

HONORING ARTEMAS WARD

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERNOF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Thursday, November 14, 2002*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Artemas Ward, a true American hero. Mr. Ward was a resident of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts during the colonial era. The Shrewsbury 275 Committee and the Shrewsbury Historical Society are honoring his 275th birthday on November 26, 2002.

As my colleagues are aware, Mr. Ward was the first Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army before George Washington was named to that post. Before leading the Continental Army, Mr. Ward was a colonel in the militia during the French and Indian War. During that war, Mr. Ward was recognized for his superior administrative skills. Like so many people in Massachusetts, Mr. Ward was an ardent anti-loyalist and was named Commander-in-Chief of the Massachusetts forces. In time, Mr. Ward became the highest-ranking major general in the 13 colonies. Following his retirement from the Continental Army in 1777, Mr. Ward went on to play a prominent roll in Massachusetts and American politics.

Mr. Ward was a graduate of Harvard College. After he passed away, Mr. Ward's estate was known as the Ward Homestead and the town of Shrewsbury administered it. However, Harvard University now operates the Ward Homestead and it is known as the Ward Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in extending a birthday wish to Artemas Ward and the Town of Shrewsbury. Moreover, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Ward for his bravery, patriotism, and commitment to the ideals of the American Revolution.

TRIBUTE TO LOS PINOS FIRE
PROTECTION DEPARTMENT**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**OF COLORADO
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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Los Pinos Fire Protection Department for their service and dedication during one of Colorado's most formidable fire seasons. Last summer, the Fire Protection Department played an integral role in containing the Missionary Ridge forest fire that burned over 70,000 acres in Southwestern Colorado. Today, I would like to pay tribute to their heroic efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

When the Missionary Ridge fire first erupted last June, the citizens of Durango, Bayfield and the surrounding communities called upon the Los Pinos Fire Protection District to protect their loved ones, homes, and communities from what would become the worst fire in area history. The fire began in a ditch beside Missionary Ridge Road just 15 miles northeast of Durango and grew to consume more than 70,000 acres, 56 residences, and 27 out-buildings.

Although the Missionary Ridge fire was a devastating reminder of how destructive forest

fires can be, it also served to remind us of the men and women who risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens on a daily basis. The Los Pinos Fire Protection District has served the citizens of Colorado since 1985 and oversees a 217 square mile region. The district relies upon its five member staff and 10 volunteers to remain on call, prepared to fight fires or provide medical assistance on a moment's notice.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Los Pinos Fire Protection District before this body of Congress and this nation. I want to commend all of the Fire District's fire fighters for their determination, courage, and resolve during last summer's efforts on Missionary Ridge. Without the help of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District and others, the added devastation to our community, environment, and quality of life would have been unimaginable. Their tireless commitment throughout the summer's fire season has served as an inspiration to us all and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding group of Americans in this Congress.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS ROYCE

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to acknowledge Mr. Nicholas Royce, a dedicated American and Southern Californian, who has spent more than fifty years as an advocate for the Eastern Orthodox religion and its inclusion as an integral part of American religious life.

Mr. Royce's first experience with religious discrimination was when he entered the Armed Forces and found the service had limited religious choices—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. Through Mr. Royce's encouragement and a prolific letter writing campaign, U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall introduced and had passed legislation in 1955 which recognized the more than 500,000 Orthodox Catholics who had fought and died in uniform. Today, service men and women are able to wear name tags designating Eastern Orthodoxy and they have access to Orthodox chaplains. In addition, thirty-three states now recognize Eastern Orthodoxy as a major religion.

Having retired from a successful show business career that began at the age of 14 as a dancer, Mr. Royce has devoted his time to fighting for AIDS victims, the homeless and abused women and children. Breaking down gender barriers, Mr. Royce has been an active member of the Hollywood Women's Press Club. Women in Film and American Women in Radio and Television.

I am pleased to be able to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Nicholas Royce on the occasion of his birthday and wish him many more years of successful activism.

CHRISTIAN DIOR'S "ADDICT" CAMPAIGN MARKETS ADDICTION TO YOUNG PEOPLE

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I am extremely dismayed by the continued public silence by fashion design house Christian Dior to repeated requests from outraged citizens asking Dior to stop marketing addiction to our young people.

As a grateful recovering alcoholic, I believe it is vitally important for us to condemn the glamorizing of addiction for profit by Christian Dior.

The Dior ad campaign for its new "Addict" line of fragrance, lipstick and nail polish shows a complete disregard for the millions of people who suffer from the disease of addiction and their families.

Mr. Speaker, Dior's massive new ad campaign is the ultimate in corporate irresponsibility. Dior's abuses trivialize America's No. 1 public health problem—alcohol and other drug addiction.

The Dior ads portray addiction as "bold, daring and totally sexy." Young women targeted by this ad campaign are told "every day a new temptation." Ad copy urges them to "follow your cravings."

Dior's outrageous and irresponsible ads claim that becoming an addict is hip, daring and sensual. Dior needs to hear there's nothing hip about the disease of addiction—a disease that killed 150,000 Americans last year.

Mr. Speaker, there's nothing hip about a disease that afflicts 26 million Americans, including 2.1 million teens. In Minnesota alone, more than 18,000 young people ages 14 to 17 are in need of treatment for their addiction.

The visuals of the "Addict" campaign are shameful. One example from the internet site is something called the "Addict Film." The music is hypnotic. The visuals pulsate with jarring quick cuts. A model, clad only in skimpy underwear and sweat, brushes her hair back as she leans forward. She's wide-eyed and anxious.

Her finger dips into something on a shiny mirror-like surface. She brings her finger up beside her nose. Later she grabs a blue bottle out of the air and settles down with half-closed eyes and an open mouth. Under the music a seductive voice whispers, "addict, addict, addict."

The ad asks, "Will you admit it?"

Mr. Speaker, Dior is part of LVMH (Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessy), a Fortune 500 company based in France. LVMH talks about corporate responsibility. Company documents say the principles of protection, prudence and care must be applied if the company is to "reconcile economic development with the overall well-being of humanity."

But their own annual report says the "Addict" marketing visuals are "the perfect illustration of the possible connotations of the word 'addict.'"

Mr. Speaker, they obviously don't tell the real truth of addiction. This ad campaign shows callous disregard for parents who have lost a child to addiction. It trivializes a critical public health issue and cheapens the hard work of recovery from addiction.

Magazines like Rolling Stone, Elle and Glamour carry these ads. People around the country are getting samples in the mail. These ads are appearing in newspapers that are in the homes of families, families with children. Faced with a multi-million dollar ad campaign that glamorizes addiction, how can parents teach their children it is not cool to try drugs?

Mr. Speaker, we need a tremendous public outcry against Dior's campaign to glamorize the disease of addiction—the same public outcry that would result if Dior tried to glamorize other deadly diseases like cancer or AIDS.

We need to put public pressure on Dior to pull the "Addict" campaign and rename the product.

We need to let Dior know their "Addict" campaign shows careless disregard for families who have lost a child to addiction.

Dior needs to know they are doing great harm to parents trying to each their children not to use drugs or alcohol.

Dior needs to know they are doing a tremendous disservice to people in recovery. Dior's marketing campaign is a slap in the face of each and every brave young person in recovery.

Mr. Speaker, the frequency and intensity of these ads will increase as we enter the Christmas shopping season. The city Council of Detroit has just condemned this marketing campaign. There are diverse coalitions working from coast to coast to protect the health and safety of our children and retain the dignity of people who are doing the hard work of recovery.

We must expose Dior's outrageous and irresponsible marketing campaign.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope this body will join me in condemning this ad campaign which attempts to glamorize addiction. Please join me in using our leadership to send a clear message that addiction is not fashionable.

CELEBRATING THE EFFORTS OF
THE MACOMB COUNTY INTER-
FAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR
10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the efforts of the Macomb County Interfaith Caregivers as they celebrate their 10th Anniversary on November 19, 2002.

This celebration will bring together a variety of local support agencies, faith-based congregations, and residents to provide information on their programs and services available to the citizens of Macomb County and recently added areas in Oakland County.

The Macomb County Interfaith Caregivers was started in 1990 by a group of religious leaders from southeast Michigan who saw a need for a program that could reach out to a rapidly growing population of older and disabled adults. These older residents of our communities were struggling to maintain their independence and preserve their health and safety in their own homes. By 1994 the program was an independent, community-owned charitable organization.

The agency's mission is to provide essential support services like transportation, household

assistance, meal preparation, home repairs and yard work. They also provide an important emotional support system through a respite program for full-time family caregivers, socialization visits, and ongoing communication with the participants.

The work of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers has touched the lives of more than 850 residents in the last ten years and has been made possible through the work of hundreds of volunteers, eighty local businesses and seventy local congregations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the passion and hard work of all of the individuals involved with the Macomb County Interfaith Caregivers. It has been my pleasure to work with them and to see first hand the value of their efforts. They have improved the lives of the elderly and strengthened the fabric of their community.

TRIBUTE TO DURANGO FIRE &
RESCUE AUTHORITY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Although the Missionary Ridge fire was a devastating reminder of how destructive forest fires can be, it also served to remind us of the men and women who risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens on a daily basis. The newly formed Durango Fire & Rescue Authority consolidated the efforts of the Hermosa Cliff Fire District, Animas Fire District, and the City of Durango Fire Department to serve the citizens in the Durango area and oversees 440 square mile region with a population of 29,700. The Durango Fire & Rescue Authority relies on a host of volunteer firefighters, paramedics, and support staff prepared to fight fires or provide medical assistance on a moment's notice.

Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Durango Fire & Rescue Authority of Durango before this body of Congress and this nation. I want to commend all of the Durango Fire & Rescue Authority's firefighters for their determination, courage, and resolve during last summer's efforts on Missionary Ridge. Without the help of the Durango Fire & Rescue Authority and others, the added devastation to our community, environ-

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HONORING JEAN WORTHAM

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Jean Wortham, who was recently honored for her commitment to public service and her continuous efforts to better the communities of Harris County. Jean Wortham has been a community activist for well over 40 years, and her dedication and enthusiasm have energized both the Democratic party and the people of Harris County. For this reason, she has been recognized at a special event entitled "Salute to Jean Wortham," and I believe that this distinction could not be bestowed on a more deserving individual.

Jean Wortham maintains strong family roots in Oklahoma, but has resided in Pasadena, Texas for over forty years, during which time she began a distinguished career in public service. She was employed for fourteen years by State Representative Erwin Barton, who represented District 144, a constituency that included Pasadena. From there, Jean Wortham went on to work for Justice of the Peace Mike Parrott, where she demonstrated outstanding service, upholding the constitutional laws of Texas relating to the Transportation Code as well as the Texas Penal Code in misdemeanor cases, and Small Claims and Justice Court. Her professional public involvement then expanded to the labor movement when she moved on to work as Secretary to the International Vice President of the Boilermakers, where she has been employed since 1996.

Although Jean Wortham has had a notable professional career in public service, volunteer efforts have proved to be a major outlet for much of her community involvement. Her desire to further the Democratic cause is reflected in her years of fervent political activism, which began in 1976 when she took over as the Area 5 Democratic Headquarters Manager in Pasadena. While actively volunteering as a leader in the Area 5 Democratic Club, Jean also took on the position of Manager for Erwin Barton's campaign. Her energetic dynamic continued even after these positions ended. In 1984, she became involved in national politics as the coordinator for Walter Mondale for President in Texas' State Senate District 11.

Jean's public service stretched to many areas other than politics, as she became a driving force behind the success of the American Red Cross when she was appointed as Chair of Volunteers for the organization's Pasadena Service Center. During this same time, Jean Wortham kept up her political involvement, serving as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from State Senate District 11. More recently, Jean Wortham continued her drive to better the lives of others by establishing the first-ever Native American Caucus at the Texas State Convention in El Paso earlier this year.