

1. Provide, within their own agencies and organizations, a focus on implementing programs and policies that will assure the development, support and management of an efficient and effective workforce;

2. Support partnership efforts in the transportation and education communities that will help build young people's interest in transportation careers, and will support continuing education, training and professional development opportunities for today's and tomorrow's workers; and

3. Promote a greater understanding that an efficient, well-trained workforce is critical to developing, operating, and managing the Nation's transportation system, and it is vital to National security, U.S. economic growth, and the quality of life for all Americans.

As we continue to review issues related to TEA-21 and prepare for its reauthorization, I hope that we will begin to look at how we can assist the Department of Transportation and the transportation professional community in

meeting these goals to address the transportation development needs of our nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOANNE
KLEPINGER DITMER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to pay tribute to Joanne Klepinger Ditmer. Joanne has been an advocate for preservation for over 40 years. She has been instrumental in preserving not only the building and landmarks that make my state of Colorado so great but also the spirit of the Western frontier.

In 1962, Joanne began her column "Raising the Roof" in the Denver Post. Not only was the column the longest running column in the history of the paper, only ending this year, but it also it was enormously effective in pro-

moting action on land use issues and historical preservation. Clearly, Joanne knows the value of preserving our traditions and heritage—a past—from which future generations can learn. Joanne's approach to the subjects for which she is so passionate has inspired the everyday man, the civil servant, and the environmental advocate alike. Due to this, and the respect that she has gained from her colleagues, Joanne is being recognized for her efforts by Colorado Preservation, Inc. with the Dana Crawford Award for Excellence in Preservation.

I am proud of the history of my state and I know the value of the work that Joanne does to preserve that history. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to bring the hard work and dedication of Joanne Klepinger Ditmer to the attention of this body of Congress and of this nation. On behalf of the people of Colorado and indeed this nation, thank you Joanne for all that you have done and will continue to do in the future.