

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DISBAND AMERICORPS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I express my deep concerns about yet another wasteful and inefficient government program championed by the Clinton-Gore administration. AmeriCorps, the Nation's failed "volunteer" program, is currently up for reauthorization. Recently, 49 governors signed a letter to Congress requesting their support for the program. Fortunately, Colorado's Governor Bill Owens had the courage to stand alone in declining to sign, and I applaud him for his reluctance.

There are three indefensible problems with AmeriCorps. Before Congress considers acquiescing to Bill Clinton's demand for a \$533 million increase, it should think long and hard about the disappointments of AmeriCorps.

First, AmeriCorps distorts the notion of volunteerism. The AmeriCorps web page boastfully states, "Service is and always has been a vital force in American life. Throughout our history, our Nation has relied on the dedication and action of citizens to tackle our biggest challenges." I could not agree more. Three-quarters of American families give to charity, and 90 million adults in our Nation volunteer. Americans are the most philanthropic people in the world.

This inevitably begs the question, why would the Federal Government set up a paid "volunteer" program when private citizens, churches, and organizations are fulfilling this role independently? Just as Bill Clinton has stripped the White House of dignity, he has adulterated the notion of American volunteerism.

Second, how many \$500 million corporations in America are not auditable? Certainly none that survive. AmeriCorps' books have been unauditable since 1995, just two years after its inception. When AmeriCorps Inspector General, Luise S. Jordan, was asked at a 1999 Education Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing if AmeriCorps was auditable, she replied, "Although the Corporation [AmeriCorps] puts its Action Plan into effect in December 1998, its August 21 update indicates that none of its goals to improve the Corporation's operations and its financial management have been achieved." As Members of Congress, it is our duty to shield the American taxpayer from such abuse. Furthermore, how can the Congress even consider reauthorizing a program with a 25-percent increase when, almost eight years after its inception, AmeriCorps is still not able to be audited because of its extreme financial disorganization?

Finally, Public Law 103-82 prohibits individuals or organizations who receive Federal funds from performing or engaging in partisan political activities. One of AmeriCorps' largest abuses of taxpayer dollars occurred in Denver, CO. The AmeriCorps division was supposed

to use its "volunteers" to help the needy in northeast Denver. According to state records, the AmeriCorps leaders organized "volunteers" to make and distribute political fliers attacking Hiawatha Davis, a local city councilman. The Denver Rocky Mountain News reported, "The volunteers had to draft campaign fliers and distribute them door-to-door in April and May (1995) when Davis and [Mayor Wellington] Webb were fighting for re-election." Americans' tax dollars were used for political activities through AmeriCorps, in this case, which is but one example of a larger trend.

Mr. Speaker, the best action Congress could take is to disband AmeriCorps—that is obvious. Reauthorizing AmeriCorps and possibly increasing its budget by the President's request of \$533 million would be foolish. To allow more tax dollars to be wasted on an ill-conceived Clinton-Gore social program is to belittle the authentic charity of philanthropic Americans and to treat their hard-earned money with unabashed disrespect.

A MILITARY INSIGNIA THAT MATTERS

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, recently the Chief of Staff of the Army took it upon himself to permit all members of the Army, including all reservists and National Guardsmen, to wear a black beret. Traditionally, this honor has only been conferred upon Army Rangers, with Airborne units being permitted to wear maroon berets and Special Forces the well-known green beret.

While the Army chief's motive of enhancing morale may have been laudable, the decision to permit all Army personnel to wear the prized beret diminishes its significance. A nation does not create crack troops by giving everyone the insignia that previously had been reserved only for the elite.

Mr. Speaker, symbols often have meaning. The symbolism and mystique of the black beret was earned on the battlefield, and in countless thankless peacekeeping operations. Making the prized black beret common headgear diminishes the efforts and the sacrifices of those who have earned the right to wear the beret. This Member urges the Army to reconsider this decision, and submits into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article in the November 4, 2000 edition of the Omaha-World Herald entitled "Still Time to Save the Black Beret."

STILL TIME TO SAVE THE BLACK BERET

The black beret is a symbol of the mighty effort that U.S. Army Rangers put into training, readiness and service. An effort in the brass to usurp that badge of honor must feel like a bayonet in the gut.

Gen. Eric Shinseki, the new Army chief of staff, came up with the idea personally and unilaterally, apparently after giving a talk

to an audience of black-bereted Rangers, maroon-bereted Airborne and green-bereted Special Forces. His thought: Give every member of the Army, including reservist, the right to wear a black beret. National Guard, too.

His reasoning: If the black beret is good for the elite Rangers, it would be good for everyone else, too. The Army must "accept the challenge of excellence," he said in announcing the change. The black beret "will be symbolic of our commitment to transform this magnificent Army into a new force."

Oh, and it's also a fashion statement, too, according to an Army spokesman. Black is the only color beret that would go with every Army uniform. So black it must be.

What is Shinseki thinking? These guys are the Rangers, the Army's least unconventional warriors. They do 15-mile runs just to get warmed up. With full pack. They are known for being able to survive off the land—on rats, snakes and insects if necessary. Their kind of combat is called, with good if understated reason, "extreme prejudice."

They often remain Rangers, in spirit at least, for the rest of their lives. They have active and up-front veterans organizations. And it is these organizations that stepped up to lead the objections to Shinseki's fashion statement. (Active-duty Rangers will, of course, obey any order fully and promptly, no matter how much the order might sear the soul.)

Shinseki offered to give the Rangers an alternative—a group of senior noncommissioned officers is going to come up with a substitute Ranger symbol. An alternative, whatever it might be, is not good enough, the veterans groups said.

Amen to that. Receiving the black beret is an honor earned by hard work, courage and commitment. Handing it out willy-nilly to every soldier who passes basic training is something akin to awarding the Medal of Honor to anyone who reaches the rank of private first-class. But, hey, they'll come up with some alternative or other to give to Medal-of-Honor winners. No prob.

The idea was ill-conceived from the start. Thankfully, there is time to get Shinseki's idea overturned. If veterans organizations can't do the job through official channels, they have said they will go to the new president, whoever he might be, and ask for an executive order. President Kennedy, after all, gave exclusive rights to green berets to the Special Forces. President Bush or President Gore could easily do the same for the Rangers.

And should.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 2796, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2000

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, section 430, Atchafalaya River, Bayous Chene, Boeuf, and Black, Louisiana: Nothing in this section

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should be interpreted so as to delay the immediate implementation of solutions to improve navigation on the Atchafalaya River, Bayous Chene, Boeuf, and Black project as provided under existing authorities and directives.

Section 433, Lake Pontchartrain Seawall: The Corps should take into account the cost savings and benefits to the entire Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection and Flood Control project when determining justification for modifications and rehabilitation to the seawall. Prior cost savings and benefits provided by the seawall should be taken into account when determining whether structural modifications and rehabilitation of the seawall are justified.

Section 530, Urbanized Peak Flood Management, New Jersey: Activities authorized by this section should be carried out in coordination with qualified academic institutions, such as the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). Conferees are also aware that NJIT has expressed interest in having its campus serve as the location for such research efforts.

Section 532, Upper Mohawk River Basin, New York: This important project has the potential to provide not just flood control and wildlife habitat (through wetlands restoration) but also water quality improvements and other environmental benefits.

Title VI, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan: First, the provision recognizes the importance of the modified water deliveries project authorized by the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 by presuming that this project is completed.

While the primary purpose of the modified water deliveries project is to restore natural flows to the Everglades, it contains a number of provisions to provide critical flood control and property rights protections to private landowners potentially impacted by the projects.

Nothing in WRDA 2000 should be interpreted to diminish statutory protections to landowners in section 104 of Public Law 101-229.

Second, section 601(h)(3)(C)(ii) addresses the limitation on the applicability of programmatic regulations. Nothing in this paragraph affects the public's ability to participate and comment on the development of project implementation reports, project cooperation agreements, operation manuals, and any other documents relating to the development, implementation, and management of individual features of the Everglades restoration plan. In addition, nothing in this provision expands any agency's authority.

The Corps should undertake a significant public education and outreach effort to describe the Everglades project. I encourage the Corps to work closely with nonfederal institutions that have the respect of the community. I understand one such institution is the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale, which has entered into an agreement with the south Florida ecosystem restoration task force to provide public education and outreach in conjunction with the restoration effort. As my colleague Representative CLAY SHAW mentioned during consideration of the house bill, the Museum of Discovery and Science is situated to carry out these functions through a planned facility and exhibition. I urge the Corps to work closely with the museum and to provide financial and technical assistance to ensure visitors to south Florida have a fair and balanced understanding of the comprehensive Everglades restoration plan.

Oklahoma-Tribal Commission: The managers find that the economic trends in southeastern Oklahoma related to unemployment and per capita income are not conducive to local economic development, and efforts to improve the management of water in the region would have a positive influence on the local economy, help reverse these trends, and improve the lives of local residents. The managers believe that State of Oklahoma, the Choctaw Nation, Oklahoma, and the Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma, should establish a State-Tribal Commission composed equally of representatives of such nations and residents of the water basins within the boundaries of such nations for the purpose of administering and distributing from the sale of water any benefits and net revenues to the tribes and local entities within the respective basins; any sale of water to entities outside the basins should be consistent with the procedures and requirements established by the commission; and if requested, the secretary should provide assistance, as appropriate, to facilitate the efforts of the commission. Such a commission focusing on the Kiamichi River Basin and other basins within the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations would allow all entities (State of Oklahoma, Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and residents of local basin(s)) to work cooperatively to see that the benefits and revenues being generated from the sale/use of water to entities outside the respective basins are distributed in an agreeable manner.

Mr. Speaker, many staff worked for many days and months on this landmark and legislation. At the risk of omitting some, I'd like to thank a few by name: Jack Schenendorf, Mike Strachn, Roger Nober, John Anderson, Donna Campbell, Corry Marshall, Sara Gray, Susan Bodine, Carrie Jelsma, Ben Grumbles, Ken Kopocis, Art Chan, and Pam Keller of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; Tom Gibson, Stephanie Daigle, Chelsea Henderson Maxwell, Ann Loomis, Jo-Ellen Darcy, Peter Washburn, Catherine Cyr, and C.K. Lee of the Senate; and Larry Prather, Gary Campbell, Milton Rider, and Bill Schmitz of the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 1422 OF H.R. 4868

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4868, as amended by H. Res. 644 which passed the House and Senate, contains a provision in section 1422 of the bill relating to petroleum and petroleum derivatives. These remarks explain the need for that provision.

In 1990 Congress simplified duty drawback for the petroleum industry by creating a separate section, 1313(p), under the drawback laws. For purposes of duty drawback, a finished petroleum derivative or a qualified article is commercially interchangeable under Subsection 1313(p) of the Tariff Act of 1930 based on Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) headings or subheadings listed within that subsection. As a result, petroleum derivatives are considered to be of the same kind and quality and commercially interchangeable by virtue of matching the HTS classification codes for imports and exports.

In some instances, one or more petroleum derivatives, or products, are listed under a single HTS classification, making those derivatives commercially interchangeable under 1313(p). This long-standing practice is threatened by future modifications of the HTS that would split several products out from under a single HTS classification by creating new and separate HTS classifications, or categories, for those products. Such a "split" would inadvertently disallow drawback under Subsection 1313(p) for certain qualified articles that are now considered commercially interchangeable.

Section 1422 of H.R. 4868 addresses the "split" issue by ensuring that certain qualified articles remain commercially interchangeable as modifications to the HTS are made in which petroleum derivatives are split from single into separate HTS classifications or subheadings. Specifically, Section 1422 provides that any products that are currently commercially interchangeable will remain so based on those products' HTS subheading or classification as in effect on January 1, 2000. Thus, the language of Section 1422 would ensure that products or articles that are currently commercially interchangeable shall continue to be commercially interchangeable, irrespective of whether the HTS is modified and those same articles are split and listed under separate HTS subheadings. This section does not affect any future tariff simplification that would combine certain articles or products under a single eight-digit HTS subheading and thus make those products commercially interchangeable under 1313(p).

HONORING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Russian American Cultural Society of Cleveland. This wonderful organization has been unifying the Russian population of Cleveland and celebrating the spirit of community since 1950.

The history of Cleveland's extraordinary Russian population begins in the post World War II era. The first wave of immigrants left Russia after the civil war in the early 1920's and settled in France and Yugoslavia. Following World War II, many of these Russian immigrants left war-torn Europe and headed for the United States. A second wave of immigration came when a number of displaced Russian citizens chose to make a new start in the U.S. rather than return to the Soviet Union for repatriation. Of the thousands of Russian citizens who came to America in the 1940's, many chose Cleveland, Ohio as the city where they would begin their new lives.

Once settled in Cleveland, these Russian immigrants joined together in an admirable effort to preserve their valued Russian tradition, language, culture, and Orthodoxy. They took their first bold steps toward carrying on their Russian heritage in 1950 with the founding of the Russian American Cultural Society of Cleveland and the St. Sergius of Radonesh Russian Orthodox Church.

Due to the strong ethnic bond which the Cultural Society provided, its activity and membership grew exponentially. The society's most active years came under the region of Mr. G. Mesernicky, who was president during the 1960's and 70's. Under his leadership, the society operated a Russian language school, a radio program, a newsletter, and a youth group. It is clear that the society has succeeded in achieving its commendable goal of preserving Russian tradition in the city of Cleveland. To this day, they continue to bring Russian-Americans together for various cultural and social events, including picnics, concerts, lectures, plays, and most notably, the annual Tatiana Ball.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me today in congratulating the Russian American Cultural Society on its Golden Anniversary. They have made a lasting contribution to the city of Cleveland, and I wish them many more years of continued success.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY YATES

HON. WAYNE T. GILCHREST

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, Sid Yates—his tenure in Congress embodied knowledge, humility, and tolerance, the pillars that support the essence of democracy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2000, I was unavoidably delayed in traveling to Washington, DC, as a result of a mechanical problem with an airplane. As a result, I was unable to attend three votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "Yea" on rollcall vote No. 519, the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act (S. 2438); "yea" on rollcall vote No. 520, allowing for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan and to eliminate certain waiting period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan (H.R. 208); "yea" on rollcall vote No. 521, the Lupus Research and Care Amendments (H.R. 762).

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 2796, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 3, 2000

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to thank Congressman BOB FRANKS and Congressman BOB MENENDEZ for including critical flood control research funding in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act for the State of New Jersey.

This issue is a matter of great importance to each of our districts and all of our constituents. Our home state is confronted with an array of complex challenges related to the environment and economic development. However, one issue in particular, the over development of land, is of special concern because of its impact on our watersheds and floodplains, and economic activity throughout the state.

As many of my colleagues already know, this past August vast parts of northern New Jersey were devastated by flooding caused by severe rainfall. The resulting natural disaster threatened countless homes, bridges and roads, not to mention the health, safety and welfare of area residents. The total figure for damages in Sussex and Morris Counties has been estimated at over \$50 million, and area residents are still fighting to restore some degree of normalcy to their lives.

While the threat of future floods continues to plague the region, one New Jersey institution is taking concrete steps to prevent another catastrophe. The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) has been studying the challenges posed by flooding and stormwater flows for some time, and is interested in forming a multi-agency federal partnership to continue this important research.

NJIT is one of our state's premier research institutions and is uniquely equipped to carry out this critical stormwater research. The university has a long and distinguished tradition of responding to difficult public-policy challenges such as environmental emissions standards, aircraft noise, traffic congestion and alternative energy.

More broadly, NJIT has demonstrated an institutional ability to direct its intellectual resources to the examination of problems beyond academia, and its commitment to research allows it to serve as a resource for unbiased technological information and analysis.

An excellent opportunity for NJIT to partner with the federal government and solve the difficult problem of flood control has presented itself in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

At the request of Congressman BOB FRANKS and Congressman BOB MENENDEZ, the final version of this important legislation includes a provision directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and implement a stormwater flood control project in New Jersey and report back to Congress within three years on its progress.

While the Corps of Engineers is familiar with this problem at the national level, it does not have the firsthand knowledge and experience in New Jersey that NJIT has accrued in its 119 years of service. I know that Congressman FRANKS and MENENDEZ have already submitted statements requesting NJIT participate in this important research, and I urge the Army Corps to agree to their proposal. Including NJIT's expertise and experience in this research effort is a logical step and would greatly benefit the Army Corps, as well as significantly improve the project's chances of success.

I urge the New York District of Corps of Engineers to work closely with my colleagues and me to ensure NJIT's full participation in this study. By working together, we can create a nexus between the considerable flood control expertise of the Army Corps and NJIT, and finally solve this difficult problem for the people of New Jersey. I hope my colleagues will support efforts towards this end.

HONORING MURRAY LENDER ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute to a community leader, a philanthropist, a humanitarian, and a great friend, Murray Lender, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Murray's father, Harry Lender, introduced bagels to the people of this country. Murray continued that tradition as chairman of Lender's Bagel Bakery, the world's largest bagel bakery. He revolutionized the bagel industry when he began the process of freezing bagels in the late 1950s, bringing to life his father's dream of "a bagel on every table." His astute business sense was recognized by the National Frozen Food Association, which inducted him into the Frozen Food Hall of Fame, only the sixth person to be so honored. He also received the International Deli-Bakery Association's Hall of Fame Award and has been selected Man of the Year by numerous industry associations. But these achievements are dwarfed by what Murray has done for the people of Greater New Haven, of Connecticut, and of his country through his myriad of philanthropic and humanitarian works.

Murray's efforts in New Haven have truly been exceptional. He and his family have given generously of their time and resources to Quinnipiac University. Murray was given the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1991. His family's efforts have provided students with a top-notch business program that allows students to benefit from the practical knowledge, business acumen, and impressive record of success that Murray and his family have achieved. In 1997, Murray was awarded an honoray Doctorate of Humane Letters from his alma mater, Quinnipiac College. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Quinnipiac, where his contributions to that institution continue. In addition, he serves as co-chair of the Yale University School of Medicine Cardiovascular Research Fund.

Murray has also had a tremendous impact on our community through his work with a variety of service organizations including the New Haven Jewish Community Center, the American Heart Association, the Leukemia Society of America and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. While he built an incredibly successful business, Murray contributed not just money but, more notably, his time, to these worthy efforts.

Murray has also been an active member of our nation's Jewish community, participating in numerous events, contributing time and financial resources, and forwarding the cause of peace in the Middle East. The Anti-Defamation League has bestowed upon him its highest honor, the Torch of Liberty Award, in recognition of a profound record of public service.

In every way, Murray has been an outstanding citizen and community member. He serves as a role model to us all. He has had a profound effect on our community and our nation. I am honored to join his brother, Marvin; his sons, Harris, Carl and Jay; along with other family members and friends; in wishing him many more years of health and happiness. Happy birthday Murray.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I join the community of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts in celebrating the outstanding accomplishments and performance of the Shrewsbury High School Colonials Baseball team. Their remarkable season came to an abrupt end on June 19th with their defeat in the Division 1 State Championship game. This defeat, however, could not detract from their magical season.

The mentality of the Colonials' baseball team can be summed up in a common idiom: "comback kids." Nevertheless, there is nothing "common" about this group of distinguished young men. Driven by the passionate leadership of Coach Dave Niro, the Colonials surprised many teams this year with late-inning rallies, strong defense and incredible hitting. As a matter of fact, four of their last six victories were of the come-from-behind variety. It was this "never-say-die" attitude that lifted the spirits and performance of the Shrewsbury High School Baseball team to a level that very few anticipated.

Teamwork was the key to the Colonials' highly successful season. Led on the field by co-captains Catcher Jimmy Board and First Baseman Jamie Buonomo, every player performed as if each game were his last: the sensational play of outfielders Shayne Barnes, Tommy Crossman, and Tim Kilroy; the outstanding defense of infielders Jon Bacott, Alex Biaz, Ryan Bigda, Bill Orfalea, and Andy Morano; the mastery of pitchers Shawn Walker, Lee Diamantopoulos, Brenda Slavin and Mike Sigismondo; the clutch hitting by designated hitter Matt Vaccaro; and the numerous contributions by players Bob Roddy, Nick Dion, Matt Amdur, Todd Cooksey, Tim Ford, and Brian Merchant. Also, special recognition must be extended to the coaches of this team: the aforementioned head Coach Dave Niro, and assistants P.J. O'Connell and Jay Costa.

It is with tremendous pride that I recognize the members of the Shrewsbury High School Colonials Baseball team for an unforgettable season. These outstanding young men make me so very proud. I congratulate them on their accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HELEN OSK LEINHARDT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Helen Osk Leinhardt, who will turn 100 years old on December 28, 2000. Ms. Leinhardt will celebrate her birthday alongside her son, Walter, her six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ms. Leinhardt is quite an extraordinary woman. Born on December 28, 1900, the end of the first year of the 20th Century, Ms.

Leinhardt was educated in New York City public schools and eventually became a teacher. She taught first and second grade in Brooklyn, New York for more than 30 years. A working mother at a time when it was still rare for women to work outside the home, Ms. Leinhardt raised two children, Walter and Alice. Alice unfortunately died three years ago. Throughout Alice's illness, Ms. Leinhardt, who was then in her late nineties, repeatedly walked the entire 40 blocks to and from the hospital to visit her daughter.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge the dedication and pioneering efforts of Ms. Helen Osk Leinhardt. A working mother whose great enthusiasm inspired a generation of students, Ms. Leinhardt is truly an inspiration to us all.

IN HONOR OF JOAN OLSEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I pay respect to Joan Olsen, who passed away recently at the age of 59 after battling with cancer. Mrs. Olsen was an outstanding citizen of the community of St. Colman's Church since 1987. She wholeheartedly involved herself in the education and computer assistance of the St. Colman's Church and community.

Joan grew up in Lakewood, but settled in Fairview Park after her marriage to Neal Olsen in 1967. Joan was drawn to St. Colman's Church in 1987 while researching her Irish genealogy. From the moment she joined St. Colman's Church, she was an active member and participant in the Parish and community. From her work experience between 1992 and 1994 in helping to computerize the Cuyahoga County Archive Records, Joan decided to computerize the Parish files. In 1995, she realized the importance of computer education and resolved to help the community obtain computers and to teach computer classes. Knowing that the community could not afford computers or computer classes, she contacted many businesses and was able to acquire newer model computers for the neighborhood. The computer lab was eventually placed in the parish school building, where Joan gave free computer classes to anyone interested. In addition to her computer classes, Joan taught Bible classes at St. Colman's Parish. She immersed herself further into the community when she offered to install computers in the homes of families.

Outside of the St. Colman's Parish community, Joan helped organize the West Side Community Computer Center. She did all of the networking and attended out-of-town conferences in preparation for the opening of the Center. Once again, she provided free computer classes.

Joan had many talents and interests, which she generously shared with her family, friends, and community. She taught knitting and weaving to the neighborhood children in addition to her already existing computer classes.

I am heartened to hear that the computer lab at St. Colman's Parish will be formally dedicated to Joan very soon. A woman of her caliber will be remembered not only in the minds and hearts of the St. Colman commu-

nity citizens, but also by the new dedication of the computer lab. Joan Olsen has been a key-stone to the community. Her absence will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in expressing my deepest condolences to Joan's family and many friends, and honoring the memory of Joan Olsen.

HONORING LARRY MCBRIDE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize an outstanding educator and administrator, Larry McBride of Rifle, Colorado. For the past twenty years Larry has served the Re-2 School District in the capacity of Associate Superintendent. Larry and his colleague Lennard Eckhardt are both retiring at the end of the school year. His contributions to the students and faculty of Re-2 School District are immeasurable and I would like to pay tribute to his service.

Larry was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, attending high school at South High School in Denver. He enrolled at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado and graduated with a degree in Social Sciences. Larry's plans of attending medical school were cut short as the country called its young men and women to service. After serving his country admirably in the US Navy, including one tour of duty in Vietnam, Larry returned a proud veteran and began his career in education.

He began his legacy of education as a high school government teacher in East Grand School District in Granby, Colorado. Larry's superb leadership skills were soon put to work, as he became the Director of Student Services. During his decade long tenure in Granby, he went on to serve as Elementary Principal, Assistant High School Principal and as Assistant Superintendent, before beginning his role as an administrator in Rifle. In 1979 Larry was hired as the Principal of Esma Lewis Elementary, working for only two years before becoming Associate Superintendent, a capacity in which he has served since 1981.

Larry has worked tirelessly to ensure that highest quality education is available for the students of Re-2 School District and his contributions are great in number. Larry has served his community in immeasurable ways and deserves the recognition and admiration of this body. On behalf of the State of Colorado and the US Congress I thank him for his contributions to America's youth and wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING FORMER
CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY R. YATES

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, Congressman Sidney Yates was a true patriot in every sense of the word. He was a stalwart advocate for issues near and dear to his heart and those of the people he represented.

Sid was an exemplary Member of the House Appropriations Committee and a great "cardinal." As Chairman and later the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies, he single handily did more to protect the National Endowment for the Arts than any other Member in the House of Representatives. He kept the National Endowment going during the late eighties and early nineties—and the arts in America have been greatly advanced.

Sid Yates will always be remembered for his calm, reasoned thinking and sensible approach to getting his points across. He managed to show kindness to every single Member of Congress, yet never lost his own strong commitment to progressive causes. He will be missed by our whole Nation.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF GEORGE W. KUHN

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I commend Mr. George W. Kuhn of West Bloomfield, MI, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Kuhn has a long and distinguished career as a public servant in Michigan. I have known George for many years now. His good nature, dedication, and enthusiasm for his work are phenomenal. He is a trusted and dedicated individual who has much to be proud of as he enters his retirement years.

George Kuhn was born in Detroit in 1925, one of eleven siblings, to Dr. and Mrs. Charles and Ella Kuhn. His education spanned Albion College, Central Michigan University, Harvard, Wayne State, and the University of Michigan. George has accomplished much in his life, including several years as an employee of the Ford Motor Company and many more years of public service in southeastern Michigan.

George Kuhn proudly served his nation as an officer in the United States Navy during both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He retired with the rank of Navy Captain after 40 years of active and reserve service.

George served as Councilman and Mayor of Berkley, MI, during the 1950's and 1960's. He was elected a Michigan State Senator in 1966 and rose to become the Michigan Senate Whip in 1970. George has given many years of tireless dedication to the Republican Party in Michigan.

Since 1972, George has diligently served as the Oakland County Drain Commissioner. He has been re-elected to that post seven times. George has been instrumental in developing and bringing to fruition the Twelve-Towns Drain Project. So much so, that the project now bears his name. The George W. Kuhn Drain is vitally important to prevent flooding for residents in Oakland County. Coinciding with his 28 years as Drain Commissioner, George has been an active member of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with the citizens of Oakland County in congratulating and honoring George Kuhn for his many years of service and devotion to the people of Michigan. I am glad to have known George these many years and I wish him, his

wife Doris, and all of his family, my heartfelt congratulations on his retirement and I thank him for his many years of public service to Michigan and to the Nation.

HONORING JANE QUIMBY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense sadness that I rise to pay tribute to Jane Quimby of Grand Junction, Colorado. Jane recently passed away after battling a brain tumor. This remarkable community leader served the Grand Valley in immeasurable ways and at this moment I would like to honor her amazing life and outstanding service.

Jane served her community in a number of different capacities, but it is her involvement with the Grand Junction City Council that is most renowned. In 1973, Jane became the first female elected to the City Council. During a tenure in city government that lasted nearly a decade, Jane also went on to become the first female Mayor of Grand Junction.

While her work in city government was quite extensive and impressive, she also served her community by serving on a number of different organizations. She was a founding member of the Western Colorado Community Foundation and the Grand Junction/Mesa County Riverfront Commission. She served as a board member of the Mesa County Economic Development Council and as President of the Colorado Municipal League. Jane also served for nearly two decades as part of the Oversight Board for the Colorado Energy Impact Assistance Fund.

Jane worked very hard to ensure that Grand Junction and its surrounding communities were a better place for all to live and her work will not soon be forgotten. On behalf of the State of Colorado and US Congress I would like to honor my friend Jane Quimby for helping to make the Grand Valley the outstanding community it is today. She will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SAM V. CURTIS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I note the passing of Sam V. Curtis, of Rialto, California, an uncommon, common man, known by all in his community.

Sam's favorite quote was from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." It is a fitting quote for Sam Curtis, a man who did not shy from fighting for justice and knowledge.

A man of high moral standards and humble beginnings, originally from Birmingham, Alabama, Sam Curtis cared about people personally, and served them with high distinction. He cared about the schools; his community; his

country. A member of the American Legion Post 422 Rialto and the Rialto VFW, he served in the Naval Air Wing during World War II in the Aleutian Islands, receiving the Asian Pacific Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a husband for over half a century, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather.

Sam was a close friend of my family and a consistent supporter of hard-fought causes. My wife Barbara and I share his family's quiet admiration for the measure of Sam's many accomplishments and his full life. Sam was truly the voice of the people, a principled man with a conscience, who served on the Rialto city council for sixteen years. Sam always had a dignity about him. He treated everyone the same way, with great respect.

A teacher at heart, Sam started out as an educator, spending 27 years as a government and history teacher in the Rialto and San Bernardino school districts. Sam always emphasized to his students that they could effect positive change, by going to city council meetings and becoming aware of what was happening in their community. It is a fitting tribute to Sam's legacy as an educator that an elementary school proudly bears his name today, the "Sam V. Curtis Elementary School."

It is impossible to find a former student whose life has not been changed positively by Sam, whether it is the beat cop on the street or the waitress in the corner coffee shop. Everyone can point to a turning point where Sam's teaching caused each to embark upon a course of action.

In his long life of public service, Sam embraced the principle that one person can make a difference, by leading by example, getting people involved, touching everything and everyone in the community, leaving his mark like a modern-day Johnny Appleseed.

Elected to the Rialto city council in 1976, Sam was known as a consumer advocate, fighting for the underdog, championing just causes such as discounts for senior citizens. He was unafraid to speak his mind and fight for what he believed, with passion, honor, vigor, and resoluteness. He would not compromise his beliefs.

People looked up to Sam because of his respect for the community and his integrity as a person. Fair and courteous, even to those with whom he disagreed on the issues, he was beloved by all. We can learn much by his example.

People were very proud of Sam, admiring his efforts and good works, whether it was fighting for the people as an elected official, or carrying on good works in the community through groups such as the Democratic Central Committee; the San Bernardino County Democratic luncheon club; Friends of the Rialto K-9's; the California Teachers Association; the Rialto Exchange Club; the Veterans Employment Committee; the Retired Teachers Association; the Rialto Historical Society; and the Sierra Club.

I would like to offer my condolences to Sam's family: his wife, Eileen; his three sons, Victor, David and Philip; his daughter, Patricia; his ten grandchildren; and his great-grandchild.

To Sam, we say: "our thoughts and prayers lift upwards to heaven, where surely you are at peace. And so we say 'goodbye, we miss you, God bless you. We shall remember you always, and your good deeds will live in our hearts.'"

VETERANS DAY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, last week, Americans paused to give thanks and to honor the veterans who have served our nation in times of war and in time of peace. The dedication of our women and men in uniform makes our nation strong and keeps us free.

I have made it my personal mission in Congress to ensure that our citizens and our government neither forget nor ignore the debt we owe to those who serve the United States so nobly. In wartime, the very best young people our country produces are asked to risk and possibly lose their lives in order to advance our national interests. In peacetime, serving as an airman, sailor, soldier, or marine also requires a great deal of hard work and sacrifice. Whether in war or in peace, those sacrifices are particularly difficult for the service members' families.

Just before Veterans Day, I received a copy of an article by Denny Bannister of the Missouri Farm Bureau entitled "Scars on Their Souls." I would like to submit this article and ask that it be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD along with my remarks. Denny's words explain so well what it means to serve our country and why we owe our veterans so much. His sentiments should help us remember that we need to honor our men and women in uniform not just on Veterans Day, but every day of the year.

SCARS ON THEIR SOULS

Like many veterans, I belong to the American Foreign Legion post in my hometown. Most American Legion posts are similar—we have fish fries on Friday nights, Bingo on Wednesdays, barbecues in the summer, country music on the jukebox, and there's a faint odor of stale beer, cigarettes and popcorn in the hospitality room.

When Legionnaires remove their trinket-covered American Legion caps, there's a lot of gray hair to be seen—if there's any hair to be seen at all. America's wartime veterans are aging rapidly. We are playing taps far too much these days for our comrades from World War II.

This year commemorates the beginning of the Korean War 50 years ago. Like our World War II veterans, Korean War vets are decreasing in numbers, and now the Vietnam era vets are beginning to retire. We know we are next.

Give most vets half-a-chance and they will share their military experiences with other vets. Give some vets half-a-chance and they will share their military experiences with everyone.

But there are a few vets who don't share their military experiences with anyone.

Some of them sit quietly in a corner or at the end of the bar, not really talking to anyone. Others might mingle and socialize—until the subject turns to war memories. Then they quietly withdraw.

One of my dearest friends served in Vietnam. I served during the war, but he served in the war—there is a big difference. I have a lot of good memories about my military experiences, memories I like to remember. He has a lot of memories about his military experiences he would like to forget. As close as we are, he has never shared them with me.

Everyone who fought for their country in every war was wounded in some way or the

other—physically, spiritually or emotionally. Some wounds are much more serious than others, and they don't always come from bullets.

I have seen the scars from the entry wounds on my friend's abdomen and the scars from exit wounds on his back. As painful as these wounds must have been, the most painful wounds he suffered in Vietnam left scars on his soul. Try as he might, he cannot drink them away.

Legion posts are not elegant country clubs where prospects need pull, position and power to become members. Wealth is not an eligibility requirement. But for many of our veterans, the price for membership was terribly high.

Regardless of which era they come from, which war they served during or in, or which uniform they wore, our veterans deserve our heartfelt thanks—not only on Veterans Day, but every day we enjoy the freedoms they were willing to fight for. God bless them all.

HONORING LENNARD ECKHARDT

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to praise an outstanding educator in Colorado, Lennard Eckhardt. For over two decades Lennard has served the Re-2 School District in Rifle, Colorado as both an Assistant Superintendent and as Superintendent. Recently Lennard, along with his colleague Larry McBride, announced they are retiring at the end of the school year. This will bring an end to a remarkable leadership team that has benefited the school district in immeasurable ways. As Lennard makes plans for his retirement I would like to honor his service as an educator and administrator.

Lennard was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming and attended school in Dix, Nebraska. After graduating from Dix High School, Lennard attended Colorado State College, now the University of Northern Colorado, in Greeley. After graduating with a degree in Physical Education and a minor in Social Studies, Lennard began his career in education. He first began teaching and coaching track in Fleming and Holyoke, Colorado before deciding to leave education and pursue private ventures in San Diego, California. His time in California was cut short by a phone call from an old friend with a job opportunity.

In 1977 Lennard was offered the position as principal of Riverside School in New Castle, Colorado. After serving as principal for two years he applied and was hired on as Assistant Superintendent. While serving in this capacity Lennard's natural ability to lead soon made him the prime candidate for the position of Superintendent and in 1987 he went on to become the head administrator of Re-2 School District.

For over twenty years Lennard, with Larry at his side, has fought hard to ensure that the young people of Rifle and its surrounding areas are receiving the highest quality education available. Over his tenure as administrator he has overcome great adversities ranging from the oil shale boom and bust of the early eighties to approving the first charter school in the district. Lennard has served his community admirably and on behalf of the

State of Colorado and the US Congress I would like to thank Lennard for his immense contributions to education and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LYN CHAN, RECIPIENT OF THE NEA'S CHRISTA MCAULIFFE AWARD

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lyn Chan, a recently retired fourth-grade teacher who taught at the Skyline Elementary School in Daly City, California in my Congressional District. Ms. Chan has been awarded the Christa McAuliffe Award. This award, which is presented annually by the National Education Association (NEA), is the highest professional honor that the NEA can bestow upon its members.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues know, the Christa McAuliffe Award was created to honor the memory of Christa McAuliffe, the teacher chosen by NASA to be the first private United States citizen to participate in a space flight. After her death during the ill-fated Challenger shuttle launch in 1986, the NEA established an award in her honor to pay tribute to her professionalism, dedication, and desire to "touch the future" through excellence in teaching.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Chan is certainly most deserving of this high honor. She exhibited outstanding innovation and contributed extraordinary service in the field of education. Utilizing advanced technologies such as laser discs, CD-ROMs, camcorders, robotics, and other such means, she fired the inquisitiveness of her students in their study of the sciences. Too often we hear about American students lagging behind the rest of the world in math and science skills. Ms. Chan is one teacher doing all she can to rectify this problem, and she deserves our commendation for her efforts. It is my sincere hope that other teachers will follow her excellent lead.

Ms. Chan also served as a mentor for the NEA Foundation's The Road Ahead program. This NEA program paired Ms. Chan with an elementary school and its faculty in Columbia, South Carolina. As a mentor to her South Carolina colleagues, Ms. Chan was able to provide her fellow teachers with advice, knowledge, and other tools necessary to integrate technology with teaching and learning.

Mr. Speaker, Lyn Chan was characterized by one of her colleagues as a "teacher who goes the extra mile not for rewards or recognition, but simply out of her love for teaching and a desire to help all students succeed." I cannot think of a higher compliment to extend to an educator. Mr. Speaker, it has also been said that Ms. Chan is the model of excellence in teaching because of her constant pursuit of new knowledge and skills to enhance her role as a professional educator, and through her innovative approaches in applying new technologies to teaching and learning. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring and commending Ms. Chan on her accomplishments and particularly to join me in congratulating her for receiving the National Education Association's Christa McAuliffe Award.

HONORING MAYOR JIMMIE R. YEE
OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Mayor Jimmie R. Yee of Sacramento, California. After Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. passed away, Jimmie Yee has filled in admirably as Mayor of Sacramento. A tribute dinner will be held in his honor on November 13, 2000. As his friends and family gather to celebrate, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting his outstanding career.

Over the years, Jimmie Yee has amassed a wealth of experience, both as a public servant and as an engineer. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley in 1956, he went on to work as a California Structural

and Civil Engineer. He proudly served his nation as a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Corps of Engineers from 1957–1965.

As an engineer, Jimmie Yee has been an active and influential member of our community. He has served as a Fellow on the American Society of Civil Engineers since 1954. In addition, he has been a Fellow, a member of the Board of Directors, Secretary-Treasurer, and President of the Structural Engineers Association of Central California. Furthermore, he has been affiliated with the Consulting Engineers Association of California and the National Council of Engineering Examiners, just to name a few.

Jimmie Yee first became involved in public service in 1973 as a member of the Sacramento Citizens Committee on Police Practices. Since then, he has served in numerous positions throughout local government. Most recently, he has served as a City Council member for the Fourth District of the City of Sacramento, a post he has held since 1992.

After the death of Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. in 1999, Jimmie Yee was an overwhelming choice to fill in as interim Mayor.

In his short term as Mayor, Jimmie Yee has further enhanced his reputation as an honest and trustworthy public servant. He now plans to resume his position with the Sacramento City Council where he remains one of Sacramento's most popular and well-respected elected officials.

Mr. Speaker, as the grateful citizens of Sacramento gather for Mayor Yee's tribute dinner, I am honored to have this opportunity to pay tribute to a truly remarkable citizen of Sacramento. Jimmie Yee's contributions to our community as an engineer, community servant, and elected official have indeed been commendable. Every resident of Sacramento owes him a debt of gratitude. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors.