

me in recognizing Coach Bob Bennett on his retirement as the head coach of the Fresno State baseball team.

Coach Bennett has served as the head coach of the Fresno State Bulldogs since 1970, and he recently joined an exclusive club by becoming only the seventh coach in NCAA Division I history to win more than 1,300 games in his career. Prior to his appointment as head coach in 1970, Coach Bennett spent 11 years coaching high school baseball and was a standout catcher for Fresno State from 1952–1955.

During his coaching career, Bob Bennett enjoyed consistent success. This past season marked his 26th straight winning season as head coach. His teams have won or shared 17 divisional titles, advanced to the NCAA regionals 21 times and have gone to the College World Series twice, in 1988 and 1991. In 1988, the Fresno State Bulldogs were the top ranked team in the nation after a 32-game winning streak. Bennett has earned conference Coach of the Year honors 14 times and was named NCAA Coach of the Year by the *Sporting News* in 1988.

Beyond coaching success, Coach Bennett has helped build Pete Beiden Field into a well-respected venue for college sports. Under Coach Bennett's leadership Fresno State has become a consistent national leader in attendance and fan support.

Coach Bennett's service to Fresno State and the greater community has been outstanding. He is a role model that all coaches should look up too.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Bob Bennett of the Fresno State Bulldogs, and congratulate him on his 45 years of service as a head coach in my community.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN H. TRIMBLE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect that I recognize the life and passing of John H. Trimble of Fruita, Colorado. Mr. Trimble recently passed away in September and, as his family mourns their loss, I would like to pay tribute to the many contributions he has made to his community and to his country.

Mr. Trimble was born and raised in Pine Ridge, South Dakota where he lived on his family's farm. At age 17, John enlisted into the United States Army and eventually served in both the European and Pacific Theaters. He remained on active duty as part of the Occupational Forces in Germany until November 1946. The patriotism and valor of veterans like John have given our country's military a reputation for honor, distinction, and courage.

After the war, John returned to South Dakota and worked in farming and construction. In 1954, John began working for the National Park Service at Badlands National Park and then, in 1968, moved to Colorado where he would spend the next 21 years assigned to the Colorado National Monument. Outside of his job, John spent his free time working on cars, traveling and spending time with his wife and ten children. He was a lifetime member of

the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fruita Town Council from 1986 until 1989, and the Public Works Commission from 1986 to 1996.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the life and passing of Mr. John H. Trimble before this body of Congress for the service he has given to his country. My sincere condolences go out to the Trimble family, his wife Eva, their children Jerry, Larry, David, Karen, Steve, Tim, Mitch, Judy, John, and Betty, and all of their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Trimble served his country in a time of great need and uncertainty, and then continued to serve it as an outstanding steward of our National Parks; his loss will be deeply felt and our grateful nation will be forever in his debt.

HONORING CENTERPOINT ENERGY

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce will present CenterPoint Energy with the 2002 Industry of the Year Award at their Annual Salute to Industry. CenterPoint Energy and its employees have been faithfully serving the La Porte community for nearly 77 years, providing residents, businesses and industries with safe and reliable energy services.

The Industry of the Year Award, the highest honor presented by the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce, is awarded each year to an area business whose mission emphasizes a strong commitment to the community.

CenterPoint Energy was first organized in 1882 as Houston Electric Lighting & Power. It was reorganized and renamed Houston Lighting and Power Company in 1905. In 1999, Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex, a division of Reliant Energy, was formed, and is the electricity and natural gas provider for the Houston metropolitan area. In 2001, Reliant Energy HL&P/Entex was renamed CenterPoint Energy in recognition of the vital role the company plays in the center of the energy chain between producers and the consumers. CenterPoint Energy is one of the largest electric utilities in the U.S. in terms of kilowatt-hour sales. It serves more than 1.6 million electricity customers over a 5,000 square mile area in and around Houston and more than 730,000 natural gas customers in the Houston area.

A true connection exists between CenterPoint and the La Porte-Bayshore community. Demonstrating their generosity and connection to community, the company's employees have logged more than 5,000 volunteer hours on projects in the La Porte-Bayshore area, including the Trash Bash at the San Jacinto Monument, Boy Scout's Osprey Project, and the Bayport Container Port Expansion Project. CenterPoint Energy has been a major sponsor of the Bay Day Festival held at Sylvan Beach in La Porte. Every year employees assemble Reliant Energy Village, a wetland project, in an effort to provide participants with hands on learning about the importance of habitat restoration, and habitat education.

CenterPoint employees' active involvement in the La Porte community can be traced through its participation in a wide variety of

civic organizations, including the Citizen Advisory Group, La Porte Chamber of Commerce, and several community-based nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the employees of CenterPoint Energy on being named the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce 2002 Industry of the Year. This honor is well-deserved for their work in expanding business and job opportunities, establishing safer conditions for workers, and initiatives to protect the environment. This award indicates that CenterPoint has demonstrated a commitment to strengthening community relations by supporting employees volunteer activities and making contributions to deserving sectors of the community.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIE MARQUEZ

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor an outstanding woman who has dedicated her life to caring for the elderly. Jennie Marquez of Alamosa, Colorado has given countless hours of devoted service to the people of her community as a Certified Nurse Aide, and it is my privilege to pay tribute to her before this body of Congress and this nation.

Jennie has worked as a restorative nurse aide in Alamosa for three years and been selected recently as the Certified Nurse Aide of the Year for the Pike's Peak Region of Colorado. Her endless smiles encourage residents of the Evergreen Nursing Home to listen to Jennie as she carefully explains their therapy program and its purpose. Her personable attentiveness to each resident has helped Jennie cultivate a reputation as a sincere and capable nurse aide. The positive demeanor Jennie possesses is visible whether she helps to buy much needed gowns for one resident or simply pauses to give an encouraging word to another.

Jennie, along with her husband of 16 years, Rafael, enjoys spending time with their son Jose and daughter Yesenia. Together they enjoy many Colorado outdoor activities, like fishing, hiking, and camping. Jennie's positive attitude is a credit to her personality as much as it is a testament to the dedication she displays to those around her.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor Jennie Marquez for her outstanding service and excellent performance as a certified nurse aide. Jennie's efforts stand out as she brings comfort to her residents, gives them needed support, and helps them through their therapy. I am always glad to recognize Coloradans who continue to make this country great, and I am happy to count Jennie Marquez among them.

HONORING THE COUNCIL OF
WOMEN FARMERS OF UKRAINE
ON WORLD RURAL WOMEN'S DAY

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today, October 15th, is World Rural Women's Day. I rise