

As the market for sporting goods and competition for the community's business increased, Gene has managed to stay successful through his hard work and dedication to his community. As an active business and civic member and provider of financial assistance to worthy causes, Gene's stores are covered with banners from local schools thanking him for his help and support to their causes. His latest contribution to the city was the donation of five and one half acres for a new skating rink in Grand Junction, the Charlene Glebler Community Ice Arena. This donation, along with Gene's life-long belief in community service, is one of the many admirable qualities of this man and I am grateful for his service to the area.

As a family friend and admirer of Gene, let me point out that the entire family is involved in the operation and all carry Gene's commitment to excellence in their daily lives. Gene is well known as a loving husband to his wife Beverly, and a devoted father to his six children Roseanne, Duke, Marshall, Amy, Tony, and Jenny.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and satisfaction that I bring the life and accomplishments of Gene Taylor to the attention of this

nation today. Gene's success story serves as a model example of hard work and perseverance for a member of the business and civic community and I am honored to represent Gene and his family before this body of Congress. Gene and his family have been well-respected members of the Grand Junction community for many years and I am grateful for their service.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO HENRY H.  
CAIRNS, SR.

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 8, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Henry H. Cairns Sr. of San Diego, California. Henry Cairns, known as Hank, honorably devoted his life to defending the freedoms of our nation. He upheld America's liberty and has earned a place amongst our country's leaders. Today we mourn the

loss of a courageous father, grandfather, husband, brother, son, and soldier.

Hank moved to Colorado when he was six weeks old, and he spent most of his adolescent and young adult years in Montrose. When he graduated from high school, Hank with the help of his brother opened his own candy store. Hank found his place, honorably serving in our Air Force, and as the Captain of the 852nd Bombardier, 8th Air Force Squadron, Hank upheld liberty and freedom by bravely fighting and living through his detainment at a prisoner of war camp during World War II. Hank served our nation proudly, and after the war he respectfully returned to the United States. Hank has contributed greatly to our country by helping build roads, and runways around neighborhoods, military bases, and cities in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor an individual who contributed selflessly to the betterment of our nation, and although we will grieve the loss, we will rejoice over a man of great character and conduct. I express my sincerest condolences to his family and friends, and I salute Aaron Romero before this body of Congress and this nation.