

the Land Trust of Napa County, East Bay Municipal Utility District, San Francisco Water Department, Marin Municipal Water District.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail creates many public benefits from helping to preserve uplands habitat and watershed lands, protecting scenic vistas valued by communities and providing the public with access to these vista points. By preserving a corridor of green land, the trail also helps define the edges of urban development, while creating managed ways for the urban public to enjoy these open areas.

Through their involvement in building, maintaining and enjoying the Ridge Trail, trail users, community members, and private landowners can be given an opportunity to give back to their community and steward the land. The trail also helps with environmental restoration as it can be sited in a way to reduce environmental damage while providing access to the outdoors. The trail provides a recreational outlet in an increasingly dense metropolitan region; and increasing the health and well being of all who use the trail, a critical component in addressing the public health concern of obesity. And, in some cases, it can provide an alternative to using a private auto to travel from one's home to school or place of business.

I commend the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and its partners on completing the 300th mile of the Bay Area Ridge Trail on June 3, 2006, in conjunction with National Trails Day and wish the Council and all its partners continued success with this important effort.

IN HONOR OF DR. EILENE
GALLOWAY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished American, Dr. Eilene Marie Galloway, on her 100th birthday. Dr. Galloway has lived a life of distinguished service to this Nation and to her profession, and it is fitting that we pause to recognize her accomplishments and to wish her well as she attains this significant milestone.

Dr. Galloway was born Eilene Marie Slack in Kansas City, Missouri on May 4, 1906—less than three years after the Wright Brothers achieved the first airplane flight. She married George Galloway in 1924. They had two sons, David and Jonathon, who have given her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Dr. Galloway graduated from Swarthmore College in 1928 and holds honorary doctorates from Swarthmore and Lake Forest College. She is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Throughout her professional career, Dr. Galloway has been an influential force in the development and analysis of domestic and international space policy and law. When Sputnik was launched on October 4, 1957, she was working as a Senior Specialist in International Relations for the Legislative Reference Service (the forerunner of today's Congressional Research Service) at the Library of Congress.

She was immediately asked to work with Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Richard Russell to develop America's response to the Soviet Union's space initiative. In that capacity, she helped to draft the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, which established NASA and has remained an enduring framework for U.S. civil space policy.

From that time forward, Dr. Galloway has worked tirelessly with the U.S. Congress and as a consultant to NASA, the Federal Communications Commission, and the State Department to assess alternatives and develop approaches for U.S. and international space policy and law regarding the exploration and utilization of outer space. The international aspects of space activities have been a major recurring theme of Dr. Galloway's work. For example, she served as a consultant to Majority Leader Johnson in 1958 when he addressed the United Nations and recommended the creation of a Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS). She has worked with COPUOS for decades, whether serving as part of the U.S. delegation or as liaison to COPUOS for the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). During that time, she helped draft the U.N. treaties that govern exploration of outer space, the Moon, and other celestial bodies. She also was instrumental in creating the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) in 1958, which has served as the forum for legal scholars and others from around the world to debate the myriad legal issues associated with space exploration and utilization.

Dr. Galloway has continued to be an active participant in space policy and space law debates for almost five decades, as well as serving as a resource to researchers and the media on historical and current space policy issues and mentoring new members of the space policy and space law communities. Her contributions to her profession have led to her selection as an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics—the highest rank possible in the Institute, election as a Fellow of the American Astronautical Society, receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Institute of Space Law, receipt of the Theodore Von Karman Award from the International Academy of Astronautics, receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award from Women in Aerospace and numerous other awards and citations.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Eilene Marie Galloway has served her profession and this country with distinction for many years. She is a worthy role model for young women and men everywhere, and she is an inspiration to all of us. I know my colleagues in the U.S. Congress join me in wishing Dr. Galloway a very happy 100th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD ROITMAN

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Howard Roitman. On May 12, 2006, Mr. Roitman is leaving the

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to assume the position of Deputy Executive Director of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) here in Washington.

Howard Roitman has worked on important environmental issues and programs for the State of Colorado for nearly 20 years. He joined the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in 1987 to serve as manager of the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Program. He later served as director of the department's combined remedial action and Superfund oversight programs before becoming director of the Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division. Since January 2003 he has been the department's director of environmental programs.

His service has resulted in a safer, higher quality of life for all Coloradans. He was personally involved or oversaw efforts to cleanup radioactive waste piles, superfund sites, waste disposal facilities and pollution control and materials management at many industries and businesses across the State.

In addition to his service at the Department of Public Health and Environment, he was past president the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, an organization that supports the environmental agencies of the states and trust territories. He also served as the chair of the Environmental Council of the States compliance committee and as chair of the Council's subcommittee on Long Term Stewardship. In his work on the subcommittee, he was responsible for successful negotiation of a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Departments of Energy, Defense, and Interior. He also is recognized as a national spokesman for states on federal facilities issues. He also is on the faculty of the University of Denver's University College Environmental Policy and Management Program.

Prior to his work with the State of Colorado, he worked for the Solicitor's Office and the Office of Surface Mining for the U.S. Department of Interior's Denver regional office and private consulting work in government regulation, natural resources and environmental protection.

Howard Roitman is now moving on to a nationwide organization where he can share his expertise on environmental protection with other States and the Nation. ASTSWMO focuses on the needs of state hazardous waste programs; non hazardous municipal solid waste and industrial waste programs; recycling, waste minimization and reduction programs; Superfund and State hazardous waste cleanup programs; waste management and cleanup activities at federal facilities, and underground storage tank and leaking underground storage tank programs.

Howard Roitman has also spoken eloquently about the need for State-based programs and actions to address climate change. He is one of a growing number of State-based regulators who understand this environmental challenge.

Colorado has benefited from Howard Roitman's strong public service commitment and environmental ethic. I ask my colleagues to thank him for this service and to wish him much success at his new post.