

HONORING MR. JIM BRAY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and pay tribute to the passing of a valuable member of our community. The life of Jim Bray, a former resident of Snowmass, Colorado, was cut short at the age of 66 when he was hit by a car in front of his home in Prescott, Arizona. I would like his wife, Susan, and his sons, Alexander and Dennis, to know that many hearts are reaching out to them in their time of mourning.

Jim Bray was an accomplished man with a strong character. He was born in Halstead, Kansas in 1935. He graduated from high school in Houston, Texas in 1953 after which he attended both the University of Houston and the University of Hawaii. He then went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Air Force. His enduring drive led to a respected career as a professional hotel manager eventually bringing him to Snowmass, Colorado where he was a driving force behind the construction of the Snowmass Resort Association's Conference Center. Although he remained there for only 5 years, he had made a valuable contribution to the community that will endure for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, although the sudden death of Jim Bray is certainly unexpected, his memory will live in the hearts of many. His contributions and service to the community and the United States will not be forgotten. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Bray. He will surely be missed.

HONORING CONNI LOGAN

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I would like to acknowledge the loss of a valuable member of our community. Conni Logan suffered from a brief illness that took her life on August 13, 2001, at the age of 59. Conni was a loving wife and mother who had a deep passion for the arts and dedicated her life to teaching that appreciation to others.

Conni was born in 1942 as one of seven children in a family that valued and encouraged diversity. She went on to graduate from college with a degree in psychology after which she received master's degrees in art history and exhibition design.

Although living in Santa Fe, New Mexico when she passed, she had made valuable contributions to the State of Colorado as an educator. In 1993, she was a Program Director at the Aspen Campus of the Colorado Mountain College, Center for Excellence in Arts. In addition to curating 30 art exhibits during her time there, she also developed and instructed art history and principles in art courses using the college's telecourse system. Her move to Santa Fe gave her the opportunity to work at the Santa Fe Children's Museum and the Conlon Siegel Galleries.

Mr. Speaker, Conni made valuable contributions to the education of our community and through her creativity and leadership gave many a greater appreciation for the arts. Conni Logan will be remembered as a woman who saw the beauty of the world in a way that most of us do not experience. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to those close to Conni, as she will surely be missed.

HONORING POLICE OFFICER KEN
KIECK UPON HIS RETIREMENT**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, after 20 years of gracious service to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Ken Kieck has opted to retire as a member of the police force there. To serve the public in such a capacity is a position worthy of praise and I would like to recognize Ken's contributions to the people of Glenwood.

Ken constantly acted with high levels of energy as he trained new officers just entering the ranks in the department. The new officers referred to Ken as the "Answer Guy." He was very concerned with the proper education of the new officers and sought to ensure that they were taught the correct way the first time in every matter. Throughout his time on the force, Ken served as a patrolman, an interim Sergeant and an administrative officer.

To honorably serve the public is a great task and Ken's service has been one of pride and dedication. While Glenwood is safer due to the efforts of this officer, his contributions will be missed. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Ken Kieck for all that he has done and extend my warmest regard and best wishes to him upon his retirement and for many years to come.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
POLICE OFFICER SGT. TOM
MCCORKLE**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, to place your life in the line of duty day in and day out for the sake of others is an honorable and noble task, yet that is exactly what police officers do daily. Sgt. Tom McCorkle, who served as an officer in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, has recently announced his retirement after 23 years and I would like to accentuate the importance that he played in the community and thank him for his dedicated service.

Prior to his service in Glenwood, Tom was a police officer for four years in California. Glenwood Police Chief Terry Wilson noted how incredibly quick and accurate Tom was in all that he did. Sgt. McCorkle suffered a shoulder injury from an incident in which he was saving a person's life in 1984. Despite many attempts to heal his shoulder, its hindrance has forced Tom to end his career in public service.

Mr. Speaker, Sgt. Tom McCorkle acted with great professionalism in all that he did

throughout his career. He truly sought to ensure that pride and respect was upheld in conjunction with the community. Tom never forgot that safety and protection were the most important part of the service he offered to the people he served. It is with great pride that I recognize Tom and I would like to extend my appreciation to him for everything that he has done and wish him the best upon his retirement and many years to come.

HONORING PHIL MASON

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remember an honorable and distinguished man who served the State of Colorado for nearly three decades as a Colorado Division of Wildlife officer. It is with profound sadness, that I now rise to honor the life and memory of Mr. Phil Mason who recently passed away.

Phil was a caring and compassionate individual who was dedicated to teaching youngsters about wildlife and their surroundings in Hinsdale County. Phil, for example, would often bring an injured eagle or hawk to the local elementary school to give children a first-hand experience with nature. He worked in Lake City as a Colorado Division of Wildlife officer, and was also engaged civically as Mayor and as Trustee on the Town Board of Lake City. Phil was committed both to his State and to his community by putting the interests of others before his own. Phil established himself in his community as an outstanding, hard-working, and respectable man who could be counted on as a friend, coworker, and teacher. Literally everyone turned to Phil for guidance and friendship. Phil's memory will live on with those whose lives have been touched by him.

Mr. Speaker, at the age of 60, Mr. Phil Mason will be especially missed by his wife, two children, and brother. As family and friends mourn his passing, his compassion will shine through the hearts of those close to him and to those who knew him best. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and warmest regards to his family during this time of remembrance. Phil Mason will surely be missed.

REMEMBERING MR. ED BRADBURY

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remember a caring and compassionate family man from Salida, Colorado who has recently passed. It is with profound sadness that I now rise to honor the life and memory of Mr. Ed Bradbury.

Born and raised in Granite, Ed was a dedicated citizen who spent time with the U.S. Army in Germany before heading back home to Salida in order to pursue a life in public service. Ed was elected and served on the Salida City Council for 10 years prior to being elected as a Chaffee County Commissioner where he served diligently for eight years.