

no path and leave a trail." This week marks the 43rd anniversary of the Peace Corps. An organization that is forging ahead, creating a trail of peace and understanding around the globe with the hope that one day all peoples of the world will follow.

Since its inception in 1961, over 170,000 Volunteers have served 137 countries. Peace Corps Volunteers serve as teachers, business advisors, information technology consultants, health and HIV/AIDS educators, and youth and agriculture workers.

The Peace Corps is expanding and last year entered or re-entered Albania, Azerbaijan, Chad, and Fiji and in 2003 the number of people applying to serve as Volunteers increased by 10 percent. Today there are 7,500 individuals serving in 71 countries. This is the highest number of Volunteers in the field in over 28 years. Of those 7,500 dedicated individuals there are 32 people I would especially like to recognize:

Carrie A. Abendroth, Katherine P. Barnett, Micael D. Bogar, Nathan A. Borgford-Parnel, April R. Brown, John S. Brown, Robert P. Burns, Rosemary S. Burns, Rachel S. Chernin, Alison M. Coady, Kevin D. Cummins, Ross C. Doll, Joy M. Hamilton, Jennie A. Hurt, Tracey A. Lake, Amber L. Lancaster, Mahri S. Leonard-Fleckma, Nathan S. Lubetkin, Susannah M. Malarkey, Luke A. Mattheis, Marin McCutcheon, Alec E. Metz, Joan M. Michaels, Carrie J. Mitchell, Janet D. O'Neil, Teresa L. Peterson, Jean R. Salls, Barbara P. Schlieper, Blaine M. Somerville, Rebecca S. Talbott, Joseph S. Trahan, Karen M. Yantis

To those individuals I have just mentioned, you have made me and the people of the 7th district very proud. We salute your selfless dedication to the empowerment of people in developing countries and throughout the world. As your journey of good-will abroad comes to an end may you return home safe and continue to share your experiences with others so that they will endeavor to blaze their own trail using the Peace Corps as their guide.

HONORING THE CITY OF DELAWARE, OHIO FOR ITS DESIGNATION AS A "PRESERVE AMERICA" COMMUNITY

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I'm delighted to congratulate the City of Delaware for its designation as a "Preserve America" community. While Mayor Windell Wheeler and City Manager Tom Homan were in Washington recently to receive the designation from First Lady Laura Bush, the entire community is rightly proud of this honor. The city was one of the first eight across the country to gain this title.

The "Preserve America" designation is meant for those cities that have taken special care to preserve their heritage. The city has approved special ordinances to protect the historical integrity of its neighborhoods. A four-year, \$5 million "Streetscape" improvement project for the historic downtown area was also recently completed.

The Delaware area is among the fastest growing in the country, but officials are not let-

ting that growth stand in the way of protecting the unique aspects of their city. This award is one more reason why the Delaware area remains a great place to live, work and raise a family.

THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION ACT

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act, which was signed into law in December by the President.

I spent a lot of time in the district explaining the new law to my seniors. They were excited to learn that this bill is about choices. It gives them the freedom to finally make choices that better fit their own needs.

Medicare once was an outdated, one size fits all program. Well, we know that not every senior is the same. Through this legislation, seniors now have a much better Medicare with lots of options. And if they like what they have now, they can keep it. But if they want to enhance their Medicare coverage, they have that choice.

Some examples of the choices seniors will have include the option of a free welcome to Medicare physical, diabetes screening, heart disease screening, and disease management programs. These options will enhance the health of our nation's seniors.

This law not only gives seniors better access to health care and prescription drugs, it puts seniors back in the driver seat when it comes to their health care.

TRIBUTE TO DOUG DONNELLY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you to pay tribute to the life of a remarkable and loved man from my district. Doug Donnelly of Monte Vista, Colorado, passed away recently at the young age of forty-one. Doug will forever be remembered for his kind heart and spirit and I would like to take this opportunity to remember Doug here today.

Doug was my cousin; so I had the privilege to interact with him over the years and watch a young man with challenges grow into a man of accomplishment. Throughout his life, Doug helped us appreciate the surroundings around us that we typically did not see or have time for. From an early age, Doug was diagnosed with a debilitating condition that doctors told his family would cause him never to walk and affect his learning abilities. Doug's determination helped him overcome the odds facing him, eventually learning to walk and graduating from Boulder High School to a standing ovation.

Doug was an accomplished student, a class president, and would later work in the medical industry making medical devices. Another pas-

sion of his was designing and constructing tree houses. Doug could be found traveling between lumberyards asking for discarded lumber, and using tree branches as a ladder, climbed up to build elaborate homes in the sky, oh he loved his tree house.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Doug Donnelly, but take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed only by his legacy of courage and love of all that Doug left with all of us. Doug's overwhelming ability to live life to its fullest is a true testament to the man he was and serves as an inspiration for us all.

THE RECENT DC COURT DECISION ON FCC BROADBAND REGULATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my support for yesterday's decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals—D.C. Circuit regarding the Triennial Review Order. The ruling sends a clear signal that the intent of Congress in the 1996 Telecommunications Act was to create a fair competitive marketplace which fosters job creation.

Regulatory uncertainty has been devastating to telecommunications workers and their families. The FCC's Triennial Review Order added to this uncertainty by delegating broadband policy-making to the states. In my view it was not the intent of Congress to put fifty individual states in charge of national broadband policy. Rather it expected the FCC to ensure a competitive national market for this critical technology. It is time for the FCC to put America's consumers and small businesses first and use its authority to ensure true broadband competition.

I hope that the FCC follows the D.C. Circuit's lead and uses its authority as intended by Congress to foster an environment that spurs capital investments by telecommunications companies rather than continue down the road of regulatory uncertainty.

IN MEMORY OF BILL SAMBRAILO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bill Sambrailo, a community leader who dedicated his life to improving the agriculture industry. Mr. Sambrailo passed away on January 31st, 2004, at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife Eileen Bromber Sambrailo and three children, Mark, Judy, and Michael, as well as seven grandchildren.

Bill Sambrailo was born in Watsonville, California to Charles and Henrietta King Sambrailo. He was an avid athlete and played on the football team at Watsonville High School, graduating in 1945. Bill attended Santa Clara University where he played running back on the university football team, including an appearance in the Orange Bowl. He graduated with a degree in business in 1950.