

state track meet in their first season. Ruth moved to East High School in 1981, where she taught and coached swimming until her retirement in 1989. In 1983, she became only the fourth woman inducted into the Greater Pueblo Sports Association Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to the achievements of Ruth Hulsey before this body of Congress and this nation, and to thank her for her contributions to the great tradition of athletics in Colorado. Her efforts to instill the love of sport in the youth of her community is truly commendable. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

THE MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AND THE "E-REACH PROJECT" IN ILLINOIS 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2004*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce to my colleagues that the Medical Library Association will hold its Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 22–May 26. Headquartered in my congressional district in Chicago, MLA is a nonprofit, educational organization of more than 900 institutions and 3,600 individual members in the health sciences information field, committed to educating health information professionals, supporting health information research, promoting access to the world's health information, and working to ensure that the best health information is available to all.

The advancement of information technology holds great promise for dramatically increasing the delivery of health care to underserved communities across the country and throughout the world. Medical librarians and health information professionals play a key role in the delivery of quality health care services by facilitating access to web-based health care information and telemedicine services. Despite the value of electronic-based health information, a recent needs assessment survey conducted by Loyola University Health System, the Loyola University Health Sciences Library and their Pediatric Mobile Health Unit highlighted the fact that 60 percent of respondents in the predominately minority communities of Bellwood, Maywood and Cicero, IL had not used the Internet to access health care information. Moreover, 80 percent of respondents had never consulted a librarian to help them find health related information.

In response to these findings, the Loyola University Health System, Loyola University Health Sciences Library, and Loyola University Health System Mobile Health Unit have developed a project designed to strengthen and enhance access to health information among underserved and under-represented populations in Maywood, Bellwood and Cicero. The E-REACH (Electronic Realtime Education Aiding Community Health) initiative will provide "on demand" health information to patients and families served by the Loyola University Health System Mobile Health Unit and Loyola Children's Center. The program will focus on expanding electronic access to health information at the point of patient care, promoting the use of health information by physicians and

other health workers involved in the project, increasing patient awareness of health insurance programs and other health information resources, and increasing awareness of electronic health care information for individuals with Internet access.

The E-REACH initiative is partially funded by a grant from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and is an excellent example of how the NLM has taken a leadership role in promoting educational outreach to underserved populations as part of an ongoing effort to reduce health disparities among large sections of the American public. NLM currently funds over 280 outreach projects, with at least one such project in every state.

I congratulate all those involved in this promising new initiative, including the project director, Dr. Logan Ludwig, Associate Dean of Library Services and Telemedicine at the Loyola University Health Sciences Library. It is my hope that the E-REACH program will serve as a model for other communities seeking to expose the benefits of health information services to medically underserved and minority populations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming the Medical Library Association to Washington for their Annual Meeting, and recognize the invaluable contribution that health information professionals make to our nation's health care system.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KEN NESBITT

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to the life and memory of Ken Nesbitt, who recently passed away after sustaining fatal injuries in a motorcycle crash. I personally knew Ken well, and he was a devoted family man, a dear friend, and a beloved member of his Grand Junction, Colorado community. As his family and community mourn his passing, I believe it is appropriate to recognize the life of this exceptional man, and his many contributions to his community and state.

After graduating from Arizona State University in 1968, Ken served our nation for five years as a Navy pilot where he was selected for the Apollo 16 Recovery Mission. In 1973, he moved back to Grand Junction where he joined the family construction business that his father started in 1954. He took over the business in 1977 at age twenty-eight, and his strong leadership and business acumen saw the company grow into an industry leader and a vital asset to the community. Due in large part to personally donating land and the resources of his business, he made sure the Grand Junction/Mesa County Riverfront Project was completed, which Grand Junctionites still enjoy today. For his efforts, Ken received the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award by the State of Colorado Parks Board, and his company received an award for Reclamation Project of the Year for Greenbelt.

One of the most dedicated, hard-working, and likable people that I have ever known, Ken has made a lasting impact on Grand Junction and the State of Colorado. He helped

found the Grand Junction Economic Partnership and was a president and board member of the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce. He was a trustee on the Board of Directors for St. Mary's Hospital and sponsored the Winter Sports Clinic for the Vietnam Veterans of America in 1993. He also served on the board of numerous civic and business organizations, including the Colorado National Bank, Riverfront Commission, Mesa County Economic Development Council where he also served as chairman, and the Grand Junction Lions Club. Above all, Ken was devoted to his beloved wife JoAnn, sons Chris and Jeff, and daughter Ashley.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Ken Nesbitt. I am proud to have known such a great man who enriched the lives of his family and community. My heart goes out to his family, friends, and Grand Junction community during this difficult time of bereavement. Ken, we will miss you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2004*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, I was returning to Washington from the World Economic Forum in Amman, Jordan and, therefore, missed three recorded votes.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously and would like the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on recorded vote No. 180, "yes" on recorded vote No. 181, and "no" on recorded vote No. 182.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JENNY INGE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jenny Inge of Creede, Colorado, on being recognized by the Creede-Mineral County Chamber of Commerce as their 2004 Employer of the Year. The award recognizes an employer who has shown an exceptional devotion to the community and to promoting the local economy. This award is a well-deserved testament to her achievements.

Jenny is the proud owner of Rare Things, a business that sells fine jewelry, antiques, and various works by artisans. In addition to running the business, Jenny also creates many of the fine pieces of jewelry and art displayed in the store. The business has been a success in the community for thirty years, and is Creede's largest year-round employer. The success of the business can be credited to the creative and open environment Jenny creates, as well as her entrepreneurial skills in attracting tourists and other customers to Creede. Her civic involvement and dedication to Creede includes the Mineral County Gem and Mineral Show, and her work with the Mineral County Fairgrounds.