

Native contracting of Federal land management functions and activities and to promote hiring of Alaska Natives by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) was enacted on December 2, 1980 as Public Law 96-487. Since then, Congress has passed several public laws which have amended ANILCA. The 1980 ANILCA amendments expanded the federal refuge and park systems in Alaska for the purposes of protecting habitat for fish and wildlife, to conserve fish and wildlife populations, and to provide the continued opportunity for subsistence uses by local Alaska Native residents and to protect archaeological sites associated with Alaska Native cultures.

Many rural Alaska native communities are located within close proximity of the refuges and serve an important part of the culture and ways of Alaska natives and other residents in rural Alaska. Congress, through sections 1307 and 1308 of the 1980 ANILCA amendments, directed the Secretary of the Interior to establish programs whereby Alaska natives were to be given preference in hiring, and to establish programs whereby Native lands were given preference for siting of conservation service unit facilities. The provisions also recognized that the Natives whose front and back yards were now part of the federal parks and preserves systems were the best individuals to be involved in the administering of the lands because of their special knowledge or expertise concerning the natural or cultural resources of such areas.

Public Law 106-488 authorized demonstration projects in four areas in northwest Alaska: (1) Bering Land Bridge National Preserve (2) Cape Krusenstern National Monument (3) Kobuk Valley National Park and (4) Noatak National Preserve in fiscal years 2000 and 2001. No demonstration project has been entered in either fiscal years 2000 or 2001 with the above named four areas at the Department of the Interior.

It has been twenty two (22) years since the 1980 ANILCA amendments were enacted, and the contracting and native hires provisions remain unfulfilled by the Department of the Interior. This bill would remedy this by directing the Department of the Interior to enter into demonstration projects with no less than six eligible Alaska Native tribes or tribal organizations in fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

This bill is a result of the legislative council of the Alaska Federation of Natives to address the contracting and hiring preference for Alaska native entities pursuant to the 1980 ANILCA amendments.

LINDA AND GEORGE PERNO
NAMED KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Linda and George Perno who are being honored as Kiwanians of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Astoria/Long Island City. Their contributions to the community have touched many lives. It is a pleasure to pay tribute to both of these illustrious community leaders.

Linda and George Perno started their business, Lincolne Lithograph, in 1975. True partners in business and in life, they are both deeply involved in community activities. Born and raised in Astoria, Queens, Ms. Perno's passion for community service started when she was an office volunteer at her son's kindergarten. Ms. Perno is a current Board Member and Past President of the Astoria Civic Association. She also sits on its Scholarship Committee, and Chairs the Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner Dance which draws over four hundred people annually.

Ms. Perno was recently voted President Elect of Astoria Long Island City Kiwanis. She has been a board member of Community Board 1 for the past ten years, and is currently the Chairperson of Education. She was also appointed to the Board of Directors of SHAREing & CAREing, a support group for breast cancer survivors in western Queens, and is the Chairperson of Fundraising. Ms. Perno strength in education and youth make her a partner in SHAREing & CAREing's educational and youth outreach program. Ms. Perno serves as President of the Broadway-Astoria Merchants & Professionals Association.

Mr. Perno also joined the fight against breast cancer and provided his input in designing all of SHAREing & CAREing's printed matter.

Mr. Perno is a member of the Board of Directors of Astoria Civic Association and is currently a Vice President. He is Sergeant-at-Arms for the Astoria/Long Island City Kiwanis and is a thirty-five year member and a Past Deputy Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Spellman & Colon Councils.

Mr. and Mrs. Perno are the proud parents of two and the grandparents of three. In 2001, they sponsored their grandson's baseball team for Elmjack Little League.

In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Linda and George Perno as Kiwanians of the Year. The Pernos' dedication to our community serves as a model of commitment to us all.

IN HONOR OF THE ADDITION OF
DEPUTY SHERIFF CLARENCE
LACROIX TO THE NATIONAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Deputy Sheriff Clarence LaCroix. Deputy LaCroix, who was killed in the line of duty seventy-seven years ago this August 25, was added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington, D.C. today.

Deputy LaCroix served Macomb County as Deputy Sheriff on motorcycle patrol for a short time before his death. While riding on duty, Deputy LaCroix's motorcycle was brushed by an automobile that turned in front of him. Both motorcycle and rider were thrown into a ditch, killing Deputy LaCroix. An investigation into the matter ruled the incident to be accidental.

Just twenty-nine years of age at the time of his death, Deputy LaCroix left behind a wife

and two small children. Some of his descendants still live in the St. Clair Shores area.

It is only fitting that a public servant like Clarence LaCroix is recognized on the National Law Enforcement Memorial for his service to the citizens of Macomb County. He paid the ultimate price while fulfilling the duties of his office. Truly, he represents the best ideals of law enforcement: dedication, devotion, and duty.

Deputy LaCroix's name will be added today to the National Law Enforcement Memorial at a candlelight vigil. As he is remembered through this distinction, we should also honor his memory by praying for the safety and security of all men and women in law enforcement.

HONORING THE WOODBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Woodbridge community in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Woodbridge Senior Center. As the center for senior activities, the Woodbridge Senior Center has become a landmark in our community.

With the establishment of a local Commission on Aging in 1977, there was an assessment of the needs of the elderly in Woodbridge. Almost immediately, the Commission found that there was a lack of space for a place for seniors to gather. Under the remarkable leadership of Patricia Gilbert and the founding members, the Commission on Aging successfully negotiated for space at Center School, adopted a budget, completed a needs assessment survey, formulated policies, opened the lounge and office, developed a volunteer transportation service and established several programs—all within nine months.

In the years since its inception, the Woodbridge Senior Center has developed a very unique relationship with the community. Through the Woodbridge Awareness to Crime and Home Safety (WATCH) Council, the Senior Center and the Woodbridge Police Department joined together to develop programming aimed at reducing fear of crime and improving the quality of life for seniors. Each year, the Senior Center sponsors an afternoon tea at which they honor the many volunteers who assist them throughout the year. Working with the town officials, the Senior Center was able to secure a handicapped accessible van which provides transportation to the senior and disabled community. These are only a few of the many outstanding programs the Center has offered to Woodbridge seniors.

Our seniors deserve to have a place in each of our communities where they can socialize as well as access much needed programs. In the quarter of a century since the Senior Center was established, the efforts of the staff and volunteers has greatly improved the quality of life of Woodbridge Seniors. Providing invaluable programs and services, they have made a real difference in the community as a whole. Even today, the Senior Center continues to