

body fully acknowledges their contributions to our national security and our environment, I will place in the RECORD the names of DOE employees who deserve our thanks and an acknowledgement of the service they gave in turning Rocky Flats into a success story:

Jeff Allison, Charlie Anderson, Mariane Anderson, Tod Anderson, Robert Birk, Robert Bistline, Ron Bostic, Gerald Boyd, Ken Brakken, Lisa Bressler, Patti Bubar, Roger Butler, George Cannode, Kathleen Carlson, William Casey, Norma Castaneda, Jack Craig, Hank Dalton, Charlie Dan, Gina Dan, Ann Davis, Paul Detwiler, Glenn Doyle, Patrick Etchart, Jim Fiore, Cliff Franklin, Mark Frei, David Garman, Christine Gelles, Dave George, Fred Gerdeman, Mark Gilbertson, Paul Golan, Robert Goldsmith, Dave Grosek, Kent Grover, Tom Grumbley, James Hartman, Art Haugh, Larry Helmerick, Dave Hicks, Richard Hopf, Rod Hoffman, Gary Huffman, Carolyn Huntoon, Brent Johansen, Elizabeth Jordan, Jeremy Karpatkin, Keith Klein, Joe Legare, Gary Lietz, Ellen Livingston, Frazer Lockhart, Paul Longworth, Tom Lukow, Karen Lutz, Mary Lynch, Larry Maghrak, Barbara Male, Barbara Mazurowski, Matt McCormick, Steve McCracken, Deanna McCranie, Anna Martinez-Barnish, Greg Moore, Gary Morgan, John Mullarkey, Theresa Nash, Robert Nelson, Ricky Newton, Dennis Oba, Shirley Olinger, Mike Owen, Jim Owendoff, Jeff Parkin, Ray Plienness, Lloyd Piper, Jane Powell, Barbara Powers-Hargreaves, Michael Hargreaves, Richard B. Provencher, William Prymak, Don Rack, John Rampe, William C. Rask, Brad Ring, Jessie Roberson, Mell Roy, Norm Sandlin, Dero Sargent, Rich Schassburger, Roy Schepens, Lance Schlag, Gene Schmitt, John Schneider, Gary Schuetz, Clay Sell, Beth Sellers, Warren Seyfert, Frank Sheppard, Mark Silverman, Dave Simonson, Steve Sohinki, Joe Springer, Jim Steward, John Stover, Scott Surovchak, Maryanne Tinney, Ines Triay, Reginald Tyler, Phil VanLoan, David Vaughn, Patty Wagner, Bruce Wallin, Bob Warther, Kerry Watson, Mike Weis, Ed Westbrook, Dotti Whitt, Elizabeth Wilson and Lam Xuan.

TRIBUTE TO SSG KEITH A.
BENNETT

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to SSG Keith A. Bennett who faithfully served his country by fighting the war on terror.

He joined the National Guard in February 1997. He was a loyal soldier determined to serve our great Nation. During his time with the Guard, Sergeant Bennett traveled to Saudi Arabia. There, he was a military escort for less than a year.

Bennett, a member of the Second Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division, was killed by a suicide bomber. While standing guard at a checkpoint which protects a facility where United States Marines train Iraqis to be police officers, an insurgent detonated the explosives leading to Bennett's death.

Sergeant Bennett is survived by his father, Harry E. Bennett of Aberdeen, MD, his mother

and stepfather, Carolyn Hasson and Thomas Miller of Holtwood, PA, his sister, Tina Daley, and his stepbrother, Tommy Miller, Jr. His family remembers him as a devoted soldier, son, and brother with a flare for adventure and loving to spend time riding his motorcycle and cruising in his 2003 black Mustang Cobra.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor SSG Keith A. Bennett for the dedication he has shown to his family, his friends, and the American people.

TRIBUTE TO BERNARD B. "SKIP"
GARCIA

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Bernard B. "Skip" Garcia, a legend in Tampa's political circles, an asset to any Tampa politician who ran for office and a staple in the Tampa community.

Skippy helped good people win elections the right way—by knocking on doors, talking to friends and shaking hands. Skippy's energy was boundless. He knew just about everyone in Tampa and they all knew how much he cared for his community. So when Skippy would call, people would listen. For someone who is trying to reach out to voters, that kind of help was essential.

When Skippy wasn't helping win elections, he was always at work for our community. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and went on to work as a Hillsborough sheriff's deputy and deputy state fire marshal. Skippy supported the West Tampa Little League, the Boys and Girls Clubs, St. Joseph's Catholic School and Church and the Salesian Sisters, and he was an active Shriner, member of the Scottish Rite and a 32nd degree Mason.

Tampa won't be the same without Skippy. On behalf of the entire Tampa community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

HONORING BOB BASON UPON HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Bob Bason on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years as fundraiser and capital campaign consultant to charities and nonprofits throughout the United States. He is truly an asset to our local community and his work has touched the hearts of people worldwide.

Mr. Bason has spent his life ministering to those in need in a variety of ways. Born in Wisconsin, Bob earned a bachelors and masters in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena and was ordained in the Methodist Church. In 1967, Mr. Bason left the active ministry to become executive director of an organization working with the church in South and East Africa.

In 1969, Bob, his wife Carol, and their two daughters moved to Santa Barbara—a move

they consider to be the best decision of their lives. Here, Bob's ministry in the philanthropic community began. He became assistant Director of Development at Westmont College in 1969, Director of Development at the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1972, and Director of Development at the Sansum Diabetes Research Institute in 1974. Also in 1974, Mr. Bason established Charitable Funding Services, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in capital campaigns. In the middle of his consulting career, Mr. Bason joined UCSB as assistant Chancellor for University Relations from 1980 to 1985 and served as the Senior Vice President for Development and Marketing at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in New York City from 1993 to 1995.

Mr. Bason has conducted more than 130 capital campaigns, raising nearly \$1 billion, an accomplishment he attributes to the volunteers with whom he worked. His clients have included universities, colleges, hospitals and medical research institutions, museums, zoos, botanical gardens, churches, private schools and countless social service agencies. Highlights of his consulting career include one of the first national campaigns to end child abuse and a \$50 million campaign for the first Africa food crisis.

Bob has volunteered with numerous charities in California and throughout the U.S. With a life-long passion for the work of Planned Parenthood, he is particularly proud of his years as a Planned Parenthood volunteer where he conducted fundraising seminars and trainings for more than 100 Planned Parenthood affiliates across the country and his 15 years as a board member for the local Planned Parenthood and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

I commend Mr. Bason's gift of talent, passion, and devotion to charitable organizations helping our most needy citizens. His work has been instrumental in making dreams come true and miracles happen. I feel deeply honored to share this community with Bob Bason and I have seen first hand the difference his work has made in the lives of so many. I wish him much happiness and much deserved relaxation in retirement.

HONORING MR. SCOTT DOYLE

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional public servant, Mr. Scott Doyle of Fort Collins, Colorado. Throughout his tenure as Larimer County's Clerk and Recorder, Mr. Doyle has distinguished himself as an innovator and a natural leader.

Mr. Doyle was recently named the 2005 Public Official of the Year by the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials, and Clerks. This award honors an individual who has made exceptional contributions to both his profession and community.

Two of Mr. Doyle's initiatives as County Clerk and Recorder have received particular recognition. In an effort to provide Larimer County residents more convenient access to county services, Mr. Doyle created the Citizen Information Center. The Citizen Information

Center is located on the first floor of the county courthouse and provides a one-stop-shop for many county services. Furthermore, Mr. Doyle spearheaded the development and implementation of Larimer County's innovative Vote Center concept. This concept has earned national recognition as a cost effective way of implementing the goals and requirements of the Help America Vote Act.

During Mr. Doyle's remarkable career, his commitment to public service has been unmistakable. While serving our country in the Navy, Mr. Doyle worked on nuclear submarines and for Naval Intelligence in Washington, DC. He has also served as a Wyoming State Patrol officer, Public Information Officer for the Wyoming Air and Water Quality Division, and Hazardous Waste Manager for the Larimer County Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Larimer County Clerk and Recorder Scott Doyle's dedication to his community and urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Doyle's unrivaled commitment to public service.

TRIBUTE TO TINA ARAPKILES

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a dear friend and a good citizen, Ms. Tina Arapkiles. Tina recently "retired" from the Rocky Mountain Regional office of Sierra Club to spend more time with her family and other pursuits. I have known Tina for many years and have the highest regard for her work on behalf of conservation and the environment.

Tina's reputation for gentle, but persuasive, advocacy is well known in Colorado and I think it is fair to say that she has admirers from across the broad spectrum of public opinion, and not just from within the environmental community. Certainly, her reputation with members of the Colorado Congressional Delegation (past and present) from both parties has been above reproach.

Advocacy in the public arena is all too often characterized by angry debate and an unhealthy appetite for making villains out of those with whom one disagrees. This has never been Tina's way, and it is much to her credit that she leaves her service at the Sierra Club with a well-deserved reputation for thoughtfulness and respect for others. Her example of quiet, but determined and passionate advocacy, is one I greatly admire.

For the last 20 years, she has been a consistent advocate for protecting the West's land, air, water, and wildlife. She began her work on these matters with a lobbying trip to Washington to help pass the Superfund law in 1985. In 1989 and 1990, she worked with Congress to revise the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act. She has worked to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge since the inception of the campaign and has been a staunch supporter of Utah wilderness.

She also helped pass the California Desert Protection Act and the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993. In fact, Tina, some say, single-handedly gained protections for the Wheeler Peak area. She also worked to designate Colorado's first Wild and Scenic River—the

Cache la Poudre along Colorado's northern Front Range just north and east of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Because of her work on environmental issues and her reputation for thoughtful advocacy, Tina was invited to be a member of the Denver Post's Community Roundtable in 1995 to discuss international trade issues. She was also appointed in 1992 to the Board of Editorial Contributors for the Rocky Mountain News to offer regular perspectives on environmental policy.

In January of 2000, Tina directed the Southern Rockies Wolf Restoration Project, a coalition of groups and individuals that played a strong role in the Colorado Wolf Working Group, which pushed the State to allow wolves to roam freely throughout the State. Her essay on wolves and camping with her family appears in the recently published collection *Comeback Wolves*.

She highlights working with Sierra Club volunteers as one of the best memories of her job, as well as attending the signing of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 in Colorado by President Clinton.

In addition to her work in the public arena, Tina has perhaps the more important distinction of successfully raising two children. For anyone who knows Tina, it is clear that her passion for the natural world is directly related to her interest in humanity. She cares deeply about Mother Earth, not because trees are more important than people, but because people need trees and all the other wonders of the natural world in order to be fully human.

Although she is leaving a distinguished career of service on behalf of the environment, and will be missed at the Colorado State capitol and in the halls of Congress, I know she will continue to be active in all the causes that she believes in, and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her the very best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES REYOME

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate Mr. James Reyome on his retirement as Public Works Director for the Town of Griffith. James has spent over 40 years of his life dedicated to the interests of the residents of Griffith, Indiana. His career in public service has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people.

James has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. He started his career with the Griffith Police Department in 1962, where he worked until 1983, spending the last 7 years as Chief of Police. James also worked security at LTV Steel. He then became Lake County Police Chief under then Sheriff Bob Stiglich. In 1997, he was named Town of Griffith Public Works Director, a position his father held for 20 years. However, shortly before assuming the position of Public Works Director, James had a major stroke, followed by 2 milder strokes in 2002 and August 2005, which caused him to speed up his retirement plans.

James's family and friends should be proud of his efforts, as his leadership has served as

a beacon of hope throughout the community. His longstanding commitment to improving the quality of life for the citizens in Griffith, Indiana is truly inspirational and should be commended. Our community has certainly been rewarded by the true service, uncompromising dedication, and loyalty displayed by Mr. Reyome.

While James has dedicated a considerable amount of time and energy to his community, he has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest: his family. James and his wife, Anna, have 3 children, 2 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. James Reyome for his outstanding devotion to Indiana's First Congressional District. His unselfish, lifelong dedication to those in need is worthy of the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

HONORING MARY UBER FOR HER SUCCESSSES

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Uber for her success in overcoming disabilities to become a high quality worker. Please insert the following article from the Jamestown Post Journal of December 18, 2005 into the RECORD.

STATE AGENCY NAMES JAMESTOWN WOMAN
"OUTSTANDING PERFORMER"

Mary Uber of Jamestown recently was honored by the state as an "Outstanding Performer" for her success in overcoming disabilities to become a high-quality worker.

Ms. Uber was recognized by New York State Industries for the Disabled as part of its annual program to acknowledge exceptional job performance and personal success by people with disabilities employed on NYSID contracts. She has a job through The Resource Center's Environmental Services division, which employs people with disabilities in janitorial jobs throughout Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. Some of its cleaning contracts come to The Resource Center through NYSID.

Ms. Uber has overcome disabilities and a history of short-term job experiences to become a successful member of the Environmental Services team. While lacking in self-assurance at first, Ms. Uber, who now is in her fifth year as a custodian, proved that she had a desire to work and was willing to try any job assigned to her. She has grown tremendously in terms of personal maturity and her ability on the job.

Due to hard work and personal growth, Ms. Uber was promoted to the position of leader of a three-person crew that cleans the Western New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office in Little Valley. As the lead member of the crew, she is responsible for seeing that all cleaning tasks are completed and supplies are on hand. She must also communicate with the customer as well as her supervisor, who says of Ms. Uber, "She takes charge, thinks on her feet and can lead others."

With the Resource Center's assistance, Ms. Uber has obtained her driver's license, so she now can transport her crew members and cleaning supplies to Little Valley, and she