

With an abiding concern for the people of Guam, Mr. Leon Guerrero was determined to establish a responsive, full service banking institution to meet the unique and specialized needs of island residents. Not only did he perceive this type of institution to be sorely lacking on Guam; as a pioneering businessman, he was also driven by a desire to serve his community by utilizing his considerable business acumen.

December 11, 1972, was opening day for the Bank of Guam and its thirteen original staff members. From its humble beginnings in the Santa Cruz area of Hagåtña through its expansion with branches in Saipan, Rota, Tinian, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Majuro, Kwajalein, Palau and San Francisco, the Bank of Guam has progressed at a truly impressive pace. The Bank's services range from full service banking, ATM machines, investment opportunities and even home banking. Currently managed by a cadre of business professionals following in the footsteps of their founder, the bank is fulfilling its promises to the people of Guam and to the people of Micronesia as a responsible banking institution.

In conjunction with the hallmarks of responsibility and service, the Bank of Guam is also known for its sincere commitment to the community as a whole. This commitment has made its successful operation possible during these past thirty years. With competent staff members and an experienced Board of Directors, the Bank of Guam is leading the banking community of the region into the 21st century.

Although this is a brief overview of the Bank of Guam's numerous accomplishments, one can understand the overwhelming positive impact this institution has had, and will continue to have, on the people of Guam and Micronesia. For thirty years, the Bank of Guam has served our island communities. I am sure that it will continue to provide excellent services. In the words of Jesus S. Leon Guerrero, "There are two fundamental reasons why I wanted to take the risk in starting the Bank of Guam. Number one, provide service to the community that was not available, and then, two, back up that service with a commitment to take care of our people." The Bank of Guam had proven on innumerable times it's commitment to this philosophy.

I offer my congratulations to the Bank of Guam for thirty years of dedicated service to the community. The legacy that Jesus S. Leon Guerrero has created will continue to be strong, vibrant and beneficial to the people of Guam for generations to come. We have every confidence that the Bank's current president, Anthony Leon Guerrero, and his excellent staff will continue to build upon this legacy.

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RECOGNITION OF JANE HEALY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Jane Healy for her many years of public service and the contributions she has

made to so many people in Colorado. On February 1, 2002, she will be celebrating her 70th birthday. Many of those 70 years have been involved in public service. I wanted to take this opportunity not only to wish her a most happy birthday, but also to highlight her outstanding career and accomplishments.

Upon my election to the 2nd Congressional District in 1998, I was fortunate to have Jane join my staff as the Director of Constituent Services. I was very appreciative because I had learned of her many years of constituent service work for my predecessor, David Skaggs, as well as similar work for other Colorado elected officials including Senator Gary Hart and State Treasurer Gail Schoettler.

Jane's work in these offices earned her a reputation as a caring and extremely effective advocate for individual Coloradans with state and federal agencies. She had developed great expertise in relevant agency rules and procedures and had earned the respect of agency personnel. As a result, she could provide simple, direct advice and was especially helpful to many people who would have been frustrated and confused without her assistance.

Nowhere was this expertise more pronounced than in the complex area of immigration matters and the extensive process of selecting nominees for appointment to the service academies.

On immigration matters, Jane became the "dean" of the Colorado delegation staff—particularly on issues related to visas and the status of foreign nationals lining and working in the United States. Oftentimes, when an issue was too complex for other offices to handle, she would be asked advice on how to proceed. On the service academy selection process, she was especially adroit at making this potentially stressful and unmanageable system of selecting nominees to our armed service academies a smoothly functioning and enjoyable experience, while always underscoring the honorable nature of the effort and treating it with the highest respect and decorum.

When she joined my staff, she helped set the standard of excellence for casework service. She helped train novice staff members in the art of casework service and correspondence. Her knowledge and expertise has served my office well—but more importantly, it has helped countless numbers of people over the years. It is estimated that over the course of her career, she directly helped resolve over 20,000 cases on an impressive array of issues.

Jane's dedication was unequalled. Coworkers would notice that she would frequently leave the office at the end of the day with bags of casework papers on which she continued working at home. My staff and I deeply miss her talents in calligraphy, here editing skills, her love of Ireland, and her chocolate raspberry pies.

On a personal note, Jane also worked as the Colorado State Coordinator for my father's presidential campaign in 1976. She proudly displayed in her office a photo taken during that campaign showing her with my dad.

She also has been involved in many other community activities, such as serving on the Board of North Metro Community services, which provides needed services to disabled citizens in the northern portions of the Denver-

metro area. To serve so broadly, so successfully, and with such grace, heart, and spirit is deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our gratitude to Jane Healy for her exemplary public service to the people of Colorado and their elected officials. Her many accomplishments go beyond reckoning, and I wish her good health and happiness in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LUD E. WASHINGTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute to a local hero whose life-long pursuit of improving and enriching the lives of others is an inspiration to us all. Lud E. Washington recently died just short of both his 88th birthday and his 50th wedding anniversary to his wife Marguerite, but his life was one of immense fulfillment and a source of endless joy for those who knew and loved him. As his family mourns the loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Lud and pay tribute to him for his contributions to his community, his state and his country.

Lud was a true pioneer who fought courageously to break down racial barriers and open doors for future generations of African-Americans and minorities. He gave his time and energy to those who needed him most. He began his career by running the all African-American Lincoln Home, which served as a boarding house for African-Americans of all ages who were in need of a caretaker and mentor. He dedicated his life to ensuring that no child grew up without the proper guidance, love, or care. Lud believed that he could, by offering his help to one child at a time, have a dramatic impact on an entire community.

Lud was the first African-American foreman at the Pueblo Army Depot, breaking down barriers that enabled others who followed him to attain increasingly higher-ranking positions within the military. He, along with long-time friend Linc Wilson, led Pueblo's first and only all African-American Boy Scout Troop in the late 1940's, an undertaking that served as an indispensable resource for the young African-Americans of the Pueblo community. By fostering a spirit of leadership, camaraderie and cooperation, the Troop helped provide the positive reinforcement that so many children had previously not been able to find elsewhere. Lud's efforts and courage in the face of long odds are a testament to his indestructible and benevolent human spirit.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Lud Washington, but take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed only by the legacy of courage, selflessness and love that Lud left with all of us. His life is the very embodiment of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring the attention of this body of Congress to his life. Lud Washington will be deeply missed by his family, his friends and the entire community.