

Although his successful career often took him away from his Colorado home, when he retired in 1979, Dave Hamil returned to Sterling. Over the years, he has served on the boards of a host of community organizations, including the Atwood School District Board, the Elks Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, the Sterling United Way, and the Logan County Chamber of Commerce. Dave also served as president of the Logan County Historical Society, where he helped with the Johnson addition to the Overland Trail Museum. That same museum now includes a building named in Dave Hamil's honor.

A citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Dave Hamil was truly a great American. It is with sadness that I inform the House of the loss of such an exceptional American. I ask the House to join me in extending our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Dave Hamil.

HONORING JOYCE KELLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH ASSOCIATION FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Joyce Keller, Executive Director of the Jewish Association for Residential Care located in Farmington Hills, Michigan in my Congressional District. She recently received the 2002 Spirit of Service Honor Award from the Michigan Assisted Living Association for her outstanding dedication and commitment to community-based services.

When Joyce Keller became executive director of JARC at age 26, the organization had one home, three employees, and served seven individuals with developmental disabilities. Their annual budget was \$40,000. Today, JARC is an \$8 million agency that serves over 150 adults in a variety of residential settings, provides support services to over 300 families with a disabled child or family member still living at home, and employs over 200 staff members. In her 25th year as executive director, Ms. Keller continues to oversee and ensure the highest quality of service, as well as the raising of nearly \$2 million annually in private contributions and a \$13 million endowment fund.

Ms. Keller has assumed extensive and substantial leadership roles, serving on the President's Committee on Mental Retardation and the Governor's Community Health Advisory Council in Michigan. In addition to her recent award from the Michigan Assisted Living Association, Ms. Keller has been honored with several distinguished awards over the course of her career, including being named Michiganian of the Year by the Detroit News.

Mr. Speaker, with Joyce's tenacity, dynamism and creativity, JARC has become one of the largest and well-respected organizations for residential care in the country. She is passionate about honoring the dignity of the people JARC serves and enabling them to live rich and purposeful lives. Joyce Keller is a relentless advocate for the right of every individual to be valued and respected in our society and I congratulate her on the occasion of

receiving the 2002 Spirit of Service Honor Award. She is truly a worthy recipient.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUDOLPH CRESPIN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and memory of Rudolph Crespin of Mack, Colorado. Rudolph dedicated his life to working the land and fought to defend the freedoms of this nation, and it is with honor I stand today to recognize Rudolph for his great service to our nation and our communities.

Rudolph was born in Las Vegas, New Mexico on December 16, 1919 to Rafael and Paulina (Quesnil) Crespin. He grew up in the nearby Antlers Rifle area and married Frances Romero. In World War II, Rudolph served in the US Army overseas. His service to this nation is commendable and its value immeasurable. It is all too easy to take for granted the freedoms that he helped secure through his service; but we cannot allow ourselves to forget the important sacrifices of men and women like Rudolph Crespin.

After the war, Rudolph moved to the Western Slope of Colorado where he could enjoy his lifelong interests in fishing and hunting. He spent the next 40 years farming in the Rifle and Loma areas, where good sense and industry are still the backbones of the economy. He also became a member of other communities and resided in the Grand Valley and Mack. His legacy includes his four sons; Sam, Rudy, Santos, and David Crespin; as well as nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rudolph Crespin's life and memory before this body of Congress and this nation. His courage to serve our country, even the world, in a terrible global conflict showed his mettle, as did his commitment to the values and principles of agriculture and the communities he served. As his family and friends mourn his life, they can take comfort that the impact of his contributions to his nation will not be forgotten. Rudolph's lifetime of contributions to the communities of Colorado and this nation deserves our praise and I am proud to honor him today.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BILL FEDDERSEN

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Dr. Bill Feddersen, President of Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California.

Dr. Feddersen began his teaching career in Florida after receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois. He went on to complete his master's and doctoral degrees in higher education at Columbia University where he was a Kellogg Community College Leadership Fellow.

At age 32, after serving in administrative positions at Bucks County Community College

(PA) and Iowa Western Community College, Dr. Feddersen became one of the youngest college presidents in the country when he assumed the presidency of what is now the Pennsylvania College of Technology. For the past twenty-one years he has been a California community college president, first at Napa Valley College and since 1991, at Mt. San Antonio College.

Dr. Feddersen has served in a variety of state and leadership positions, including president of the California Community CEO Organization, and a member of the board of Directors of the Community College League of California and the Association of California Community College Administrators. Nationally, he is an officer of the Continuous Quality Improvement Network and serves on North Central Association's Academic Quality Improvement Project Advisory Council.

Thank you Dr. Feddersen for all of your hard work and dedication to advance education in our country. Your efforts will benefit the lives of others both now and for years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUCY HALL

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Lucy Hall, founder of the Mary Hall Freedom House in Atlanta. Lucy was recently selected as one of ten people from across the country to receive the nation's most prestigious award for community health leadership from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Her award includes a grant of \$120,000 to continue her community efforts.

Lucy founded the Mary Hall Freedom House in memory of her mother, who she lost to alcoholism at the age of six. Freedom House is a residential recovery program to help addicted mothers break the pattern of substance abuse. The program provides women with intensive chemical dependency treatment and vocational training.

She launched the Freedom House in 1996 while working as a housekeeper and volunteering as a counselor in Atlanta. Lucy used \$5,000 in seed money from her employer to get the effort started. From this modest beginning, the program has grown to serve 250 women a year, many of whom are referred from the court system and homeless shelters.

The program, which started out as six beds in a three-bedroom apartment, now has 70 beds in 26 apartments—and Freedom House now has a staff of over 30 people.

Lucy realized early on that many addicted women with small children had no access to residential treatment because most recovery programs did not admit children. So, she made Freedom House the only residential recovery program in Atlanta for women with children. Now, the children take part in prevention lessons to teach them how to avoid becoming substance abusers themselves. She also recently opened the Heavenly Angels' Day Care Center to provide care for children while their mothers attend treatment and training programs.

Mr. Speaker, by creating the Mary Hall Freedom House, Lucy Hall has demonstrated