

in the sport when he went to college at Western State College in Gunnison. Glen had great success while at Western State, including an NCAA championship, two Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships, and a Mountain Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Title. After graduating from Western State, Glen joined the military and continued his winning tradition by winning several more awards, including the 1968 Interservice Freestyle Championship and the second place award in the 1969 Interservice Greco Roman Competition. Today, Glen has retired from wrestling but remains active in sports by running a rodeo school that teaches bull riding and bareback riding.

Mr. Speaker, Glen Younger is a talented athlete and a valued member of the Grand Junction community. As he prepares for induction into the Western State College Hall of Fame, I am honored to join with my colleagues in congratulating Glen Younger here today. Thank you for your service to the community, Glen. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LA  
MIRADA GIRL'S ALL STARS

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2003*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on August 3, 2003, the La Mirada Girl All Stars won the Girls 16-Under "Class B" Fast Pitch West Finals by defeating the Bullets from Idaho 7-2 for the title of 2003 Amateur Softball Association National Championships.

The La Mirada Girl All Stars, also the California state champions, in their respective age bracket, started the four-term Western Pool Playoff with a 7-2 win over Blue Thunder from Florissant, Missouri and a 9-2 victory over the Waverly Heat from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Founded in 1933, the Amateur Softball Association is a nationwide, volunteer driven, non-profit organization that has evolved in the largest softball organization in the country. The Amateur Softball Association has grown from a few hundred teams to over 250,000 teams, representing a membership of more than four million athletes. The goal of the Amateur Softball Association's youth program is to help aspiring young softball athletes learn a sport they can enjoy for a lifetime in a positive, safe and supportive environment.

The Amateur Softball Association National Championships begin at the local level with league championships, state championships and eventually culminates with national qualifiers from around the country.

The La Mirada Girl All-Star Team was made up of players from eight teams from La Mirada's 16-under division, who played a three-week season prior to their selection.

The La Mirada Girl All-Star roster included: Andrea Belluz, Amanda Fernandez, Nikki Johansen, Tiffany Johnson, Keena Levert, Jaimee Montanez, Nicole Morales, Sara Randall, Jayme Smith and Meghan Thorpe with coaches Steve Randall and Randy Tyler, and manager Laurie Montanez.

La Mirada fought its way to the National Championship by defeating teams from Over-

land Park, Kansas; Kirksville, Missouri; Coachella, California; Omaha, Nebraska; Augusta, Kansas; and Parma, Idaho. La Mirada outscored its competition 60-11 and went undefeated at 7-0, during the course of the tournament.

La Mirada won the championship tournament with brilliant pitching, an explosive offense and an unmatched defense. The National Champion La Mirada Girl All-Star Team will be celebrated by the players, coaches and family members not only for the games played, but also for their shared memories of their time together.

RECOGNIZING THE HOMENETMEN  
ARARAT CHAPTER'S 25TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2003*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Glendale/Ararat Chapter of Homenetmen. Homenetmen is an organization that provides Armenian communities around the world with moral, physical, and social education. In the 25 years since its inception, the Glendale Chapter of Homenetmen has grown from a seven member volunteer group to a thriving community organization with over 1800 members. The Ararat Chapter is now the largest in the United States, and conservatively estimates that it has provided services to nearly 10,000 adults, children and seniors since 1978.

For the last quarter century, the Ararat Chapter has been a guiding light for the growth and success of Glendale's Armenian community, and the community as a whole. Ararat's efforts to form lasting bonds with community and government organizations, regardless of race or religious affiliation, have made a lasting positive impact on the community. They provide numerous supervised weekend and after school programs that afford a healthy and safe environment for children and young adults. The Ararat Chapter's volunteers also play a vital role in contributing to drug awareness education throughout the community. The Homenetmen-sponsored 5K/10K run/walk attracts over 1,000 participants annually, and includes pre-and-post race events tailored to drug and alcohol awareness. The Ararat Chapter also works closely with local hospitals, churches, and local governments on a variety of beneficial community events such as graffiti clean-ups, scouting events, holiday luncheons with the Salvation Army, and blood drives with the Red Cross.

Ararat volunteers blanket our community with goodwill and friendly hands. Schools, children, hospitals, and many other groups are buoyed by the charity of this outstanding community organization. They are a tribute to their Armenian heritage, and a jewel of their home city of Glendale. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Homenetmen Ararat Chapter for their 25 years of dedicated service to the Glendale community.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVER-  
SITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA  
CRUZ'S LONG MARINE LAB ON  
CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of California, Santa Cruz's Long Marine Lab on celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary on October 25th, 2003. The Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory is a research and education facility of Institute of Marine Sciences and is known throughout the world for innovative research on marine mammals, marine ecology, and issues relating to ocean health. The Long Marine Lab has grown from a few marine scientists into a research institute with more than 170 scientists and research associates, 130 graduate students, and \$12 million in annual research funds.

With its collaborative interdisciplinary approach to programs and facilities, Long Marine Laboratory enables students from the University of California, Santa Cruz to engage in hands-on research, and to have the opportunity to work with professionals in their field of study. The site is also home to the California Department of Fish and Game Marine Wildlife Center, the National Marine Fisheries Service's Southwest Science Center, and plans are underway to bring coastal and marine scientists from the United States Geological Survey.

The Seymour Marine Discovery Center houses the lab's public education and visitor programs and brings marine research to life for 50,000 schoolchildren and other public visitors every year. Programs such as this are vital to teaching children about conservation and the marine environment, and ensuring that they will continue the struggle to save and preserve our oceans.

The President of the University of California has chosen this day to name one of the original Long Marine Laboratory buildings the William T. Doyle Research Building in honor of Bill Doyle, founding director of the Institute of Marine Sciences, for his great vision, wisdom, and persistence in the establishment and early development of the Long Marine Laboratory.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Bill Doyle's memory and the dedicated work of the many staff and researchers at the University of California, Santa Cruz's Long Marine Laboratory. Through their commitment to marine research they are able to offer new solutions and approaches to conservation and preservation of our oceans. The lab's twenty-fifth anniversary is a tribute to the role it plays in our community, and I wish the Long Marine Laboratory the best successes for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2003*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on October 15, 2003, I missed rollcall vote number 543.