

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