

where the blaze had started. Despite repeated rescue attempts by their colleagues, both men were lost.

Firefighter John "Gino" Ginocchetti, age 41, was a paid professional with the Manlius Fire Department. Firefighter Timothy "T.J." Lynch, age 28, was a full-time firefighter with the Fayetteville Fire Department, a part-time paramedic with Rural/Metro Medical Services, as well as a volunteer responder with the Manlius and Kirkville Fire Departments. Each leave behind a wife and son.

Both men held a longtime commitment to fire service, and since the tragedy, numerous stories of their previous acts of heroism and compassion have been recalled. Their tragic deaths remind us all how dangerous the fire fighting profession truly is.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank the Ginocchetti and Lynch families for their sacrifice. Our thoughts, prayers, and admiration are with them during this difficult time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO STAN BROOME

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one of Colorado's first class citizens, Mr. Stan Broome. As President and Chief Executive Officer of Club 20, Mr. Broome worked hard to promote the common interest in the economic future of Colorado's Western Slope. Stan's leadership was essential in developing Club 20's strong reputation for its ability to focus on important issues, while representing the interests of Western Colorado.

As President of Club 20, Stan Broome maintained the high standards of dedication and commitment to the Western Slope and the State of Colorado that the organization has built its reputation around. Because of his leadership, we enjoy the protection of our resources, the promotion of tourism, improvements in our transportation systems, the rise and creation of new telecommunications capabilities, creation of a powerful business infrastructure, and the ability to provide recreational activities in our region. Mr. Broome has remained steadfast in the Club 20's commitment as the "The Voice of the Western Slope."

Stan has made a number of contributions to the State of Colorado, and although he is retiring, I expect that he will remain an active public servant in his community. Stan's background is rich in experience and accolades, working as the Executive Director of Region 10 and President of SB & A Consultants. In addition, he has held several positions in planning and development in Garfield and Grand counties, and served a term with the Colorado Governor's office.

Stan has established strong ties with the Colorado communities in which he has lived and worked. These relationships with the residents and the land have inspired Stan to work with many organizations, including his chairmanship of the Colorado Rural Development Council, serving on the Economic Developers Council of Colorado, being distinguished as a fellow of the Society of American Foresters,

and his association with the Colorado Forestry Association.

Mr. Speaker, Stan Broome has dedicated his life to serving the interests of Colorado's Western Slope, both professionally and as a volunteer. It is my privilege to honor Stan for his many years of guidance and support of Club 20 and Colorado's Western Slope. His dedication and commitment to his fellow Coloradans deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. It is with great pleasure that I wish Stan Broome a pleasant retirement and all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. DAN MAYDAN

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today we rise to honor Dr. Dan Maydan, who has been president of Applied Materials since 1994 and a member of the Board of Directors since 1992. Dr. Maydan is the 2002 recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award. The Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award was established to recognize individuals and corporations who have exhibited humanitarian concerns, and whose everyday actions exemplify the principles on which the Anti-Defamation League was founded: namely, to "secure justice and fair treatment for all."

Born in Tel Aviv, Dr. Dan Maydan is a member of the United States National Academy of Engineering. Over the years, he has received numerous awards and honors for his contributions to the global semiconductor industry and for his efforts to strengthen the links between Israel and global high-technology markets. He is the recipient of the International Partnership Award from the California Israel Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his long-term commitment to building bridges between Israel and California. Additionally, Dr. Maydan received the Israel Trade Award from the Israel Ministry of Industry and Trade. In 1998 he was also awarded the State of Israel Jubilee Award in recognition of his efforts to integrate Israel into the global economy and for realizing its world-class business potential.

In 2001 Dr. Maydan was awarded Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Edinburgh University in Scotland and from the Technion in Israel. In our community, Dr. Maydan is a noted patron of a number of local organizations. Dr. Maydan and Applied Materials have been recognized by numerous organizations for their leadership in responding to community causes.

As friends of Dr. Maydan's, we are incredibly proud at his being presented with this prestigious award. Both as colleagues and as fellow Californians, we are incredibly grateful to him for both his innovation and his compassion. We congratulate him and his family on receiving the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award, and thank him for his commitment and devotion to our community.

APPLAUDING VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the Veterans Affairs Committee for their recommended increase over the Administration's request in the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Resolution for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

We on the Committee constantly speak of a needs-based budget that fulfills our duty and our obligation to those who have given so much to this nation.

The Committee has been extremely effective under the expert leadership of Chairman Smith, and all of us on the Committee know much work remains. In fact, the Department of Veterans Affairs projects that nearly 700,000 additional veterans will seek VA healthcare in 2003. While we should be proud of the quality and the breadth of care that the VA provides, VA healthcare struggles because appropriated funding is not keeping pace with growth in enrollment and the increased demands for service. Additionally, there is a need for additional clinics and primary care facilities, and much of VA's physical infrastructure is in immediate need of hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs restorations and upgrades. The result of under-funding and inaction in this area could be crippling to the system, and in the end the losers are the ones who have sacrificed the most for this nation—our veterans.

In addition to providing adequate funding for veteran programs, the time has come for Congress to act to resolve inequities in current law, including the prohibition on concurrent receipt as provided for by H.R. 303; and an increase in premiums for the Survivor Benefit Plan as provided for in H.R. 548.

Mr. Speaker, we must fulfill our obligations to care for those who place their lives on the line to defend our nation, our people, and our principles; and to do so we must be willing to provide the needed resources, no matter the cost. The time has come to enact a VA budget that is worthy of this great nation and worthy of our veterans' sacrifice.

May God Bless our nation's veterans, and may God continue to bless these United States of America.

IN HONOR OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE BIBLIOPHILES

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 12, 2002*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Delaware Bibliophiles on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary this month. The Delaware Bibliophiles are an organization of book collectors and one of twenty-six officially recognized book collecting societies in the United States. These members, however, collect more than books. They continue to build upon the strong humanities and arts foundations in Delaware and enrich our community.