

as part of the wildlife refuge and cannot be developed or transferred out of Federal ownership; and

(6) specifies that the bill adds to the Interior Department's existing authority and does not reduce any authority the Department already has.

THANK YOU, COLONEL DAN BECK

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Colonel Dan Beck for his valuable service to our nation. As he retires from the North Carolina Air National Guard, Colonel Beck's dedication to country and state is exemplary. I am proud and honored to call him a friend.

Graduating from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Colonel Beck was commissioned in the North Carolina Air National Guard as a Second Lieutenant in 1979. He faithfully served the 145th Civil Engineering Squadron for over a decade and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1992. A short time later, Colonel Beck was appointed Commander of the 145th Mission Support Squadron and in 1994 assumed the position of Headquarters 145th Support Group Commander.

Serving an illustrious and impressive military career, Colonel Beck accomplished a great variety of tasks, to include commanding the first Air Force Engineering Deployment into Israel, commanding the North Carolina Joint Air/Army Task Force to Homestead, Florida in support of Hurricane Andrew relief efforts, and presiding over the multi-million dollar acquisition of C-130 H-3 aircraft.

After completing the International Strategic Studies program at Air University-Maxwell Air Force Base in 1997, Colonel Beck was selected as the first member of the North Carolina Air National Guard to participate in the Capitol Hill Fellowship program. Dan served as a Legislative Fellow to Congressman W.G. "Bill" Hefner and handled defense, transportation and emergency management issues for Congressman Hefner. While on staff, Colonel Beck learned and experienced first hand how the legislative process works. He became an invaluable asset to Congressman Hefner's staff and has used his knowledge ever since to help me and the entire North Carolina delegation. He has been an effective and true advocate for the North Carolina National Guard, thoroughly understanding the legislative process.

As Colonel Beck's Fellowship came to a close, he returned to his roots and accepted a position with the North Carolina National Guard. In 1999 he became Deputy Chief of Staff to the Adjutant General for Air Force and Air National Guard. Dan has advised on many State and Federal issues and has continued to promote the North Carolina National Guard in Congress, working closely with me and my staff and others.

As Colonel Dan Beck takes the next step forward in his professional career, I wish him, his wife Trudy and two sons Sterling and Cooper all the best. I have enjoyed working with Dan the past several years and thank him deeply for his friendship and service to North

Carolina and the United States of America. May God bless Colonel Dan Beck and his family.

A TRIBUTE TO MG ZANNIE O.
SMITH, U.S. ARMY

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Major General Zannie O. Smith of the United States Army. On October 16, 2003, Major General Smith retired after serving the people of this great nation for over forty years.

Zannie Smith was a decorated officer, who spent his career ensuring that the freedoms the United States holds dear are protected. Throughout his illustrious career, Major General Smith was honored with the Defense Superior Meritorious Service Award, the Legion of Merit with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, four awards of the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He is a Master Parachutist and has been awarded the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

After holding a variety of command positions, Major General Smith was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as Deputy Commanding General of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg in 2001. Our United States Army would not be as illustrious and formidable without the dedication and determination of Major General Smith. We owe Major General Zannie O. Smith our sincere appreciation for his over forty years of committed service to our nation. His devotion to the people of the United States should serve as an example to us all.

May God bless him and his family, and may God bless this great nation.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC
SERVICE OF SPENCER HAVLICK

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Spencer Havlick, who next month will retire from membership on the Boulder, Colorado, City Council.

Elected to the council in 1982, Spence has had 21 years of distinguished public service.

Born in Oak Park, Illinois and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin, he received his B.A. Degree from Beloit College, his M.A. from the University of Colorado in limnology and his Ph.D. in environmental planning and water resource management from the University of Michigan.

He became the Assistant Dean and Director of the College of Environmental Design at the

University of Colorado in Boulder in 1975. His research and teaching focus on natural hazard mitigation, the citizen's role in the planning process, and the impact of urbanization on the environment. He has written on ecology and design and is preparing another book on transportation management and traffic calming.

He has taught at the University of Michigan and Murdoch University in Western Australia, consulted for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Information Agency.

With this outstanding academic background, Spence has been a champion of the values that embody the spirit of Boulder. His commitment to defending these values made him a distinctive member of the council.

A passionate environmentalist, Spence had a two-decade struggle with transportation problems and worked diligently to promote public transportation, rail service between Denver and Boulder, bicycle paths, city open space and pedestrian walkways.

In his role as professor of environmental design at the University of Colorado, Spence encouraged his students to adopt Boulder's environmental values. He urged students to give up their cars, get more exercise and walk or use alternative transportation.

A top vote getter in all his elections, Spence promoted a strategy to find more affordable housing, worked on growth management, led the effort for the largest purchase of open space in the history of Boulder and worked to streamline the city's budget in tough economic times.

Spence's civic commitment is demonstrated through his service on the City Council Environmental and Transportation Committees, as an Eco-cycle block leader, and as a Commissioner for the Boulder Urban Renewal Authority.

The City Council of Boulder, Colorado, has been fortunate to have had Spencer Havlick as a member for the past 21 years. On behalf of Boulder's residents, I wish him well as he continues to pursue his commitment to a better community and state.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. LARRY L. CRUTSINGER, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SAN ANTONIO YMCA

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Larry L. Crutsinger, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA for Greater San Antonio and the Hill Country. After thirty-three years of service, Mr. Crutsinger has announced that he is retiring from the YMCA.

I would like to join the YMCA in recognizing him for his service to the YMCA movement and its mission to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body. Through his dedicated service and leadership, Mr. Crutsinger has helped the YMCA establish both local YMCA branches and set national

YMCA precedents in program innovation to meet the changing needs of children, teens, and families in local communities.

The YMCA has become the largest non-profit provider of after school child care that supports working families with the care, education, and recreation for their children after school and during school holidays. The San Antonio YMCA child care system has been recognized as a model by the Texas Legislature.

Mr. Crutsinger has been honored as one of San Antonio's outstanding creative minds for leadership in the development of programs for children and his advocacy for youth. His charitable career has resulted in the creation of three major branch YMCAs, and the expansion of program services and partnerships to serve over 61,000 members and program participants.

Together, with 900 staff and over 5,000 volunteer members in the YMCA movement, Mr. Crutsinger developed the teams and resources to deliver before and after school Y School age summer day camp sites; two residential camping sites; and nine Y Teen sites in this ten-county region; and all in the effort to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities today and tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Larry Crutsinger for his hard work and dedication to the YMCA and the people it has served over the years, and my distinct pleasure to wish him the best in his retirement.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MRS. AUDREY LOTT ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Audrey Lott is an incredibly bright woman whose life reflects both the spirit and struggles experienced by African-Americans in the United States. This Saturday, October 18, Mrs. Lott will celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Lott is the granddaughter of a former slave who was a messenger for General Grant in the Civil War. Mrs. Lott grew up in Washington, DC and attended pharmacology school while in her 20's. For a time, she worked for Simmons Pharmacy at 21st & L Streets in Washington. She left her job after a few years to stay at home and care for her mother. After her mother passed, Mrs. Lott worked as a housekeeper. In fact, Mr. Speaker, she once served tea to Mrs. Bess Truman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. In the early 1960's, Mrs. Lott moved to Tiffin, Ohio, which is in my congressional district. Her son, Grant C. Taylor, soon followed.

Mrs. Lott and her family have sacrificed much but contributed greatly to the United States. Mrs. Lott is a grand, intelligent lady, an avid reader of a variety of fiction, and a dear, true friend to many. It is in that spirit that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mrs. Audrey Lott on the occasion of her 100th birthday celebration. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Mrs. Lott, who care about their well being and stability. We wish her all the best as we pay tribute to one of our nation's finest citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF FRANCOISE POINSATTE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Francoise Poinsatte, a member of Boulder City Council, as she retires in November from her seat on the Council. I would like to thank her for the many contributions she has made to ensure that the City of Boulder remains a very special place to live.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Francoise received her teaching license in French and Fine Arts from the University of Colorado. She has taught in public schools in the Boulder Valley and in Jefferson and Douglas counties. She has been a member of the Transportation Advisory Board from 1993 to 1994, and has served on the Regional Transportation Task Force from 1997 to 1998.

Elected in 1999, at a time when the City of Boulder faced many challenges, Francoise tackled the issues of economic stability in declining budgetary times. Partnering with other council members, Francoise was able to increase the city's financial reserves from two to fourteen percent to prepare for unexpected financial crises.

As a former teacher, Poinsatte fought to support and expand strong educational and human service programs in the city, while keeping a close eye on the costs and quality of the services provided to the community. She has advocated for social and economic diversity, affordable housing, and improved facilities for the homeless.

Francoise's ongoing commitment to a healthy environment for Boulder's citizens made her a leader on alternative transportation options in the area, which included bike paths, walking trails, well-planned bus routes and citizen-friendly transportation plans. She has contributed to the vitality of downtown Boulder by her dedication to reducing traffic congestion, air pollution, and fuel consumption. Her city has recently been recognized nationally as one of the best workplaces for commuters.

Boulder is also known for being one of the most environmentally friendly cities in the United States, and Francoise and her colleagues on the Council enhanced this reputation through investment in additional open space, recycling programs, and a strong citizen education program. As a member of the Boulder Urban Renewal Authority, she has helped oversee plans for the development of the new St. Julien Hotel at 9th and Canyon, as well as the rejuvenation of Crossroads Mall.

With a keen sense of citizen responsibility and a talent for blending her past experience with a desire to serve the public good, Francoise Poinsatte has been an outstanding member of the Boulder City Council and city government. I ask my colleagues to join me in praising her public service, and I wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CARL D. ASHLEY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer condolences to the family of my good friend Carl D. Ashley. Carl was indeed a role model a good provider, a good husband, a good father, grandfather, uncle, a good friend to all of those who needed a friend, a good citizen and a great American.

Mr. Speaker, as I listened to speaker after speaker at the funeral testify and extol the virtues of Carl, I sat in amazement, young lawyers, doctors and other successful young people talked about the impact Carl had on their lives. He was not a professional teacher and yet he taught, he was not a psychologist and yet he gave counsel, he was not a clergyman and yet he preached a great gospel. He was a lover of people and he displayed that love each and every day of his life.

I met Carl in the early 1960's when we both worked at the post office, a job from which Carl retired. While we did not see each other on a regular basis our friendship maintained itself and bloomed. Carl married a great lady and they were able to raise a wonderful family, taught to achieve, accomplish and to be actively engaged in all aspects of life, including politics, Carl was a judge of election and took his politics seriously.

I extend heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Carl D. Ashley and thank God for having been able to know him and to see firsthand his efforts to help make the world a better place in which to live. Carl served his country in Vietnam and continued to serve until his death. May his soul rest in peace.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and in commemoration of the over five hundred years that America has been enriched by Hispanic culture. This year, from September 15th to October 15th, we have the opportunity to honor the myriad contributions the 37 million people of Hispanic origin currently living in the United States have made to our great country, and we have the responsibility and pleasure of recognizing and remembering the many gifts of Hispanic Americans.

An exemplar of the contributions to the culture of our society made by Hispanic Americans is Celia Cruz, the "Queen of Salsa" who passed away this July in her home in Fort Lee, New Jersey which is located in my Congressional District. Born in Havana, Cuba, Celia Cruz fled to the United States to free herself from the brutal dictatorship of Fidel Castro. With a genuine love of life and passion for family and friends, Celia Cruz represented the true spirit of Hispanic Americans through her music.

Hispanic Americans comprise 14 percent of the total U.S. population and have contributed