

join me in recognizing this young man and his achievements.

COMMENDING OUR MILITARY FORCES, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS

**HON. JOHN S. TANNER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to affirm my unwavering support for H. Con. Res. 177 and H. Res. 201, which this House of Representatives passed in tribute to the men and women who serve our nation, their families, and those businesses and other community members who have supported them through this difficult time in our nation's history.

The purpose of House Concurrent Resolution 177 is "recognizing and commending the members of the United States Armed Forces and their leaders, and the allies of the United States and their armed forces, who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and recognizing the continuing dedication of military families and employers and defense civilians and contractors and the countless communities and patriotic organizations that lent their support to the Armed Forces during those operations."

This body also passed, by a unanimous vote, House Resolution 201, "expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that our Nation's businesses and business owners should be commended for their support of our troops and their families as they serve our country in many ways, especially in these days of increased engagement of our military in strategic locations around our Nation and around the world."

Tennessee has long been proud of its military heritage, having been nicknamed the "Volunteer State" when thousands of Tennesseans agreed to serve in the War of 1812. There are more than 14,000 men and women serving in the Tennessee National Guard under the leadership of Tennessee Adjutant General Gus Hargett. More than 20,000 additional troops are stationed at Fort Campbell Army Base, which straddles the border between Tennessee and Kentucky. Fort Campbell troops, including the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles, and Guard members and reservists from our state have served proudly in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I am proud to represent Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington, Tennessee. Under the direction of Captain Helen Dunn, this unit is very important to the operations of the United States Navy. Our district in Tennessee also includes the Milan Army Arsenal, whose facilities help manufacture much of the ammunition used by the United States Army. Tennessee has many such military and military-support institutions and is home to more than 500,000 military veterans who have served our nation honorably.

Our troops and their families are to be commended and thanked for the sacrifices they have made to protect our nation. Please join with me, Mr. Speaker, in expressing gratitude for employers who have made sacrifices to allow Guard and Reserve troops to leave their

permanent positions to serve our country. We are also appreciative of those civic and community leaders who have come together to support our men and women in uniform and their families at this difficult time in our nation's history. In Tennessee, our communities have come together to show their patriotism and their appreciation for those who are making sacrifices to protect us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in praising the passage of House Concurrent Resolution 177 and House Resolution 201, saluting our troops, their families, our military-support staff, and community leaders who have shown their appreciation to the men and women who are performing their duty to protect our country.

TRIBUTE TO KRYSTAL MIZE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to Krystal Mize of Pueblo, Colorado, for her incredible achievement at the University of Southern Colorado. Krystal is the deserving recipient of the Threlkeld Prize for Excellence for her success in the field of psychology and today I would like to recognize her accomplishment before this nation.

Krystal, a single mother of three boys, is not only dedicated to her education but also donates her time to work as a peer mentor, psychology lab assistant and tutor. Krystal is the true embodiment of the "American Dream", having overcome adversity to achieve the highest of goals. She has proven to her family, the community and most importantly, herself that she can succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Krystal Mize's achievements before this body of Congress. It is the work of people like Krystal that makes the community of Pueblo strong. It is truly an honor to praise Krystal's hard work, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

DANIEL ESPINOZA, "LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR" SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES LABOR COUNCIL

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Daniel Espinoza on receiving the "Labor Leader of the Year" Award from the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the working women and men of our community.

From the age of eighteen, Daniel has participated in and supported organized labor. He joined Theatrical Stage Employees, IATSE Local 122, in 1977 and been an active officer for the past 16 years. In 1993, Daniel became the youngest elected Business Representative in the history of Local #122 and is currently serving his fifth term. In addition, he serves on the Executive Board for the San Diego-Impe-

rial Counties Labor Council, and is a founding member of the United Labor Foundation.

Daniel has established a reputation of vigorously representing the members of Local 122 while still being responsive to the needs of the employer and their constant struggles with decreased funding for the arts. His commitment and dedication to the working men and women in the entertainment industry has led to successful organizational efforts at a number of San Diego area entertainment venues, including the La Jolla Playhouse, the California Center for the Arts Escondido, and the Audio Visual Technicians for the San Diego Marriott Marina and the Coronado Island Marriott Resort. Under his leadership, Theatrical Stage Employees #122 has increased its jurisdiction and stature in the San Diego entertainment community, and has more than doubled its membership.

Daniel Espinoza exemplifies the high values, standards, and principles of the hard-working men and women who are represented by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council. I offer my congratulations to him on his receipt of the "Labor Leader of the Year" Award.

IN HONOR OF MONSIGNOR EDWARD J. HAJDUK

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monsignor Edward J. Hajduk for his years of service to St. Henry's Church and the people of Bayonne, Newark, and Elizabeth. Monsignor Hajduk celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, June 1 at St. Henry's Church in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Monsignor Hajduk has led a long life of commitment and service to congregations throughout Bayonne, Newark, and Elizabeth area. Ordained on May 30, 1953, Monsignor Hajduk first served at the Sacred Heart Church in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, where he was a parochial vicar for sixteen years. During his time at Sacred Heart, Monsignor Hajduk was the assistant director and moderator of the Catholic Youth Organization of Bergen County, a teacher at the Immaculate Conception High School, and a professor of Theology at Felician College.

In 1969, Monsignor Hajduk was appointed by Archbishop Boland to serve as the youth director of the Archdiocese of Newark, where he worked until 1971. The Monsignor then served as administrator of St. James Church in Newark, where he played a vital role in reorganizing the parish. In 1979, Monsignor Hajduk was named chaplain to Pope John Paul II and given the title of Reverend Monsignor. In 1984, Monsignor Hajduk became a pastor at St. Hedwig's Church in Elizabeth, where he served for twelve years. During his service at St. Hedwig's, Monsignor Hajduk undertook the task of renovating the interior of the church. The Monsignor was elected dean of the Elizabeth Deanery, and asked by Archbishop McCarrick to lead a city-wide study of the future of the church in Elizabeth.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Monsignor Hajduk returned to Bayonne in 1992 to serve

as pastor of St. Henry's Church, where he is currently serving his second term. At St. Henry's, Monsignor Hajduk has helped restore and renovate the interior of the church and upgrade some of its facilities. Under his leadership, the Religious and Youth Center at the Church has grown substantially, and now serves over 500 students.

Monsignor Hajduk continues to be an active member of the Bayonne community. He is currently a member of the Bayonne Faith Based Initiative Advisory Board, serves on the board of directors of the Bayonne Mental Health Center, is active in the Bayonne Interfaith Council, and was a representative to the Bayonne Census in 2000.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Monsignor Edward J. Hajduk for his exceptional service and dedication to the people of New Jersey.

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TRIBUTE TO FRED CORTESE

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**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Fred Cortese and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to his community and to his state. As a resident of Pueblo County, Colorado, Fred has dedicated himself to helping his community through his work as a law enforcement officer with the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. It is with pride that I pay tribute to Fred today for the tremendous accomplishments for which he is being recognized by the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department with the Medal of Valor for saving the lives of two men, asleep as their home burned around them.

On February 22nd of this year, Fred and another officer, Jonathan Post, arrived at the scene of a house fire. Believing people to be trapped inside, they entered the burning building at great risk to their own lives. Inside, they found two men asleep, unaware of the imminent danger threatening them. Fred and Jonathan successfully persuaded the two residents to leave their burning home through a window, until one of them disregarded orders and reentered the house, necessitating another dangerous rescue. Fred then assisted Jonathan, who was suffering from smoke inhalation, out of the building.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Fred Cortese upon the receipt of the Medal of Valor from the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department. Fred's courage and selflessness serve as an inspiration to the citizens of Colorado, his peers and his country. With men like Fred in the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department, the citizens of Pueblo County can rest assured that their lives are and their neighborhoods are well protected. Congratulations, Fred, and good luck.

JOHN D. HULL, "FRIEND OF THE LABOR COUNCIL WARD", SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES LABOR COUNCIL

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute John D. Hull on receiving the "Friend of the Labor Council Award" from the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the working women and men of our community.

John is Vice-President of SBC Communications, Inc. in San Diego, overseeing a region that includes San Diego, Orange and Imperial Counties, and the Inland Empire region of Southern California.

Mr. Hull joined Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1974 following his graduation from college. He has held numerous management positions during this career, culminating in his appointment as Regional President for the San Diego in May 2001. He represents SBC on the boards of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, United Way of San Diego County and the American Heart Association—San Diego Chapter.

During his career, John D. Hull has been an important friend of the hardworking men and women who are represented by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council. I offer my congratulations to him on his receipt of the "Friend of the Labor Council Award."

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IN HONOR OF LARRY BARULLI, RECIPIENT OF THE LANCE CORPORAL STANLEY J. KOPCINSKI MEMORIAL AWARD

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Barulli, recipient of the Lance Corporal Stanley J. Kopcinski Memorial Award. The Bayonne Detachment #191, Marine Corps League honored Mr. Barulli on May 26, 2003, at the VFW hall in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mr. Barulli served with the United States Army from 1950 until 1952, and was stationed with the "C" Company 79th Engineers Battalion in Korea from September 1951 until September 1952. For the past seven years, Larry Barulli has been an active member of the Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County 38th Parallel Chapter. He is currently a member of the Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County, the Catholic War Veterans Assumption Post 1612, and the American Legion—Mackenzie Post 165.

Mr. Barulli played a critical role in establishing a monument in memory of the 126 Hudson County residents who gave their lives in the Korean War. The monument, which sits at the end of Washington Street in Jersey City, memorializes 126 men from twelve Hudson County communities who lost their lives during the Korean War. As the war often re-

ferred to as the "Forgotten War," Mr. Barulli has helped ensure that the memory of these men will live on forever.

The Lance Corporal Stanley J. Kopcinski Award is given out each year by the Bayonne Detachment of the Marine Corps League in memory of Stanley J. Kopcinski, the first Marine from Bayonne killed in the Vietnam War. Lance Corporal Kopcinski was well revered by his fellow Marines and was voted "most likely to receive the Medal of Honor." The award is presented to those who follow in the spirit of Lance Corporal Kopcinski's dedication and service.

A graduate of Bayonne High School, Mr. Barulli is now retired from Barulli's Deli Grocery, which he owned and ran with his father until 1980. Larry Barulli and his wife Elizabeth Ann Siwek Barulli will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary in December, 2003.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Larry Barulli and congratulating him on receiving a well-deserved award. His continued service to the veterans of Bayonne and to the people of Hudson County is an inspiration for us all.

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TRIBUTE TO SUE PURVIS AND TASHA THE SEARCH DOG

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**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to a woman and her dog who willingly give their time to provide assistance to others. Sue Purvis and her search dog Tasha of Crested Butte, Colorado volunteer to help locate victims of avalanches. In doing so, they help bring closure to victims' families and perform a public service to their community.

During one week in March of this year, Sue and Tasha were called to the scene of two avalanches. The first trapped a 33-year-old man who had been caught in a slide while snowmobiling. Some 30 rescuers searched unsuccessfully for several hours before calling in Sue and Tasha. Together, working with another canine search team, they found the man's body within half an hour.

A few days later, the pair received a call involving another snowmobiler. This time, the victim triggered a massive slide 10-feet deep and several hundred feet wide. The slide packed so much power that the debris field was 20 feet deep and contained chunks of snow and ice the size of a van. Despite working by themselves, Sue and Tasha found the man's body buried in six feet of snow about an hour later.

Mr. Speaker, when Sue and Tasha venture off into the Colorado backcountry to search for victims, they often enter very unstable and dangerous snow conditions. Still, they do so willingly to help bring closure to the victim's families as quickly as possible. That unselfish spirit of neighbor-helping-neighbor is what helped make this country great, and I am truly honored to have the opportunity to honor Sue and her amazing search dog Tasha here before this body of Congress today.