

He was an avid sportsman. In October 1973, Schirra was part of a group that purchased 29 acres west of Fort Morgan near the Platte River for use as a sportsman's club.

He also once hosted a television series called *The Outdoor Life*. In May 1978, he was named host of a weekly public affairs television program on then KOA Channel 4 called *Scope* with Wally Schirra.

Schirra was active in Colorado Republican politics. In 1972, he was master of ceremonies for a downtown Denver rally for then-Vice President Spiro Agnew. In 1979, he was an honorary chairman for Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign in Colorado.

In the early 1970s, his civic work included crusades for the Colorado chapter of the American Cancer Society to an organizing committee that tried unsuccessfully to bring the winter Olympics to Colorado.

HONORING DAVID KNIGHT UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the impending retirement of David Knight as the Sonoma County Director of Transportation and Public Works, and to celebrate the time he has spent as a public servant for the people of the County. Dave has been Director of the Department for over 4 years, following a 10-year tenure as Deputy Director and has been with the Department for a total of 28 years.

During Dave's time with the Department, Sonoma County has changed in many ways, and many of the improvements we have seen have been accomplished with his valuable guidance and leadership. When he first arrived at the County in 1979 as a young transportation planner, Dave was tasked with developing a new transit system. I was pleased to work with Dave to help bring sustainable and environmentally sound transportation programs and projects to our community. With Dave's help, Santa Rosa's bus fleet has evolved from one with just a few, diesel buses, to a fleet that is entirely powered by Compressed Natural Gas. It is still one of a relative few fleets in the State that are 100 percent alternatively-fueled. While the need for a cleaner environment and energy independence has been apparent to most of us for some time, few transit agencies have been as responsive in addressing these imperatives, as has Sonoma County Transit under Dave's leadership. And now, the County is beginning to use methane gas captured at a County landfill to power County cars with the hope that it may one day be a source for our buses and other fleet vehicles.

That Dave has been a forward-thinking leader in public works can be evidenced in other ways, as well. Along with Marin County officials, Dave and other Sonoma County leaders recognized the benefits of public ownership of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad right-of-way; worked years ago to get it into public hands before its cost skyrocketed, and this corridor will almost certainly now be used to operate the SMART (Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit) rail system which will relieve congestion, clean the air, and improve the quality of life of all those who must now depend on the horribly congested Highway 101.

And under Dave's stewardship, a network of intermodal facilities and park and ride lots have been built that are also enhancing transit and car-pool opportunities for the citizens of Sonoma County, and in so doing, relieving congestion on Highway 101.

That Dave is among the nation's more innovative municipal public works directors would come as no surprise to those who know him. He received a masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning and was an early advocate of sustainability, which he defines, as well as anybody I've heard, as "making sure that what we do today doesn't reduce opportunities for people in the future."

Sonoma County has been fortunate that David Knight has spent most of his career working closely with our Board of Supervisors in helping to fashion and implement so many municipal improvements. We will miss him, but know that along with Pat, his wife of 28 years, he will enjoy an active retirement residing in the County and continue to contribute to the civic fabric that makes Sonoma such a wonderful place to live and work . . . thanks to Dave!

REGARDING CO-SPONSORSHIP OF
H. CON. RES. 7

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in regards to H. Con. Res. 7, the Darfur Partner's for Peace Act, which calls on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop it.

On April 26, 2007 the House passed my bill by a vote of 425-1.

Because House rules prohibit the addition of additional co-sponsors to a bill once the House has passed a bill, I am not able to formally add eight Members of Congress as co-sponsors of this legislation.

I ask that the record show that Ms. BORDALLO of Guam, Mr. SESTAK of Pennsylvania, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. DELAURO of Connecticut, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. SALAZAR of Colorado, Mr. TIERNEY of Massachusetts, and Ms. LOFGREN of California are in support of my bill and should be considered by this body as co-sponsors of H. Con. Res. 7.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DIANE
PERAZA

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Diane Peraza, who is being recognized as a distinguished and devoted professional in her field.

According to her colleagues Diane Peraza is an outstanding member of the nursing staff at Desert Springs Hospital. Diane displays a caring attitude while focusing not only on the health of her patients, but their holistic needs

as well. Diane represents quality nursing care and she also demonstrates a respectful manner towards her patients and their families. She is highly motivated and continually expresses a desire to excel in her profession as a healthcare provider. Diane's entire nursing career has been defined by a commitment to excellence and dedication to serving the patients first. Her positive attitude and sincerity are evident to her colleagues as she promotes team work and unit excellence.

Madam Speaker it is my honor to recognize Diane Peraza for her service for Desert Springs Hospital and our community. Her professional expertise and caring nature have greatly enriched the lives of those in the Las Vegas community. I commend Diane for her efforts and commitment to her patients and to our community. I wish her well in her continued efforts as an outstanding nurse.

TRIBUTE TO DR. FRITZ BRUENING

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Fritz Bruening. Dr. Bruening is the 2007 recipient of the Jack Hamady Good Scout Award from the Burton Rotary Club. He will receive the award at a luncheon on May 10th.

Dr. Bruening graduated from high school in Decorah, Iowa, where he was a member of the wrestling team, the Honor Society and Valedictorian of his graduating class. He continued his education at Notre Dame University, where he was the captain of the wrestling team, graduated Cum Laude and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree.

After completing his studies at the University of Iowa, School of Medicine, Dr. Bruening finished his internships at Good Samaritan Hospital and East Mesa Emergency Center in Arizona. His residency in Ophthalmology was completed at North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Wake Forest Medical Center, where he was Chief Resident from 1984-1985.

In 1994 Dr. Bruening relocated to Flint, Michigan, and joined the Park Eye and SurgiCenter after 6 years in private practice in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. At the time he was one of a handful of surgeons capable of performing the Clear Cornea cataract surgery. He has subsequently published two articles, "Clear Cornea Surgery" in the March issue of the Genesee County Medical Society Bulletin and "Placement of a Secondary Foldable Intraocular Lens over a Capsule Remnant" in the August issue of the Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

Dr. Bruening has devoted countless hours to assisting the indigent and working poor. He continues to take referrals from optometrists to perform surgeries on patients without insurance and incapable of paying. He counts the restoration of sight to a man that had not been able to see for 20 years as his greatest achievement.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Fritz Bruening as he receives the Jack Hamady Good Scout Award from the Burton Rotary Club.