

the wind picked up and blew the flames around him. When the shelter he tried to deploy blew away, Rick dropped to the ground to allow the fire to pass over him. Even though the flames and heat scorched him, leaving 3rd degree burns over 40 percent of his body, he summoned the strength to walk a half-mile to get help. Even then, Rick held on for five weeks before leaving us. He will be especially missed by his beloved wife Evelyn and his children Brent, Sean, and Daniel. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to them during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Rick Lupe today. His immediate family will remember Rick as the loving husband and father that he was. The town of Show Low, the Fort Apache Hotshots, and this nation will remember Rick as the hero that he was. Rick dedicated his life to serving his nation and his fellow citizens. We will always be grateful.

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#### RECOGNITION OF JACK GOLDMAN

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Jack Goldman of Jefferson County, Illinois. Jack was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Jack received this honor for his lifelong service to others. He served in World War II as a combat engineer in the United States Army. Jack participated in the invasions of Leyte and Okinawa. After serving his country he returned to Mt. Vernon where he has literally and figuratively changed his community. Jack became involved with the Acquisition Committee for the Arts in the City Foundation and as chairman of the Sculpture Committee for Cedarhurst. He was named Counselor Emeritus for Mitchell Museum in 1995. Jack is an architect with Fields, Goldman, and Magee; and is also a member of the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club and the Downtown Development Corporation. He and his wife, Joan, are members of United Methodist Church.

I want to congratulate and thank Jack for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

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#### THE COMMUNITY JOURNAL HONORS ERNESTINE O'BEE AT THEIR 27TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, August 22, 2003, The Community Journal will celebrate its 27th Anniversary. On this occasion, the newspaper will salute Ernestine O'Bee as an outstanding citizen in Milwaukee's African American community.

Mrs. O'Bee is the proprietor of the Northwest Funeral Chapel, and has served in a professional capacity in her field since 1952. She

is an astute businesswoman in her role as funeral director and is compassionate and caring to all she serves. In addition to her professional achievements, Ernestine O'Bee is a lady of elegance and eloquence. She has led an exemplary life and has been a model of generosity and graciousness for everyone whose life she has touched.

As a pillar of the African American community, Ernestine O'Bee has been active in civic affairs and supportive of many organizations and individuals in her quest to improve the quality of life for the entire Milwaukee community. She has served many organizations including the Salvation Army, YWCA, YMCA, the House of Peace, Zonta Club and her sorority, Wisconsin Funeral Directors Association.

Over the years, Mrs. O'Bee has sponsored over one hundred students in scholarships, some from birth through college. She is a substantial contributor to the Dr. Terence N. Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund, which recently graduated five students including one post graduate student from Tulane University.

I wish to honor and thank Ernestine O'Bee for the countless gifts and contributions that she has made to strengthen, support and enrich the community. I appreciate her efforts and join in celebrating her life-long achievements.

Congratulations, Mrs. Ernestine O'Bee!

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#### HONORING JACK CHENOWETH, JR.

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to an outstanding American. Jack Chenoweth, Jr. of Pueblo, Colorado selflessly served this great nation throughout his long and dedicated life. As we recognize his passing, it is with great pride that I highlight the many contributions that Jack made to his community and our nation.

Jack answered the call to military and government service several times throughout his life. Upon graduation from Trinidad High School, he joined the U.S. Navy and served in the South Pacific until the end of World War II. Jack went on to graduate from the University of Denver in 1951 and married Mary Ann Kennedy two years later, eventually embarking on a 24-year career with the FBI. After his retirement from the FBI, Jack continued his work as an investigator for Pueblo County. He also made a major impact upon the Pueblo community as an active member of the Republican Party, a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, a Rotarian, and a past president of the El Pueblo Boys and Girls Ranch.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to recognize Jack Chenoweth, Jr. for his devotion to the Pueblo community and his service to our country. Citizens like Jack provide the spirit and strength of character that make this nation great. While he will be dearly missed, we can all take solace in the knowledge that Jack's spirit lives on through those whom he has touched.

#### RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY BAKER

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Dorothy Baker of Jefferson County, Illinois. Dottie was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Dottie received this honor for her lifelong service to others. She is a wife and mother who raised three children. Today she is a regular participant in the Sweet Corn & Watermelon Festival, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Jefferson County's Crime Watch program, Memorial Day services, the Mt. Vernon City Wide Cleanup, and the National Day of Prayer. She has also assisted with the Emergency 911 Telephone Testing process. Dottie is active in her church where she helps the elderly and assists others in any way possible.

I want to congratulate and thank Dottie for all she has done and will continue to do for the people in her community. She is a saint to all who know her and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

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#### NRA SUPPORT FOR LOCAL WILDLIFE CONTROL

### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I have, somewhat famously, opposed H.R. 1472, a bill which attempts to single out bears as a species to be managed by the House of Representatives instead of local wildlife experts. I believe this bill is a "one size fits all" attempt at government, inappropriately taking local control away and nullifying local expertise. I am not alone on my position against this bill. I would therefore like to submit for the RECORD the following letter from the National Rifle Association, which explains their opposition to the bill as well.

JUNE 2003.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: As the leading voice for millions of American gun-owners and hunters, the National Rifle Association wishes to advise you of our opposition to H.R. 1472, the "Don't Feed the Bears Act of 2003." This legislation would prohibit the use of bait in bear hunting on all federal lands.

Although H.R. 1472 addresses one method of bear hunting, the real issue here is about who manages resident wildlife. H.R. 1472 opens the door to federal preemption of the rights of the fifty states to manage resident wildlife, including establishing the means and methods of hunting in a safe and ethical manner. The NRA is unalterably opposed to such federal infringement.

Congress has passed legislation giving the Federal government management authority over certain categories of wildlife which it felt required a national focus: migratory birds, marine mammals, and endangered and threatened species. At no time in its history has Congress selected an individual species for federal management. H.R. 1472 sets this unwelcome precedent.

This legislation is being advocated by organizations opposed to all methods of hunting, not just the use of bait in bear hunting.