

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KEN
CHLOUBER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to Ken Chlouber and thank him for his commitment to public service as a two-term senator in the Colorado General Assembly. As the President Pro Tem of the Senate, Ken will always be remembered for the leadership and guidance he has provided. As he celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves a great legacy of service and dedication to his district and the State of Colorado.

An extraordinary man in every sense of the word, Ken has had a colorful career in and out of politics. He has worked as a miner and auctioneer; enjoys running ultra marathons; is a big game hunter; and his pack burro racing skills garnered him election to the Colorado Pack Burro Racing Hall of Fame in 1985. Elected from District 4 in 1996 to serve the people of Douglas, El Paso, Lake, Park, and Teller counties, Ken has sponsored bills supporting agriculture, mining, tourism, emergency medical care, prison construction, and the creation of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreational Area. In addition to serving as President Pro Tem, Ken is a member of the Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy; Appropriations; Legislative Council; and Transportation committees. Ken's honors for his excellent record in the General Assembly include the American Cancer Society Legislative Accomplishment and the NFIB Guardian of Small Business.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute before this body of Congress and this nation to State Senator Ken Chlouber for his selfless dedication to public service. It is clear that Ken has been an invaluable resource for the State of Colorado, and his efforts have helped ensure a promising future for our great country. I would like to extend my congratulations to Ken on his retirement and wish him and his wife Pat all the best in their future endeavors.

MARQUETTE RANKS IN TOP 30
"AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE CITIES"

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the good work of the local leaders in the county of Marquette, Michigan who have worked to make this First District community a great place to live. As a result of that hard work, Marquette County, located on the shores of Lake Superior, earlier today was named one of the "America's Most Livable Communities," in the annual ranking by the Partners for Livable Communities, a national nonprofit whose prestigious list is published in USA Today.

The county of Marquette has been through soiree challenging times over the years. That includes its efforts to recover from the closure of K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base a decade ago

that resulted in the loss of more than 1,000 civilian jobs as well as its work to keep its mining industry strong and competitive in the 21st Century.

But in recent years, the community of business leaders, government, clergy and education, through many task forces like the Lake Superior Community Partnership, have come together to move forward and develop innovative ways to strengthen this region.

The community boasts a state-of-the-art regional medical center in Marquette General Hospital. Marquette is also home to Northern Michigan University and its U.S. Olympic Education Center.

In addition, these partnerships have created new incentives to bring business to the area and it has provided them and residents with broadband services to ensure this smaller community can compete with its urban neighbors.

Marquette County is home to eight museums, an arts and cultural center, a symphony and provides four seasons of recreational opportunities, with some of the best mountain biking and cross-country ski trails in the country.

I would also like to note that Marquette County was named one of the 10 "All-America Cities" in 2003 by the National Civic League.

But probably most important of all, Marquette has an active and strong base of community leaders and volunteers who have worked together to make this county a great place to live. Some of those individuals were here in Washington D.C. to attend the special ceremony. They include: Monsignor Cappo of St. Peter's Cathedral, Marquette County Commissioner Bill Nordeen, Doreen Takalo, chair of the Marquette County Township Association, Karen Anderson of K.I. Sawyer, Bob Racia of Marquette General Hospital, Bill and Sue Rigby of Northern Michigan University, Marquette City Manager Gerald Peterson, Marquette Mayor Jerry Irby, Ishpeming Mayor Gary Nelson, John Mommarts of the Noquemanon Trail, Liz Smith of Project W.E.A.V.E. and Steward Harrison of Telkite.

Mr. Speaker, Marquette County has more than earned this great honor.

HONORING THE HENRY FORD
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to The Henry Ford—a National Historic Landmark—on its 75th anniversary.

The Henry Ford, located in Dearborn, Michigan, began in 1929 as Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. The original concept was Henry Ford's idea—to create a school to teach young people about how past innovations can influence the future. The Museum and Village grew as Ford's historical collection multiplied. The artifacts range from ordinary household objects to obscure technical inventions of many eras. Some of the categories of artifacts, particularly in the agriculture, transportation, industry, communications, and domestic life areas, are recognized as the most complete collections in existence.

The Henry Ford now includes the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, IMAX The-

atre, Benson Ford Research Center, and the Ford Rouge Factory Tours. These attractions host 1.5 million visitors per year. The Henry Ford is a state-designated "Anchor Organization," which means that it has been enlisted to develop programs to promote participation in cultural activities and serve as a mentor to other cultural organizations with similar missions. The Henry Ford has set the standard for historic education and historic learning experiences not only in Southeast Michigan, but throughout this country.

The fresh, innovative spirit Henry Ford embodied is alive in the Henry Ford experience. This creative approach to education, community involvement, and economic development issues are an asset to the people of Dearborn and its surrounding areas.

I would like to ask my colleagues to rise and join me as I congratulate this organization for 75 years of bringing education and enlightenment to Southeast Michigan and, indeed, the entire country. I extend my best wishes to The Henry Ford, its staff, volunteers and supporters for continued success in celebrating American accomplishments and inspiring younger generations to new heights of achievement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. C. DOUGLAS
PARKS

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. C. Douglas Parks on his retirement from the Aptaskistic-Tripp School District 102 in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. After thirteen years as Superintendent and nearly forty years in public education, Mr. Parks is retiring, committed in both belief and practice to that idea that all children can learn. The vision and leadership he has provided ensure that School District 102 is and will continue to be a world class learning environment.

During Mr. Parks' tenure, he worked to expand opportunities for learning for all children, believing that every student should have a supportive environment, every student should be involved both individually and collectively in learning, and that every student can be empowered through learning. He has remained committed to developing a foundation of respect, pursuit of excellence, accountability, fairness, trustworthiness and honesty in his district. Besides applying these principles to academics, he is also committed to improving the quality of life for his students. Recently, he supported an innovative nutrition education initiative for healthier living.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. Parks for being such a positive influence in District 102, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ALAMOSA
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the