

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLORADO STUDENT HISTORIANS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding history education program in Colorado and throughout the United States. National History Day is a year-long nonprofit program through which students in grades 6–12 research and create historical projects related to a broad theme, culminating in an annual contest. This year's National History Day theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History," encompasses endless possibilities for exploration. Each year more than 700,000 students participate in this nationwide event that encourages students to delve into various facets of world, national, regional, or local history and to produce original research projects.

By encouraging young Coloradans and other young men and women to take advantage of the wealth of primary historical resources available to them, students are able to gain a richer understanding of historical issues, ideas, people, and events. Students in this program learn how to analyze a variety of primary sources, such as photographs, letters, posters, maps, artifacts, sound recordings and motion pictures. This significant academic exercise encourages intellectual growth while helping students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills that will help them manage and use information.

I want to take a moment to pay tribute to the four students who will represent Colorado at this year's National History Day contest. Amy Lewis of Summit Middle School in Frisco, Colorado, with the assistance of her teacher Sam Havens, wrote a fine paper entitled "The Automobile: A Revolution of a Lifetime." Amy Wiley's exhibit, "The Incredible Mill Girl Revolution," represents her hard work and the dedication of Dana Ferguson and all the fine teachers at Connect Middle School of Pueblo. Finally, Angie Mestas and Martina Zinr, of Ortega Middle School in Alamosa, have prepared "Sewer Systems: Revolution in Urban Sanitation," a group project under the supervision of teacher Carrie Zimmerman.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to applaud the dedication of these students and the hours of education, devotion and friendship provided to them by their respective teachers. The National History Day program is truly a great asset to Colorado's and our nation's educators and students in their quest for educational excellence. The program represents hope for improving historical knowledge and perspective and the future of our young people as citizens of the world. I thank all those involved in making this competition possible and I wish our own Colorado delegation good luck as they match wits with students from across the country.

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR RICHARD McCRAY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard McCray of the University of Colorado, who is one of six professors nationwide being recognized and rewarded with a National Science Foundation Director's Award for Distinguished Teaching Scholars.

The NSF Director's Award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to research in their discipline as well as education of undergraduate students, including those who are not majoring in the sciences. It is the highest honor bestowed by the National Science Foundation for excellence in both teaching and research.

In awarding this honor to Prof. McCray, the NSF selection committee commended him for his many innovative contributions in the area of teaching standards. In particular, the committee credited Prof. McCray's use of Web-based learning tools with transforming the way introductory astronomy is taught to large classes.

Prof. McCray has been a member of the National Academy of Sciences since 1989, as well as a member of the Educational Advisory Board of the American Astronomical Society, and his many other accomplishments are too numerous to mention here. This award singles out Prof. McCray for his contributions to the University of Colorado, to the teaching profession, and to the overall enhancement of undergraduate education. He deserves to be proud of his efforts to strengthen the standard of excellence toward which our nation's professors and educational institutions strive.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT J. COURTER, JR., COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American patriot who has spent his entire adult life in the service of his country. Major General Robert J. Courter Jr., United States Air Force, is retiring from duty, bringing to a close his admirable 33-year military career.

A 1968 graduate of Rutgers University, Major General Courter, commanded two squadrons as a base civil engineer. He attained the academic position of associate professor of engineering management at the Air

Force Institute of Technology and served in two different key resource management positions at the Headquarters of the United States Air Force here in Washington, D.C. General Courter has served as the command civil engineer at Air Force Logistics Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. General Courter also served as the 37th Training Wing commander at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas, a society fellow, and national board member of the Society of American Military Engineers.

Throughout his dedicated career Major General Courter was decorated for his service. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

In his most recent assignment Major General Courter served as the director of the Defense Commissary Agency, at Fort Lee, in the Fourth District of Virginia. In this capacity, Major General Courter was responsible for directing and centrally managing the military's worldwide commissary system.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the representative of the citizens of Virginia's 4th District to congratulate Major General Courter on the completion of his outstanding career and to thank him for his dedicated service to the United States of America. Please join me in wishing General Courter happiness for the future and thank him for his dutiful dedication to service.

IN RECOGNITION OF RENEE D. MARTINEZ

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Renee D. Martinez for becoming the first woman and first Latina to achieve a position at the level of permanent Vice President of Workforce Education and Economic Development in the history of East Los Angeles College in Monterey Park, California.

Throughout her entire professional career, Ms. Martinez has remained committed to improving educational access and opportunities for the community. Ms. Martinez began serving the East Los Angeles community in 1968 at the Hammel Street Children Center as a teacher, consultant and supervisor.

In 1974, Ms. Martinez joined East Los Angeles College as a coordinator for the Outreach Education Associate Program for Education Aides. She then became a professor in the Child Development program and soon became the Chairperson for the Family & Consumer Studies Department. Shortly after, Ms.

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Martinez became Co-Director and Trainer of the Independent Living Program for Adults and Teenagers. From there, Ms. Martinez became Director of the Foster Care Education Program. In 1995, Ms. Martinez was appointed Director/Associate Dean of Student Activities. In 1996, Ms. Martinez was promoted to Dean of Academic Affairs. Since 2000, she has served as temporary Vice President of Workforce Education and Economic Development.

In addition to her professional contributions to the East Los Angeles College community, Ms. Martinez has spent her time and energy serving on numerous advisory committees for organizations like: East Los Angeles YMCA, Las Madrinas de Montebello, Friends of El Centro Mental Health Center, Latinas Partners for Health HIV/AIDS, and many others. Ms. Martinez's commitment to the community and hard work earned her various awards, such as: the Mexican American Alumni Award, 1992; National Head Start Latino Leadership, 2000; and Director of the Year-Foster Care Education, 1994.

Ms. Martinez currently resides in Hacienda Heights, CA. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University of Los Angeles and a Master of Arts degree from University of San Francisco.

It gives me great pride to honor and congratulate Renee D. Martinez for achieving the position of permanent Vice President of Workforce Education and Economic Development at East Los Angeles College and her many contributions to our community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE RUSTY
CANNON MOTEL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to the Rusty Cannon Motel for its contributions to the business community of Rifle, Colorado. The Rusty Cannon was recently awarded the "Business of the Year" award by the Rifle Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the faith and quality service that the motel's owners have shown through the establishment's 20 years in operation.

Opening its doors in Rifle on May 1, 1982, the Rusty Cannon Motel was built to accommodate the oil shale boom which had significantly increased the demand for lodging in the area. When a major oil producer pulled the plug on their oil shale operations in the region only one day later, the Rusty Cannon's owners—Bob Cross, Dennis Foster and Bob McMichael—were forced to rethink their plans for the newly-built 89-room hotel.

After 20 years of successful operation, the Rusty Cannon's celebration of this impressive anniversary serves as a testament to the ingenuity, faith and management prowess of the motel's ownership. The Rusty Cannon's success has truly been a community effort, with managers Bunny and Larry Rohrig crediting the high quality of the local housekeeping and front desk help for much of the success which the establishment has enjoyed over its two decades of operation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I take this opportunity to bring the Rusty Cannon Motel's

twentieth anniversary to the attention of this body of Congress and congratulate managers Bunny and Larry Rohrig on being named the 2001 Business of the Year by the Rifle Chamber of Commerce. The devotion and hard work which has been invested by the Rusty Cannon's owners, managers and staff to make this motel a successful enterprise has been a shining example of the American ingenuity which makes our nation great.

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as all Americans should rise in support of service to the greatest Nation in the history of the world.

As we speak, American men and women are in harms way across the world fighting terrorist enemies who only nine short months ago launched an unprecedented assault against our Nation, our people and our institutions. Above all, they launched an assault against the values and principles of freedom and liberty that are the very foundation of our Republic, and the reason that we are the model for democracy all across our planet.

America is the terrorist's worst nightmare, for we are truly a guiding lamp of liberty, a model of justice that men and women all over the world flock to each year, an extraordinary place where the children of immigrants became as much Americans as the descendants of the Mayflower.

There are many ways to serve America's freedom. We are proud of our sons and daughters who risk their lives to protect our liberty. Their military courage inspires us.

But there are other ways to serve America. There are other ways to strengthen the United States, to strengthen our pluralism, to extend the American dream across our continent.

Mr. Speaker, in this time of national crisis, it is time for Americans to pay back to this country in ways both large and small, some of the great gifts that this Nation, and this land, and this system have given to all of our people.

I remember as a child hearing the stirring words of John Fitzgerald Kennedy calling Americans to service around the world in the Peace Corps.

I remember the words and programs of Lyndon Baines Johnson building the Great Society—from Head Start to Community Action Programs to Legal Services for the Poor. He fulfilled President Kennedy's dream with the formation of the domestic Peace Corps—VISTA—Volunteers in Service to America.

I recall the words of President George Herbert Walker Bush in his Points of Light initiative to expand volunteerism in America.

And I recall the words of President Bill Clinton when, as one of the first initiatives of his presidency, he sought the creation of the AmeriCorps program to encourage more young Americans to serve their country.

And today, I am proud of the determination, and the commitment, and the idealism of the thousands of Americans who serve in AmeriCorps.

I am stirred by the passion of thousands of young Americans, straight out of college with

endless possibilities to make huge salaries, who have chosen instead to give two years back to their Nation in the extraordinary Teach For America program. One of those American patriots is Sarah Siegel, the daughter of my own Chief of Staff.

Mr. Speaker, there are all kinds of courage in this world. Civil courage is every bit as significant as military courage. The thousands of volunteers demonstrate courage every day by sacrificing their time to help their fellow citizens. I am proud to witness this strength of character in America.

Mr. Speaker, there are many ways to demonstrate character in the new millennium. But I suggest to you today, as we celebrate National Service Day, that a fundamental demonstration of American character, values and commitment to the future, is service to our Nation.

President Kennedy challenged Americans with his call to "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,"—and America has responded.

On this day, I praise all who are paying to their Nation and their communities, and accepting the personal responsibilities inherent in citizenship. I pray that their good work, and their good deeds, and their good hearts, will become a model for generations of Americans yet unborn, on how to be a responsible citizen of the United States of America.

DECLARING COLORADO OPEN FOR
BUSINESS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce that Colorado is open for business! Recently, in great State of Colorado has been the focus of a lot attention because of the fires. However, the fires are burning only in one-percent of the state and much of our beautiful state has not been affected by fire.

Many people associate Colorado with winter sports like skiing and snowboarding, but there is no where on Earth during the summertime like Colorado. Our state is home to fifty-three 14,000-foot peaks that are ready to be conquered, several creeks and rivers ripe for fishing or rafting, and numerous golf courses and mountain bike and hiking trails.

Summer vacationers can take a ride on the Summer Ski Train to Winter Park. Music lovers can watch the sun set over the Rocky Mountains and take in the sounds of the National Repertory Orchestra in Breckenridge or at the Hot Summer Nights Concerts in Vail. Visit historic Central City and try your luck at one of the area's casinos. Or come to the River Run Annual Bluegrass and Beer Festival and Fiddle Contest and Bluegrass Concert in the Park Lane Pavilion at Keystone Resort. Sip on a tall cool one, grab a dance partner, marvel at the talents of the best fiddlers and watch the state's best lumberjacks compete for the title. And what would the Fourth of July be without the Greeley Independence Stampede, which is home to the largest Fourth of July Rodeo in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, we appreciate all that the nation has done to assist us in fighting wildland fire. But there is nothing like a summer in Colorado. Colorado is open for business. Come one, come all and enjoy Colorful Colorado.