

impressive 52 years, the Everson family has been the steward of one of the state's only independent newspapers.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Edgerton Rotary and the Edgerton community in recognizing Helen Everson's achievements and congratulate her as she accepts the Honored Citizen of the Year award.

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**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2003*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor LeRoy Carlson for his three decades of exemplary work with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Leroy Carlson is one of Colorado's outstanding field biologists, preserving and protecting the Rocky Mountain region's wildlife.

Lee received his bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in Wildlife Biology and his master's degree in 1974 with an emphasis on the wildlife impacts from oil shale development. He began his career in Galveston, Texas as a field staff biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service where he did permitting work for the Army Corps of Engineers on housing developments, levies and wetlands.

After 2 years in Texas, Lee moved to the Lakewood, Colorado offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service where he worked for the next 27 years until his retirement in 2003. His innovative approaches to a wide range of issues enabled him to provide oversight and protection to the region's threatened and endangered species and to guide many of the region's largest projects to successful completion.

Lee's ability to coordinate the protection of wildlife was most evident on large Federal projects, such as the Animas-LaPlata water project in Southwest Colorado. He earned the respect of all involved during his 3-year oversight of negotiations between the Bureau of Reclamation, the regional Native American tribes, local water users and regional environmental groups. From these contentious discussions, the San Juan Recovery Program was created, which provided significant mitigation for fish and wildlife resources and included an additional 7 years of research on listed fish.

His experience and problem solving attitude in managing complex water projects led to the successful re-issuance of agency water permits on projects throughout the Roosevelt and Arapahoe National Forests. Lee also provided skilled leadership on the Platte River Program for endangered species conservation, involving multiple States and Federal agencies. The Platte River Program included a unique approach to conserving listed wildlife species through the conversion of water use to financial contributions paid by project developers.

When the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) needed a new way to address U.S. Fish and Wildlife endangered species requirements, Lee developed an innovative solution that included staffing within CDOT to help that agency evaluate the impacts on wildlife so that the needs of CDOT could be

met in a timely manner. His plan became a model for future projects and allowed CDOT to determine project impacts for the next 20 years and develop mitigation plans. The Short Grass Prairie Project received two national awards for the creative approaches Lee used with State and Federal agencies. This became the Colorado model for the Prebles Project in the East Plum Creek area, protecting the Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse, a rare species that was placed on the Endangered Species list in 1998.

Lee's service and achievements show how a skilled public servant can make important contributions to the quality of our natural environment, as well as our communities. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking LeRoy Carlson for his far-reaching accomplishments and his commitment to the protection of our wildlife resources. I wish him good health and happiness in the future.

TRIBUTE TO TOMMY THOMPSON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to a man who has done a great deal for the betterment of the State of Colorado. Tommy Thompson is a Sergeant At Arms in the Colorado State legislature. At the age of 80, Tommy is the oldest person working in Colorado's State Capitol. However, he is also one of the most energetic and one of the most beloved. I am proud to call Tommy's contributions to the attention of my colleagues and our nation here today.

Tommy was serving as Vice-Chairman of the Arapahoe County Republican party when he was appointed as Sergeant At Arms in 1997. Tommy loves his job and comes to work each day with a smile. That smile, and Tommy's friendly demeanor, remain with him throughout the day. Tommy has many friends throughout the Capitol and he gets along fantastically with members from both sides of the aisle. Nearly everyone who has worked in the Capitol has fond memories of times spent with Tommy.

Tommy's contributions to our nation reach far beyond the steps of Colorado's state Capitol. In World War II, Tommy answered our country's call to duty and served honorably aboard the USS *Mount Vernon* for over three years. Following the war, Tommy went to work for Ford Motor Company, and then opened a bicycle repair shop. He is still active in the Republican Forum, in addition to his work at the state Capitol. At the age of 80, Tommy Thompson has never slowed his pace, and he has no plans to do so now.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to Tommy Thompson before this body of Congress and our nation. Tommy has dedicated many years to assuring that Colorado's government runs efficiently. Tommy has touched the lives of many Coloradans, and it is my honor to pay tribute to his contributions here today. Thanks for your service, Tommy.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN DONOVAN,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHICAGO  
COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2003*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the poet Robert Frost is quoted as writing, "Some people see things that are and ask why, I dream of things that have never been and ask, why not." Such was the life, such was the philosophy and such was the work of John Donovan, known to his friends as Juancho.

John was a former Catholic priest who found his niche in organizing, working with and working for people in our world known as being poor. He worked in Panama, in the Rogers Park and Uptown communities of Chicago before becoming executive director of the coalition to end homelessness. He also worked as a priest, administrator and teacher at Chicago's Visitation High School. He was educated with a bachelor and masters degrees from Saint Mary of the Lake University in Mundelein.

John was the recipient of many awards and honors and was featured in Studs "Terkel's Hope Dies Last." In an interview with Studs, John said: "Some people who are better off have the luxury of losing hope. But poor people never lose hope. They can't afford to. That's the only thing they can hold on to, and that's where hope springs eternal." Some people say, "How can you continue to work with the homeless and the poor?" That's where I get my energy because they never lose hope." "I'm not practicing as a priest, but my ministry, remember is organizing. My job is organizing hope. There are people in the community who still have hope. That's the last thing they lose. I'm organizing hope for change."

John Donovan, a man of hope, a force for change. May he rest in peace. I extend condolence to John's wife, their children, and other members of John's family.

CHAPTER 12 BANKRUPTCY  
EXTENSION BILL

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2003*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, today I am once again introducing legislation to extend authorization of Chapter 12 of the bankruptcy code. This legislation should not be necessary, but a permanent Chapter 12 authorization remains a hostage to more comprehensive bankruptcy law changes.

Chapter 12 provides an important backstop for our Nation's struggling family farmers by allowing them to reorganize their debts and keep their farms. It provides an important bankruptcy option to farm families to keep their livelihood and maintain their way of life.

This bill provides a textbook example that what we do here in Washington directly affects the lives of real people facing real financial challenges.

In Wisconsin recently, a Columbus farmer filed for Chapter 12 bankruptcy. He works