

IN HONOR OF NANCY ANN BUDDEN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Nancy Ann Budden as she transitions to a new career. She currently serves as Associate Provost for Strategic Development at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and as of December 1, 2006 she will become the Director for Counter Terrorism Technology under the Secretary of Defense.

Nancy graduated from Carmel High School with the highest honors, earned her Bachelor of Sciences in Earth Sciences from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 1974, went on to get her Master of Sciences in Marine Geology from Oregon State University's School of Oceanography in 1977, and also took an M.B.A. at California Lutheran University's Graduate School of Business in 1982, again with highest honors. From earth science to counter terrorism seems like a big step, but it's not at all surprising for those of us who know Nancy.

In 1977 Ms. Budden joined Union Oil Company of California, (UNOCAL), as an exploration geologist and oceanographer. There she conducted research and wellsite geology, and served as chief scientist on research vessels conducting exploratory cruises off the shore of California.

In 1983 she joined the National Science Foundation in Washington D.C. as a White House Placement in the Reagan Administration, where she worked in Science Policy and Planning for the Assistant Director for Geosciences.

Nancy began a long career with NASA in 1988 at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, where she was Manager of the Office of Science Integration within the Lunar and Mars Exploration Program Office. During those years she participated in mission planning for human missions to the Moon and to Mars, published technical papers in professional journals and books, spoke to professional and government audiences around the world, and appeared on television programs and films dealing with the human exploration of space. She accepted several special assignments: Project Scientist for the NASA and NSF Antarctic Space Analog Program, and Acting Deputy Director of NASA's Mission Development Office. Nancy continues her association with NASA to this day as Acting Chair of NASA Headquarters Advisory Committee on Planetary Protection, and as Visiting Scientist to the Lunar and Planetary Institute. She is also an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

In 1999 Nancy's husband, R. Terrance Budden, President of UNOCAL, was transferred to Dhaka, Bangladesh with UNOCAL Bangladesh, Ltd. Nancy and their son, Spencer, accompanied him on this assignment. Nancy worked two years there as Director of the Office of External Affairs. In that short period of time Nancy was instrumental in building the first tuberculosis hospital in Bangladesh, four regional libraries, and seven schools. She was a team leader for the regional joint USAID and UNOCAL Polio Campaign, and in 2000 she coordinated national flood relief efforts with CARE and Shell Oil Company.

After Bangladesh she returned to the Monterey Bay area with her family and began yet another career at the Naval Postgraduate School as Associate Provost for Strategic Development. In this capacity she worked with various directorates within the defense, intelligence and academic realms to advance the mission and accomplishments of NPS. These included the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Combatant Commands, Combating Terrorism Technology Task Force, OSD Office of Stabilization and Reconstruction, Departments of Homeland Defense and Homeland Security, the Office of Naval Research, NASA, the National Science Foundation, and advisory bodies such as the Defense Science Board, National Research Council, and the Naval Research Advisory Committee.

I have known and worked with Nancy over a number of years, but especially in helping save the NPS and DLI from base closure efforts. Her inside work was most helpful and in the end, successful.

Mr. Speaker, I join her colleagues, friends, and family in congratulating her on this well-deserved promotion.

RECOGNIZING BUSINESSWOMAN
AND ENTREPRENEUR KATHLEEN
M. BALUS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of western New York's business leaders. Kathleen M. Balus will be honored tomorrow, Friday, November 17, by her corporation, Pioneer Credit Recovery, for her lifetime of achievement.

Ms. Balus founded Pioneer Credit Recovery while a senior at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She graduated with a B.S. in business administration. Following graduation, Ms. Balus incorporated Pioneer and built it into the industry-leading collection agency that it is today.

Ms. Balus has, throughout her career, been recognized as one of western New York's most distinguished business leaders. She has been awarded four Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards from Working Women Magazine. She has also been awarded the 1999 Better Business Bureau's Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics; the Wyoming County Business Development Corporation's Retail/Service Business of the Year; U.S. Small Business Administration's 2000 Small Business Person of the Year for the State of New York; Buffalo Niagara Partnership's ATHENA Award; MDA's 2005 Humanitarian of the Year; and in 2006, she was named a New York State "Woman of Distinction."

Ms. Balus has also affected her community through her efforts in the public sphere. She has served as a Sardina town board councilmember; Sardina town supervisor; member of the Small Business Administration Advisory Board and the board of Wyoming County Business Development Corporation. She is a past president of the New York State Collector's Association as well as serving two terms on the board of directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I stand here today to recognize

the work of Kathleen M. Balus, a business leader and admired community member of the western New York region.

TRIBUTE TO EULA HALL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Eula Hall, an exceptional Kentuckian. On October 27, 2006, friends and colleagues of Eula Hall gathered at the Mud Creek Clinic on Kentucky Route 979, KY 979, in Grethel, KY, to celebrate the life and accomplishments of a brave mountain woman. As a result of a resolution passed unanimously by the Kentucky General Assembly, KY 979 will be renamed Eula Hall Highway.

For the past 40 years, Eula Hall has probably traveled Kentucky Route 979 more than anyone else. She was a woman with a mission—to bring quality health care to people who had no medical insurance and could not afford to pay for things like visits to the doctor, shots, prescription medicine, much less surgery, physical therapy, and other more expensive treatments and procedures. She's made it her life's work to make sure that no one within her reach goes without the basic health care they need to live full, productive lives.

Born on Greasy Creek in Pike County, Eula didn't start school until she was 9 years old. She remembers crying on her last day of the eighth grade because she knew she couldn't continue her education. The closest high school was about 20 miles away, and school buses did not travel that far out in the county. She had six brothers and sisters; her parents didn't own a vehicle and as farm workers they couldn't afford to send her to boarding school or college.

In 1973, as a young mother raising five children on her own, she realized the terrible toll that lack of proper health care took on people without money or insurance. She organized screenings using medical students from the University of Kentucky and Vanderbilt as well as volunteer nurses and physicians. They found undiagnosed tuberculosis, pneumoconiosis—black lung, diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. Shortly afterward, Eula managed to get a clinic licensed to operate on Mud Creek in Floyd County. The Mud Creek Clinic opened in a rented house on Tinker Fork, which it quickly outgrew. Hall moved the facility to her own home on Mink Branch. Her house was bigger and easier to get to. But it meant moving her family into a mobile home. Eula Hall picked up patients and took them home because many of them had no means of transportation.

By 1977 the clinic merged with Big Sandy Health Care, which remains its parent organization today. Today, there are 24 employees, including two full-time physicians, a full-time certified physician assistant, and a part-time doctor. The clinic is housed in a modern brick building with another facility behind it that houses a dental clinic and food pantry. Now she even works to get people their rightful Social Security and other benefits. Eula Hall is 78 years old but still goes to work at 8 o'clock every morning.