

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.