

colleagues to join with me and with these communities and organizations in support of this legislation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANA
DODSON

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young Colorado student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Ana Dodson of Evergreen has just been named one of the top youth volunteers by the 2005 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers.

Ms. Dodson is being recognized for creating an organization called "Peruvian Hearts," a non-profit organization to aid abused and abandoned girls living in Peruvian orphanages. This organization has over the past year collected donations totaling near \$10,000. This money was used to purchase such commodities as school supplies, vitamins, books, toiletries, clothing, medicine, quilts, backpacks, and toys.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created by Prudential Financial in Partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 8 years, the program has become the Nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with more than 170,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Ms. Dodson should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. I applaud Ms. Dodson for her contribution and public service, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world. She is deserving of our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that the spirit of America's youth holds tremendous promise for America's future.

CONGRATULATING KENNETH
McGLUMPHY ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Kenneth McGlumphy on his retirement after 31 years of service to the Social Security Administration.

Mr. McGlumphy started as a clerk and worked his way up to the position of District Manager of the Butler Field Office. Kenneth has a long standing relationship with my office, and has always been pleasant and courteous.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recog-

nizing Kenneth McGlumphy. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute citizens such as Kenneth who truly embody the spirit of public service and make the communities they live in special.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF HELEN AGUIRRE-FERRE

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible achievements of Ms. Helen Aguirre-Ferre.

An accomplished journalist in print and television, Helen is currently the Opinion Page Editor of *Diario Las Americas* and moderator of the weekly public affairs program *Issues for WPBT Channel 2*.

In addition, I am proud to acknowledge the wonderful distinction Helen earned by being elected as the first female President of the District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College.

Helen's enthusiastic ability to balance the responsibilities and obligations of these challenging positions is a commendable feat and serves as a testament to the diligence and determination she exerts as she continues to succeed in her professional endeavors.

She truly lends an impressive example of purpose and fortitude to the communities of South Florida.

I invite my colleagues today to join in the much-deserved recognition of Ms. Aguirre-Ferre and wish her much continued success in the future.

Congratulations, Helen!

INTRODUCTION OF THE DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE CONNECTIONS CAMPAIGN
ACT OF 2005

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Domestic Violence Connections Campaign Act of 2005," legislation that ensures that the National Domestic Violence Hotline continues to provide the essential services it has been providing since it was created in 1996. I am joined by Representative HART.

The Hotline was created by the Violence Against Women Act and answered its first call on February 21, 1996. By August 2003 it answered its one millionth call, an increase of approximately 133 percent. This is due in large part to public awareness of domestic violence and public promotion of the Hotline. Today, on average the Hotline receives almost 16,000 calls a month.

The Hotline is primarily funded by federal dollars that come from annual federal spending bills. However, as the Hotline's call volume continues to increase exponentially, funding has failed to keep pace. To keep up, the Hotline needs new equipment, new connection

capability, and new data protection technology. Because its system is so outdated, over 26,000 calls last year went unanswered due to long hold times or busy signals.

The Connection Campaign is a combination of public and private efforts to bring the Hotline up to speed. It teams up private telecommunication and technology companies with the federal government to solve the Hotline's crisis and guarantee that the Hotline can answer every call. Under the Connection Campaign, companies like Microsoft, Sony, BellSouth, Verizon Wireless, IBM, Dell and others, may donate hardware and software such as cell phones, home computers, mapping software, flat-screened monitors, and telephone airtime to the Hotline.

On the public side of the partnership, Senator BIDEN will soon join Representative HART and me in introducing legislation to bridge the digital divide. Our bill, the Domestic Violence Connections Campaign Act of 2005, which will also appear in the 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, has three components:

It mandates that federal appropriations to the Hotline include technology training for Hotline advocates so that every new telephone, computer, and database will be used to its fullest capacity.

It provides a new research grant program to be used to review and analyze data generated by the Hotline. Administered by the Attorney General, the grant program will study trends, gaps in service and geographical areas of need. The findings of this research will be reported to Congress within three years of its enactment.

It provides a grant program for the Hotline to increase public awareness about the Hotline's services and domestic violence generally.

The Connections Campaign and this legislation are important next steps in our fight to defeat domestic violence and assist victims. I am hopeful that Congress can move quickly to enact this worthwhile and timely legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO
CLARIFY ISSUES OF CRIMINAL
JURISDICTION WITHIN THE EXTERIOR
BOUNDARIES OF PUEBLO
LANDS

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation on behalf of myself and cosponsors HEATHER WILSON and STEVAN PEARCE that will help clarify issues of criminal jurisdiction within the exterior boundaries of Pueblo lands by amending the Indian Pueblo Lands Act of 1924.

This legislation addresses confusion over criminal jurisdiction on Pueblo lands in New Mexico arising out of the holding in *United States v. Jose Gutierrez*, an unreported decision of a federal district court judge in the District of New Mexico that overturned prior precedent regarding the jurisdictional status of the lands within the exterior boundaries of Pueblo grants.

The Gutierrez decision created uncertainty and the potential for a void in criminal jurisdiction on Pueblo lands. Because of the risk to