

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. BOYLE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, today in Arlington National Cemetery, John J. Boyle, a veteran of World War II who was the first employee of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) to rise through the ranks to become Public Printer of the United States, was laid to rest. Jack Boyle, as he was known to his friends at the GPO, on Capitol Hill, and throughout the American printing industry and library community, had an impressive career that deserves our recognition.

Boyle came to the GPO in 1952 as a proof-reader following an apprenticeship in his native Pennsylvania. In 1954, he became a reviser and in 1960, he was named principal technical assistant in the GPO's Office of the Superintendent of Composing.

Boyle was an early and vigorous advocate of applying electronic printing technologies at the GPO to meet Congress's printing needs more efficiently and effectively. With the support of the Joint Committee on Printing, electronic printing was introduced at the GPO in 1963 and Boyle was selected to develop and coordinate all phases of its operation. The following year, he was appointed Special Assistant to the GPO's Production Manager for Electronic Printing. Subsequently, Boyle worked to establish the GPO's Electronic Photocomposition Division, which over the ensuing decade evolved into the largest and one of the most modern photo typesetting facilities in the entire printing industry.

For his leadership capabilities, Boyle was promoted to Deputy Production Manager for Electronics in 1971. In 1972, he was detailed as Production Manager and a year later Public Printer Thomas McCormick named him Deputy Public Printer. He served in that capacity until 1977, when he was nominated and confirmed by the Senate as the 19th Public Printer of the United States, the first of the GPO's own employees ever to attain that position. As Public Printer, he continued modernizing the GPO's operations, gaining widespread respect in Congress, federal agencies, throughout the printing and paper industries, the library community, and from the GPO's employees. He retired from the GPO in 1980.

Well known throughout the commercial printing industry, Boyle lectured in the United States and in England on new processes in printing. He was an original member of the federal Electronic Printing Committee that was created in 1962 as an advisory committee to the Joint Committee on Printing.

Boyle was a member of the Washington Club of Printing House Craftsmen, the Washington Litho Club, and the Franklin Technical Society. He served as a member of the Graphic Arts Advisory Committee of the Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Graphic Arts and Photography, and the Advi-

sory Committee of the University of the District of Columbia. He was on the Board of Directors of the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation and the Washington School of Printing.

In 1977, Boyle received the Horace Hart Award of the Education Council of the Graphic Arts Industry in recognition of distinguished public service in the field of printing and publishing. He was elected to membership in the Walter E. Soderstrom Society of the National Association of Printers and Lithographers and was an honorary life-time member of the International Printers Supply Salesman's Guild. In 1979, Boyle received the Gold Key Award from Gamma Epsilon Tau in New York City and was made an honorary member of that printing fraternity. In 1980, he received the Joint Graphic Communication "Man of the Year" Award from the organization of seven Washington, DC, graphic arts associations. In addition to work with these organizations, he devoted much of his personal time to speaking at meetings of craftsmen's clubs, litho clubs, and printing industry associations throughout the country on the need for retraining of personnel and for increasing management skills.

A veteran of World War II, Boyle served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945 and was with the First Armored Division in the North African Campaign. He was a prisoner of war for two and a half years in Italy and Germany.

Boyle is survived by his wife Jeanne; two children, Sarah Sundstrom of Baltimore, MD, and Robert Boyle of Charlottesville, VA; a brother; and five grandchildren.

Boyle's pioneering leadership in helping to bring electronic printing technologies to the GPO resulted in improvements that continue to benefit Congress, federal agencies, and the public to this day. He gave many years of dedicated service to the public through his work at the GPO, and later, through his distinguished leadership of that agency. On behalf of the Joint Committee on Printing, we sincerely appreciate his contributions and offer our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Boyle and her family.

HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATION ON ITS 30TH
ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 412, a resolution honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

The illegal drug market in the United States is among the most lucrative in the world. The market is fueled by diverse groups of people within and outside the borders of our nation. The work done by the men and women of the

DEA is rarely amply recognized despite the integral role they play in curbing the illegal drug market and its harmful repercussions to our communities across the country.

The South Florida district which I represent, has in the past been faced with a formidable threat from drug trafficking. It was then, as it is now, the men and women of the DEA who tackled that threat. With their active and relentless efforts, they have drastically decreased it. However, they do this often at a great sacrifice.

We should never take for granted that there are individuals who risk their lives on a daily basis with the work that they do in order to create a safer environment for us all. That numerous DEA employees have died in service reflects the dangerous conditions in which these individuals have chosen to work and their admirable dedication to safeguarding our nation from the threat posed by the illegal drug market.

Thus, I urge all of my colleagues to vote favorably for the passage of H. Res. 412 and in so doing join me in congratulating the DEA for its 30th anniversary, and honoring and thanking all of the employees of the DEA for the invaluable work that they do in protecting this nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE LAWRENCE
PUBLIC LIBRARY ON ITS 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to the Lawrence Public Library of Lawrence, KS, which is located in my congressional district. For 100 years, this important and valuable local institution has provided public service, access to books and other informational materials, cultural enhancement and contributions to community development in Lawrence. It is a remarkable achievement to celebrate a century of service and the staff and supporters of the Lawrence Public Library over the past 100 years are to be congratulated.

An enlightened citizenry is the cornerstone of our American democracy. Access to information is an important right of all citizens, and our public libraries play a key role in assuring free and equal access to information. In this and many other regards, a public library is an example of democracy at its finest.

Thank you for your outstanding, vital service to the community of Lawrence and the northeast region of the State of Kansas. It will be exciting to see what the coming decades bring in terms of public library service; I am certain that the fine staff and board of the Lawrence Public Library will be equal to the task of ever adapting, and continually expanding technologies, collections and services. I know I join with all Lawrence residents in offering my best wishes for your future success.

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RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLEAN OCEAN ACTION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, Clean Ocean Action, an organization dedicated to the protection of the coast of New Jersey and Long Island, celebrated its 20th anniversary on February 26th.

When COA was formed, there were eight ocean dumping sites off the coast of New Jersey and Long Island where all kinds of pollutants were dumped—sewage, dredge spoils, industrial waste, even toxic waste.

COA made it their primary goals to close these sites and find environmentally-friendly alternatives to ocean dumping. This was the time when New Jerseyans were first becoming aware of the serious consequences of ocean dumping—the impacts on marine life, the fishing industry, tourism, and the health and safety of the countless residents and visitors who enjoy the Jersey shore every summer.

Thirteen years later, COA achieved these goals when then-Vice-President Gore announced an agreement closing the dumping sites and creating the Historic Area Remediation Site to remediate the effects of the dumping.

COA, under the noteworthy leadership of Cindy Zipf, has not rested on its laurels, however. Today, they continue to take steps to protect the shore from leading beach cleanup efforts to lobbying Congress. I worked closely with them to fight against provisions slipped into the energy bill that would reverse the progress made towards keeping our shores clean.

COA marked its 20th anniversary by announcing an effort to create a Clean Ocean Zone off the coasts of New Jersey and Long Island, permanently protecting the ocean that is so valuable to New Jersey residents.

I salute COA for 20 years of hard work and effective work, and I would like to take this opportunity to bring to the attention of my colleagues this success towards cleaning up our shore areas. Now is not the time to reverse the progress of the last two decades.

IN HONOR OF JOHN O'DONNELL

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John O'Donnell for his years of service and appointment as Grand Marshall of the 23rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 21, 2004. Mr. O'Donnell was honored by the Bayonne Saint Patrick's Parade Committee at the annual Grand Marshall Brunch at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 22, 2004, at the Chandelier Restaurant in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mr. O'Donnell has been an active member of the Bayonne Saint Patrick's Parade Committee since 1988. For 15 years Mr. O'Donnell has been a hard working, dedicated, and true proponent for the promotion of Irish culture through the annual parade. Mr. O'Donnell is a

member of Ireland's 32 of Bayonne since 1984, serving as Secretary from 1990 to 1991 and as President from 1994 to 1996.

John O'Donnell displayed his leadership and commitment to promoting Irish culture by helping to save the annual post-parade party in 1993. His innovative idea of seeking financial support from local businesses helped preserve the tradition. Mr. O'Donnell is an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #8 of Hudson County, serving as Vice President from 1998 to 1999 and President from 1999 to 2003.

Mr. O'Donnell is currently Sergeant with the Port Authority Police of New York and New Jersey. He is also the Offensive Coordinator for Saint Peter's High School Freshman Football team. Previously, Mr. O'Donnell was an English instructor at Marist High School from 1986 to 1988.

Mr. O'Donnell received his bachelor's degree and Master's Degree in Education from Seton Hall University. Mr. O'Donnell is a loving husband to his wife, Kathleen O'Donnell, and dedicated father to his six children, John Richard, Kelsey Marie, Shannon Kathleen, Tara Mary, Meghan Elizabeth, and Liam Charles.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John O'Donnell for his distinguished public service, his dedication to promoting Irish culture in the City of Bayonne, and his outstanding leadership and devotion to his community.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Peace Corps Week, which runs from March 1st through the 7th.

In our currently expanding global community, it is important to recognize the integral role that the Peace Corps has played in our past, as well the vital role it will continue to play in our future. As our interaction and interdependence on many foreign countries continues to show its relevance to our own welfare, it is important that the United States have a network of ambassadors like the Peace Corps Volunteers to connect on a local level with citizens of other nations.

With a history dating back to 1961, and a portfolio serving 137 countries, the Peace Corps can boast over 170,000 Peace Corps Volunteers Alumni, who have worked around the globe promoting world peace and friendship. There are currently over 7,500 Volunteers serving in 71 countries, which represents the highest number of Volunteers in the past 28 years.

I am proud to say that the 6th Congressional District of California currently has 39 of its own as Peace Corps Volunteers. They are, in alphabetical order and followed by the countries in which they serve: Emily A. Alden, Tanzania; Nicole M. Arnone, Madagascar; Marion Basel, Ghana; Laura Brinkoetter, Bangladesh; Christine Callinan, Micronesia; Jenifer Clover, Uzbekistan; Ryan E. Crew, Swaziland; Janice M. Crowe, Bulgaria; Lindsay C. Culp, Philippines; Kathryn E. Davis,

Namibia; Katie M. Delahunty, Nicaragua; Charles S. Dietrich, Paraguay; Keith B. Ebright, Zambia; Jacob E. Fleming, Kyrgyzstan; Jennifer C. Galvin, Samoa; Alexandra, Geary-Stock, Swaziland; Tamara M. Gelvin, Morocco; Marcus A. Hawkins, Ukraine; Andrew B. Huston, Nepal; Joy Jacobs, Dominican Republic; Michael Y. Lee, Samoa; Laura J. Leones, Eastern Caribbean; Nickolette D. Patrick, Ukraine; Andrea R. Rask, Eastern Caribbean; Sara B. Riese, Burkina Faso; Leslie A. Schafer, Kenya; Sarah E. Schumacher, Macedonia; Mairead J. Schwab, Ghana; Jeremy B. Smith, Paraguay; Suzanne D. Smith, Philippines; Visalia T. Stanley, Haiti; Jill M. Talmage, Bulgaria; Eric J. Tawney, Vanuatu; Jenny K. Tegelvik, Honduras; Brian C. Vaughn, Nicaragua; Sarah F. Wiens, Kyrgyzstan; Tami M. Williams, Nicaragua; Heather J. Windom, Macedonia; Kenji A. Wright, Panama.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating National Peace Corps Week and honoring the men and women who have committed years of their lives to make our world a better place. It is with this sustained dedication, that lives will be changed, terminal diseases defeated, and poverty eradicated for citizens in every corner of the globe. I commend these brave and unselfish Volunteers and the spirit with which they are affecting change.

HONORING OHIO'S 21ST CENTURY LEARNING CENTERS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Ohio delegation, I rise today to acknowledge and commend the accomplishments of the Ohio Department of Education and Dr. Mary Lou Rush for their work implementing Ohio's 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

Ohio's 21st Century Community Learning Centers offer programs and services that benefit the educational and related health, social services, cultural, and recreational needs of our communities. These centers provide academic enrichment opportunities to help students and to meet state and local student performance standards. In addition, they offer students a broad array of additional programs and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music and recreation programs, technology education programs, and character education programs.

Dr. Rush, and those like her throughout the State of Ohio, are ensuring that all children, regardless of ethnicity, income, disability, or geographic location will meet with academic success. I am including in the RECORD a recent letter to Dr. Rush signed by members of the Ohio delegation to honor her accomplishments.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 27, 2004.

Dr. MARY LOU RUSH,
Ohio Department of Education,
Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR DR. RUSH: We are pleased to recognize Ohio's 21st Century Community Learning Centers and their commitment to excellence in education.

It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge and commend the Ohio Department of Education as the national leader in 21st Century Community Learning Center program implementation. In particular, we want to commend you for your exemplary leadership in developing Ohio's network of safe and supportive learning environments for all children, both during and outside the traditional school day. A tireless and committed advocate, your singular ability to focus Ohio's diverse communities on the educational needs of all children is assuring that Ohio's education system is the best in the nation.

On behalf of the Ohio delegation, we extend our thanks to the Ohio Department of Education for supporting a program that has impacted the lives of so many children. We congratulate the individuals behind the 21st Century Community Learning Center program and wish them continued success in their efforts to create appropriate educational opportunities for the children of Ohio.

Sincerely,

Members of Congress: Bob Ney, Marcy Kaptur, Sherrod Brown, Steve Chabot, Paul E. Gillmor, Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Dennis Kucinich, Steven C. LaTourette, Robert Portman, Timothy J. Ryan, Ted Strickland, Patrick J. Tiberi, and Michael R. Turner.

SUPPORTING GOALS OF CERTAIN
COMMUNITIES IN RECOGNIZING
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEM-
BRANCE

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 56. This bill supports the creation of a Day of Remembrance for persons of German, Italian, and Japanese descent who had their civil liberties egregiously curtailed by the United States Government during World War II.

This bill has important implications not only for these communities but also for all of us in this country. When our Nation was gripped by the fear of war coming to our shores, we made an unconscionable mistake in the form of Executive Order 9066. Signed on February 19, 1942, this order restricted the freedom of Japanese-, German-, and Italian-Americans along the west coast. Members of these communities were forced to carry identification cards, had travel restrictions, and found their personal property seized with little pretense and no due process. Families of citizens and legal residents alike were forced to leave their homes and live in deprivation behind barbed wires and guard towers in internment camps.

History has taught us that the United States was wrong to utterly obliterate civil liberties during World War II. The fear of spies and saboteurs was unfounded. It turns out that, though gripped by the most destructive and most divisive war of the 20th century, the United States had little to fear from American citizens of ethnic backgrounds. The infringement of constitutional rights for the stated purpose of homeland security was based more on racial discrimination than a credible security threat.

Japanese-, German-, and Italian-Americans deserve, at the very least, a Day of Remem-

brance, not only to ensure that the memory of this terrible time period lives on in their respective communities, but also to ensure that all Americans are aware of the grievous mistakes committed in the name of security. We all have important lessons to learn from the internment camps.

Mr. Speaker, the internment camps were one of the worst travesties this Nation has ever committed. We must learn from this shameful episode and apply these lessons for the future. Today we face our own war on terrorism and phrases like "homeland security," "terrorist cells," and "imminent threat" have become commonplace. The security of this great Nation can only be safeguarded if America's basic values are also defended. In pursuit of security, we must never threaten the rights of liberty and freedom that are guaranteed by the Constitution. We must not hold an entire culture or society responsible for the actions of a few members. We must not restrict the rights of everyone for fear of a few. Above all, we must make every effort to ensure the stability of our Constitution even during the difficult times of war and terror.

TRIBUTE TO GERRY GETTY

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize the recent passing of Gerry Getty, a noted elementary school teacher and community leader in Franklin County, Kansas, which is located just to the south of the Third Congressional District of Kansas.

Gerry Getty taught elementary school for 32 years, was active in the National Education Association, and founded the Franklin County Literature Festival. I am saddened by her death at the young age of 53 and want to bring to the attention of our membership an article about her that ran in the Ottawa Herald on February 12th and her obituary from the Topeka Capital-Journal of February 13th. Dedicated educators like Gerry Getty are essential to the success of our children and grandchildren. Through their selfless work on behalf of their students they foster a love of learning within our local communities. I commend Gerry Getty to my colleagues in the House and I hope we all will be inspired by her efforts to make life better for her students and for her neighbors in Franklin County.

[From the Ottawa Herald, Feb. 12, 2004]

LITERATURE FESTIVAL FOUNDER DIES

(By Andy Gassaway)

Gerry Getty, a retired elementary teacher and founder of the annual Franklin County Literature Festival, died Wednesday after a long illness. She was 53. She spent 22 of her 32 years as an educator teaching elementary students in the Central Heights school district, instituting the district's Parent-Teacher Organization and its Reading Is Fundamental program, in which students received free books to take home each year.

"When she saw something she thought would be good for kids, she went for it," Vickie Hall, Lincoln Elementary fifth grade teacher, said. "She has left quite a legacy of the love of literature."

She graduated from Kansas State Teaching College in Emporia in 1971. In 1992, she re-

ceived a master's degree from Kansas State University. Before coming to Franklin County, Getty taught in Overbrook, and Tipton. During her tenure at Central Heights, she also taught adult classes at Neosho County Community College's Ottawa campus.

Beginning in 1994, Getty organized a literature festival at Central Heights that brought children's authors to the area to meet with students. In 2002, the event was transplanted to Ottawa University and included students from all of Franklin County.

"She had a passion for reading," Steve Getty, her husband, said. "Her dream was for every student to be able to read. She wanted to bring it home to Franklin County, and wanted all students to see the wonderful world of literature, meet authors and bring a little culture to their lives."

Last year, the event brought together more than 1,500 students on the OU campus to visit with 13 authors, illustrators and storytellers who took the day to discuss their craft with the young readers. Steve Getty said his wife enjoyed reading the same books she read to her students. Her favorite authors included Mary Downing Hahn and Vicki Grove, he said.

Getty led the way in affiliating the local teachers' association with Kansas National Education Association and National Education Association in 1990. She served several years as president of the association and its negotiating team, and was a delegate to the state convention and three national conventions during her tenure. Her efforts earned her the Viking of the Year award, as voted upon by her fellow teachers at Central Heights. Other honors included being recognized in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, the 2001 Outstanding Reading Educator award from the Franklin County Reading Council and the 2002 Kansas Reading Association Professional Literacy Award.

"She's a very well-respected teacher," Central Heights elementary principal Mary Bogart said. "She may have led a short life, but she was a real doer."

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ottawa.

Getty has been cremated. A Rosary will be said at 2 p.m. Sunday at Dengel & Son Mortuary, Ottawa, followed by a family visitation.

[From the Topeka Capital-Journal, Feb. 13, 2004]

GERRY ANN GETTY

Gerry Ann Getty, 53, Ottawa, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at the University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas City. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Tod Ziegler officiating.

She was born July 21, 1950, to Mathias and Marie (Haug) Roeder in Seneca. She grew up on a dairy farm in Nemaha County. She graduated from Baileyville-Benedict High School in 1968. She graduated from Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, in 1971. In 1992, she received a master's degree from Kansas State.

She married Steven Getty on Oct. 3, 1970, at Seneca. He survives.

She was an elementary school teacher for 32 years. She taught in Overbrook, McDonald, Tipton and Central Heights. She also taught adult classes at Neosho County Community College's Ottawa campus.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She founded the Franklin County Reading Festival in 2000. She was president and chief negotiator for her local chapter of the National Education Association and served as a national delegate. She received several education awards, including Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1995 Viking of the Year, 2001 Outstanding Reading Educator from the Franklin County Reading

Council, and the 2002 Kansas Reading Association Professional Literacy Award.

Her survivors also include two sons, Brent Getty, Lawrence, and Marc Getty, Kansas City, Mo.; three brothers, Larry Roeder, Hiawatha, Dan Roeder, Overland Park, and Dave Roeder, Washington, D.C.; and two sisters, Kathryn Roeder, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Karen Underwood, Los Angeles.

Her body was cremated. Rosary will be recited at 2 p.m. Sunday at Dengel & Son Mortuary, where the family will meet friends immediately following. Family inurnment will be later.

A memorial has been established with the Franklin County Literature Festival. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family through dengelmortuary@sbcglobal.net.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK FEE MODERNIZA-
TION ACT OF 2003

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday this body passed the United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act (H.R. 1561).

H.R. 1561 will begin outsourcing the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's patent search function and it will increase the fees for inventors to obtain a patent or trademark. Yesterday's passage of H.R. 1561 will also lead to decreased efficiency and accountability in the process of granting patents and trademarks.

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution grants the federal government the responsibility to "promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries." H.R. 1561 increasingly shifts this function out of the hands of the federal government and delegates more of it to private commercial entities. What's more, due to the ambiguous language of the bill, these jobs could end up overseas. Congress should defend the integrity of the U.S. Constitution and the employment prospects of American workers.

As my colleagues may know, I hold a patent for a system to generate solar energy. That experience sensitized me to the reality that many of the most ground-breaking ideas and products that need patent or trademark protection come from small inventors or college or university laboratories. Therefore, it is vital that the financial hurdles for application and receipt of patents do not exceed the means of these inventors. H.R. 1561 would increase the fees that small entities must pay in order to obtain a patent or trademark, and the impending outsourcing will force the fees up again in the future. That burden will slow innovation. I recognize the need to pass meaningful legislation that will help the USPTO to alleviate their backlog of pending patent and trademark applications, in order to efficiently serve the innovators that keep this nation moving forward. Rather than achieving this worthy goal, this bill will make it more difficult for American inventors to obtain the legal protection that they and their products deserve. As much as I would like to see the work of the USPTO improved, I could not support H.R. 1561.

IN HONOR OF ALAN APFELBAUM

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan Apfelbaum for his years of service and dedication to the Jewish community. Mr. Apfelbaum was honored at the 51st Annual Sustaining Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 1, 2003, at the Bayonne Jewish Community Center in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mr. Apfelbaum has been an active member of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center for over thirty years. He is a past president and a prior honoree at the Annual Dinner. Mr. Apfelbaum chaired the Nominating, Day Camp, Policy, and Scholarship committees, as well as the Louis Greenberg Lecture Series for the Bayonne Jewish Community Center.

Mr. Apfelbaum's commitment to the Jewish community led him to serve as president of the Bayonne Zionist District and the South Hudson Lodge of B'Nai B'rith. He served as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign, and is also a dedicated member of the Jewish War Veterans and the Holocaust Remembrance Day Committee.

Mr. Apfelbaum is a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving one tour of duty. After his service, Mr. Apfelbaum joined the Army Reserves in 1976 until his retirement in 1998 with the rank of Sergeant Major. Mr. Apfelbaum has received several commendations for his bravery and service to his country, such as the Army Good Conduct Medal, United States Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Medal, Air Medal, and Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals.

Mr. Apfelbaum is currently the supervisor of the Social Services Department at the Hudson County Correctional Facility in Kearny. Previously, he was the owner of Bargain Bin, a small business in Bayonne from 1987-1994.

Mr. Apfelbaum graduated from his native Bayonne High School, and received his bachelor's degree in Hebraic Studies from Rutgers University. Mr. Apfelbaum also holds a Master's Degree from New Jersey City University in Student Personnel Services.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Alan Apfelbaum for his dedicated service to his country and his outstanding contributions to the Jewish community in Bayonne.

HONORING REVEREND GLENDA
HOPE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Glenda Hope who is receiving the TenderChamp Award from the Central City Hospitality House in San Francisco. Rev. Hope has been a tireless advocate for the poor and homeless and is deservedly being recognized for her unwavering leadership, inspiration, vision and energy.

Central City Hospitality House is an organization that serves the homeless community in San Francisco's Tenderloin district. The

TenderChamp award has been given out to organizations and individuals for their work in the Tenderloin community since 1986.

Glenda is the Executive Director of San Francisco Network Ministries. She, with seven others, founded Network Ministries in 1972 and under her leadership the organization reaches thousands of poor and homeless people through programs that address a wide array of issues related to poverty. San Francisco Network Ministries received the TenderChamp award in 1989 for "nourishing the spirit of the poor and being their advocate of change." It is fitting that Glenda is being individually recognized for the depth and longevity of her work.

Rev. Hope attended San Francisco Theological Seminary and after graduating in 1969 she was ordained at Old First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. She served as their Assistant Pastor from 1969-1972, then as Pastor to Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church from 1978-1989.

Glenda has had a long career in community service, working with Northern California Committee Against More Prisons, Tenderloin AIDS Network, the San Francisco Homeless Task Force and as the Chairperson to the General Assembly's Task Force to Persons in the Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Glenda Hope has been an active and outspoken community leader for her entire life. Her efforts on behalf of the community's less fortunate reflect the heartfelt compassion that infuses her life and her work. I am proud of her and I am honored to be her friend.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PETE
DAGUERRE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Pete Daguerre, a remarkable woman who has overcome great obstacles in her life to serve her community. Pete, a resident of Montrose, Colorado, was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis over forty years ago, but despite the effects of this debilitating disease, she has thrived as a successful writer and public servant. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize her accomplishments and her strength to overcome difficult obstacles before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Pete was already an accomplished writer before she was diagnosed with MS. Refusing to remain idle as the effects of the disease began to set in, she instead concentrated on her writing as a means of coping with the disease. Pete has spent over twenty years writing columns for the Montrose Daily Press that serve to inform its readership of activities in not only her nursing home but in other homes around the community. In addition to her writing, she has remained active in public service, and continues to volunteer her time for the greater good of her community. Pete served as the Ouray County public treasurer for six years, and is now vice-president of the residency council at the San Juan Living Center.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Pete Daguerre is a person of unparalleled dedication and commitment to her life-long pursuit of

writing and serving her community as a public servant. Pete's love of writing and positive attitude throughout her life serves as an inspiration to all, and it is my special honor to thank her for her service to her community before this body of Congress and this nation today.

**GOP FIGHTING FOR AMERICA'S
VETERANS**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I want to discuss how President Bush and this Republican Congress have fought to honor America's veterans.

After 18 years, that's nine legislative sessions, I am proud to say under the leadership of Congressman MICHAEL BILIRAKIS the Republicans are the only ones who can claim credit for allowing disabled military retirees to concurrently receive their full disability compensation and retirement benefits. We corrected the flaw in a 100-year-old law.

For the first time, because of Republicans, our country's wounded warriors, those who were injured in combat, while training for combat, or who are 50 percent or more disabled as a result of service-connected causes, will receive both the disability compensation and retirement pay they have earned.

According to the most recent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates, full concurrent receipt would cost approximately \$41 billion over the 10-year period between 2004 and 2013. Almost 700,000 retirees will be eligible in FY 2004 alone.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that our Republican colleagues in the House and Senate have fought to ensure that America's veterans get what they deserve.

**TRIBUTE TO RADNOR GIRL
SCOUTS**

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to the Radnor Girl Scouts during their visit to our Nation's capital today. The girls and teens, ages 8 to 16, representing 10 girl scout troops and 11 schools, will participate in a program called Tomorrow's Leaders. In addition, the Radnor Girl Scouts have worked with the White House Project, Ms. President Patch for Girl Scouts, an organization that is changing the way people think about women in leadership roles. Girl Scouts of the USA started this new program, a non-partisan organization dedicated to advancing women's leadership in government at all levels.

Girl Scouting was introduced in 1912 as a way to introduce new experiences and adventure to young girls, while helping them develop a positive self-image and important leadership skills. More than ever before, our country needs the support of organizations like the Girl Scouts of America to help build stronger families, neighborhoods, and communities. Those

of us in the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania are proud of the example and dedication of the Radnor Girl Scouts and congratulate them on the outstanding work they are doing. During their visit to our Nation's capital, they will learn vital lessons of leadership and service to prepare them to make significant contributions in all aspects of the life of our Nation.

Our great Nation will continue to grow and prosper as we uphold and encourage young people, such as the Radnor Girl Scouts, as symbols of hope, possibility, and personal excellence.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Radnor Girl Scouts for their excellent work.

**IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
PEACE CORPS WEEK**

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the numerous achievements of the Peace Corps during National Peace Corps Week from March 1–7, 2004.

I commend the Peace Corps for its 43 years of attentive humanitarian service and contributions around the world. Since its inception in 1961, the Peace Corps has served to promote a mission of world peace throughout the 137 countries where its volunteers have diligently served. The work of these volunteers has become more vital today than ever before, with many Americans interested in humanitarian service, and a multitude of host countries eagerly awaiting their arrival.

Currently, more than 75,000 volunteers are serving in 71 countries around the world. This number includes five volunteers from California's 13th District: Julie Chang (Mali), Sarah Knueven Brett (Haiti), Rosalind Lwin (Kenya), Brian Stanke (Romania), and Judy Wong (Ukraine). These volunteers share their time and talents as teachers, advisers, agriculture and youth workers, and health educators in the countries where they serve.

During National Peace Corps Week, I am proud to honor the American men and women who are selflessly eager to serve our Nation by fulfilling the mission of the Peace Corps. The noble actions of these volunteers have empowered people in developing countries through their grassroots development efforts.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the Peace Corps on its 43rd anniversary for its continuing humanitarian efforts throughout the world.

**FCC COURT RULING ON PRICING
OF PHONE LINES**

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I applaud the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on "UNE-P" pricing of wholesale phone lines.

Mr. Speaker, telecommunications companies are set to invest billions of dollars in net-

work infrastructure—investment that will help the weak economy and create and preserve jobs—but the current regulatory environment restricts growth and investment in the telecom sector.

With this decision, the FCC should play a major role, as envisioned by Congress in passing the 1996 Telecom Act, of stimulating technological innovation, preserving quality universal service, and creating new jobs in a vital, growing, competitive industry.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO NEIL
McDONALD**

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Neil McDonald for the extraordinary patriotism and valor that he demonstrated in the service of his nation. Neil was a gunner in a Navy helicopter crew in Vietnam and in recognition of his actions, was recently inducted into the Navy Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor. This incredible honor is a testament to Neil's courage, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize him before this body of Congress and this nation today.

This amazing honor is the manifestation of his many selfless and brave actions during the time he spent flying in combat overseas. The distinction of being inducted in to the Navy Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed for those enlisted Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard aircrewmembers who flew in combat in all wars and served with distinction. Neil McDonald now joins only six hundred and fifty fellow patriots that have been selected for this honor. During the eighteen months he spent abroad, Neil flew in over five hundred combat missions and earned many combat decorations which include the Purple Heart, single action Air Medal, the Silver Star, and many personal and unit citations.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Neil McDonald is a man who possesses unparalleled dedication and commitment to serving his country. His life is the very embodiment of what makes this country great, and it is my distinct pleasure to honor Neil before this body of Congress. Thanks for your service to this country.

**HONORING WILLIAM MCGEE OF
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA**

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William McGee of Santa Rosa, California, who died Sunday at the age of 79 of injuries suffered in a bicycle accident. Bill was an experienced and avid bicyclist as well as long-distance runner, bread baker, counselor, poet, photographer, philosopher, and retired junior college instructor.

This list does not begin to describe the warm, wise, and caring person that Bill was to

his wife, Alice Waco, and to all of us who knew him. Friends will long remember the twinkle in his eye and the special comfort brought by the delivery of his own home-baked bread and a few lines of poetry in time of need.

Born in Marquette, Michigan, in 1925, Bill, whose father died when he was four, took a bakery job six years later to help support his family. His interest in spiritual matters drew him to attend a Catholic seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1956, and spent most of his priesthood at the University of Michigan in Houghton. There he founded the Newman Center to serve Catholic students.

Later Bill attended UC Berkeley on a Fulbright theology fellowship, eventually joining St. Benedict's Deaf Center in San Francisco. Bill's life changed dramatically when he met Alice Waco, then a nun at the center. They soon discovered that they were soulmates and both seeking answers outside the church. They married in 1974. That same year, Bill began teaching Latin at Santa Rosa Junior College where he was known for singing Latin chants to his classes. He also earned a master's degree in alcohol studies and coordinated a DUI counseling program at the school until his retirement in 1992.

Bill also worked as a substance abuse counselor at the Orenda Center in Santa Rosa, and with his wife Alice, was active in the Sonoma County Peace and Justice Center.

Bill used his photography, and especially his poetry, to express his feelings about life. Cards to his friends combined both arts with his own unique humor and spiritual philosophy. One of Bill's poems, *To Be An American*, exemplifies his view that love and hope help us meet the complexities and challenges of life. It reads in part:

To be an American is a place beyond boundaries beyond vision, but a dream a possible dream:

when boundaries are dissolved
where perfect is growth
where imperfection is ours sometimes in a most perfect way.

To be an American is a place where everything and everyone is not yet, yet even though our brightest victories applaud sciences of war and peace in the echoes of machinery still making bombs and guns.

We are peoples mixed, melted and split with differences that make pork in government, doves and hawks outside of it, and truth come late.

To be an American is to grow in confusion of a world inside part of a world called these United States . . . in a milieu of men, women and children.

Where differences are different and similarities are never different; that each and everyone needs very little in life; a place to eat, a place to sleep, a place to die, and a lot of loving in between.

Bill is survived by his wife Alice Waco, brothers Jim and Chuck McGee, and sisters Alice Tyler and Pat Ley.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor William McGee. He was a man whose spirituality was matched by his compassion. He was a unique individual whose life brimmed with kindness and creativity. I join with Bill's family and many friends in grief over his loss and happiness in having known him.

IN HONOR OF SISTER JUNE
FAVATA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister June Favata for her years of service and dedication to the young women of Saint Vincent Academy in Newark, New Jersey. Sister Favata was honored at the Celebration of the Life of Monsignor Geno Charles Baroni luncheon on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at the North Ward Center in Newark.

Sister June Favata has been a Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth for 42 years, dedicating most of her time and focus to the education of young women at Saint Vincent Academy. Sister Favata began her career at Saint Vincent Academy as an English teacher in 1969. After years of hard work and innovative thinking, she became program director of the Administrative team in 1978, and assumed the position of administrative director in 1985.

For over 30 years, Sister Favata has helped to establish several interdisciplinary programs at Saint Vincent Academy, focused on preparing students for the rigors of college by promoting self-discipline, personal responsibility, and enhancing academic skills and work ethic. Sister Favata, along with other colleagues, spearheaded the Students-in Community Program, a tool used to integrate social responsibility with formal education. It is an opportunity for students to learn of the underlying causes of social issues, while volunteering and helping out their respective communities.

Sister June Favata has received several awards for her dedicated service to the City of Newark and Saint Vincent Academy, such as the Distinguished Secondary School Teacher Award in the State of New Jersey from Princeton University; Community Leadership and Service Award from Saint Benedict's Preparatory School; and the Miracle Maker Award from the United Way of Essex and West Hudson.

Sister Favata is a life-long New Jersey resident, and received her bachelor's degree in English from the College of Saint Elizabeth and her master's degree in Communication Art from the University of Notre Dame.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sister June Favata for her dedicated and tireless service to her community and for 34 years of outstanding leadership to the students of Saint Vincent Academy of Newark.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TERRY
WINDNAGEL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Terry Windnagel for his extraordinary patriotism and valor during his service to this nation. Terry was a helicopter door gunner with the Navy

Seawolves of Helicopter Attack Squadron Three, and as a result of his heroic efforts was recently inducted into the Navy Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor. This special honor is a testament to Terry's patriotism, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize him before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The distinction of being inducted into the Navy Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on an enlisted member of the military who served as an aircrewman, flew in combat, and served with distinction. As a result of his many selfless and brave actions during the time spent in combat, Terry Windnagel now joins a select group of only six hundred and fifty fellow patriots that have been selected for this honor. While serving abroad, Terry flew in over five hundred combat missions, and earned many combat decorations, including the Purple Heart, single action Air Medal, combat action ribbons, and many personal and unit citations.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Terry Windnagel is a man who possesses unparalleled dedication and commitment to serving his country. His life is the very embodiment of what makes this country great, and it is my distinct pleasure to honor Terry before this body of Congress and this nation today. Thanks for your service to this country.

CONGRATULATING THE ELK RIVER
ELKS ON THEIR VICTORY IN THE
MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS DOUBLE-A GIRLS HOCKEY
TOURNAMENT

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Elk River Elks on their victory in the Minnesota State High School Class Double-A Girls Hockey Tournament. The championship game on Saturday, February 28th, capped the 10th year that girls hockey has held a state tournament.

The Elks finished a 29–2 season with a thrilling 3–2 overtime victory over North Saint Paul, before a crowd of almost 2,500 fans from across Minnesota. This was the first trip to the state championship game for both teams.

Coached by Barry Hohlen, the Elks came from behind to tie the game in the 3rd period on a goal by Erin Olson, her second of the game. 59 seconds into overtime, senior Anya Miller, a Ms. Hockey finalist, scored on a slapshot to give Elk River the title. Both Olson and Miller were named to the all-tournament team.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the students, coaches and fans from Elk River High School on their championship season. It's a great tribute to their hard work, dedication and overall team effort. I know that everyone in the State of Hockey is proud of their accomplishments.

HONORING HELEN M. HIESTAND
FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY
SERVICE TO THE SECOND AND
SIXTH DISTRICT OF OHIO

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Helen Hiestand for her years of able and dedicated public service to the people of Ohio's Second and Sixth Congressional Districts.

Helen served as my District Field Representative for over 6 years. In this role, she served as Service Academy Director; Caseworker; and my representative in the local communities.

Helen's hallmark is professionalism. Throughout her service, Helen not only became a vital member of our office team, she was known for her dedication and commitment to solving problems for people. Helen earned a reputation for keeping in close touch with our local communities and building bridges between people and the Federal Government. She met the highest standards for efficiency and responsiveness in completing casework; served as liaison with local, State and Federal agencies and liaison with local elected officials; and represented me at local events when Congressional business prevented me from attending.

Prior to her service to the Second District, she served former Congressman Bob McEwen as District Office Manager and former Congressman Frank Cremeans as District Representative and Office Manager in Ohio's Sixth Congressional District. We were fortunate to have her join my office in 1997 as District Field Representative.

Helen is also devoted to her family. Her husband, Ed; daughter, Janis; and son, Joe, are pleased that she now has more time to spend with them. Also very active in her church, Helen has served in the United Methodist Women organization; as a Circle Leader; with the Chancel Choir and as a soloist. She has also been active in Emmaus Community, an ecumenical organization.

Helen attended Riverside City College in Riverside, CA, and the University of Texas at Austin.

Although we miss her greatly, we are privileged to have worked with Helen. Her ethical and professional standards, commitment, and dedication have served the Second and Sixth Districts well. We wish her good health and much success in her retirement and whatever she chooses to do next.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PEANUT
MONTH

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Peanut Month—a time to celebrate one of America's favorite snacks and an important sector of our agricultural economy. Roasted in the shell for a ballpark snack, ground into peanut butter or

tossed in a salad or stir-fry, peanuts find their way into everything from breakfast to dessert.

National Peanut Month had its beginnings as National Peanut Week in 1941. It was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1974.

It is believed that peanuts originated as a food source in Brazil or Peru in about 950 B.C. The demand for peanuts increased in the United States during the Civil War, when soldiers used them as food. Today, Americans eat 2.4 billion pounds of peanuts each year.

Because peanuts are not nuts but legumes, they grow in the ground and not on trees. The peanut plant grows above the ground, but the actual peanuts grow below the ground. Depending on the variety, peanuts can be ready to harvest in about 4 to 5 months after planting.

George Washington Carver is considered by many to be the father of the peanut industry. He began his peanut research in 1903. He suggested to farmers that they rotate their cotton plants and cultivate peanuts.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, nine states produce peanuts: New Mexico, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

Valencia peanuts are an economic mainstay of the High Plains. Peanuts arrived in New Mexico in the early 1900s. The first Valencia peanut grown in the state was the Tennessee Red, named for its red seed coat. Valencias may derive their name from a connection to Valencia, Spain. Today, the primary varieties grown in New Mexico include Valencia A and Valencia C.

Until last year, my home state of New Mexico grew more than 80 percent of the Nation's Valencia peanuts. Valencias, sometimes called ballpark nuts, account for less than 1 percent of U.S. peanut production, but they have been a financial mainstay for many farmers in New Mexico for more than five decades.

Known for their sweetness, Valencias usually have three or more kernels per pod. Well suited to the eastern New Mexico region, the red-skinned peanuts have a shorter growing season than the three other market types: runner, Virginia and Spanish peanuts.

Valencia peanuts have been an almost perfect crop for eastern New Mexico, particularly Roosevelt, Curry and Lea counties. Valencias do so well in the Clovis-Portales area because they face much less disease pressure than in other states. Valencias also thrive in the area's sandy soils.

Many of our peanut farmers in New Mexico have struggled in recent years with a devastating drought. Nonetheless, in 2002, New Mexico's peanut producers still farmed 18,000 acres of peanuts valued at more than \$10 million.

Because of the importance of the peanut sector to my state's economy and traditions, I have worked to see that our interests have a place at the table. The 2002 farm bill established an 18-member board to provide consultation to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on implementing the peanut provisions contained in that law.

I wrote a letter to President Bush urging him to appoint Wayne Hardin and Jimmie Shearer to the board. I made this recommendation after both gentlemen were recommended to me by the New Mexico Peanut Growers Association and the New Mexico Peanut Research Board. I was delighted when the President ac-

cepted my counsel. Wayne and Jimmie are to be commended for their service.

Coincidentally, March is also National Nutrition Month—a great time to recognize the nutritional value of peanuts. Peanuts contain mainly unsaturated fat and are low in saturated fat. They contain fiber and magnesium. Peanuts have more plant protein than any other nut. They are also rich in vitamin E, folate, potassium, zinc, phyosterols and antioxidants. Additionally, diets high in nut consumption have also been shown to have a beneficial effect on lowering cholesterol. With the embrace of low-carbohydrate dieting, peanuts are enjoying an amazing revival.

As my colleagues well know, I am very interested in preventive health care. I was pleased by a 2002 study conducted by researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health that concluded women who eat peanuts or peanut butter five times a week can reduce their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by almost 20 percent. Of course, peanuts alone are not a panacea for good health. Physical activity, losing weight and changing dietary habits are key to helping stay healthy.

Mr. Speaker, National Peanut Month provides us the opportunity to recognize the benefits of peanuts as well as the hard work of all the people in the peanut industry. I ask my colleagues to join with me in this celebration.

IN HONOR OF HARRISON POST 282
AMERICAN LEGION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harrison Post 282 American Legion on its 65th Anniversary. An anniversary celebration was held on Saturday, January 17, 2004, at Post 282 Headquarters, 8 Patterson Street, Harrison, New Jersey. The ceremony was presided over by Commander Edwin Marshman, Sr.

On September 16, 1919, the United States Congress chartered the American Legion. The purpose of the American Legion is to serve as a community organization sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, to foster and promote the ideals of patriotism, and to preserve the memories of wars and battles fought by our courageous men and women in uniform. The American Legion is vital to the preservation and celebration of American heritage. It understands the power and value of our history. Yesterday, these brave soldiers served in the Armed Services to preserve America; today, they serve in our communities to preserve our heritage.

Although the majority of the service provided by the American Legion is geared towards veterans' issues, its service does not stop there. The American Legion is heavily involved in children and youth and community service activities. Since its inception in 1919, the American Legion has been a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 1,700 scouting units involving more than 64,000 youths.

Harrison Post 282 was formed in 1939 by a group of dedicated Harrison veterans who

wished to foster the goals of the American Legion in their community. Harrison Post 282 received its permanent charter from the American Legion in 1941. In its 65 years, Harrison Post 282 has continuously upheld the goals of the American Legion, helping countless veterans and serving as a pillar of the Harrison community in a variety of activities.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the Harrison Post 282 American Legion and in honoring its outstanding commitment to veterans and their community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EAST HOLBROOK, ROCKY FORD, AND EMMANUEL MENNONITE CHURCHES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to three Mennonite churches that have enriched the Southeastern Colorado community for 100 years. The East Holbrook, Rocky Ford, and Emmanuel Mennonite churches in Colorado have been instrumental in educating citizens about religion and providing healthcare to the Pueblo community. I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing these institutions tremendous service to their Colorado community.

In 1903, the Mennonites settled in East Holbrook and the Fairmount area in my state. Over the years, the group has established a school, a tuberculosis sanitarium, and a hospital. The Mennonites have been outstanding members of the community who have met the increasing needs of their community by adding a School of Nursing and a new congregation for Spanish-speaking residents in Cheraw and La Junta, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, East Holbrook, Rocky Ford, and Emmanuel Mennonite churches are composed of dedicated individuals who use their resources to improve the lives of many Pueblos. The Mennonites have demonstrated a love for humanity that resonates with their compassionate and selfless service to their town. The Mennonite enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Chairman, the PTO is in the midst of a crisis. Funded by user fees instead of taxpayers, the PTO generates \$1 billion in revenues each year. This success has been an Achilles' heel—the Administration treats the PTO as a cash cow and diverts hundreds of millions of dollars every year for other programs. This is making it difficult for the PTO to hire or even retain qualified examiners to review patent applications. Our technological advancement and our economy can only suffer if Congress sits idly by while this happens.

This bill remedies this by ensuring the PTO can spend all of the fees it collects. I believe ending fee diversion is one of the most important signals we can send to spur innovation and encourage new technologies and new drugs.

The bill also incorporates a proposal of mine and Representative KAPTUR'S to maintain a fee deduction for small businesses. Small businesses are important to this country's economy, and we should give them every incentive to innovate and seek protection for those innovations.

Having said that, I still have concerns about outsourcing. The bill would give the PTO the ability to hire private contractors to do patent searches. This is problematic for a variety of reasons. First, searching old patents and journals is one of the core functions of the PTO, giving that job to private companies would be like shutting down the FBI and having someone else conduct criminal investigations for the Justice Department. Second, no one questions the accuracy and integrity of the work of PTO employees, so the need for contractors is questionable. Also, there could be conflicts of interest if the employee of a contractor doing searches has his or her own patent applications pending.

While the bill will be improved to prevent outsourcing to foreign companies and to limit conflicts of interest, some of my concerns remain.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL H. WILLIAM CARD FOR HIS LEADERSHIP

HON. RUBEN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join the Harlingen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in saluting the extraordinary life and service of Colonel William "Bill" Card. Colonel Card is a modern day "Renaissance man". He has been a citizen, soldier, educator, entrepreneur, community leader, and mayor, and is an example of what is best in America.

Bill Card was born into a military family where dedication to service and country were deeply ingrained. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was sworn in by his father, Brigadier General Horace W. Card. While still in college, he was called to duty aboard the USS *Pennsylvania* berthed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. It was on Sunday, December 7, 1941 that Bill was first tested in battle as he manned the guns to defend his ship against enemy aircraft. In 1942, Bill was commissioned as a second lieutenant and by 1944 was a captain and took part in the campaign of Saipan Island.

After the war, Bill continued to serve in the Marines as an artillery instructor. When the Korean War broke out, Captain Card took part in the landing at Inchon and the liberation of Seoul. By 1954, Bill was a Lieutenant Colonel and served as Battalion Commander, Training and Test Regiment at Quantico, Virginia. In 1962, he was deployed to Cuba during the missile crisis and was subsequently promoted to full colonel.

In 1968, Colonel Card came to Harlingen, Texas as director of Development of the Marine Military Academy. As an instructor, he was always willing to share his knowledge and

the values of integrity, honor, courage, dedication and perseverance with the young cadets. Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps, he began a new career as a businessman and community leader in Harlingen.

Bill Card jumped right in to community affairs. He served as the Mayor of Harlingen from 1987 to 1998. He has served as the President of the Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Harlingen Rotary Club, the United Fund, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. He has been an officer in numerous organizations including the Easter Seal Chapter of Cameron County, the American Heart Association, the Lower Rio Grande Valley YWCA, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Marine Military Academy and the Harlingen Community Care Emergency Foundation. He currently serves on the Rio Grande Valley Health Services District Board, a new entity seeking to resolve the border region's indigent health care crisis. This list goes on and on.

He has deservedly received numerous awards including Citizen of the Year of the Rio Grande Council of the Boy Scouts, the 1973 "Boss of the Year" by the National Secretaries Association and the 1980 "Banker of the Year" for Small Business Administration Region VI. He even received the "Road Hand Award" from the Texas Department of Transportation for proving his ability and stamina in toiling long, strenuous hours for Texas roads. He has also never forgotten his first love, the Marines, and spearheaded the capital campaign that raised \$14 million for new barracks, classrooms, student services and athletic facilities for the Marine Military Academy.

Bill Card never does anything half-heartedly. The discipline and focus he learned in the Marines has been carried with him in civilian life. The people of Harlingen and the Rio Grande Valley are deeply indebted to him for his commitment to improving life for every resident. As a result of his leadership, Harlingen completed a new air terminal at Valley International Airport. The city has a new public library, a new public museum and an expanded municipal auditorium. His vision of thinking of the Rio Grande Valley as one economic entity has brought economic growth and increased cooperation to the whole region.

Despite accomplishing enough for two lifetimes, Bill and his wife Garrison have found the time to raise four beautiful children and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. I am very proud to call him my friend. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Colonel Card and expressing our gratitude for his distinguished service to South Texas and to this great Nation.

D.C. CIRCUIT COURT RULING CONCERNING TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, two days ago the D.C. Circuit Court ordered the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to design new

unbundling and wholesale rules within 60 days. According to the Court, "This deadline is appropriate in light of the commission's failure, after eight years, to develop lawful unbundling rules, and its apparent unwillingness to adhere to prior judicial rulings." Given the situation and the impact that it has on my rural district and consumers across the country, I fully support this decision.

The time has come for the FCC to stop playing games and adopt a set of rules that adheres to the guidelines set forth by the 1996 Telecommunications Act. I support free market principles and feel as though Congress painted a clear pro-competition, pro-growth picture for the FCC. I also echo the sentiments of many other members of the House who feel that it is time to put some legitimacy and continuity in telecommunications regulations.

For the sake of growth, development, and the rule of free market principles in the telecommunications industry, I would like to see each and every member of the House support this ruling.

IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS.
RICHARD A. RUTKOWSKI

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard A. Rutkowski and Regina J. Rutkowski for their years of service and dedication to their community. Mr. and Mrs. Rutkowski were honored by the Richard A. Rutkowski Association at the 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner-Dance on Saturday, January 17, 2004, at the Hi-Hat Caterers in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Richard A. Rutkowski is former mayor and two-term council member-at-large for the City of Bayonne. In 1992 and 1993, Mr. Rutkowski was elected by fellow mayors to the 25 member executive board of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. Mr. Rutkowski is currently a director of the Bayonne Chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice, an active member of the American Polish Veterans, Assumption Catholic War Veterans Post no. 1612, and Bayonne Elks Lodge #434.

Mr. Rutkowski has served on a number of boards of directors for committees, civic, religious, professional and ethnic organizations. He is a former member of the Parish Council and school board member at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, where he served as the chairman of the Parish Centennial Committee. Mr. Rutkowski has also served as assistant cubmaster of Pack 19.

For all his remarkable accomplishments, dedication to his community, and leadership, Mr. Rutkowski has received numerous awards, including the YMCA Award, Citizen of the Year Award from the Bayonne Kiwanis Club in 1990, and National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award in 2001.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Mr. Rutkowski attended Saint Peter's Prep and received his bachelor's degree from Saint Peter's College. Mr. Rutkowski received a master's degree from Stevens Institute of Technology.

Regina J. Rutkowski was born in Poland, and is a survivor of the Nazi occupation. After years of suffering, her family relocated to Eng-

land and then to the United States. Mrs. Rutkowski attended New Jersey City University where she graduated Summa Cum Laude, and received her bachelor's degree in History.

Mrs. Rutkowski has been involved in a variety of charitable, social and civic organizations in which she has held several positions, such as Bayonne's marshall of the Pulaski Day Parade in 1997, trustee of the Bayonne Historical Society, and honorary chair on the 25th Anniversary of the Pro Arte League of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Mrs. Rutkowski is an active member in numerous organizations, including the Bayonne Pulaski Memorial Committee, Polish-American Heritage Committee of Bayonne, Polish-American Citizens Club, and Royal Arcanum.

Mrs. Rutkowski is a member of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, where she serves on the Parish Council. She is an usherette and former member of the parish's Centennial Committee. She currently serves as treasurer of the Mount Carmel Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Rutkowski are the proud parents of three sons, Richard Jr., Stephen, and Robert, and grandparents of three wonderful children, Stephen, Alexa and Robert.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Richard A. Rutkowski and Regina J. Rutkowski for their outstanding leadership, tireless work and service in the community, and commitment to their fellow man.

WE THE PEOPLE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the We the People Act. The We the People Act forbids federal courts, including the Supreme Court, from adjudicating cases concerning state laws and policies relating to religious liberties or "privacy," including cases involving sexual practices, sexual orientation or reproduction. The We the People Act also protects the traditional definition of marriage from judicial activism by ensuring the Supreme Court cannot abuse the equal protection clause to redefine marriage. In order to hold federal judges accountable for abusing their powers, the act also provides that a judge who violates the act's limitations on judicial power shall either be impeached by Congress or removed by the president, according to rules established by the Congress.

The United States Constitution gives Congress the authority to establish and limit the jurisdiction of the lower federal courts and limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. The Founders intended Congress to use this authority to correct abuses of power by the federal judiciary.

Some may claim that an activist judiciary that strikes down state laws at will expands individual liberty. Proponents of this claim overlook the fact that the best guarantor of true liberty is decentralized political institutions, while the greatest threat to liberty is concentrated power. This is why the Constitution carefully limits the power of the federal government over the states.

In recent years, we have seen numerous abuses of power by federal courts. Federal

judges regularly strike down state and local laws on subjects such as religious liberty, sexual orientation, family relations, education, and abortion. This government by federal judiciary causes a virtual nullification of the Tenth Amendment's limitations on federal power. Furthermore, when federal judges impose their preferred policies on state and local governments, instead of respecting the policies adopted by those elected by, and thus accountable to, the people, republican government is threatened. Article IV, section 4 of the United States Constitution guarantees each state a republican form of government. Thus, Congress must act when the executive or judicial branch threatens the republican governments of the individual states. Therefore, Congress has a responsibility to stop federal judges from running roughshod over state and local laws. The Founders would certainly have supported congressional action to reign in federal judges who tell citizens where they can and can't place manger scenes at Christmas.

Mr. Speaker, even some supporters of liberalized abortion laws have admitted that the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, which overturned the abortion laws of all fifty states, is flawed. The Supreme Court's Establishment Clause jurisdiction has also drawn criticism from across the political spectrum. Perhaps more importantly, attempts to resolve, by judicial fiat, important issues like abortion and the expression of religious belief in the public square increase social strife and conflict. The only way to resolve controversial social issues like abortion and school prayer is to restore respect for the right of state and local governments to adopt policies that reflect the beliefs of the citizens of those jurisdictions. I would remind my colleagues and the federal judiciary that, under our Constitutional system, there is no reason why the people of New York and the people of Texas should have the same policies regarding issues such as marriage and school prayer.

Unless Congress acts, a state's authority to define and regulate marriage may be the next victim of activist judges. After all, such a decision would simply take the Supreme Court's decision in the *Lawrence* case, which overturned all state sodomy laws, to its logical conclusion. Congress must launch a preemptive strike against any further federal usurpation of the states' authority to regulate marriage by removing issues concerning the definition of marriage from the jurisdiction of federal courts.

Although marriage is licensed and otherwise regulated by the states, government did not create the institution of marriage. Government regulation of marriage is based on state recognition of the practices and customs formulated by private individuals interacting in civil institutions, such as churches and synagogues. Having federal officials, whether judges, bureaucrats, or congressmen, impose a new definition of marriage on the people is an act of social engineering profoundly hostile to liberty.

It is long past time that Congress exercises its authority to protect the republican government of the states from out-of-control federal judges. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor the We the People Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF A.E. "BEAN"
BACKUS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize one of America's greatest artists, A.E. (Bean) Backus, who I'm proud to say was a native and lifelong South Floridian. On canvas, he captured the very essence of our State's natural beauty.

I count myself among Bean Backus' admirers for portraying Florida as it was and as it should be.

From his earliest days on the Indian River, when he was given a set of watercolors at the age of eight to a lifetime body of work of over 6,000 paintings, Bean has left his indelible mark on all who have followed in the Backus style.

His works are collected and exhibited in Florida and around the world, each telling a story of South Florida's unique natural heritage. Most of it has disappeared from daily public view, left only to preserves and weekend nature trips, but through Bean it is kept alive in the homes of those fortunate to own a Backus or visit one in a museum.

If you squint your eyes and use your imagination, you can see Florida the way Bean Backus saw it. Today, the land where shopping centers and housing developments stand surrounded by traffic was once a place where roseate spoonbills fed and the only sound was the rustling of the Everglades' grasses. Wetlands have become parking lots, and marshes became mansions along our once pristine waterways. Thanks to Bean's visual legacy, their memory is kept intact for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Recognized as the "Dean of Florida Landscape Painting", he is the standard to which other Florida landscape artists aspire. His subtle mastery of light and color are copied by many but equaled by none. His Fort Pierce studio was always alive and open, with 50 students, children's art classes, the curious, those who just wanted to debate the news of the day or perhaps wanted to pick up a brush and try painting.

Bean Backus is the inspiration behind the much acclaimed African-American artists known as The Highwaymen, and counted them among his friends. His compatriot, the legendary author Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, was also a close friend. Though a frequent dining companion of Ian Fleming of James Bond fame, he was most comfortable sharing a sunrise breakfast with the fishermen, workers and tall tale tellers in his hometown.

Today, we can best appreciate Bean Backus at the gallery named in his honor in Fort Pierce that receives tens of thousands of visitors each year. It boasts the largest permanent collection of Backus paintings and annually each spring showcases a large selection of additional Backus paintings from private collections. According to Bean's wishes, admittance has remained free and is supported solely by private donations.

Mr. Speaker, occasionally when the light is right, in the early hours you can almost see Bean at his easel near a window in the gallery recreating the best of Florida for the world to enjoy. Thank you Bean Backus for keeping alive the real Florida, forever.

HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATION ON ITS 30TH
ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on its 30th Anniversary. The DEA has played a vital role in the battle against the drug epidemic in our country.

Before being elected to Congress, I was a federal law enforcement officer in the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for 26½ years. Twelve of those years were spent as El Paso Sector Chief of the United States Border Patrol. One of the most important and most dangerous missions I had in the Border Patrol was the interdiction of illegal narcotics. I had the opportunity to work closely with the DEA in that mission, and can personally attest to the hard work, dedication and professionalism of DEA personnel.

Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to represent the city of El Paso, Texas, a border town in the western-most tip of Texas. This area plays a critical role in our country's war on drugs. Last April my colleague Mr. SOUDER of Indiana, who is the sponsor of the resolution before us today, held a field hearing in my district to highlight the impact of drug trade in our area. Mr. Sandy Gonzalez, DEA Special Agent in Charge in El Paso, was a witness at this hearing.

As one might imagine, DEA has a significant presence in my district. The DEA-led El Paso Intelligence Center, or EPIC, was established by the Department of Justice in 1974 as an intelligence service center to be staffed by representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), U.S. Customs Service and DEA. Initially, EPIC focused on the U.S.-Mexico border and its primary interest was drug movement and immigration violations. Today, EPIC has the same mission, but has broadened its scope to include all of the United States and the entire Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Speaker, I can personally attest to the value of the DEA in El Paso. I urge every Member of this House to join me in congratulating the DEA for 30 years of service in our country.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PETE AND
POLLY CONLON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to two people responsible for continuing a great tradition of entertainment in Beulah, Colorado. Pete and Polly Conlon's Flag Mountain Grill is a family-oriented attraction center that has been a source of entertainment for the citizens of Colorado for over a century. The Flag Mountain Grill is an incredible asset to the city

because it engages the community members in such a dynamic way, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing the Conlon's tremendous service to the Beulah community.

Pete and Polly Conlon are the owners of the Flag Mountain Grill, formerly known as Gayway Park. Currently, the Flag Mountain Grill serves as a restaurant but it began as a small boating pond that was carved out of a mountain valley. Over time, it expanded to include numerous baseball fields, the valley rodeo, and many other community events. During its heyday in the 1950's, Gayway Park was the weekend destination for the Pueblo community as a vibrant music and dance hall.

Mr. Speaker, the Flag Mountain Grill continues a long tradition, dedicated in bringing the people of Colorado together. Pete and Polly Conlon have enjoyed taking on the task of running this landmark institution in Beulah, and their enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I regret that an International Relations Committee hearing on Haiti yesterday caused me to miss Rollcall vote 38, on final passage of H.R. 1561, the United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall vote 38.

RECOGNITION OF COLORADO
NONPROFIT WEEK

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Colorado Nonprofit Week, an annual event organized by the Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations (CANPO) and volunteer committees around the state. The purpose is to recognize and celebrate the vital impact Colorado's nonprofits have on our economy and quality of life.

In Colorado, there are over 16,000 nonprofits and nationwide there are over 850,000 charitable nonprofits. One-third of charitable nonprofits work in the area of human services, helping to meet the needs of all of our citizens through food banks, job counseling, shelters, domestic violence just to mention a few essential areas.

The other two-thirds of the nonprofit sector serve an even broader constituency—all of those who attend cultural performances, view exhibitions, visit galleries, take their children to museums, provide educational programming, work with animals and protect the environment, and many other vital, day-today parts of our lives.

The Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations has worked hard to make Colorado Nonprofit Week a success. Their goals have been to increase the visibility of nonprofits and

their important contributions throughout the state; to strengthen relationships between nonprofit leaders and public officials; and to encourage individual nonprofit leaders to see themselves as part of the greater nonprofit sector.

In 2001 (the last year data was analyzed) nonprofit expenditures totaled more than \$9 billion in Colorado for the 5,400 largest nonprofits and \$822 billion in the United States for the nearly 267,000 largest nonprofits.

The Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations represents organizations across the state that provide hope for thousands of Coloradans. They educate youth, help the disabled, protect children, provide needed services to adults and promote culture and the arts. From bettering the lives of individuals to improving the overall economy of our entire state, there is almost no aspect of society that nonprofits do not touch. One thing is for sure; our state would not be the incredible place it is today if these crucial organizations did not exist.

Mr. Speaker, nonprofits in Colorado and across the country are an essential piece of the fabric of this country. I am pleased and proud to have this opportunity to salute them today.

EXTENSION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORIST ATTACKS UPON THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I come before you in opposition to the extension of the 9/11 Commission. From the outset, I've been opposed to the creation of this blue ribbon panel. A year and a half ago I voted against the Roemer Amendment which created this panel because I felt the panels work would be duplicative to an already established blue ribbon panel, the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Aside from its duplicative nature I was also concerned over the political intent behind the creation of the blue ribbon commission. I feel that if the panel generates any type of report that focuses on the Bush Administration ignoring key pieces of intelligence it can only be construed as being political. Given the fact that there were tens of thousands of intelligence memos regarding terrorist threats, if this panel criticizes a particular Administration for failing to react to one briefing memo then their report can only be seen as seen as politically driven.

The panel's recent request for an extension to its pre-established May 27th deadline only reinforces my pre-held belief that the panel is going to be used as a political vehicle and not serve its original intent which was to provide recommendations for guarding against future attacks. In my opinion, the panel should have either produced a report within the original time constraints or extend the deadline till after the November elections so that the findings don't get bogged down in election year politics.

The way in which the House passed the extension yesterday on voice vote with no ad-

vance notice is also troubling to me. Had the House conducted a recorded vote on the extension, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, I missed rollcall votes 32, 33. Had I been here, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 32; and "aye" on rollcall 33. I request that my comments be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at the appropriate section.

TRIBUTE TO KURT DOUGLAS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a talented and dedicated athletics coach from Rangely, Colorado who is retiring after many years of service. Kurt Douglas uses his creative guidance to inspire people to achieve their best and make the most of their talents and abilities. His enthusiasm spirals through the community as he passes his love for sports on to his student-athletes. I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing Kurt's tremendous service to the Rangely community.

Kurt Douglas has been coaching for over twenty-seven years. He started his coaching career in Crowley County in 1975, where he served as an assistant baseball coach for six years and assisted with the boy's basketball team for two more years before becoming head coach. After Crowley County, Kurt went on to coach at Rocky Ford, working with the Meloneer's baseball team for 13 seasons, which included two trips to the state finals. He also coached the girl's basketball program and assisted the football team for a combined 12 years.

Kurt has led three basketball teams to the state tournament and participated in four all-state games, two in basketball and two in baseball. His favorite aspect of coaching has been the opportunity to guide his three daughters through their own basketball careers. In the midst of all this, Kurt has found the time to work as a full time teacher, while serving as the activities director for the high school.

Mr. Speaker, Kurt Douglas is a truly dedicated individual who uses his talents to enrich the lives of the students in his Rangely community. Kurt has demonstrated a love for sports that resonates in his compassionate and selfless service to many athletic programs and the student-athletes who participate. He has given up countless hours of his free time in order to give kids a chance to pursue their dreams, and I commend him for his service to our youth. Thanks for all your hard work Kurt, and I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGACY FOUNDATION

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an organization that has dedicated its efforts to the education and prevention of tobacco use among our Nation's young people. Founded on March 4, 1999, as a result of the historic Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), the American Legacy Foundation celebrates its 5th anniversary this week.

Over the past 5 years, the American Legacy Foundation has made great strides in improving health for all Americans by creating an environment which allows young people to reject tobacco products and assists others to quit.

The American Legacy Council is best known for their award-winning truth youth counter market campaign. Truth advertisements provide a blunt and frank approach to the negatives of smoking and tobacco usage. These advertisements are credited as one of the reasons for the recent declines in youth tobacco usage. Additionally, the foundation's programs extend well beyond targeting youth. Through their cessation programs, the Circle of Friends creates circles of support around women who wish to quit, the Great Start Program helps to provide counseling for pregnant women regarding the risks of tobacco usage during pregnancy, and the Priority Populations Program focuses on those groups disproportionately harmed by tobacco use.

In addition to celebrating the American Legacy's Foundation wonderful achievements, I wish to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues the very real threat to the financial existence of programs such as truth, and the existence of the Foundation itself. This year the American Legacy Foundation has received its last payment from the MSA. Because of the dramatic reduction in resources, all of the successes that the Foundation has achieved are in jeopardy. Already, the Foundation is cutting programs. It is imperative that members of Congress join together to not only congratulate the American Legacy Foundation on their great success over the past 5 years, but also join together to ensure that the American Legacy Foundation will be able to continue on their path for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO JEANNE YOSHIDA HONDA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to place into our Nation's RECORD the tribute which was given by Art Honda at the memorial service for his sister-in-law, Jeanne Yoshida Honda, beloved wife of Congressman MIKE HONDA, on February 21, 2004.

"Jeanne would really be blown away with all of you being here (especially in this weather). She would also be a little embarrassed but pleased all the same. Thank you for being

here to share this time with MIKE and the family.

I have strict instructions from MIKE to keep this brief since he wants to reserve as much time as possible in order to share a moment or two with each of you personally. That might be difficult, but MIKE always thinks big.

In remembering Jeanne I'm sure my thoughts will mirror many of yours since Jeanne was pretty much the same person no matter who she was with. She was comfortable in her own skin, so to speak, and never tried to be anyone but herself . . . and although MIKE casts a big shadow, both literally and figuratively, Jeanne was never overshadowed. She had her own life plan, developed her own career and went about it in her own unassuming but resolute manner.

I remember Jeanne as one of those rare individuals who knew early on what she wanted in life and set about achieving them in her own quiet and measured way . . . I think that all she really wanted was to marry MIKE, teach little kids and have a comfortable home where she could raise a family. She achieved all that, and I don't think she ever needed nor wanted anything more.

I first got to know Jeanne when she began dating MIKE over 40 years ago. We were all young then if that could be imagined. She was a 19-year-old freshman at SJS majoring in teaching.

She adored MIKE. As a brother, I couldn't see it, but, eventually, even I had to admit that Jeanne was a good judge of character. They were well suited to each other. They had a loving and playful relationship, they filled each other's voids, and their separate strengths—she being introverted, disciplined and structured and MIKE being extroverted, spontaneous and hardly a slave to the clock—rather than being incompatible, they dovetailed perfectly and like fine joinery their union was strong and enduring.

Now I have to say here that I'm younger than MIKE—I try to point this out every chance I get—being the more youthful is one of the few things I have over him. He's got me in most every other area—especially in that full head of hair. Anyway, I got married first—I don't know if that had anything to do with it, but one evening shortly after I got married, Jeanne visited Yoshiko and me at our little duplex apartment, and being MIKE's brother, she wondered if I had any insights into his intentions as far as their future was concerned. Well, hoping to reassure her but not wanting to commit MIKE to anything that he wasn't ready for, I told Jeanne that when MIKE was ready to settle down, it wouldn't be with anyone but her. I told her that I thought it might be soon. She seemed OK with this, but a couple of months later there goes MIKE, along with my credibility, joining the Peace Corps, and off to the jungles of El Salvador he went for the next 2 years.

So things didn't always come easy for Jeanne, but resolute as always, she simply turned her full attention to her studies, finished school and got a job teaching kindergarten in the little town of Agnew and waited for MIKE to come home. Two years passed and MIKE, or someone that looked vaguely like MIKE, finally came home—all 130 pounds of him—imagine a dark-skinned pumpkin-on-a-stick and you'll get the picture. He also morphed into an Asian Desi Arnaz speaking fluent Spanish and singing Latin love songs to his fiancée. But of

course to Jeanne he was the same MIKE and they married that following June of 1967; and with her home cooking and TLC, Jeanne got MIKE back up to his fighting weight and then some. I think, though, that she deferred to MIKE when it came to making the menudo. I'll let MIKE tell you about their belated honeymoon when he took Jeanne to visit El Salvador, deep in the heart of Central America—by the way, they didn't fly . . . they drove round-trip . . . in his Volkswagen beetle. Talk about a tough lady.

So just a month shy of turning 25, Jeanne had her man and she had her career. In a few short years she and MIKE moved into their first and only home where she raised two kids and a German shepherd named Orejas. Jeanne was a full-time Mom by then and under her ever present guidance, Mark and Michelle grew into adulthood, graduated from college, married and embarked on successful careers of their own—and to Jeanne's delight—one grandchild on its way. Once the heavy-lifting part of motherhood was completed, Jeanne returned to her other kids, this time at Baldwin School in the Oakgrove School District. I think she achingly missed her school kids as well as her colleagues this past year—the obvious became clear to me that school was a very big part of Jeanne's life.

Just a brief mention about Jeanne's values . . . Anyone who knows her would agree that she had solid June Cleaver values and a kind of childlike innocence, but she also possessed common sense wisdom and carried a kind of moral authority about her that was both subtle and understated—and not at all preachy or controlling. It was evident in her conduct and sometimes, as I've experienced on occasion, in just a look or a well-timed comment or two.

I think MIKE would be the first to agree that he owes much of his success to Jeanne. The constancy and stability she provided helped him stay the course in a hectic public life that often overlapped into their private lives, something that Jeanne had long ago adapted to and accommodated with grace. But the title of Honorable didn't exist at home. Over the years, Jeanne kept MIKE grounded in her gently assertive way. Her moral compass always pointed north and whenever MIKE needed to check his bearings he never needed to look any further than his partner. Jeanne will always remain in his thoughts—one could be certain of that.

Although Jeanne was very much a part of our family for all these years, she never stopped being a Yoshida. She continued to be a source of strength and a source of support to her mother, Rose Yoshida, who had been so extremely proud of her eldest and only daughter . . . and she never stopped being a big sister to her brothers, Stanley and Dick, whom she remained devoted to.

Brother Dick and daughter Michelle were Jeanne's primary care givers over this past year—joined of course by MIKE, who rushed home when she took a turn for the worse, and son Mark and his bride Mekar who both made repeated trips from LA, and not least of all Jeanne's son-in-law, Travis Phillips, who shuttled back and forth from Seattle.

In the end Jeanne was surrounded by her family and by an abiding love that had its genesis in that 19 year-old freshman who began dating MIKE over 42 years ago. In a very real sense Jeanne's life had come full circle. She wanted to go on of course and she fought the

good fight, devoid of self-pity and with extraordinary courage and a stubborn optimism. But Jeanne prevailed long before the events of the past year, because she had attained the only things that were important to her. Those life accomplishments, and the values that she instilled, will live on.

You did good, Jeanne. I know I speak for everyone here, family and friends, when I say thank you, Jeanne. Thank you for being part of our lives. We're all the better for it."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life of Jeanne Yoshida Honda and in extending our deepest sympathies to her beloved husband, our colleague, Congressman MIKE HONDA, their children and their entire family.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN
LEGACY FOUNDATION

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the American Legacy Foundation as they celebrate their 5th Anniversary. Founded on March 4, 1999 as a result of the historic Master Settlement Agreement between the attorneys general of 40 states and the tobacco industry, the foundation is committed to building a world where young people reject tobacco and anyone can quit.

Thanks to the American Legacy Foundation and other life-saving organizations that work every day to prevent our young people from starting to smoke and help those already addicted to successfully quit, youth smoking prevalence in the U.S. has hit its lowest level in nearly three decades.

The American Legacy Foundation is best known for its award winning truth[®] youth counter marketing campaign. With its blunt messaging and frank approach, truth[®] has been cited as one of the reasons behind sharp declines in youth tobacco use. The foundation's programs also extend beyond youth. Circle of Friends creates circles of support around women who want to quit; Great Start helps provide information and counseling to pregnant women about the risks of tobacco use during pregnancy and the earliest days of a baby's life; and the foundation's Priority Populations Program focuses on minorities and other groups that are disproportionately harmed by tobacco use.

I urge my colleagues to join me today in celebrating five years of accomplishment by the American Legacy Foundation and hope that you will work with me to ensure that organizations like the Legacy Foundation are able to continue their critical work to protect our nation from tobacco's deadly toll.

TRIBUTE TO GLORIA AND
BAUDELIO FLORES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure to rise and pay tribute to Baudelio

and Gloria Flores, who for over fifty years have provided a valued service to their Salt Creek, Colorado, community. The Flores are the proud owners of Flores Grocery and Gift Shop, a business they started in the late 1950's that is well known for providing authentic Mexican products in their region.

The Flores invested their entire life savings to start their Mexican-style grocery, with the hope that the profits from the business would one day send their four sons to college. Due to their hard work, the store has grown into a thriving business and is considered a staple of the local business community. Today, people drive from all over the region to purchase authentic Mexican products and sample Gloria's delicious baked goods.

Mr. Speaker, Gloria and Baudelio Flores are two wonderful people living the American Dream. Through their business acumen, hard work, and dedication to excellence, all four of the Flores children were provided the opportunity to graduate from college and today enjoy successful careers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gloria and Baudelio for their service to their community and congratulate them on remaining dedicated to achieving their goals and dreams. Their efforts have enriched the lives of their children and the Salt Creek community.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support and appreciation for the Civil Air Patrol. In December 1, 1941, just before the attack on Pearl Harbor, in the great tradition of American volunteering and patriotism, civilian aviators and watchers organized the Civil Air Patrol to help protect our borders. During World War II, they attacked 57 submarines and sunk 2 in addition to diligent reporting of suspicious sightings. In recognition of their contribution to the war effort, President Roosevelt declared the Civil Air Patrol an auxiliary of the Air Force.

The Civil Air Patrol represents what is great about America. Volunteers come together to assist each other in defending our homeland. The government did not direct them, but they cooperated with the government to help all Americans.

The Civil Air Patrol has three missions. It assists with Emergency Response throughout the country. The Michigan Wing flew more mission hours than any other Great Lakes wing. Second, it works with students to teach aerospace science and aviation. The Michigan Wing was given an award by the National Civil Air Patrol headquarters for the best aerospace education program in the Great Lakes.

And third, it trains Cadets. Today, I met with Lt. Col. Tim Neill and three Michigan Cadets, Cadet Lt. Sean Croff, Cadet 2nd Lt. Holly Growe, and Cadet Captain Teresa Olson, who impressed me with their intelligence and dedication. Like many young people they have a desire to serve their country and understand how they can contribute to our country and to our armed services. And they are learning about aerospace science and aviation. Addi-

tionally, learning discipline and hands on technical experience is excellent.

I applaud these young men and women, and I understand their contributions. When I was in graduate school in Delaware, I was the squadron Commander in the Civil Air Patrol. As one of the pilots, I flew search and rescue missions and understand the real contribution that Civil Air Patrol makes to our "Homeland Security".

Mr. Speaker, we all thank the leaders and students that give their time for the Civil Air Patrol. They represent the best traditions of America.

NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize National Peace Corps Week which is being celebrated March 1-7 around the country. National Peace Corps Week recognizes the important role the Peace Corps has played over the last 43 years and reaffirms our country's commitment to the mission of the Peace Corps, as vital today as it was over 40 years ago.

The first Peace Corps volunteers were sent to Ghana in 1961. Since then, over 170,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 137 countries to promote the Peace Corps' mission of world peace and friendship.

Last year, the number of individuals applying to serve in the Peace Corps rose by 10 percent. These Americans are eager to serve their nation by acting as teachers, business advisors, information technology consultants, and youth and agriculture workers. These Volunteers transfer life-changing knowledge and skills that are valued by the people of other nations.

Currently, more than 7,500 Volunteers are serving in 71 countries around the world—this is the highest number of Volunteers in the field in 28 years. Today's Peace Corps is more vital than ever, stepping into new countries like East Timor, working in emerging and essential areas and committing more than 1,000 new Volunteers as a part of President Bush's HIV/AIDS Act of 2003. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

National Peace Corps Week recognizes all Peace Corps Volunteers, past and present. I would specifically like to recognize the forty volunteers from my congressional district who are currently serving around the globe. These people and all Peace Corps Volunteers have my gratitude for committing two years of their life to their country and to the spread of democracy through the goals of the Peace Corps.

FREEDOM IN HONG KONG

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, the House Policy Committee met today with a distinguished del-

egation of Hong Kong legislators and advocates of democracy. I would like to briefly report on this meeting.

Last year, the Policy Committee met twice with representatives from Hong Kong:

First, on January 28, 2003, we met with Hong Kong representatives, including journalists, who briefed us on the PRC's efforts to restrict media and intellectual freedoms. Second, on June 5, 2003, we met with a delegation of legislators and human rights advocates. Today's was our third meeting on Hong Kong in the 108th Congress.

The Policy Committee has held approximately 30 meetings in the 108th Congress. The policy-setting organization for the House Majority has devoted fully 10 percent of our meeting time to the cause of freedom for seven million people on the other side of the earth for several reasons:

First, we are the policy-setting organization for the Republican majority. Our party was founded 150 years ago—more accurately, 149 years, 11 months, and two weeks ago—on the simple idea of individual freedom. Republican presidents helped secure freedom for millions of Americans in the Civil War and for millions more around the world in the Cold War. Today, President Bush has naturally made freedom around the world the primary means of securing victory in the war on terrorism. The basis of our party is freedom, and Hong Kong, today, is on freedom's frontier.

Second, the seven million people of Hong Kong represent the best hope for more than a billion others in Asia. It is vitally important to the world that China becomes more like Hong Kong, and not the other way around. Accomplishing that goal would be in the interests of the people of Hong Kong and all of China, and it would be in the interests of the United States and the rest of the world, as a free, democratic, and prosperous China would be a more stable and friendly neighbor and member of the international community.

One month after our previous meeting, the Hong Kong legislature was scheduled to vote on a PRC-backed law to severely limit free speech and civil liberties in Hong Kong, in the name of punishing "subversion." We and the House International Relations Committee proposed, and the House approved, a resolution in support of freedom in Hong Kong, and against the proposed anti-subversion law. Unprecedented demonstrations by over one-half million people in Hong Kong followed a few days later. The PRC withdrew the so-called anti-subversion legislation it was backing.

While the withdrawal of the so-called anti-subversion bill was good news, the more recent PRC freeze on the consultative process to provide for the popular election of Hong Kong's chief executive in 2007, and of its legislature in 2008, is of grave concern. It is vital to commence this process immediately. China will host the Olympics in 2008. Will the world discover that China has broken its promise? Only if the free world holds China to its commitment, and elections are held in 2007 and 2008, will this global shame be avoided.

Likewise, all the people of Hong Kong—including those who speak out for democracy—must be allowed the freedom to return to travel within China. The refusal of Beijing to grant permission for Chinese patriots in Hong Kong, including many who were born on the mainland, to travel to Beijing is an affront to freedom and to the Olympic spirit.

Mr. Speaker, much work remains to be done for freedom and democracy in Hong Kong and in China. The United States Congress must continue this work.

TRIBUTE TO BOB DIEDRICH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to pay recognition to a man of my district that has diligently served his community for years. The city of Cortez has honored Mr. Bob Diedrich by selecting him as the 2003 Citizen of the Year. I am honored to rise today and acknowledge his contributions that have prompted this well-deserved award.

Bob's service to his community has included his election to the City Council in 1992, and being selected to serve as the Mayor Pro-Tem of Cortez in 1995. On the city council, Bob facilitated projects to increase the size of the city's park as well as the building of a new police station. Sitting as chairman on the Sanitation Board, Bob worked hard to see the completion of the city's new sewage treatment facility plant. In addition to all of his outstanding work on the City Council, Bob has dedicated himself to working with numerous charitable and civic organizations in his Cortez community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a dedicated citizen of Colorado. The time and effort Bob puts into serving his community is admirable and worthy of this recognition.

HONORING JAMES WESLEY
"WILLIE" YORK

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James Wesley "Willie" York. Mr. York was a builder, developer, realtor and philanthropist whose creativity and generosity have shaped Raleigh and the State of North Carolina in ways we will appreciate and honor for years to come. He died in Raleigh on March 2, at the age of 91, after an outstanding career that spanned the 20th century.

Long before shopping malls and urban planning became the norm in America, Mr. York took the bold step of developing land that combined multifamily housing and shopping facilities in a community setting. When it opened in 1949, Raleigh's Cameron Village was the first shopping center in the Southeast, and it has flourished through multiple changes in the years since. From that visionary development, Mr. York completed numerous other construction projects that have become landmarks in Raleigh. They include York Industrial Park, the Raleigh Farmers' Market, the Velvet Cloak Inn, Mission Valley Inn and Shopping

Center, and Northgate Shopping Center in Durham.

Mr. York was also a public servant and made numerous contributions in this arena to enhance the public good. As a member of the Raleigh School Board, he became a leader in the peaceful desegregation of the school system. J. W. York Elementary School was named for him in 1965 in recognition of his efforts. From 1976 to 1985, Mr. York brought visionary leadership to the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority to ensure that it would continue to meet the demands of a growing region. By organizing major bond campaigns, he raised over \$163 million to finance construction of a major runway, additional terminals, and ground transportation. A 1933 graduate of North Carolina State University, Mr. York was also a life-long Wolfpack fan and devoted supporter of that institution. His leadership and generous contributions shaped development of the campus and gave life to the J. C. Raulston Arboretum.

Mr. York is survived by seven children, 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. I particularly want to acknowledge the leadership of his son Smedes, who has continued his father's development and philanthropic work. Smedes' tenure as mayor of Raleigh from 1979-83 was a progressive era for our capital city, and he has been a respected voice in many projects before and since.

The Fourth Congressional District and all of North Carolina are more livable places because of Mr. York's vision and gutsy determination to enhance the character of our infrastructure and the life of our communities. His legacy is much more than the bricks and mortar of his buildings; they are visible symbols of his strength and imagination. They will continue to be welcome reminders of his leadership in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE LATE
RAUL JULIA

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker I rise today as a supporter of H. Con. Res. 287 which honors and recognizes the life of the late Raul Julia. This is an honor that is well deserved for a man who dedicated his life not only to the performing arts but also to his community. I want to thank my distinguished colleague Representative GUTIERREZ for bringing this bill to the floor and giving appreciation for a truly outstanding human being.

As an actor alone Raul Julia has made an outstanding contribution to this country. In New York City he obtained roles in Shakespearean plays that were often not given to Hispanic actors. In his 10 years on the Broadway stage he was nominated for four different Tony Awards. We all remember his role as Rafael the fix it man on Sesame Street. His performances were not only memorable but they made a lasting impression on those who watched him. His success made it possible for Hispanic actors to gain greater recognition.

However, to say that Raul Julia was a great actor is only telling half his story. He was a tremendous activist for the elimination of hunger. It is fitting that after his death in 1994, the Hunger Project for which he had been a spokesman changed its name to the Raúl Juliá Ending Hunger Fund. It was his hope that so many Americans and people worldwide who were downtrodden would have a way to bring themselves up. His life and the efforts he made are an example to us all that success is not merely measured in the number of accolades you receive but in the number of people you touch. Raul Julia touched lives around the world, he was not merely content with success on the stage, he wanted to have the kind of success that was truly felt by people.

The Hispanic community is the fastest growing community in America and with role models like Raul Julia the future for these proud people is bright. There are those who might say that a career in the arts is superfluous, but I have to strongly disagree with them. The arts are what inspire us, what allows us to believe that the impossible is possible. Raul Julia fulfilled that vision and more, his work allowed Hispanic actors to gain greater access to the stage. His work for the hungry and in his birth country of Puerto Rico lifted the spirits of so many. While his life was too brief, it was one that was well spent. Our nation needs more men and women of conscience and determination like Raul Julia, I feel confident that this nation's burgeoning Hispanic community will help produce them.

TRIBUTE TO DON ROBINSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to the memory of Don Robinson today. To anyone who has skied the beautiful slopes in Aspen, Colorado, they probably have Don Robinson to thank, and it is his contributions to Colorado skiing that I would like to recognize here today.

Don Robinson was a pioneer in his field, creating many of the ski trails on the Aspen Highlands. For over forty-five years, Don worked on the popular mountain, creating most of the original runs. One of the mountain's hardest trails is his namesake, which is fitting considering the amount of hard work and dedication Don put in to making Aspen's ski slopes some of the best in the world. In addition to creating so many trails, Don was an active member of his church where he enjoyed singing with the Church Choir.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to Don Johnson. Don helped turn a little known town into one of the greatest ski destinations in the world. The Aspen community, the State of Colorado and skiers around the world mourn his passing. My heart goes out to his wife Janet and his family during this difficult time of bereavement.