

once was at the edge of town but that is now surrounded by residential development.

What evolved from those discussions is the vision that Forest City Stapleton, Inc. is implementing today—a vision that I am proud to recognize as an example of the kinds of responsible community redevelopment.

As Colorado continues to increase rapidly in population, policies that promote smart, responsibly managed growth become ever more important. The new Stapleton community that Forest City Stapleton, Inc. has planned displays the finest aspects of both smart growth and “New Urbanism.”

New urbanism refers to community development that concentrates a diversity of uses (residential, commercial, governmental) and thus avoids some of the impacts that come with suburban sprawl (such as long commutes, lost open space). Forest City Stapleton, Inc. has consistently remained mindful of the critical importance of developing land so as to maximize the use of natural resources while minimizing the impact on the natural environment.

Over the next 20 years, Stapleton’s 4,700 acres will become a new community of 12,000 homes and 13 million square feet of offices and shops as well as over 1,100 acres of parks and open space. The Stapleton redevelopment alone will increase the acreage of Denver parks by 30 percent. With new homes, schools, retail and office space, Stapleton will be a self-sustainable community where people can live, learn, work and play. By varying land-use and density of development, Forest City Stapleton, Inc. is able to create the social and economic diversity characteristic of any great urban community.

Essentially, through the foresight of the Stapleton redevelopment committee, the surrounding communities and the City and County of Denver, Coloradans are converting a once productive property into a new community that will serve its residents well. The redevelopment of Stapleton represented an opportunity to employ innovative and workable approaches that will result in healthy, livable communities. I hope that this model can be used as an example of alternatives to traditional development in communities throughout Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our appreciation for the conscientious development Forest City Stapleton, Inc. has undertaken. I wish them continued success.

HONORING USCG CAPTAIN RICK YATTO COMMANDING OFFICER OF AIR STATION CAPE COD

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of this Congress the accomplishments of Captain Rick Yatto of the United States Coast Guard. We extend our appreciation for his three years of outstanding service as Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod.

Today, Captain Yatto will step down as the Commanding Officer of the largest Air Station on the East Coast. It is an assignment that is one of the most difficult in the entire Coast Guard, with a unique set of challenges both at sea and on land.

On the water, the Air Station provides law enforcement and search-and-rescue coverage throughout much of the Northwest Atlantic, with a large boating and fishing community that operates in some of the most difficult conditions. In the past three years, the Air Station performed over 750 search-and-rescue cases and saved over 200 lives. On land, the Air Station is a large industrial complex spread out over 1,400 acres, with over 600 housing units, a medical clinic, and dozens of buildings that support hundreds of Coast Guard and military families. The Air Station is also located on top of a fragile underground drinking water supply, located next to one of the largest Superfund sites in the country. The job is so large, that those who work and live at the base often see Captain Yatto as the local mayor.

However, unlike politics, in the Coast Guard there is no margin for error. During Captain Yatto’s tenure, the Air Station has not only had its fair share of daring rescues, it has successfully tackled a host of environmental challenges critical to the future of the installation. The Air Station’s success in pollution prevention, innovative environmental management, and energy efficiency has won national recognition from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the White House.

In my district, the Coast Guard is widely respected as the oldest maritime service in the country, with a tradition forever linked to the heritage of Cape Cod and the Islands. Many of the first Coast Guard stations were built on the Massachusetts coast, manned by brave men from local families with deep roots in our community. Their gallant deeds and heroics are not only a part of the Coast Guard’s proud tradition, they are permanently etched into the communities and family histories of the people I represent.

This explains why the Coast Guard is so much a part of our community, why there is so much local pride in its rich tradition and in the work they do today saving lives, protecting our fisheries, the marine environment and defending our homeland. That pride in our Coast Guard will continue as long as it is led by people like Captain Rick Yatto and served by the fine men and women of Air Station Cape Cod.

On behalf of a very grateful constituency, Captain Yatto: “Mission accomplished, and job well done.”

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEACHER TAX RELIEF ACT

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, the economic stimulus package signed into law by President Bush on March 9, 2002 offers school teachers a \$250 deduction for qualified “out of pocket”

educational expenses such as books and other supplies. These important provisions will provide almost half a billion dollars worth of tax relief to teachers all across America. However these provisions are only effective in tax years 2002 and 2003.

It is now estimated that the average teacher spends \$521 out of their own pocket each year on classroom materials—materials such as pens, pencils and books. First year teachers spend even more. Moreover, in addition to spending substantial money on classroom supplies, many teachers spend even more money out of their own pocket on professional development.

The bottom line is that these out-of-pocket costs place lasting financial burdens on our teachers and this is one reason our teachers are leaving the profession. Congressmen JOHN TANNER, MARK FOLEY and I have introduced the Teacher Tax Relief Act of 2002. This important legislation will build on current law in three ways: increase the above-the-line deduction for educators from \$250 allowed under current law to \$500, allow educators to include professional development costs within that \$500 deduction and make these provisions permanent.

This legislation has bi-partisan cosponsors and support from the education community. I urge the House to support this measure.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IOLA OLD CAR SHOW

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, this weekend marks the 30th anniversary of the Iola Old Car Show.

Iola is a village in my northeastern Wisconsin district filled with great people. For a few days each summer it is filled with even more terrific folks, who bring their truly extraordinary historic cars for this event.

This year, the Iola Car Show will focus on “Ford’s Fabulous Model A,” and will have more than 200 Ford Model A’s on display. But that’s just a fraction of the more than 2,500 cars built between 1900 and 1975 that will be there.

There are few things more distinctly American than our adoration for the automobile, and the Iola Old Car Show celebrates that love. It also showcases who we are and who we’ve been—retelling nearly a century of American history through the automobile. This year’s Ford Model A exhibition is a perfect example of that expression of our history.

The car show has come a long way from its humble beginnings in 1972, when Chet Krause invited some of his buddies who happened to own old cars to the Iola Lions Chicken Roast. Today, it’s grown into one of the largest car shows in the nation. It’s an event that I’m very proud to host in my district, and I wish them all the best this year for a great show and a happy 30th anniversary.