

Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis patients and the biomedical researchers who work to advance research aimed at the development of new treatments and a cure for these illnesses. The passage of this resolution will give hope to millions of Americans struggling with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis—particularly young children—that we will continue to focus our attention on these very difficult conditions.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ELDRÉD  
MUSGROVE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a very fine Kentuckian and World War II veteran, Mr. Eldred Musgrove of McCreary County, KY. Eldred, who is now 91, has played an instrumental role in developing many of the basic services that are currently enjoyed by the citizens of McCreary County, KY.

Eldred was raised in Strunk, KY, in a house just behind the old Lum Strunk homeplace. As a teenager, he became familiar with responsibility and hard work. The oldest of six, by the time he was 14, Eldred remembers having to help raise his brothers and sisters after their mother passed away. He recalls carrying his 3-year-old baby brother to his grandmother's each morning and returning each afternoon to pick him up, before walking a mile himself just to get to school each day.

"When I was 16, I worked my first 'real' job," Eldred explains. At the time, ex-county sheriff Neil Stephens owned a sawmill that was located up above the Marsh Creek Schoolhouse. "He paid me 10 cents an hour to roll logs down for him to saw," Eldred says. As a result, Eldred developed a resilient worth ethic, which would eventually help pave the way to a long and successful career in community service.

Eldred met Sophie, who is 90 years old and his wife of 64 years, while they attended school together at Pine Knot as kids. "I didn't pay any attention to her when we were in school!" he recalls. After he returned home from the military, though, Eldred got a job working at the Ford garage in Stearns and began to see Sophie as he drove home from work each day. They began dating and have been happily married ever since.

Not long after they wed, Eldred began taking a more active role in the community. "I became a charter member of the Pine Knot Kiwanis Club in 1950," he remembers. Eldred and the organization were very active for several years, selling stock, helping to establish the county's first dial-telephone company, and even playing an instrumental role in helping to build the first Pine Knot fire truck. In 1967, Eldred helped form the McCreary County Fire Commission and served as the board chairman for the South McCreary County Fire Department for many years.

Eldred also served as one of three original water commissioners for the McCreary County Water District. Eldred presided over the Pine Knot portion of the district he helped create. In his later years, he became involved with the McCreary County Development Association, and also served as a member of McCreary County's first airport board, where he helped develop a local runway. Additionally, Eldred has also been a member of the McCreary County Industrial Development Association, the first Stearns Museum Board, and the Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation for 31 years.

These days, the Musgrove home is decorated with countless photographs, certificates, and awards including a picture of Eldred shaking President Bill Clinton's hand that serve as a reminder of Mr. Musgrove's many successes and achievements throughout the years. However, Eldred admits that he is not yet finished. "I still have a job to do. My job may be taking care of my wife, writing letters to congressmen, or erecting a monument. All I know is that I still have a job to do."

Mr. President, Mr. Eldred Musgrove's long life of selflessness and service to McCreary County and his fellow Kentuckians is truly admirable. Mr. Musgrove is a true American patriot and an inspiration to the people of our great Commonwealth. A local newspaper, the McCreary County Voice, published an article on October 20, 2011, to celebrate Mr. Musgrove's many accomplishments in life. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

(By Eugenia Jones)

You may or may not be personally acquainted with Eldred Musgrove, but if you are a resident of McCreary County, the energetic 91-year-old probably touches your life on a daily basis. Not only did he serve his country in World War II, but Musgrove, throughout his life, has been instrumental in the development of many of the basic services currently enjoyed by citizens of the county.

Growing up in Strunk, Kentucky, in a house just behind the old Lum Strunk homeplace, Eldred probably did not see himself becoming such a civic-minded adult. At the age of 14 and as the oldest of six children, Eldred helped to take care of his brothers and sisters when his mother died. He recalls walking more than a mile to school each day because there were no school buses. On his way to school, Eldred would carry his three-year-old baby brother to his grandmother's house and then return on his way back home from school to carry the toddler home. Eldred grins, "I've never had a chance to study, but I still managed to make Cs throughout school. When I got home, instead of studying, I had to take care of the stove wood. My dad was rather thrifty, but he managed to take care of us. Dad worked some in coal, and later, he went together with his brother and bought a 1933 model Chevrolet truck to haul stone for building

schools through the WPA. Dad was also good at making moonshine stills and made them for everybody around. He had customers from as far away as Lexington and Cincinnati. I wanted to go into the CCC, but dad wouldn't let me."

As a teenager, Eldred was not afraid of hard work. When he was 12 years old, Musgrove sold "Grit" newspapers to people all over the southern end of the county. Musgrove shares his memories of one special customer. "I remember one customer in particular. His name was Andy Galimore. He was a Spanish-American War veteran. He lived up on a ridge across the railroad at Pine Knot. He had a vineyard, and he would let me pick all the grapes that I wanted. Andy Galimore must have been a secretary or something like that for his unit, because he had a roster of names that he let me see. The roster listed the names of men and told different types of information about them. It told when the men were absent, when they were promoted, and all of the different things they did in the service."

"When I was 16, I worked my first 'real' job. I worked for Neil Stephens, who was an ex-county sheriff living on Cal Hill. His sawmill was up above the Marsh Creek Schoolhouse. He paid me 10 cents an hour to roll logs down for him to saw. The mill used a steam boiler, and they had to get up steam in order to saw. I also carried drinking water. I didn't get money for pay. I got a slip to take to Manuel Creedmoor's (O.K.'s) store to buy things. I bought school clothes."

Eldred met the now 90-year-old Sophie, his wife of 64 years, while they attended the Pine Knot School together. He laughs, "I didn't pay any attention to her when we were in school! When I came back home from the military, I got a job at the Ford garage in Stearns. She walked home from where she worked, and I drove home from my work in an old pickup truck. We started meeting. I'd toot the horn and wave at her. Finally, I asked her to go to the show with me. We went from there by going out to a show together and ended up where we are now by being married for 64 years! I don't remember the name of the show, but I do remember going to pick her up one time. There was a store sitting up on the corner of the road going to her house. There was a big long bench outside. The road to Sophie's house was so bad that I couldn't drive out it so she would meet me at the store. One time I was sitting on the bench waiting on her and another fellow was sitting there talking to me. He said he had a date with a "Meadows" girl. I said, "Well, I do too!" It wasn't long before Sophie showed up with her sister as a date for the other fellow!"

After Eldred and Sophie married, Eldred began taking an active role in trying to serve his community. He remembers the influence of the Kiwanis Club during the early development of the county. "I became a charter member of the Pine Knot Kiwanis Club in 1950. The club was very active for a few years. Pine Knot, at that time, had only 12 telephones on two party lines. The Kiwanis Club started selling stock and formed the first dial-telephone company in the county. The company had 128 customers and was doing well. However, we couldn't afford a full-time maintenance man. When the Highland Telephone Company offered 150 percent on our stock, we ended up selling out to them. We made sure that we sold under the condition that we would get free service all across McCreary County and in Scotty County. I remember some of the board members when the phones were with the Kiwanis. I was on the board, as well as Leon Hayes, Gorman Strunk, Harold Hickman, Smith Ross, Autis Ross, and Ralph Chaney."

The Kiwanis were also instrumental in helping to build the first Pine Knot fire

truck. Musgrove can remember when Clarence Harmon picked up a pump and gave it to the Kiwanis to use. "We kept it up at the service station, and it froze and burst. I only remember us putting out one fire with it and that was in a cabin down at the Shell Grove. Later, when Bob Anderson was county judge-executive, there was a salesman with two fire trucks for sale. Bob appointed me and Bon L. Bybee to check on the trucks. Tweedy Hatfield helped too. In 1967, with the help of Mr. Wright from the Bank of McCreary County, we ended up forming the McCreary County Fire Commission and bought a truck for Pine Knot and one for Whitley City. I was the board chairman for the South McCreary County Fire Department for many years. During that time, we built the sub-station at Holy Hill."

Musgrove also played a role in the initial development of the McCreary County Water District. Judge-Executive Prince Stephens appointed Musgrove, Bill Gilreath, and Alfred Kidd as water commissioners for the Pine Knot/Revelo area. "We brought engineers out of Tennessee to help build a water district," Musgrove recalls. "They did a study of the county and recommended that we join together with the Whitley City Water District. Whitley hadn't done much, so we decided to eliminate the two districts and form one new McCreary County Water District. I represented Pine Knot. A.W. Holmes represented Whitley City, and Dr. Winchester represented Stearns. We were the first three water commissioners for McCreary County. The three of us ended up signing a personal note and buying a farm that was for sale. That's where the water reservoir was built. There was a problem, though, when the lake covered five acres of Forest Service land. We had to get a special permit to take care of that!"

Years later, Musgrove became involved with the McCreary County Development Association. The Association was formed to help the water department and McCreary County. Musgrove remembers when the water department discovered that they could get grants to run water lines to industrial sites. He smiles as he explains, "I remember those people saying that they hoped we were smart enough to find a site away from town. I guess we went to the extreme! Industrial sites were bought in Greenwood and near the state line. We managed to get a grant that let us lay water lines to those sites on both ends of the county!"

In addition to busying himself with McCreary County telephone, water, and fire department concerns over the years, Musgrove also turned his attention to the development of a local airport by becoming a member of McCreary County's first airport board. Musgrove can recall early attempts to establish an airport. "We found two pieces of property where an airport could be built. Both tracts belonged to the Forest Service. When we chose the Pine Knot site, we had to get a special use permit from them. They had clear-cut the site and planted it with pine trees. Burris Smith and I surveyed it and finally got a dirt runway built. "Doc" Jim Anderson had a small plane, and he became chairman of that board. We had several people on the board, including Jim Burgess, Harold Hickman, and Burris Smith. We got Bob Gable on there too, because he knew people in Frankfort. Later, there was a land exchange with the Forest Service, and McCreary County was finally able to get the airport turned over to them."

After serving on the McCreary County Airport Board for four years, Musgrove went on to serve on the McCreary County Industrial Development Association, the first Stearns Museum Board, and, for 31 years, as a board member of the Kentucky Highlands Invest-

ment Corporation Board. The Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation is an organization formed to help fund businesses so that jobs are created. KHIC began in the old wholesale building (now the Depot) in downtown Stearns and has since moved to London, Kentucky, where it currently serves over 20 counties. Musgrove and Bill Singleton currently represent McCreary County.

Along with his active participation in the community throughout the years, Musgrove has supported himself and his family through self-employment. Musgrove operated a car body and fender repair shop and was a plumbing and excavation contractor. He and his wife also operated a mobile-home park. Always eager to learn, Musgrove attended classes about business law and small-business management.

Today, the walls of Musgrove's home are adorned with many photographs, certificates, and awards. Photos of U.S. presidents, including former President George W. Bush, are displayed. One photograph, snapped when Musgrove visited a factory as a KHIC board member, shows Eldred shaking the hand of President Bill Clinton. Musgrove comments on that photo, "I shook his hand. It didn't make much difference to me that he was the president."

Eldred's latest project is an attempt to erect a monument that displays the Ten Commandments and honors veterans. He comments that he still has a job to accomplish in life. "I still have a job to do. I'm just not sure what it is. My job may be taking care of my wife, writing letters to congressmen or erecting a monument. All I know is that I still have a job to do." So it is, that Eldred Musgrove, who was not overly impressed by shaking the hand of the president, still finds great happiness in "making a difference" in the lives of his fellow McCreary Countians.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to 33 servicemembers from California or based in California who have died while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom since July 5, 2011. This brings to 309 the number of servicemembers either from California or based in California who have been killed while serving our country in Afghanistan. This represents 17 percent of all U.S. deaths in Afghanistan.

SSG Nicanor Amper IV, 36, of San Jose, CA, died July 5 in Khowst, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with a rocket propelled grenade. Staff Sergeant Amper was assigned to the 6th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Knox, KY.

LCpl Norberto Mendez Hernandez, 22, of Logan, UT, died July 10 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Mendez Hernandez was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Christopher L. Camero, 19, of Kailua Kona, HI, died July 15 of wounds suffered July 6 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Camero was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SSG James M. Christen, 29, of Loomis, CA, died July 19 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sergeant Christen was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.

SGT William B. Gross Paniagua, 28, of Daly City, CA, died July 31 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Sergeant Gross Paniagua was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.

SSgt Leon H. Lucas Jr., 32, of Wilson, NC, died August 1 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Lucas was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SPC Jinsu Lee, 34, of Chatsworth, CA, died August 5 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. Specialist Lee was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.

SSgt Andrew W. Harvell, 26, of Long Beach, CA, died August 6 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed. Staff Sergeant Harvell was assigned to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Field, NC.

PO1 (SEAL) Jesse D. Pittman, 27, of Ukiah, CA, died August 6 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed. Petty Officer Pittman was assigned to a west coast-based Naval Special Warfare Unit.

PO1 (SEAL) Darrik C. Benson, 28, of Angwin, CA, died August 6 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed. Petty Officer Benson was assigned to an east coast-based Naval Special Warfare Unit.

MCPO (SEAL) Louis J. Langlais, 44, of Santa Barbara, CA, died August 6 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed. Master Chief Petty Officer Langlais was assigned to an east coast-based Naval Special Warfare Unit.

Sgt Adan Gonzales Jr., 28, of Bakersfield, CA, died August 7 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Gonzales was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Joshua J. Robinson, 29, of Omaha, NE, died August 7 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Robinson was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division,