

the college is far ahead of the rest of the country in realizing what we need to do to reduce our contribution to global warming. The United States is the single largest generator of greenhouse gases, contributing one quarter of the global total.

Although the college's emissions are minimal, the students' actions are significant. Lewis and Clark is the first of what will be many colleges across the country developing a climate strategy. It is the collection of these individual actions that will make a difference and eventually shape our nation's policy. One can only hope that when President Bush presents the Administration's proposal on global warming tomorrow, it will include tough mandatory green house gas reductions.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM R. MILLS, JR. FOR A CAREER DEDICATED TO IMPROVING WATER CONDITIONS IN ORANGE COUNTY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to William R. Mills, Jr. upon his retirement after fifteen years with the Orange County Water District (OCWD).

Mr. Mills was born on April 19, 1937. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Geological Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in 1959 and went on to receive a Master's Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Loyola University at Los Angeles in 1983.

Mr. Mills started his engineering career as a Second Lieutenant, Engineering Officer in the United States Marine Corps from 1959 to 1963. From there, he began a lifetime dedicated to water resource planning and development, and his efforts have proven invaluable to water supply systems in Southern California and throughout the world. From 1963 to 1966, he worked as a Civil Engineer for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Water Conservation Division. In 1966, Mr. Mills went on to work as a Civil Engineer for the California Department of Water Resources, until he was offered a job as President of the Planning and Development Division of the Planning Research Corporation in 1967. There he spent seventeen years directing a staff of 400 as they worked to generate water resource and wastewater reclamation investigations and designs. In the three years prior to his employment with the OCWD, Mr. Mills owned his own water-consulting firm. He was named Water Leader of the Year by the Association of California Water Agencies in 1992, received the Engineer of the Year Award by the Orange County Engineering Council, and was given the Presidential Award for Distinguished Service by the American Desalting Association in 1996. Furthermore, in 1999, he was awarded the Leadership in Engineering and Water Resources Award from the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering. He currently serves as chair of the Association of Ground Water Agencies and is chair of the Association of California Water Agencies' Water Quality Committee.

During his tenure at OCWD, Mr. Mills has been responsible for developing a long range plan for the district aimed at decreasing the

agency's dependence on imported supplies and improving the quality of surface and groundwater supplies. He was instrumental in promoting a program which uses recycled water for irrigation. To date more than \$200 million has been spent on the construction of water recycling plants, groundwater renovation projects, and improvements in the district's extensive groundwater recharge system. OCWD is currently in final design of the Ground Water Replenishment System, an innovative system that will use high-tech filtration to purify waste water, then pump it back into the county's ground-water basin. OCWD's groundwater reservoir provides about 75 percent of the water needs for two million residents. Thanks to the hard work, dedication, and skill of Mr. Mills, OCWD is known internationally for its innovative groundwater management programs and for promoting advanced waste water treatment technologies.

Colleagues, please join me in praise of William R. Mills' career as a globally-renowned, innovative, and forward thinking water expert dedicated to the improvement of water recycling and water storage systems for Southern California. He has dedicated his life to improving the well-being of Southern California's water and of water systems throughout the entire world. Mr. Mills is an asset to his community and to our country, and I am proud to recognize him for his contributions to the well-being of our nation's water.

AUTHORIZING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF DESIGNATING EAST MAUI AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mrs. MINK. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill directing the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the East Maui National Heritage Area in the Hana district of East Maui in the State of Hawaii.

National Heritage Areas contain land and properties that reflect the history of their people and may include natural, scenic, historic, cultural, or recreation resources. Conservation and interpretation of these resources are handled by partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and nonprofit organizations.

East Maui is certainly an appropriate candidate for such designation. The Alliance for the Heritage of East Maui (AHM), with assistance from the U.S. Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program and the Trust for Public Land, have been working for many years to explore ways to protect and interpret the extraordinary historic and natural resources of East Maui. They have already compiled a Resource Inventory that describes East Maui's extensive archaeological sites (ancient trails, burial sites, heiau (temples), petroglyphs, canoe landings, villages, traditional agricultural complexes); historical sites (battle sites, churches, court-houses, irrigation works, bridges, fish ponds, and much more); natural resources that include Haleakala National Park and numerous native forests, endangered species, wildlife preserves, streams, unique beaches—including

a green sand beach and red cinder beach; and recreational resources that include several beach parks, recreation areas, trails, and natural area reserves.

Anyone who has taken the drive along the coast of East Maui to Hana knows that this list does not begin to describe the extraordinary beauty and richness of the area. In addition to the physical attributes that make East Maui an excellent candidate for designation as a National Heritage Area, you can add a dedicated cadre of citizens who are committed to ensuring that the people of East Maui be involved in determining the future of the area. They want to be sure that local values and input are reflected in any management plan for a National Heritage Area for East Maui. Indeed, much of the research for the study has already been completed due to the dedication of the Alliance for the Heritage of East Maui. I especially want to recognize Elizabeth Russell, who has been a driving force behind this effort. The Maui County Council has also been very supportive of this initiative.

At present, most of the nation's National Heritage Areas are located east of the Mississippi River. An East Maui National Heritage Area would be a marvelous addition to this program.

HONORING DAVID DONNELLY AND CINDY BISHOP DONNELLY

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of two friends and constituents, David and Cindy Bishop Donnelly. The Donnelly's will be honored by DiverseWorks, Inc., one of the nation's leading contemporary art centers, at the annual Illumination Gala on February 16, 2002. David and Cindy have been selected for their commitment to the arts in the greater Houston area.

DiverseWorks, Inc., is a non-profit art center dedicated to presenting new visual performing, and literary art. The organization's unique artistic educational and financial stability serve as a model for others across the nation. The staff members and volunteers of DiverseWorks, Inc. provide a tremendous service to young, aspiring artists throughout Houston. The talented people at DiverseWorks are leaders within our community and, this weekend, they recognize some of their most loyal supporters.

David and Cindy have been longtime champions of many civic programs in our community including the Lamar High School Parent Teacher Association. Both have served on the board of DiverseWorks, Inc. for a number of years, with David having served as treasurer for many of those years. The contributions of time and effort by David and Cindy have been instrumental in development of DiverseWorks as a mainstay in the Houston Arts Community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate my constituents, David Donnelly and Cindy Bishop Donnelly on their recognition by DiverseWorks and I thank them for their unyielding commitment to the arts in Houston and Texas.