

encouraging a trip up river to Steubenville to view the murals to investigate the possibility for such a project in Portsmouth. On the return trip, the decision was made to go forward with the project. An informal committee was organized in 1992 to begin fundraising efforts and select a muralist.

Given the scope of the project, the selection of a muralist was of utmost importance. Robert Dafford of Lafayette, Louisiana was highly recommended for his work on a similar project in Chemanius, Vancouver Island, Canada. Mr. Dafford was commissioned for the project, and work on the first mural—the longest of the project at 20 feet high and 160 feet long—began in May, 1993.

A total of 44 beautiful murals depict the history of Portsmouth, ranging from early inhabitants, the Mound Builders, to early settlement of the area. The murals highlight historical events, locations, and structures, and include notable individuals and businesses in the community.

Mr. Speaker, the Floodwall Mural Project is a dream come true, presenting the Portsmouth community with a wonderful visual history of a great city, and creating an attraction for out-of-town visitors. The project is an excellent example of how a community can come together to make a difference, and we hope our colleagues will join us in congratulating the community of Portsmouth on a job well done.

LOCAL TEACHER JEAN McNEELY NAMED NATIONAL ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Ms. Jean McNeely from my home town of Lubbock, Texas for her tremendous contributions to educate children and improve our community, The National Council for the Social Studies recently named her the "National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year." This award recognizes Ms. McNeely's commitment to students and her dedication to providing them a memorable educational experience in the field of social studies.

"National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year" is the highest honor that the National Council for the Social Studies can present to an elementary educator. Founded in 1921, the National Council for the Social Studies is the largest association in the country devoted solely to social studies education. It boasts a membership of over 26,000 individual and institutional members from the United States and around the world. Ms. McNeely will be presented with her award in the presence of her colleagues at the Council's Annual Convention this November.

As a teacher at the All Saints Episcopal School in Lubbock, Ms. McNeely's motivation has inspired and encouraged students to pursue their dreams over the years. She is the kind of teacher that makes learning fun and exciting. She helps set her students on a path

for their future and steers them in a positive direction. I commend Ms. McNeely for her dedication to providing the students with a memorable educational experience in the field of social studies and congratulate her on being named "National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year."

THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe the 42nd anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus. Despite the political tensions between the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots that have taken place since its independence in 1960, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus remains committed to the core values enshrined in the Cyprus Constitution guaranteeing basic rights and freedoms for all its citizens. This year, Independence Day comes at a time of great hope for the people of Cyprus. In particular, we have made significant advances in U.S.-Cyprus relations, and Cyprus is a leading candidate for European Union membership during the EU's next enlargement round. Both chambers of Congress have passed resolutions expressing the Sense of Congress that security, reconciliation, and prosperity for all Cypriots can best be achieved through EU membership. However, Cyprus' Independence Day is also clouded by territorial disputes with Turkey. Despite Turkish violations of UN Security Council resolutions, Cyprus remains committed to achieving a peaceful resolution through UN-sponsored negotiations. Immediately after the September 11th terrorist attacks, Cyprus was among the first nations to express its solidarity with the U.S. Cyprus has taken many concrete and active steps to target the perpetrators, collaborators, and financiers of terrorism—and the relationship between Cyprus and the U.S. is strong and enduring. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Republic of Cyprus on this 42nd anniversary of its independence.

CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I request that the attached cost estimate for H.R. 5125 be submitted for the RECORD under General Leave.

As you know, H.R. 5125 passed the House under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, October 1, 2002. At the time of passage, the Committee on Resources had not yet received a cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office for this piece of legislation.

U.S. CONGRESS, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE, Washington, DC, September 30, 2002.

Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN, Chairman, Committee on Resources, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5125 Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON (For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 5125—Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002

Summary: H.R. 5125 would establish a new grant program to assist state and local governments in acquiring eligible Civil War battlefield sites. The bill would require the National Park Service (NPS) to update a 1993 report on Civil War battlefield protection to reflect recent preservation activities, changes in battlefield conditions, and other developments. Finally, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$0.5 million to update the report and \$10 million a year for grants over the 2002-2008 period.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$17 million over the next five years to implement H.R. 5125. An additional \$34 million would be spent for this purpose after 2007, including \$10 million authorized to be appropriated for 2008.

H.R. 5125 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting H.R. 5125 would benefit state and local governments that would be eligible for grant funds. Any costs incurred by these governments to comply with the conditions of this assistance would be voluntary.

Estimated cost to the Federal Government: The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5125 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the \$0.5 million authorized for the battlefield report will be appropriated for 2003 and that the \$10 million for grants will be appropriated for each year authorized through 2008. Outlays are estimated on the basis of historical spending patterns for other land acquisition grants.

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization level	1	10	10	10	10
Estimated outlays	1	1	2	5	8

Intergovernmental and private-sector impact: H.R. 5125 contains no intergovernment or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting H.R. 5125 would benefit state and local governments that would be eligible for grant funds. Any costs incurred by these governments to comply with the conditions of this assistance would be voluntary.

Estimate prepared by: Federal costs: Deborah Reis; impact on state, local, and tribal governments: Majorie Miller; impact on the private sector: Lauren Marks.

Estimate provided by: Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.