

## HONORING SIDNY ZINK

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a selfless community servant from my district, Sidny Zink of Durango, Colorado. An active member of the Leadership La Plata organization, Sidny was recently honored with the "Barbara Conrad Award," which recognizes a person who donates numerous hours to their community. Today I would like to join with the Durango Area Chamber of Commerce in honoring Sidny's commitment and recognizing this distinct honor.

A longtime resident of Durango, Sidny is widely known for her dedication to community service. Sidny has been active in a number of committees and organizations, such as the Big Brothers Big Sisters foundation, Community Development Corporation, the La Plata Homebuilders Society, and the Community Development Corporation. While Sidny has worked vigorously for the community, she spends much of her time with Leadership La Plata, learning how new issues could affect her community.

Mr. Speaker, in a recent ceremony in Durango, last year's recipient of the "Barbara Conrad Award" Ed Morlan passed on the award in recognition of Sidny's commitment to the community. I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Sidny's civic-mindedness and in recognizing this prestigious honor. Congratulations and thanks again, Sidny, for the many years of service you have given the Durango community.

## STATEMENT RECOGNIZING DR. CHARLES CARPENTER FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Charles C.J. Carpenter, who received the John E. Fogarty Recognition award for his lifelong achievements in global health on May 29. This prestigious honor, given by the National Institute of Health's John E. Fogarty International Center, recognizes Dr. Carpenter's career in research to combat major diseases in developing countries and his involvement in training future generations of researchers in international health. Dr. Carpenter is a Professor of Medicine at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and formerly the Physician-in-Chief of Brown University's Miriam Hospital.

Born in Savannah, GA, Dr. Carpenter received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University and a medical degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He began his medical career at Johns Hopkins, where he later served as a faculty member. He started the Johns Hopkins Cholera Research Program, which was located in Calcutta, India, and researched the treatment of cholera in children and adults. He served for 12 years as Professor and Chairman of the Department of

Medicine at Case Western Reserve University before joining the medical faculty at Brown University in 1986. At Brown, he became involved with the clinical management of persons living with HIV/AIDS, and is currently the Principal Investigator of the Lifespan/Tufts/Brown Center for AIDS Research. Dr. Carpenter has also written many notable publications on his research from cholera to HIV/AIDS.

The John E. Fogarty International Center plays a vital role in the United States' response to global challenges in health. The late John Fogarty served as Representative from the 2nd District of Rhode Island and was a lifelong advocate of promoting the study of global health problems. Dr. Carpenter has consistently shown that same vision by taking on the challenge of disease prevention throughout the global community. He has shown himself to be a notable leader on seeking out ways to better the entire global community, and by doing so, has left his mark on international health.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I hope our colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Carpenter on his lifetime of achievements.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, with great disappointment I was unable to be present on Tuesday, June 24 to speak and vote in favor of H.R. 2555, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

The terrorist attacks on and following September 11 highlighted our vulnerability to attack on our soil, and exposed a new enemy with a desire to harm the United States and the American people. Our swift efforts at bolstering our domestic security have resulted in the prevention of further domestic incidents. It is this absence of occurrences that confirms our success. We cannot, however, become complacent in this success and must remain committed to securing our homeland.

Our Nation continually faces new and previously unfamiliar domestic threats that are more severe than ever before. Local governments cannot be expected to bear the new financial burdens that accompany their extensive and important new detection, prevention, and emergency management responsibilities. Funding must come from the Federal Government in this matter of national security.

When I was a Florida State Senator I chaired the Senate Homeland Security Committee following September 11. Florida was the state that initiated the drive to secure federal funds for first responders. Because we had to deal with so many natural disasters, we know the many benefits of well-trained, well-equipped first responders. Local governments cannot be expected to bear the new financial burdens that accompany their extensive and important new responsibilities. Funding must come from the Federal Government in this matter of national security.

I applaud Chairman ROGERS, Chairman YOUNG, and the entire Appropriations Sub-

committee on Homeland Security for their excellent work in producing the first ever Homeland Security Appropriations bill. I am so pleased that my colleagues in Congress share my concern for the priority that is Homeland Security, and that consequently, the Appropriations Act passed 425-2.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATTI O'ROURKE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the life and memory of an outstanding woman from my district. Patti O'Rourke of Pueblo, Colorado made tremendous contributions during her lifetime to her community and served as leader and role model for many.

Patti graduated from law school at Fordham University in 1944 and went to work with a firm on Wall Street. She later became one of the first women to practice law in Pueblo County, Colorado, and in 1981, became the county's first female judge. Patti's reputation as a fair and caring judge, as well as her lifelong commitment to community service, was well known. She donated countless hours to a variety of causes that are too numerous to mention. In short, Patti served on many community boards, worked tirelessly to support family court reforms, and took up the cause for senior citizens. Even after leaving full-time service on the bench, Patti's interest in serving others prompted her to travel to Denver several times a week to help alleviate a large backlog of cases.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the life and memory of Patti O'Rourke before this body of Congress and this nation today. By reaching heights no other woman had attained, Patti became a pioneer who blazed a trail other women could follow. By giving so much of herself to the community, Patti became a public servant and a beacon for everyone in Pueblo, the State of Colorado, and our nation to follow. Patti left the world a better place; she will be missed by her family, friends, and the many people whose lives she impacted for the better.

## HONORING PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE TIFFANY BROWN

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Miss Tiffany Brown, a constituent of mine from the Bronx, NY. Tiffany is graduating this year with honors from Preston High School in the Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, we hear so much these days about students not being interested in community service and not being interested in politics and public service, but Tiffany is the exception, not the rule. While in school at Preston, she interned with New York State Assemblyman Steve Kaufman, interned with the Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club, was a CCD

teacher at St. Ursula's Church and co-founded a program called "R.A.M", Registering Adults and Minorities Program, which seeks to increase voting registration and participation.

Mr. Speaker, Tiffany is truly one of the best and brightest students in New York City. In high school, she was a member of Amnesty International, was a columnist for her newspaper, wrote for Preston's literary magazine, was a member of the African American club, the orchestra, a captain of the Defense Team, and a participant in the Science and Technology entry program at Fordham University. Tiffany was a well-rounded student and successful student, gaining notice as one of the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Tiffany's commitment to community service and her giving back so much to make the Bronx and the Co-Op City neighborhood where she lives in a better place. Mr. Speaker, academic and community success though is not achieved with the work of one person alone. It is a team effort. Tiffany comes from a strong and caring family, including her aunt who is also my Co-Op City office director Teckla Halls. Her family along with her teachers, mentors and adults in the community are all part of the success that makes Tiffany the wonderful young woman she is today.

Mr. Speaker, Tiffany is an exceptional student, one who has a bright and prosperous future ahead. I wish her and her family all the best.

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HONORING BILL KILLGORE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a selfless community servant from my district, Bill Killgore of Grand Junction, Colorado. An active member of the Grand Junction Lions Club, Bill was recently honored as "Lion of the Year." I would like to join with his fellow Lions in honoring Bill's commitment and recognizing this distinct honor.

A longtime resident of Grand Junction, Bill is widely known for his dedication to community service. Bill has been active in a number of committees and organizations, such as the Redlands Water Board, the Avalon Theatre Restoration Committee, and serving as chairman of the Highway Cleanup Committee. While Bill has worked vigorously for the community, his heart has always been with his beloved Lions Club. Bill's work with the Lions is well known; from their commitment to community service to the many fundraising events they hold in support of local causes and organizations, Bill is always at the forefront of the club's service projects, eager to help out his community.

Mr. Speaker, in a recent ceremony in Grand Junction, former "Lion of the Year" Dan Griffin passed on that distinctive title in recognition of Bill's commitment to both the community and the club. I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Bill's civic-mindedness and in recognizing this prestigious honor. This recognition to Bill and his fellow Lions for the work that they do in my community is long

overdue, and I am proud to bring it to the attention of this House today. Congratulations and thanks again, Bill, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Grand Junction and the Lions. May you have many more to come!

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IN HONOR OF DR. WAYNE D. LETT,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF NEWPORT  
NEWS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Representative JO ANN DAVIS and myself to recognize the outstanding service of Dr. Wayne Lett. Following 34 years of educational service, Dr. Lett will be retiring from his post as Superintendent of Newport News Public Schools on July 1, 2003.

Dr. Lett's career has been devoted to education and his efforts have been important to the lives of countless young people in Newport News. His achievements have been recognized by both local and national organizations. In 2001, Dr. Lett was named Virginia Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents. He has provided leadership in many urban school organizations and has served as President and Vice President of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools.

Dr. Lett's illustrious career in education began in 1969, following his graduation from East Carolina University with an A.B. in history and political science. He first served as a teacher, assistant principal, and personnel director in York County Public Schools. It was during this time that Dr. Lett earned his M.A. in history from Old Dominion University in 1972, a C.A.S. in education administration from the College of William and Mary in 1975, and an Ed.D in education administration from the same institution in 1984.

Dr. Lett's tenure in Newport News Public Schools began in 1984. After serving in a number of different administrative positions for the school district, Dr. Lett was named Superintendent in 1996.

Under Dr. Lett's leadership, Newport News Public Schools has made significant progress in the academic performance of its students. The number of fully accredited schools has risen from one to nineteen, access to rigorous coursework has been made a priority, tutoring and mentoring programs have been expanded, and the dropout rate has been reduced by more than 50 percent. During this time Newport News Public Schools has received more U.S. Department of Education "Blue Ribbon" designations than any other school division in Virginia. These are only a few of the many achievements that are the direct result of Dr. Lett's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, Representative JO ANN DAVIS and I would like to congratulate Dr. Lett on his distinguished service and thank him for his great commitment to the education of our youth.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLORADO  
MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to an exceptional educational institution in my district. Colorado Mountain College was established in 1967 and currently provides over 25,000 students with a quality education. The school will soon be opening a new campus to better serve the Vail/Eagle Valley area. I am proud to stand here today and recognize the 36 years of service that Colorado Mountain College has given to my state and congratulate them on their expansion.

The new campus in Edwards, Colorado will provide students with state of the art facilities that will help enrich their college experience. The campus will have 16 classrooms, several labs, science and EMT facilities, and a fire science center. CMC is already the largest rural community college in the U.S. and this campus will further the services they provide to underserved areas throughout the state.

Colorado Mountain College provides students with the opportunity to take classes in one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world. Sitting high in the Rocky Mountains, CMC maintains a unique curriculum, offering classes in subject areas not found elsewhere. Students are able to study ski business and resort management, seeing first hand how some of the world's premier ski resorts are run. CMC also offers classes in forestry and fire sciences, important subjects on the Western Slope, which faces some of the worst fire danger in the country.

Mr. Speaker, Colorado Mountain College does more for its students than provide an education, it gives them the opportunity to succeed. The college is a vital part of the Colorado Community, and I am truly honored to recognize such an exceptional institution and its outstanding team of dedicated employees here today. Congratulations on the expansion, and good luck with all of your future endeavors.

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IN HONOR OF BILL RUMBLE

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the utmost pleasure and privilege that I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to a friend and educator, Mr. Bill Rumble, who will retire this Friday, June 27th, after 28 exceptional years of teaching in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Born November 5, 1946 in Long Beach, California, to Everett and Marion Rumble, Bill graduated from Millikan High School in 1964 and then attended the University of California, Los Angeles, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Following college, Bill served in the United State Navy from June 1968 to July 1970. First commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve, he