tell my mom anything, and I do. She always listens when I need to vent my frustrations. She makes the jerking muscles relax the fevers subside, the exhaustion feel comfortable. She makes me laugh. My dad brings breakfast upstairs to me every day before school so I don't waste any energy going downstairs into the kitchen. He has remodeled, rewired, and redesigned our entire house to accommodate me and carries my wheelchair up and down the steps hundreds of times per week. He makes me safe. My brother has done off to college this past year, and surprisingly, I miss him! He used to look out for me when we were in high school together, and he still calls to see if I need anything. He makes me normal. My dog, Oats, is always glad to see me and cares about me in a dog sort of way. Somehow she can predict when I'm going to fall and has actually sacrificed herself as a sort of cushion between me and the floor. She follows me from room to room, stares up at me adoringly and loves to eat potato chips while I tell her about my day.

So I'm learning with daily "help me get through this" prayers, to look at the world with the following in mind: If I need to create solutions to my unique challenges during my teenage years, then I also need to actually "get out there" to experience them.

Considering all the things I hope to accomplish within the next few years, I'm going to need all the "out there" experience I can muster! You see, I plan on driving within the next year, which will mean special testing, special adaptive devices, and, hopefully, a ramped van. My biggest dream is to have my own motorized wheelchair within the next year and enjoy the freedom to wheel around unassisted. The grandest of all will be attending college upon graduation from high school.

With the continued support from everyone around me and God's graceful hands holding me up, I will write to you again a few years from now with news of my adventures on a campus somewhere, running for class president.

TO HONOR THE TORREZ FAMILY
AS RECIPIENTS OF THE 2001 ARIZONA
HISPANIC CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE ENTREPRENEURS OF
THE YEAR AWARD.

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise before you to pay tribute to not one person, but an entire family in my district which has established itself as a beacon of accomplishment. The family I speak of is the Torrez Family, owners of the great Azteca Plaza in Phoenix.

The Torrezes have been a benevolent part of our community for over 56 years. Adolfo Torrez and the late Kay Anne Torrez set a standard not only with their commitment to their business and customers, but also with the values and ethics that they instilled in their children Raoul, Royna, and Gregory.

Azteca Café was first started by Adolfo and Kay Torrez in 1946. Soon they added a small bar which they named Azteca Bar. These two businesses flourished at the corner of Third and Washington streets. Over the next few years, the Torrez family would expand their property and their businesses to include a flower shop, furniture store, bridal store, formal clothing retailer, and even a dry cleaning company.

The three Torrez children would work side by side with their parents learning from their versatility and passion for hard work. Today Gregory, Raoul, and Royna, continue in their parents footsteps, managing Azteca Plaza and are proving to their community that they are as ethical and driven as their parents, and as compassionate and caring for their community.

The Torrez family recently received the 2001 Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneurs of the Year Award for their work not only as business people, but for their contributions to society.

Mr. Speaker and all my colleagues, please join me today in paying respect to this incredible family, my friends, the Torrezes of Phoenix.

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
PUPIL RIGHTS

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, a group of students from Kingston, New York have spent a good part of the past couple of years working with a students from St. Petersburg, Russia to draft a document that catalogs a set of universal rights of students. The program from which they are working is administered by the Center for Civic Education, which promotes worldwide community participation.

The students in my district have been communicating with the students in St. Petersburg mostly by Internet, but have had personal exchanges as well, both in Russia and in New York. In comparing their educational stories, the students found that they shared similar experiences and held common opinions about problems that young people were faced with at either ends of the world. They decided it was time to document certain rights that they believed to be applicable to students around the world. The end result is the Universal Declaration of Pupil Rights.

The students will soon be meeting with representatives of the United Nations to present their document. In recognition of the efforts that were put into creating this important document and because I firmly believe that all young people should be afforded certain rights that guarantee an appropriate education, I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to submit the Universal Declaration of Pupil Rights in the Record so that it may receive an appropriate level of attention.

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF PUPIL RIGHTS
PREAMBLE

Recognizing the fact that educational institutions are necessary to prepare pupils to become positive, confident, and efficient members of society,

Taking in due account the importance for the child to receive education in a manner conducive to the child's harmonious development,

Bearing in mind that pupils are to be taught in the spirit of the ideals proclaimed by the United Nations and in particular in the spirit of peace, dignity, tolerance, freedom, equality, and solidarity,

Considering the fact that the opportunity to receive better education will help countries better uphold their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, thus promoting universal respect for human rights and freedoms,

Recognizing past indifference to and disrespect for pupil rights have resulted in inhumane treatment and aggression towards pupils from persons and nations,

Due to the fact that the school is considered to be a special territory where the child's rights are not applicable, resulting in the regular violation of the rights already established in other United Nations documents,

Understanding that the enumeration in the Declaration shall not be construed to deny or disparage other rights retained by the people,

The UN General Assembly proclaims this Declaration of the pupil's rights as a standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations in order to secure the pupil's rights and freedoms at school and in its territory.

Article 1

For the purposes of the present Declaration, a pupil shall mean every individual, without discrimination of any kind as to race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, who is attending a sanctioned institution of learning. Hereinafter referred to as the school, for the purpose of acquiring knowledge.

Article 2

1. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status.

2. Every pupil shall have the freedom to exercise his rights provided he does not offend public moral, religious, and other feelings, violate the rights of other people, damage their health, or hamper the learning process.

Article 3

1. Every pupil shall have the right to freedom of thought, opinion, and speech.

2. Every pupil shall have the right to freedom of belief and religion. No pupil can be forced to participate in religious or other ceremonies. Every pupil shall have the right to exercise his religious ceremonies when that does not hamper his studies.

3. Every pupil shall have the right of freedom of self expression, including:

- (a) The right to decide his appearance;
- (b) The right to freedom of creativity.

4. Every pupil shall have the right to freedom from exploitation. Nobody can use either physical or intellectual labour of a pupil without his consent.

Article 4

1. Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory.

2. Every pupil shall have the right to receive high-quality and complete education, including:

(a) The right to be taught by certified teachers;

(i) Standards for certification shall be set by the State;

(b) Free access to informational resources, including textbooks granted by the state;

(i) Textbooks must contain accurate and reasonably up-to-date information;

(c) Equal access to the technological resources available in the school that are designated for student use;

(d) The right to study the mother tongue;

(e) Assistance to foreign pupils with learning the new language and help with coursework in this language;

(f) Knowledge of the State's minimum compulsory educational requirements;

3. Every pupil shall have the right to attend the school on all school days and to attend all lessons, unless disciplinary action has to be taken requiring the removal of the pupil from the school day.

Article 5

Every pupil shall have the right to receive education in the conditions that are required for healthy, adequate, and high-quality education. Therefore, the following is to be provided:

1. A healthy atmosphere in the school, which shall include:

(a) High quality and timely medical aid, which is to be:

(i) Available to every pupil free of charge;

(ii) Available during all school hours;

(iii) Provided by a professional, licensed practitioner;

(b) Cleanliness of the educational premises and its territory;

(c) Sufficient natural and artificial lighting;

(d) Maintenance of a low noise level;

(e) Maintenance of a comfortable air temperature;

(f) Healthy and high-quality catering and adequate time intervals for eating;

(i) It should be available at reduced cost for pupils with financial difficulties;

2. A structurally sound building, including:

(a) The absence of harmful substances that are integrated within the building in levels that is detrimental to the pupil's health;

(b) Working System to dispose of waste;

(i) Lavatory facilities are to be designed for private or individual use and with the health of the user in mind

(c) An adequate ventilation system;

If the school cannot observe any of these terms within reason, the school administration is to bring forward for discussion the matter of suspending studies until the problem is resolved

3. A safe environment:

(a) States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislative, administrative, racial and educational measures, to protect children from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the learning environment.

(b) States Parties shall take all appropriate measure, including legislative, administrative, social and educational measures, to protect children from the illicit use of weapons.

(c) States Parties undertake to protect the children from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. For these purposes, States Parties shall in particular take all appropriate national, bilateral, and multilateral measures to prevent:

(i) The inducement or coercion of a pupil to engage in any unlawful sexual activities;

(ii) The exploitative use of children in prostitution or other unlawful sexual practices

(iii) The exploitative use of children in pornographic performances and materials

(d) School officials must ensure that no unauthorized solicitation occurs on school grounds.

(e) School officials must take all possible measures to prevent physical harassment or abuse.

(f) School officials must take all possible measures to prevent verbal harassment or abuse.

Article 6

1. Every pupil shall have the right to safety and protection of his property in the territory of the school.

2. Every pupil shall have the right to be present at the examination, search and/or confiscation of his personal property;

(a) The procedure for these actions shall be established by the school and conducted only by authorized persons;

(b) There is to be an accurate list of items, which can be confiscated, including weapons, alcohol, drugs, and other items dangerous to the well being of others. Pupils and their guardians shall be made aware of the specifications of this list.

3. Under any other circumstances it is to be forbidden to examine, search, and/or confiscate the pupil's property in the territory of the school.

Article 7

1. Every pupil shall have the right to be treated with respect for his personality without:

(a) Public or private degradation which might have physical, mental, or other impacts on the pupil;

(b) The discussion of the pupil's personality of his behavior.

2. Every pupil shall have the right to the confidentiality of his private life, including:

(a) The right to the confidentiality of his correspondence;

(b) The right not to give public explanations;

(c) The right to maintain friendly relations with any other pupil;

(i) School faculty may not prohibit pupil's social interactions provided the learning process is not interrupted;

(d) The right to have the assessment and content of his work remain private unless the pupil gives consent.

Article 8

Every pupil shall have the right to rest and leisure, including:

1. The right to reasonable limitation of the number of lessons per day;

(a) Duration of intervals between lessons is not to be reduced by teachers;

2. The right to periodic holidays.

Article 9

Pupils shall have the right to set up and distribute mass media. Mass media shall be independent and shall have the right from freedom of speech and press.

Article 10

1. Every pupil shall have the right to participate in the school government, as well as the right to participate in the development of the school rules and a student bill of rights specific to their school.

2. The pupils shall have the right to establish a school council, and every pupil shall have the right to participate in its activity. The school council shall be formed through the election of representatives from every form.

3. Every pupil and his parents or guardian shall have the right to be informed about all rules which regulate school life, including:

(a) Criteria under which school marks are given;

(b) Attendance policies;

(c) Requirements to the content and execution of subject matter.

4. Pupils shall have the right to the freedom of peaceful meetings and associations. Nobody can be forced to join an organization.

Article 11

1. All pupils shall have the right to learn about world history from an unbiased perspective.

2. Pupil's curriculum is not to include propaganda.

Article 12

All pupils shall have the right to personal, professional, and academic counseling.

(a) Information imparted during counseling session is to remain confidential between pupil and counselor, unless the safety of the pupil or another person is in question;

(b) Counselors shall meet standards of certification set by State.

Article 13

Pregnant pupils, pupils who are parents, or pupils responsible for younger children have the right to continue their education.

(a) State and school shall provide assistance with childcare.

Article 14

1. All pupils shall have the right to select courses of study outside of the mandatory curriculum if such courses and/or activities exist.

2. Supplementary courses recommended by the teacher shall not become mandatory, shall not affect final grades, and shall be free.

(a) All compulsory material shall be taught during compulsory classes.

Article 15

1. Every pupil shall have the right to be treated without discrimination by the teachers, school administration, pupils and their

parents, and school employees, irrespective of the pupil's or his family member's race, sex, age, religion, political or other opinion, property status, state of health, or other circumstances.

2. Every pupil with physical and/or mental disabilities shall have the right to attend the same school as pupils who do not share their disabilities. The school must provide for their needs accordingly.

3. Every pupil shall have the right to equal, unprejudiced, and fair treatment when marks are given, and benefits and duties distributed.

Article 16

All pupils shall have the right to a just disciplinary procedure.

1. All pupils shall have the right to due process;

2. Every student has the right to an appeals process.

Article 17

Every pupil shall have the right to be informed of his rights, including but not limited to those stated in such documents as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the constitution of his own country, and this Declaration of the Pupil's Rights.

Article 18

Nothing in the present Declaration shall affect any provisions which are more conducive to the realization of the rights of the pupil and which may be contained in:

1. The law of a State party;
2. International law in force for that State.

THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL POLICY ON SUSTAINABLE USE

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, through professional and scientific management, this nation currently enjoys stable and healthy wildlife and marine resource populations. Sadly, there were excessive harvests of wildlife in the 17th and 18th centuries, but that circumstance is history never to be repeated. Today, through appropriate laws and reasoned regulations, the future of these resources is assured for generations to come.

Given this background of successful management and wise use of these renewable resources, I am dismayed when government representatives of this nation participate in international conventions, treaties and bilateral and multi-lateral conservation agreements concerning the sustainable use of wildlife and marine resources, a different agenda seems to be in place; specifically, that agenda rejects science and favors anti consumptive use of those renewable resources.

For example, policy positions taken by the United States Delegations at the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the Annual Meetings of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW) reflect a political agenda rather than a science-based policy. Through the past leadership of the United States at CITES and IWC, several nations have followed this flawed and imprudent policy to the detriment of various wildlife and marine species.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to note President Bush's recent remarks to the Environmental Youth Award winners regarding this Administrations foundation for environmental policy. He affirmed that it will be "based on sound science, not some environmental fad of what may sound good—that we're going to rely on the best evidence before we decide [on policy]." Currently, the United States is developing its position for the upcoming 53rd Annual Meeting of the IWC.

Due to the significance of the event, I recently sent a letter to the Secretary of Interior, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Commerce concerning the background of United States policy at the IWC meetings. Mr. Speaker, at this time I hereby submit to the RECORD for my colleagues consideration the letters (referenced above) to the Bush administration.

I believe the time has come for the United States to truly reflect an international commitment to the sustainable use of renewable wildlife and marine resources based on science. As I stated in my letters, this conservation policy should be followed whether the subject species are elephants, turtles, whales, or trees. Such leadership by the United States is the responsible and ethical policy that must be pursued for the benefit of renewable wildlife, marine resources and humankind itself.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2001.

Hon. GALE NORTON,
Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Washington, DC.

DEAR SECRETARY NORTON: I am writing to express my strong support for the need for science to be the fundamental guide in United States participation in international conservation commitments as legally recognized under the Uruguay Round Agreements of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Unfortunately, the United States policy under the former-Clinton administration acted contrary to this legal concept under the tenets of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW). Specifically, it did so by continued opposition and obstructionist positions on the resumption of limited and managed whaling by island and coastal nations.

Although it is true that there was over exploitation of certain whale stocks in the 18th and 19th centuries for commercial oil products, this is not the case today. In fact, no whale stocks were ever threatened by whale harvests for human food consumption. The Scientific Committee of the governing body of the ICRW and the International Whaling Commission (IWC) has found that limited harvests would have no adverse impact on population stocks.

However, in the past, the United States and other nations have consistently opposed the resumptions of limited whaling on what amounts to purely a political agenda. For instance, the United States supported the adoption of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary for whales without any scientific basis for such a position. Further, the United States is supporting the adoption of a Pacific Ocean Sanctuary where there is no scientific basis for the establishment of such a sanctuary. Even after the Bush administration took office, the Department of State has opposed legal trade in whale products between Norway and Japan. I would sincerely urge the Bush administration to carefully review the United States policy in terms of science and law.

I must say, I was extremely pleased to note President Bush's recent remarks to the Envi-

ronmental Youth Award winners about environmental policy. As you know, the President stated that decisions regarding environmental matters in his Administration would be, and I quote, "based upon sound science, not some environmental fad or what may sound good—that we're going to rely on the best evidence before we decide [on policy]."

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2001.

Hon. COLIN POWELL,
Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC.

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ERADICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, as you know, infectious diseases are needlessly killing millions of people every year and cost the global community billions in healthcare costs and lost revenue. Diseases such as Tuberculosis (TB) are on the rise around the world, and due to their infectious properties, are threatening the health and welfare of Americans. TB cannot be stopped at our national borders and the only way to eliminate TB here at home is to control it abroad. In fact, according to the National Intelligence Council, new and re-emerging infectious diseases will pose a rising global health threat and will complicate U.S. and global security over the next twenty years. We must take action to address these dangers now.

I feel strongly that Congress should make a significant investment in low-cost, high-impact programs like TB control. Mr. Speaker for just \$20 to \$100 invested in a quality TB program, a life can be saved. This is one of the most cost-effective health interventions available today. In FY2001, Congress provided \$60 million for international TB control, a solid step towards addressing this killer. More must be done this year. Fifteen million people in the U.S. are infected with the TB bacteria, and nearly two million people perish world-wide each year. In addition, eight million people are afflicted with this disease annually and every second of every day, someone in the world is infected with the disease.

TB is the biggest killer of people with AIDS, and TB rates have skyrocketed in sub-Saharan Africa due to the AIDS/TB co-epidemics. Direct Observed Therapy treatment or "Dots" is one of the most cost-effective ways to pro-

long and improve the lives of people with HIV. As we increase resources for HIV and AIDS, it makes sense to increase funding for TB control as well.

If we do not act promptly, new deadly drug-resistant strains of TB and rising HIV rates will make TB very difficult or impossible to control. I have asked that we provide \$200 million in the FY2002 foreign aid budget for the international TB control program.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of Congress from an international borer city, I know the importance of combining TB at our borders. Now is the time to combat tuberculosis and eradicate this horrible disease before it begins more impacting our population.

HONORING METRO SCHOOLS DIRECTOR, DR. BILL M. WISE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Metro Schools Director Dr. Bill M. Wise on the occasion of his retirement from the Metropolitan/Davidson County/Nashville, Tennessee school system after thirty-one years of outstanding service to students, teachers, and personnel.

Dr. Wise is to be commended for the impact he has made on the local, state, and national levels through his tireless work to achieve unity during legal battles over court-ordered desegregation busing. His leadership proved pivotal in the successful resolution of this important matter. Leaders from across the Nation have sought his advice and expertise in this area and he has offered consultations and hope in times of crisis to schools in Texas, South Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Alabama. Wise is also recognized nationally for his successful management skills and expertise in school facilities management.

His philosophy has always focused on what is best for students and student achievement including improving physical conditions in school facilities and fostering morale. Because of his strong leadership skills combined with character and courage, Wise's efforts have proven extremely fruitful.

A native Tennessean, Bill Wise was educated at the University of North Alabama in Florence, where he received a Bachelor of Science in 1963, and a Master's Degree in 1965. He continued his education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, earning a Doctorate of Education in 1970.

Wise began his career as an Alabama school teacher in 1963 working for the Florence City School system and later moving to the university level as an instructor and coach at the University of North Alabama until 1968.

After a two-year stint as a Ford Foundation Fellow at the University of Tennessee, Wise was named Assistant Superintendent for the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Public School System in 1970. He was promoted to Deputy Superintendent, where he served from

1994–1997. He then became Interim Director of Schools and nine months later was named Director of Schools.

As Director of Schools, Wise has been responsible for an operating budget upwards of \$300 million and a capital budget of nearly \$100 million, while implementing and overseeing The Strategic Plan for the Metropolitan Nashville Public School District. The school district includes more than one hundred twenty-five public schools with thousands of students from all walks of life.

Wise has been honored numerous times by his peers. Recent awards include: the Council of the Great City Schools First Annual Bill Wise Award in 2000; the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Middle Tennessee Chapter, Distinguished American Award in 2001; and the Tennessee School Plant Management Association's Superintendent of the Year for 2001.

Additionally, he has been active in numerous professional organizations including: the American Association of School Administrators; the Tennessee Association for Supervision and Administration; the Council of the Great City Schools, Business Officials Group; the Southeastern Association of School Business Officials; Phi Delta Kappa; Iota Lambda Sigma; and Council of Educational Facility Planners.

His civic contributions include involvement on the Board of Directors for the following organizations: Green Hills YMCA; Nashville Chapter of the American Red Cross; National Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee (Past President); Nashville Institute for the Arts; Cumberland Science Museum; Boy Scouts of America's Middle Tennessee Council; Junior Achievement of Middle Tennessee, Inc.; and Metropolitan Nashville Public Education Foundation.

With the obvious challenges and changes that Wise has faced during his career in public education, I am pleased to honor him for facing adversity with courage and using the tools available in an imperfect system to craft a successful educational program for students in our community. I respect his philosophy of focusing on learning, support systems and appropriate settings for equity and excellence for all students and promoting change as positive and necessary for continual personal improvement.

In closing, Dr. Wise is to be commended for building a solid foundation for those who will follow in his footsteps and strive to meet the goal of improving educational opportunities for all Tennesseans. I have no doubt that his dedication and service to our community, our state, and our nation, will be remembered for many years to come.

SECTION 245(i) EXTENSION ACT OF
2001

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I voted in favor of H.R. 1885, a bill sponsored by Immigration and Claims Subcommittee Chairman GEORGE GEKAS, which will extend by four months the time illegal immigrants may apply for legal residence while remaining in

the United States. The measure requires illegal immigrants who utilize Section 245(i) of the immigration law to have been in the United States as of December 21, 2000. In addition, H.R. 1885 requires that the family relationship or employment existed by April 30, 2001. These two important provisions contained in H.R. 1885 will ensure that the extension of Section 245(i) does not provide future incentives for illegal immigration or punish legal immigrants waiting in line for their applications to be processed.

I supported this short-term extension of Section 245(i) because it will assist those immigrants who were eligible to apply for a green card as of April 30, but were unable to meet the deadline due to administrative problems, such as the INS not issuing regulations on Section 245(i) until March of this year. At the same time, H.R. 1885 will not reward those who enter illegally with the hope of becoming legal without first returning to their native country. Most importantly, it will send the message that legal immigrants, who waited in line and obeyed our immigration laws, should get first priority in the processing of immigration applications.

Although I supported this four-month extension of Section 245(i) for the reasons discussed above, I will not support any extension beyond this time period. This is not the first time that this ill-conceived provision has been extended. Section 245(i) was first added to the immigration law in 1994. Since that time, it has been extended on numerous occasions, including most recently in December of last year. This has provided persons who wanted to apply for permanent residency status more than enough time to submit their application to INS.

A longer extension than the period of time contained in H.R. 1885 will further encourage illegal immigration and punish legal immigrants waiting for their application to be processed. Also, because U.S. State Department consular officers are better suited than INS employees to determine if the illegal immigrant has a criminal background, a longer extension of Section 245(i) will undermine the important law enforcement goal of preventing criminal aliens from remaining in our country.

CONGRATULATING JOSE DE
ESCANDON ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A
"BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL"

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Jose De Escandon Elementary School in the La Joya Independent School District in my South Texas district on being named a "Blue Ribbon School."

Quality education is the passport to a successful future and Escandon Elementary has been relentless in its pursuit of educational excellence. This award truly symbolizes the many successful futures this school has forged for its students.

La Joya is not a wealthy school district. The majority of the students are Hispanic and many live below the poverty level. It is in an isolated, rural community along the Texas-

Mexico border. Despite these seeming disadvantages, under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Robert Zamora and principal Benita Salazar, Escandon has demonstrated what can be achieved when parents, teachers, school officials and the community join together to utilize every resource to its fullest potential. In addition to the Blue Ribbon Award, Escandon has been recognized by the State of Texas as an Exemplary Elementary School, having over 90 percent of its students pass the 3rd grade Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

Blue Ribbon Awards are exclusive in nature and are presented to only 264 elementary schools across the country including both public and private institutions. Schools receiving the award must demonstrate strong leadership; a clear vision and sense of mission; high-quality teaching; challenging up-to-date curriculum; policies and practices that ensure a safe environment conducive to learning; solid evidence of family involvement; evidence that the school is helping ALL students achieve high standards; and a commitment to share best practices with other schools.

On Monday, I will be visiting Escandon Elementary to celebrate its great achievement. The citizens of La Joya are fiercely proud of their town and their school. This award is not only a reflection of the exemplary work that the children have done, but also a reflection of the values and dedication of the whole community. I would encourage every locality to follow La Joya's example. When the entire community works together and commits to helping every child succeed, it will happen and all of our children will receive the quality education they deserve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, because my flight to Washington was delayed, I was unable to vote yesterday evening on rollcall No. 126, concerning a resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CONCERNING PARTICIPATION OF
TAIWAN IN WORLD HEALTH OR-
GANIZATION

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 428, a bill which calls for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization (WHO). I would also like to commend the author of the legislation, my friend and colleague from Ohio, Mr. SHERROD BROWN, for his leadership on this issue. I am proud to join as a co-sponsor of this important bipartisan legislation.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the World Health Organization is the most important international health organization in the world. In its

charter, the WHO sets forth the crucial objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people, yet today the 23 million citizens of Taiwan are denied appropriate and meaningful participation in the international health forums and programs conducted by the WHO. Currently, there are over 190 participants in the WHO; Taiwan is not one of them. What this means is that Taiwan is not permitted to receive WHO benefits.

Access to the WHO ensures that the highest standards of health information and services are provided, facilitating the eradication of disease and improvement of public health on a world-wide basis. The work of the WHO is particularly crucial today given the tremendous volume of international travel, which has heightened the transmission of communicable diseases between borders. Lack of access to WHO protections has caused people of Taiwan to suffer needlessly.

Mr. Speaker, there is no good reason why Taiwan should be denied observer status with the World Health Organization. As a strong democracy and one of the world's most robust economies, Taiwan should participate in the health services and medical protections offered by the WHO. In addition, the WHO stands to benefit significantly from the financial and technological contributions that Taiwan has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation.

COMMENDING JUDY BELL—FIRST
LADY OF GOLF

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to direct the attention of my Colleagues to Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey where this evening one of golf's legends will be honored. The Professional Golf Association (PGA) will honor Judy Bell as recipient of this year's "First Lady of Golf Award". The PGA First Lady of Golf Award, inaugurated in 1998, is presented to a woman who has made significant contributions to the promotion of the game of golf.

With interest and participation in golf growing to new heights every year, it is appropriate that the stewards of the game honor those who laid a strong foundation for today's success.

Judy Bell's golf career—which spans the 50's, 60's, 70's 80's, 90's and has now reached into the new millennium—has been marked by one outstanding achievement after another. She has made significant contributions as a champion player, Rules official and an industry leader. Her lifetime record of service to the golf industry includes becoming the first woman to be elected president of the United States Golf Association. Bell was elected the USGA's 54th president from 1996–97. Today, the 64-year-old Bell is in her 34th year of service to the USGA, and is consulting director of the USGA Foundation.

Bell is a 1961 graduate of Wichita State University, where she was a two-time NCAA runner-up during a prolific amateur career. She won three Kansas State Amateur championships, and competed at age 14 in the

1950 U.S. Women's Open, which would be the first of 38 USGA championship appearances. She was a two-time Curtis Cup Team member (1960, '62) and a two-time Curtis Cup Team Captain (1986, '88). She is the only individual to captain both a men's and women's U.S. World Amateur Team, leading the women in Stockholm, Sweden in 1988, and the men in Badsarow, Germany in 2000. In addition, Judy Bell has been a USGA Rules official since the 1970s and has worked both the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open.

Judy Bell has been a source of inspiration to all she meets. By her work, by her words and by her example, she has brought a countless men, women and youngsters into the game. I urge my Colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Judy Bell—this year's recipient of the PGA's "First Lady of Golf" award.

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL V. FINLEY,
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL
PARK SUPERINTENDENT

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to the 30-year-public service career of Michael V. Finley, the superintendent of Yellowstone National Park. After providing leadership in parks ranging from Yosemite in California to the Everglades in Florida. Superintendent Finley will retire in June for a new career in private industry.

Starting with his first ranger position at Big Bend National Park, Michael Finley has worked a rich and varied career helping keep America's National Park system beautiful and educational for our citizens and visitors from around the world. He actually began his life in our parks in 1965 as a seasonal fire control aide, working throughout the West for the next six years.

Over the years, Michael Finley has developed an expertise in inter-governmental relations, working with state and local governments and on Native American issues. He has directed legislative efforts, research projects, law enforcement operations, museums and cultural facilities, engineering and maintenance programs and oversight of mining and mineral uses in the parks. He has worked extensively with the media and public interest groups, and is an international expert on conservation efforts.

His awards have included the National Park Service Superior Performance Award, the Department of Interior's Meritorious Service Award, and national recognition for public service by conservation groups.

Californians have been among those who have most benefited from Superintendent Finley's expertise. He was a ranger in Pinnacles National Monument and Redwood National Park, as well as ranger and superintendent of Yosemite from 1989–1994. He also served as a federal liaison and trainer in the development of seven state parks in the Santa Cruz Mountains of California. He was also superintendent of Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland and as associate regional director for 13 parks in the Alaska region. Before taking over as Yellowstone superintendent in 1994, he was acting associate director of operations for the park service.

In his role as chief of the crown jewel of American parks, Superintendent Finley has successfully managed a staff of 800 and a budget of \$25 million. He helped create the Yellowstone Park Foundation to solicit private support for the world's first national park, and set Yellowstone on a course that will preserve its natural heritage, while providing the best possible experience for the 3 million people who visit each year.

Mr. Speaker, Michael Finley is leaving the park service to become president of the Turner Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia, one of the most dynamic philanthropic organizations in the nation. Please join me in thanking him for his years of service to our nation's parks, and wishing him and his wife, Lillie, continued success in their new endeavors.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, today, along with my colleagues from Minnesota, I am introducing legislation congratulating the University of Minnesota and its faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, the University of Minnesota is a land grant institution established in 1851, seven years before the state of Minnesota was accepted into the Union. Since its creation, the University of Minnesota has become one of the most comprehensive and prestigious universities in the United States, and is a major research institution spanning four campuses and outreach centers statewide.

During its first 150 years, the University of Minnesota has awarded more than 537,575 degrees, including more than 24,728 doctoral degrees. Among the University of Minnesota's accomplished faculty and alumni are 13 Nobel Prize winners.

The University of Minnesota's faculty, staff, and students have made significant contributions to our nation, and our world, which include the establishment of the world's leading kidney transplant center, as well as the invention of the flight recorder (commonly known as the "black box"), retractable seat belt, and the heart-lung machine used in the world's first open-heart surgery.

The University of Minnesota has also made contributions in other areas such as agriculture, manufacturing, and physical sciences, including the creation of more than 80 new crop varieties, the development of the taconite process, and the isolation of uranium-235.

The University of Minnesota reaches across the state with its Extension Service, which has contact with 700,000 Minnesotans each year. With program areas ranging from crop management to effective parenting, all Minnesotans benefit from the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

Mr. Speaker, the University of Minnesota is an esteemed institution of higher learning, and as we mark its 150th Anniversary, I invite my colleagues to join me, and my fellow Minnesota colleagues, in honoring this remarkable university and its contributions to us all.

TRIBUTE TO BECKY TRINKLEIN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Becky Trinklein as she prepares to celebrate twenty-five years of dutiful service as an educator, the past twenty years of which she spent at Immanuel Lutheran School in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Becky's faithfulness and dedication in sharing the good news of God's love in Christ with her students and others has made her an invaluable part of Lutheran education in her community.

A native of Frankenmuth, Becky is the only child of Victor and Marguerite Trinklein. The love and support of her family has carried her through every facet of her career and molded her into the unique, caring woman that she is today.

Becky holds a bachelor's degree in education with a special concentration in art education and a master's degree in education with a focus on early childhood education from Concordia Teacher's College. Her strong faith and adherence to God's will led her from St. John Lutheran School of Edgerton, Wisconsin, where she taught kindergarten and preschool for five years, to a similar job at Immanuel Lutheran School in the fall of 1981.

While Becky's teaching ministry has been distinguished, her noteworthiness extends far beyond the classroom walls. She has held leadership positions in the Michigan District Early Childhood Educators Conference, the North and East Lutheran Schools Early Childhood Educators Conference, and the Bay-Midland Lutheran Teachers Conference. The Michigan Region Five Odyssey of the Mind Board and the Bay Arenac Skill Center Advisory Committee have also benefited from her time and attention to service. Immanuel Lutheran has flourished from the commitment of this exceptional teacher and her presence has graced many committees and projects.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to praise Becky for her continued adherence to excellence in education. The early school years put an indelible stamp on children and Becky Trinklein's strong influence has helped instill in them a sense of self-worth and pride that will carry them far in achieving success in life. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to Ms. Trinklein for her dedicated service to the children and in wishing her continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, due to an emergency in my district I unexpectedly missed two votes yesterday. If present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 126 and No. 127.

WELCOME TO NEWARK, OTUMFUO
OSEI TUTU II, SIXTEENTH
ASANTEHENE**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 22, my home city of Newark, New Jersey will have the privilege of hosting Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, sixteenth Asantehene, direct successor to Opemsuo Osei Tutu I from Ghana. I would like to ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join me in welcoming the leader of Ghana to New Jersey. Our nation has a special relationship with Ghana, which in 1957 became the first country in colonial Africa to achieve independence. Kwame Nkrumah, the first president of the Republic of Ghana, earned a college degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1939, creating a close bond between the people of Ghana and African Americans. When I had the great honor of accompanying President Clinton on his historic trip to Africa, we received a warm and enthusiastic welcome when over 500,000 Ghanaians came out to greet us.

Otumfuo Osei Tutu II has won admiration for the unique leadership he has provided the people of Asante and Ghana in general since he assumed the high office of Asantehene and the heavy responsibilities that go with the position. This dynamic, personable king has succeeded in refocusing the attention of the Asante nation and Ghana, on the development of the country's most valuable resource—its people. It is for this reason that his vision encompasses education, health and industry. A healthy people equipped with the requisite technical and scientific skill and knowledge constitute an invaluable asset to any community, any nation that aspires to achieve maximum industrialization.

Born on the 6th of May 1950 and named Barima Kwaku Duah, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II is the youngest of the five children of Nana Afua Kobi Scrwaa Ampem II, Asantehemaa (Queen Mother of Asante). Under his Majesty's leadership and direction numerous and very drastic efforts have been made to assess and redefine traditional roles, integrating some into global standards based in practicality, sustainability and functionality. What has emerged is a much better administrative design of six strategically functional and articulate units of the system.

As part of mobilization efforts to relax some aspects of Asante culture to embrace development and progress, Otumfuo has embarked on a drastic overhaul of the Kingdom and its logistics to enable the Manhyia Palace to better equip and prepare itself and its traditional leaders to accommodate the impending challenges of development. By liberalizing various aspects of the Kingdom, Otumfuo has enhanced governance and emphasized development.

HONORING CAPTAIN WILLIAM W.
COPPERNOL**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues an accomplishment by a young man serving in the United States Army. Captain William W. Coppernol, who is from Burlington, Wisconsin, has received the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. This award is given to those Army officers who embody the leadership ideals of General MacArthur. After my meeting with him this afternoon, I can certainly see why he was chosen for this prestigious award.

Captain Coppernol is an excellent example of the American military servicemember. He grew up in a city not far from me in southern Wisconsin. His family is still there, with his father working in Milwaukee for the FAA and his mother working at Burlington Catholic Central High School. Captain Coppernol is now stationed in Minnesota, which he is happy about because his parents can see their grandson, William, more often.

While Captain Coppernol is a family man, he is also an Army man. He is a bright man who plans to make a career out of the Army, and our country should be thankful for it. This "Army of One" is a true asset to the United States of America. I congratulate Captain Coppernol on receiving the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

VETERINARY HEALTH ENHANCEMENT ACT FOR UNDER-SERVED AREAS**HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, many rural and inner city areas of the United States lack proper veterinary care within their communities. As a result, the health of both animals and humans in these areas is at risk. In many cases, veterinarians, upon graduating from a school of veterinary medicine, opt to practice in prosperous urban settings which often provide opportunities for higher standings of living. The result is a lack of animal health care professionals in hundreds of communities and rural regions.

Rural areas of the United States are going through a unique transformation. Thousands of small-town, agrarian communities are literally vanishing. These agricultural communities are dependent upon livestock veterinarians to help ensure the well-being of their rural economies. Unfortunately, lower earning potential, long hours, unfavorable weather conditions, danger, and fewer farmers are making livestock veterinarians remarkably scarce in these agrarian communities.

In the same respect, inner-city areas have also noticed a shortage of animal health care professionals within their communities. These areas are potential hotbeds for dangerous diseases carried by rodents and stray animals. These diseases can be easily transmitted to

residents, particularly more highly-susceptible children. Veterinarians may often be the key in preventing the spread of such diseases in highly-populated, inner-city areas.

In response to the growing number of under-served areas that are lacking animal health care professionals, I am introducing the "Veterinary Health Enhancement Act for Under-served Areas" to meet the health care needs of these communities. Under this proposal, veterinary students will be provided scholarships and tuition debt relief if they choose to practice in under-served areas for an agreed upon period of time. The result of having veterinarians provide their services to these communities will improve animal health, will ensure that the risk of disease transfer from animals to humans is minimal, and will improve economic opportunities for agriculture producers who depend on livestock veterinarians.

This is non-controversial legislation that will provide benefits to the entire country. I urge my colleagues to show their commitment to communities throughout their respective districts which lack proper veterinary care by lending their support for the "Veterinary Health Enhancement Act for Under-Served Areas".

HONORING MRS. EDDIE LEE EDWARDS MCPHERSON ON HER BIRTHDAY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to rise today on behalf of a very special person who resides in my district. On Saturday, May 26th, Mrs. Eddie Lee Edwards McPherson will be celebrating her 80th birthday along with her friends and family. I would like to join with the many in congratulating her upon this significant milestone.

Eddie Lee was born to the late Samuel P. M. Rhodes and the late Florence Hagins Rhodes in 1921 in Bulloch County, GA; and was united in marriage to the late Joseph Sterling Edwards, Sr. with whom she was blessed with her six children, four daughters and two sons. She is currently married to Leroy McPherson who graced her with four stepchildren, three daughters and one son. Throughout her life, though, the Lord bestowed upon her the love of even more sons and daughters-in-law, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as other embraced children.

Mrs. McPherson graduated from Savannah State College with a degree in Elementary Education. Throughout her career, Eddie Lee was given the opportunity to reach many young children at Perry Elementary, Viola Burroughs Elementary, C.B. Greer Elementary and Ballard Elementary. She has also served faithfully in the community and at local churches.

This remarkable lady is an encourager, a disciplinarian, a dear friend to many and an indomitable matriarch. Her faith, courage and kindness are an inspiration to all who have been touched by her. God blessed us when he gave us Mrs. Eddie Lee Edwards McPherson. May God bless her on her 80th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 21, 2001, my plane was delayed in arriving due to bad weather. As a result, I was not present for Roll Call Vote #126, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and Roll Call Vote #127, the 245(i) Extension Act of 2001.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call Vote #126 and #127.

“A TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JAMES F. STADER”

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Marine Corps Officer, Major Stewart H. Holmes, who served with distinction and dedication for two and a half years for the Secretary of the Navy, Commandant of the Marine Corps and under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) as the Marine Corps Appropriations Liaison Officer in the Appropriations Matters Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the United States Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our nation.

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in December of 1998, Major Holmes has provided members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and associate staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Marine Corps plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the Defense Subcommittee and the Marine Corps to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped marine forces attainable for our nation's defense.

Mr. Speaker, Stewart Holmes and his wife Deborah have made many sacrifices during his marine career, and his distinguished service has exemplified the Marine motto "Semper Fidelis." As they depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another great Marine adventure, I call upon colleagues to wish them both every success.

HONORING RYAN PATTERSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor one of the bright young minds of western Colorado. Central High School junior Ryan Patterson, amazed people for the second year in a row at a science fair for creating a compact device capable of digitally translating sign language onto a small electronic readout.

Ryan is no stranger at science fairs. He was the winner of last years science fair and went on to win first place and nearly \$10,000 at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Detroit. In total, Ryan has won numerous science awards, \$192,000 in scholarships, \$15,750 in cash, two lap-tops, and two trips to Stockholm, Sweden, for the Nobel Prize ceremonies. Seventeen year-old Ryan recently won the top award in the International Science Fair in San Jose, California.

The device that brought young Ryan all this fame is a glove that translates American Sign Language into digital information that can be read on a portable screen. The device will assist those with speaking disabilities communicate anywhere without a translator. Ryan came up with this while in a Burger King. "I was in Burger King when I saw some people ordering their food in sign language with someone else translating for them," "So I thought something like this would help them become more independent by being able to communicate easier."

"For me, it's been an incredible journey," said John McConnell, a retired physicist. "I'm 70 years old and he's one of the greatest joys of my life." Tests for the device were promising enough that Ryan plans on seeking a patent and he hopes to manufacture it.

Mr. Speaker, Ryan has a bright future ahead of him, and I would like to congratulate him on behalf of Congress and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. Ryan's family, classmates, and Western Colorado can be proud of Ryan for his accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MARITIME DAY 2001

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize today, May 22, 2001, as National Maritime Day. In 1933 the 73rd Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 7 designating May 22nd as National Maritime Day. Since that time every President starting with Franklin Roosevelt has issued an annual proclamation declaring May 22nd as National Maritime Day. I am pleased that President Bush has continued that proud tradition again this year.

With yesterday's passage of House Concurrent Resolution 109, this body took a positive step toward recognizing the significant contributions of the United States Merchant Marine to our maritime defense and national security. This resolution acknowledges the critical role played by vessels of the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet in transporting equipment, supplies, and personnel to support the nation's defense and recognizing the historical significance of May 22nd as National Maritime Day. It encourages the American people and appropriate government agencies to recognize the services and sacrifices of the U.S. Merchant Marine through ceremonies. And it requests that all U.S. ships prominently display the American flag on this day. As a co-sponsor of this legislation, I am pleased to see its passage in the House.

It is fitting to honor the past and present members of the U.S. Merchant Marine. To this end, I introduced legislation in the last Congress to authorize additional federal funding

for the Merchant Marine Memorial Wall in San Pedro, California. This provision has been incorporated into broader legislation, H.R. 1098 and I am pleased with the legislative progress of the Maritime Policy Improvement Act of 2001 thus far. The House passed this measure in March by a bi-partisan vote of 415 to 3. The Senate Committee on Commerce recently approved this legislation. It is my hope that the full Senate will act soon on H.R. 1098 and that we will send this legislation to the President shortly.

I am proud to acknowledge the U.S. maritime fleet on National Maritime Day. Each day U.S. mariners diligently transport tons of imports and exports from ports around the country, many working in my district at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. On this day, we thank those people civilian and military, who spend their days on the water serving the American people.

THANKING JEAN HULL FOR HER
YEARS OF VOLUNTEER WORK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and say thank you to a resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. For 45 years, Jean Hull has volunteered her time with the hospital auxiliary. Throughout these 45 years, Jean has been a warm, friendly face for not only visitors but hospital employees as well.

Jean started out volunteering at the information desk in 1956 when the Valley View Hospital Auxiliary was formed. "She has lent her support for literally the entire existence of Valley View," said Gary Brewer, the Hospital Administrator. "Her gentle, competent and positive presence is valued by the hospital, and by our patients and families." Jean now volunteers every Thursday in the gift shop, where she is known as a very persuasive seller. Jean also helps with fund-raisers.

Other groups have benefited from Jean's willingness to volunteer her time. Jean was part of the Parent-Teacher Association. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Glenwood Springs, and for the past 28 years, she has been a member of the P.E.O., which raises money to help young women finish their education. "It's a tremen-

dous way for someone just moving into Glenwood to become acquainted. It's a wonderful way of doing something worthwhile. You feel like you're doing something for the community."

During the month of May, Valley View Hospital named Jean "Volunteer of the Year". "I was just overwhelmed, and very flattered of course," Jean said. "Many volunteers have many more hours than I do."

Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and Congress will join me in congratulating Jean on her award and thank her for all she has done for the community of Glenwood Springs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for several rollcall votes on May 21st and May 22nd due to flight delays and cancellations. The votes were on passage of H. Con. Res. 56, and on adoption of several amendments to H.R. 1, to Leave No Child Behind Act of 2001. If I had been present, I would have voted the following: rollcall vote No. 126—"yea"; rollcall vote No. 128—"yea"; rollcall vote No. 129—"yea"; rollcall vote No. 130—"nay"; and rollcall vote No. 131—"yea".

In particular, I want to voice my strong support for H. Con. Res. 56, a resolution recognizing National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. This resolution pays tribute to the roughly 2,400 American citizens who died in the attack that day, and to the more than 12,000 members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. The story of Pearl Harbor will always invoke tragic memories for all of us, and it is appropriate that we pay special tribute and respect towards the military men and women who have paid the ultimate price to preserve the freedoms we Americans enjoy to this day.

TRIBUTE TO WATERSHED PIONEER
LYNDON V. "LINDY" GRANAT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, a most respected member of Western Colorado passed away on May 12, 2001. Lyndon V. "Lindy" Granat was a pioneer in Western Colorado, and I would like Congress to pause a moment and recognize Lindy for his years of work and dedication to the community. Everyone who knew him will sorely miss him.

Lindy was born in Eagle Bend, Minnesota, and in 1920 at the age of seven he moved to Palisade, Colorado in 1920 with his family. He graduated from Palisade High School in 1930 and three years later he met his future wife, Violet Wolverton. He and Violet married in 1935. Lindy was a peach rancher until his retirement in 1978. According to his family, "Lindy had a lifelong love of Palisade, calling it 'God's Country' and Palisade is richer efforts."

Lindy spent a lifetime booster the town, fighting for every cause. During his life he belonged to countless organizations like the Peach Board of Control and the United Fruit Growers Association where he served on the board of directors. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and the Western Colorado Horticulture Society.

Lindy is best known for helping to build the Palisade Watershed along with George Nesbitt, Ray Denison, and Bob Flockhart. As a result, Lindy was often the unofficial tour guide. In 1995 the Town of Palisade named the Granat Reservoir in his honor because of his intimate knowledge of the watershed's development. The Palisade Watershed is how the town receives its water from the Grand Mesa.

"He was a true gentle giant because his heart overflowed with love—love for his family, friends and his town. He was loyal, the kind of man you could count on, no matter what the need," said the Palisade Tribune.

Mr. Speaker, Lyndon V. "Lindy" Granat deserves the thanks and praise of Congress for all of his work for the Town of Palisade throughout his life. The memory of Lindy will last forever with wife and his sons Gary and Roger, his daughter Ruth and his grandchildren.