

Security, the environment, energy and Medicare. Now, due to our plummeting surplus, we do not have the money to begin talking about these problems, let alone solving them.

It is time to take action. It is time to be honest with the American people. It is time to discard ineffective policies that leave us with no hope of a balanced budget between now and 2011. It is time to stand behind initiatives that leave room for emergencies and "rainy days," initiatives that do not exclude the average working man and woman, and initiatives that benefit not just 10 percent of the population but the entire population. It is time to implement an effective and proven resolution to tax cuts, Medicare, Social Security, unemployment, the national debt, and every other American priority.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OLIVE  
MORTON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Olive Morton and thank her for her extraordinary contributions to Routt County and Colorado Mountain College. Olive's life-long dedication to the pursuit of excellence as an educator and volunteer for community organizations is matched only by the level of integrity and honesty with which she has conducted herself each and every day. She will always be remembered at Colorado Mountain College as a person with the utmost dedication and talent, and will continue to be known as a leader in her community. After over thirty years of service, Olive is retiring from her position as Director of the Alpine Campus of the college. As she celebrates her retirement, I feel that it is only appropriate to recognize her achievements and dedication to education expressed throughout her career.

Olive has been a pioneering spirit all of her life. She began her career as one of the first employees at the Colorado Mountain College—Alpine Campus. Through her countless hours devoted to the college and its students, she has helped to bring Colorado Mountain College from its infancy to a well-respected and renowned institute today. Olive not only has shown the strength to be the foundation for the college but has also crafted the vision for its future. Known among her colleagues for her inspiration, her professionalism, fairness and her leadership, Olive will be deeply missed.

Olive has brought her strong work ethic and commitment to excellence to community activities for many years. This year Olive is continuing to serve as the Republican Chairperson for Routt County in Colorado, a position in which she has served for several terms. Her commitment as an educator and as a civil servant has led her to combine her two passions, and as a result she has faithfully represented the academic world and her political party.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Olive Morton is a woman of unparalleled dedication and commitment to both her professional and civic endeavors. It is her unrelenting passion for each and every thing she does, as well as her spirit

of honesty and integrity with which she has always conducted herself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress, and this nation. Olive Morton is a remarkable woman, who has achieved extraordinary things in her career and in her community, and I would like to extend to her my congratulations on her retirement and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING MARCIA F. VOLPERT

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2002*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor our good friend Marcia F. Volpert who will be presented with an award for Exceptional Community Leadership at the Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles (JFSLA) annual award dinner on May 19, 2002. This prestigious award, known as the "Fammy" award is given to one exceptional person each year who has served both the JFSLA and the community at large.

We have known Marcia for many years and know firsthand of her dedication, commitment and numerous accomplishments. For more than twelve years Marcia helped guide, grow and promote JFSLA as an actively engaged Board Member. She also served as its Secretary and Vice President while at the same time playing a valuable role on key committees including Strategic & Planning and Public Relations & Marketing.

Marcia has been active with many Jewish causes and organizations. She has served as both the Vice President and Chair of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles and the Jewish Community Relations Committee. In addition she has held a number of very important positions including Chair of the LA Jewish Population Survey, Vice Chair of the Jewish Federation Strategic Planning Committee and Chair of the Statewide Jewish Public Affairs Committee. Also, she is well known for her leadership within the Soviet Jewry Movement.

In addition to her prodigious work with Jewish organizations, Marcia has given her time and energy to many other civic and public services. She served as a Los Angeles Civil Service Commissioner, a Water and Power Commissioner and President of the Los Angeles County Board of Education. She is currently a member of the committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

To say that Marcia has earned this Fammy Award is an understatement. She is a remarkable person who we are privileged to know and to call a friend. It is our distinct pleasure to ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Marcia F. Volpert for all of her outstanding achievements, and to congratulate her for receiving this year's Fammy award.

A TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER GONZALEZ ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2002*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alexander Gonzalez, the President of California State University San Marcos. This morning, President Gonzalez was sworn in to serve on President Bush's Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. President Bush authorized the Commission in October 2001, and charged it with creating a multi-year plan to close the educational achievement gap between Hispanic American students and their peers.

On September 1, 1999 I stood beside Alexander Gonzalez while he was sworn in as the second President of the California State University at San Marcos. Together, we recognized the achievements of the University, which was celebrating its tenth anniversary, and reflected on the greatness and potential of the institution and its people.

Since his inauguration, President Gonzalez has worked to make the University an epicenter for the diverse community that it serves. Under his leadership, Cal State San Marcos has expanded the National Latino Research Center, which disseminates research-based information regarding Hispanic populations in the U.S. The NLRC also facilitates the training of researchers to do research on Hispanic populations.

Cal State San Marcos has also expanded The Barahona Center for the Study of Books in Spanish, which collects, catalogues, and reviews the world's only complete collection of Spanish-language books published since 1989 for children and adolescents. Programs of the Barahona Center focus on skill development in literacy, including literacy training for educators and parents, and services to assist librarians, parents, and teachers in book selection.

In addition to these programs which document the history of Hispanic Americans, President Gonzalez is also working to improve their future, as Cal State San Marcos is training a new generation of teachers for our Nation's schools.

As a former teacher and coach myself, both for students in public schools and for fighter pilots at the Top Gun Navy Fighter Weapons School at Miramar, I share with President Gonzalez a strong commitment to excellent education, and a desire to share this enthusiasm for learning. It is frustrating to me that our educational system has created an achievement gap between Hispanic Americans and their peers. Closing this achievement gap is going to require a fresh perspective on an old problem. Having seen the changes that Cal State San Marcos has inspired in our local community, I am confident that Alexander Gonzalez will be able to provide that perspective for the President's Commission. I am proud to rise today to recognize President Gonzalez, and I look forward to my continuing work with him to improve academic achievement for Hispanic Americans in San Diego, and now all across our great Nation.