

their outstanding contributions to military health care.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRUCE JAMES

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bruce James, who is retiring after 3½ years as the Public Printer of the United States.

Bruce James was appointed by President Bush to be the Public Printer of the United States in 2002 and made a commitment to serve three to five years. Bruce is able to claim many successes during his tenure as the Public Printer of the United States, most notably that he took a government office operating at a \$35 million-a-year deficit and made it profitable, using those profits to reorganize the agency to increase the use of digital technology and the Internet in carrying out its business.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Bruce James for his distinguished record as head of the Government Printing Office. In this role as a public servant he served with honor and dignity. I wish him the best in his retirement and with any future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BEAVER COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Beaver County Children & Youth Services.

The Beaver County Children & Youth Services organization helps place children who are victims of child abuse in safe foster homes. The program has three different areas of service, which include general protective services, teen protective services and substitute care.

On April 27, 2006, the Commissioners of Beaver County will announce that May 2006 will be designated as "Beaver County Foster Parent Month." As part of the event, the Beaver County Children & Youth Services will tie a blue ribbon to a large tree for each child in placement throughout Beaver County. In addition, there will be a large blue ribbon displayed in the courthouse for the duration of Foster Parent Month. Protecting children is an important issue and I commend the efforts of the staff at the Beaver County Children & Youth Services.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Beaver County Children & Youth Services and Beaver County Foster Parent Month.

A TRIBUTE TO EVA MURILLO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Eva Murillo. Ms. Murillo was a prominent advocate for victims and survivors of violent crime in the State of California. She passed away on April 4, 2005.

Eva Murillo was born on July 29, 1946 in Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico. She came to the United States at the age of 11 and lived in Sacramento, California where she became a United States citizen. Ms. Murillo earned her B.A. in Liberal Studies from California State University Northridge and upon graduation she worked as a Project Coordinator for El Proyecto, where she helped at-risk youth. In 1991 a business trip led her to Hanford, California, where she fell in love with the community and its small town charm. She immediately decided to move her family there.

Shortly after her arrival in Hanford, Ms. Murillo worked with Kingsview Community Services. It was there that she discovered her passion to help victims of crime and embarked on a life-filling career. Mrs. Murillo's advocacy efforts include her twelve years of distinguished service to the Kings County Victim Witness Assistance Program, in which she compassionately pioneered efforts to help women in abusive relationships. Ms. Murillo's work ethic proved that working for victims and survivors of violent crime was more than just a job, but a way to give back to her community. Her uncanny ability to bring people together and her sincere demeanor truly represented the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme of "Strength in Unity."

On March 26, 2006, Ms. Murillo accepted an award from the Soroptimists International of Hanford for making a difference in her community. An excerpt from the award given to Ms. Murillo described her as a person with "true compassion for those she came into contact with."

To honor the tremendous contribution of Mrs. Murillo, the Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus has decided to name one of our annual victim's rights awards after her. It will be called "The Eva Murillo Unsung Hero Award." This award will be given to a crime victim/survivor who has taken a personal tragedy to triumph over adversity. The honoree is a person who has utilized his or her experiences as a crime victim to promote public education and awareness, public policy development, or greater awareness about crime victim's rights and needs. Their efforts result in increased help and hope for other victims and survivors of crime.

Eva Murillo is survived by her husband Tomas and three children: Gerald, Jo Ann and Lory. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law Irma and three grandchildren: Jade, Julian and Justine.

Eva Murillo cared deeply about advocating for victims and witnesses of violent crime. Her warm and compassionate personality which inspired those around her will be missed deeply by the people of Kings County. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her friends and family.

HONORING AL TROUT, MANAGER OF THE BEAR RIVER MIGRATORY BIRD REFUGE, BOX ELDER COUNTY, UTAH

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, the Nation's premier refuge, the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, is located just west of my home in Brigham City. I rise today in tribute to Mr. Al Trout, who has served as the refuge manager for the last seventeen years and is now retiring after an illustrious career with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Al came to Utah and the refuge in 1989, inheriting a rented office with no staff and little budget. Al rallied hundreds of volunteers who donated nearly seventeen thousand hours of labor and raised fifty thousand dollars in cash to reopen the refuge which had been decimated by floods six years earlier. The refuge now covers over seventy four thousand acres of wetlands, marshes, mudflats and open water. Over one hundred varieties of common and exotic bird species frequent the refuge. Bird counts during the peak migration months are up into the millions, from as far away as Russia, Central America and the Pacific Islands. In 2001, the refuge was designated as the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve. For his efforts, Al was named Refuge Manager of the Year in 2001, the Service's most prestigious award.

Al played a key role in the revival of one of the Nation's oldest refuges, created by an act of Congress in 1928. Al was instrumental in the creation of the Friends of Bear River Refuge, which raised 1.5 million dollars for the construction of the recently dedicated James V. Hansen Wildlife Education Center, which is a destination point for birders throughout the world and stands as a testament of Al's vision, determination, and efforts in restoring the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

Thank you, Al, for the air boat tours of the refuge and your excellent management of the refuge—you will be missed! Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. I extend to you, your lovely wife, and your three children my best wishes for success in the years that lie ahead.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRIENDS IN THE DESERT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the volunteers of Friends in the Desert for their tireless effort to provide food to the needy.

Six days a week, volunteers with Friends in the Desert feed the homeless of Henderson, Nevada out of the dining hall at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Their efforts not only fill the daily nutritional needs for some of the communities less fortunate members, but also provide them with a taste of home cooking, rather than institutional food. The more than 3,000 volunteers associated with Friends in the Desert