

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING STEVEN
KISTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steven Kister for winning the American Vineyard Grower-of-the-Year Award. Mr. Kister is the current president of the Raisin Bargaining Association, making him and his father the only father and son to have both been elected as president of the RBA.

In June of 1999, Kister became a member of the new California Raisin Marketing Board (CRMB), focusing on increasing the market demand for raisins through such actions as increasing consumer awareness of the nutritional value of raisins.

Kister dedicates much of his time to dealing with issues of importance to growers, such as labor shortages, government regulations and the cost of production. In addition, Mr. Kister has worked to bring together members of the agricultural and urban communities in California's great Central Valley for their mutual benefit.

Mr. Kister is a third generation farmer in Kerman, where he lives with his wife, Linda, and their two children, Claire and Eric.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Mr. Steven Kister and his long-standing commitment and dedication to the San Joaquin Valley and California agriculture. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Steven and wishing him many more years of continued success.

NOTING THE CLOSING OF AN ERA;
THE RELOCATION OF JOLLY
RANCHER CANDIES

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the Jolly Rancher candy company and to express sadness that its factory in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, is closing next year after 53 years of production.

Bill and Dorothy Harmsen opened the Jolly Rancher factory in Wheat Ridge in 1949. They named the factory Jolly Rancher for the welcoming and western sound of the name. The couple started the business with chocolate and ice cream production. However, they soon found nation-wide success in its line of fruit flavored hard candy.

Bill and Dorothy sold the factory to Beatrice foods in 1966, but still stayed personally involved with production. Bill was known to come down to the factory in his bathrobe in the middle of the night if there was a problem. As a result of their hard work, the company

grew, and has earned fame as a favorite all over the world.

Currently, the factory produces about one million pounds of candy every week and employs three hundred and twenty people. The factory was eventually sold to Hershey who has decided to shut down the original production facility in Wheat Ridge and relocate it to another location.

The growth and success of the Jolly Rancher factory is a real life example of the American Dream; with hard work and ingenuity anything is possible.

Perhaps more impressive than the company's success, is the impact that the factory has made on the surrounding community. While the factory produces the flavor of the day, the aroma encompasses the surrounding community. The fruit fragrance makes mouths water and tests the culinary aptitude of children as they try to guess the flavor that the factory is making that day. Adults in the area remember touring the factory as children and being permitted to taste warm Jolly Ranchers right off the assembly line. Trick or treaters would go to the factory every Halloween to have loads of candy dumped into their Halloween sacks.

This Colorado confectionery has delighted the sweet tooth of the community for decades. It is a landmark and member of the community. I join with others in the community to express my disappointment that this fixture of the community and example of small business success is being relocated.

HONORING DANIEL S. GOLDIN AS
THE LONGEST SERVING ADMIN-
ISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL
AERONAUTICS AND SPACE AD-
MINISTRATION

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Dan Goldin, who is leaving his position as administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Dan, who was appointed on April 1, 1992, is the longest-serving administrator in the history of NASA. On March 5, 2001, his time in office surpassed that of James Fletcher, who held the previous record of nearly nine years during two separate terms.

As ranking member of the Committee on Science's Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, I have worked with Dan for many years. I have learned that his passion is not limited to the exploration of space. He also cares deeply about the possibilities of science and space to inspire life on Earth. I certainly know that many students in Middle Tennessee have been encouraged and inspired by Dan's vision for space exploration.

Dan initiated his tenure at NASA by leading an agency-wide process to define a NASA

Strategic Plan as the consensus definition of the agency's mission and goals. The core guidance in this document states: "NASA's mission success starts with safety. A commitment to safety permeates everything we do." Dan has not wavered in enforcing this priority in every aspect of the agency on the ground and in space.

During Dan's tenure, the International Space Station went from the drawing boards to a fully functional, permanently staffed orbital research laboratory. He directed the Space Station re-design, holding together the coalition of international participants while incorporating the former Soviet Union hardware elements into the design. By developing the cooperative Mir research program with Russia, he enabled Space Station partners to conduct long-term space flight research even before the International Space Station was operational.

Dan's comprehensive strategy for space exploration is exemplified by the "Origins Program." He initiated this program with objectives to understand how the universe has evolved, to learn how life began on Earth, and to see if life exists elsewhere. He formulated a rescue plan for the installation of a "contact lens" on the Hubble Space Telescope, leading to startling discoveries of the cosmos. Dan has challenged the Origins scientists to search for Earth-like planets within 100 light years of Earth. He also has laid the foundation to complete the first scientific census of the solar system and to send the first probe into interstellar space.

Dan has been a vigorous proponent for increased exploration of Mars. He has established a series of robotic missions that will visit the planet every two years for the next decade and has assured that the public will share in the excitement of Mars exploration. His direction to provide Internet access for the Mars Pathfinder mission resulted in more than three-quarters of a billion "hits" from people tuning in to the site.

In 1998, Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine honored Dan with the Laurel Award for outstanding achievement in aviation and aerospace. The award was presented along with the commentary that Dan has "delivered on his promise to reshape NASA into a model government agency."

This year Dan was awarded one of one of France's highest and most distinguished honors: the "Officer of the Legion of Honor." This award recognized his contribution to the development and broadening of American-French civil space cooperation through cooperative ventures including the International Space Station, Mars exploration, Earth observations, and the flight of French astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle.

Under Dan's leadership NASA has reached out to honor the victims of last month's terrorist attacks in New York. The next mission of the Space Shuttle Endeavour will carry "Flags for Heroes and Families." Thousands of American flags will be carried into space by Endeavor and its seven member crew and, upon

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return to Earth, will be distributed to the victims' families and survivors of the September 11 attacks.

Dan always recognized NASA's potential to inspire students to elect careers in science, mathematics and engineering. His personal leadership and the NASA programs that he supported have involved hundreds of students in hands-on research experiences. NASA's Summer High School Apprenticeship Research Program not only allows the students to actually participate in research, but it also pays them a salary as well. This intensive science and engineering apprenticeship program is specifically designed to attract and increase underrepresented students' participation and success rates in mathematics, science, technology and engineering courses.

Mr. Speaker, the nation is fortunate to have such outstanding public servants as Administrator Goldin. He has led NASA and its international partners in exploring the frontiers of space and inspiring benefits to life on Earth. Accordingly, it is appropriate today that we recognize and highly commend Daniel Goldin as the longest serving administrator of NASA and that we express our appreciation for his leadership of the nation's space program.

LARISSA JAFFE MEMORIAL

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to speak of the death of Ms. Larissa Jaffe of Salt Lake City, Utah. Ms. Jaffe was a 63-year-old Peace Corp volunteer in Zimbabwe when she was killed in a suspected homicide. Although the two men who are believed to be the perpetrators of this heinous crime have been apprehended, the loss to Ms. Jaffe's family, the Peace Corps, and indeed, the United States is great.

Ms. Jaffe is a perfect example of what every American should hope to be. A Russian immigrant, she had a strong commitment to education. When she became a naturalized citizen of the United States, she already held a PhD in geology from the Academy of Sciences in Moscow. While living in the US she obtained a Masters Degree in foreign language instruction and a technical degree in data processing. She was a certified teacher in Utah, a certified nursing assistant in California, and an emergency medical technician.

While Ms. Jaffe lived a life of learning, she enjoyed teaching others as well. She was a teacher in Utah, Massachusetts and California. She had experience in medical research and even worked analyzing the effectiveness of health care institutions.

In 1994 and 1995, she fulfilled her desires to travel by traveling to over two-dozen countries in a solo trek around the world. She visited South America and Southeast Asia extensively, and explored Morocco, Russia and Australia. Her desire for adventure culminated in her decision to give two years out of her life to serve in the Peace Corps in Zimbabwe.

Of all that can be said of her, the words of Peace Corps Acting Deputy Director Lloyd Pierson are the most fitting. He said, "Mrs. Jaffe's death is an enormous loss to Peace Corps. . . . From all that I have come to

know about Mrs. Jaffe, she was industrious, innovative, creative and motivated. She was an inspiration and role model to her colleagues and the staff."

TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES ARMY MAJOR DWAYNE WILLIAMS

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor United States Army Major Dwayne Williams. Major Williams was a man who dedicated his life to God and his country. He had recently completed the Army Command General College officer course and was assigned to work at the Pentagon in July. Unfortunately, Major Williams was assigned to an Army wing of the Pentagon that was struck by the hijacked plane on September 11, 2001, and lost his life to the terrorist attack.

Major Williams, only 40 years old, already had an impressive record of service to our nation. He started as a paratrooper and served with the elite rangers at Fort Benning, Georgia and later served in the Persian Gulf War. He spent three years in Egypt at the American embassy and then two years as a company commander at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Major Dwayne Williams had strong ties to the 511 District of Alabama, where his parents still reside. Major Williams was a star football player at Jacksonville High School and later at the University of North Alabama. He leaves behind his wife Tammy and his two children, Tyler and Kelsie; his parents, Horace and Pearl Williams; and his three brothers, Roy Williams, Air Force Staff Sergeant Troy Williams, and Army Sergeant 1st Class Kim Williams. Major Dwayne Williams was an eighteen year veteran of the United States Army and will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and also by the country that he dutifully and selflessly served for many years.

HONORING THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FRESNO DISTRICT OFFICE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Fresno District Office for their contributions and efforts in the community. The U.S. Small Business Administration is an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

The Fresno District Office has been transformed into one of the most user-friendly vital economic development resources for the business community in the Central Valley. Over the past five years, the Fresno District Office has assisted over 3,893 businesses with loans totaling \$1.1 billion. The Fresno District Office works by a simple motto: be visible, proactive and responsive to the business community and other resource partners.

The Fresno District Office has had a presence in Fresno, California for over thirty years, working with and assisting local businesses. In 2000, the Fresno District Office was the recipient of the Fresno Bee's prestigious "Central California Excellence in Business Award" for Finance/Banking/Insurance. The SBA Fresno District Office is the first Federal Agency to receive this award. This is a testament to the SBA's dedication to economic development and high standards of customer service.

Although the SBA has grown and evolved in the years since it was established in 1953, the bottom line mission remains the same: they help Americans start, build and grow businesses. Through an extensive network of field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations, SBA delivers its services to people throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Fresno District Office of the Small Business Administration for their contributions to the economy of the California Central Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno District Office of the SBA many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR D.L. "DON" PARSONS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service of the Mayor of Northglenn, D.L. "Don" Parsons. Mayor Parsons is retiring this year, after serving the City of Northglenn for 14 years.

Mr. Parsons was born in Brewster, Kansas and graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Business Administration. He was President and CEO of the Rocky Mountain Natural Gas Company and Manager of State Legislation for KN Energy, Inc. Mr. Parsons currently heads up his own consulting firm, specializing in utility management, rates and finance. In addition to being an active member of Colorado's oil and gas community, the Mayor has dedicated much of his time to improving the quality of life for the people of Northglenn.

After being elected to public office in 1987, Mr. Parsons has brought economic development to his city, while allowing it to maintain its small town identity. Northglenn is a great place to live and raise children, and this is a direct reflection of Don Parsons' guidance and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mayor Parsons for his vision and his hard work. I would like to thank him for his years of public service. His dedication to those who elected him is admirable, and I wish him much success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING VICTIMS OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims who lost their lives in the