

conflict. First as a private infantryman, and later as a paratrooper, he served in the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team of the U.S. Army. His service, in support of our country's efforts to thwart the spread of communism into South Korea and perhaps beyond, led to his being the humble recipient of a 2003 New York City Council Proclamation which cited his exceptional service to this great Nation.

Henry went from a street-corner shoeshine boy, to an electrical appliance stock clerk, to a beauty equipment salesperson, and finally to a designer of many of Brooklyn's beauty salons & barber shops. His dedication to his clients and the beauty industry earned him the "Cosmetology Man of the Year" Award.

Henry has also become a valuable community activist. Working quietly in the background, yet always willing to help, he has provided transportation for those in need; helped setup health fairs for numerous civic organizations; and assisted in the resurrection of the Canarsie Memorial Day Parade. He has also served on numerous civic and special community associations, such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club Inc., the United Parents Fraternal, and Informed Voices of Canarsie, Etc. He has the distinct honor of having served as the only African-American on the 69th Precinct Community Council, in its 35-year history. For his hard work and commitment to the Canarsie Community, he received an award from the Friends United Block Association (FUBA) in 2001. For helping to establish the NYC branch of North Carolina A&T College Alumni, he was awarded an Associate Alumni membership.

As a longtime, 43 years resident of New York City Housing, he established the NYC Bayview Housing Sports Day. This is a festive day of multiple sports events, dancing, food, and awards for the children of the community.

Mr. Speaker, Henry Bolus has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community through his active participation in a vast array of civic organization. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

HONORING MILDRED HASTINGS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sympathies to the Hastings Family. Mrs. Mildred Hastings, mother of Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS, passed away on June 24, 2004 after complications related to a heart disease. Her passing is deeply felt and she will be profoundly missed.

A woman of humble beginnings, Mildred Hastings worked hard to improve the circumstances of her family and those around her. She was revered by many in her community and developed personal bonds with constituents from the district. Mildred Hastings was a great motivator and her positive outlook on life not only influenced her family and friends, but also the members of Congressman HASTINGS' staff. The Congressman's Chief of Staff, Art Kennedy, greatly admired her positive energy and her unwavering sup-

port of her son. She has left those close to her with fond memories.

Congressman HASTINGS said, "My mom was my greatest friend and mentor." Mildred Hastings guided her son throughout his life and along his milestones to becoming a lawyer, judge, and now Congressman of Florida's 23rd District, Miramar. Mrs. Hastings is survived by her son, grandchildren, and cousins. She was 82 years old. My sincerest condolences go out to the Hastings family in remembrance of this inspiring woman. She will be greatly missed.

H. CON. RES. 410—RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 410, which recognizes the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and expresses our nation's gratitude for our shared commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom.

Over the past 25 years and since attaining their independence as a sovereign nation, the RMI has emerged to become one of the greatest and most reliable democratic allies of the United States. Our special relationship with the RMI, embodied in the Compact of Free Association renewed last year, has helped fulfill the two principal U.S. objectives in the Western Pacific of forging strategic alliances and establishing democratic systems of government. The RMI was the first of the three former entities of the United Nations administered Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, to adopt their own Constitution and gain their independence. Their example and influence helped stabilize the Pacific Region and win the cold war.

For over 400 years, the people of the Marshall Islands were subjected to foreign and colonial control. The Spanish, the Germans, the Japanese, and the Americans all took control of the islands, named for English explorer John Marshall who visited the islands in 1799, at one time or another. Today, the people of the Marshall Islands strive to retain and preserve their identity and traditions. In many respects, they have been amazingly successful, even as they have faced and embraced the forces of Westernization and globalization. In January, I had the good fortune of visiting their beautiful country as a member of the Congressional Delegation led by Mr. POMBO, the Chairman of the House Resources Committee. While in Majuro, we met with President Kessai Note, as well as elected officials from Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap and Utrok. We also visited the U.S. Army's Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll, which is a testament to the strength and dependability of U.S.-RMI relations. With 40 years of co-operation, the Missile Test Site has provided a critical role in development and success of our nation's missile defense and space programs.

On Sunday, July 4th, this nation celebrated our freedom and democratic progress. It has

now been 228 years since our founding fathers declared our nation's independence and our democratic form of government. As we reflect upon our democratic experiment and the values we cherish as Americans, it is also fitting that we recognize those who embrace these same values and freedoms. The United States has a proven and trusting friend in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. As we continue to build our relationship, let us work to resolve the remaining issues that the nuclear testing era brought for the benefit of our strategic partnership and special relationship.

I want to thank the gentleman from Arizona, Mr. FLAKE, and my good friend from American Samoa, Mr. FALCOMAVAEGA, for their leadership in introducing this resolution and for their firm commitment to sustaining and strengthening the friendship between the people of the United States and the people of the Marshall Islands. Lastly, I want to recognize and congratulate the Marshalls' Ambassador to the United States for his efforts in strengthening the relationship between our governments, the Honorable Banny de Brum. Si Yu'os Ma'ase and Komol tata.

RECOGNITION OF ANN AND LYDIA ENDREJATIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Ann and Lydia Endrejatits of Collinsville, Illinois.

Ann and Lydia are recipients of this year's "Spirit of Excellence" award annually awarded by the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce. Ann and Lydia are being recognized for their lifelong commitment to making Collinsville a better place for all of us.

In nominating them, Diane Meyer wrote the following:

Diakonia. If you think diakonia is Greek to you, well you're correct. Diakonia is Greek for service, an ancient art still being practiced today in Collinsville. The number of people volunteering their time and talent for the good of the community is unrivaled. These "servants" exemplify the ancient meaning of the word mercy—concrete acts of kindness. Although most neither seek nor desire the spotlight, they certainly deserve our sincere thanks.

Ann and Lydia Endrejatits.

While many who volunteer specialize in one or two things, Ann and Lydia do about everything and through their many specific acts of kindness, truly define the word "volunteer." Since retiring, one or the other or both have worked for the following entities:

Anderson Hospital Auxiliary, Miner's Theater, Collinsville office of the American Cancer Society, Downtown Collinsville, Inc., Collinsville Senior Citizens, Cahokia Mounds Visitor's Center, City of Collinsville Shuttle Bus Dispatchers, senior citizen income tax preparations, Fox Theater usher, Holy Cross Lutheran Church Altar Guild and senior citizen worship meal, city historic researchers for Lucille Stehman's newspaper series, Meals on Wheels, schools library aid. The amazing thing about this extraordinary list is that it is a partial list.

The story of Ann and Lydia does not end with the work that they do. It continues with their encouragement and support of others who volunteer for the community. If someone is receiving an award, they are there. If something is being dedicated, they are there. If someone puts on a parade, they are there. If there is a civic ceremony, yes, they are there. With encouragement comes hope and with hope comes the wherewithal a city needs to tackle its future. Ann and Lydia Endrejtis provide Collinsville with concrete acts of kindness and to them we give our heartfelt thanks. Diakonia.

I offer my personal congratulations to my friends Ann and Lydia as well as my thanks to the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce for being as moved by Diane's nomination as I was.

COMMENDATION OF TECH. SGT.
THOMAS NEVIN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today in commendation of Tech. Sgt. Thomas Nevin, recipient of this year's USO Warrior of the Year award for the Cleveland area.

Sgt. Nevin is a member of the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron out of Youngstown Air Reserve Station in my district, and I am proud of his service to America in the war on terrorism. Sergeant Nevin was selected for volunteering to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom for over a year and a half. While deployed, he received high praise from his superiors as he demonstrated his technical skills in replacing generators, re-directing a power outage, and installing diesel generators. In Iraq, he led a task force that doubled the available power to an airport in an area that was considered potentially dangerous. As our service men and women work hard daily to rebuild and improve Iraq's power grid, I am confident Sergeant Nevin was vital to that effort while deployed.

Mr. Speaker, at a time that calls for men and women to stand up and volunteer, I am privileged to have a constituent that appeals to our best qualities as citizens. It is good to know the people of Ohio's 17th congressional district are represented in uniform by a man with character, courage, and commitment to national service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed five votes in the House of Representatives on June 25, 2004. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

Vote on the Sanders amendment to H.R. 4614, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Vote on the Wilson (NM) amendment to H.R. 4614, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Vote on the Meehan amendment to H.R. 4614, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Vote on the Hefley amendment to H.R. 4614, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on passage of H.R. 4614, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THORNE ECOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Thorne Ecological Institute (TEI), its record of providing ecological education and environmental awareness to countless numbers of young people, and its development of forward-looking environmental policies.

I believe that many of the problems which face our Nation can be solved through better understanding and awareness of our natural surroundings. For 50 years, the Thorne Ecological Institute has been dedicated to fulfilling this goal by giving hands-on experience to children and adults in Colorado.

In 1954, Dr. Oakleigh Thorne, II, established the Thorne Ecological Institute in hopes of bringing environmental education to the community of Boulder, Colorado. He taught a variety of courses at the University of Colorado at Boulder, working to increase his students' understanding of the environment and its complex interrelationships. His goal was to "connect people to nature," and the last 50 years have seen this goal met with great success. To this day, the Thorne Ecological Institute maintains its commitment to environmental education, now with a focus on children and young people in the Colorado's Front Range. Innovative programs like Project BEAR—Building Environmental Awareness and Respect—reach inner-city children and establish a connection with the wonders of nature, an invaluable accomplishment and contribution to our society.

In addition to their outstanding efforts with children, the Institute was a catalyst in establishing environmental organizations in Colorado, including the first chapters of the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club, and the Denver Audubon Society. These organizations have been essential to the protection and promotion of Colorado's environment, and their impact is a direct result of Dr. Thorne's pioneering work.

I would also like to recognize the Thorne Ecological Institute for its innovation within environmental policy. The City of Boulder has been honored nationally for its policy of buying open-space to ensure a high quality of life for its residents. We must remember, though, that the Institute played a critical role in developing this landmark policy. Moreover, long before

the Environmental Protection Agency required environmental impact studies, the TEI was conducting them in Colorado to increase understanding of the consequences of commercial development and to lay the foundation for their mitigation.

Mr. Speaker, environmental understanding and protection of environmental quality are things close to my heart—and the Thorne Ecological Institute has been at the forefront of the environmental movement in the Rockies for 50 years. Under the leadership of Dr. Oakleigh Thorne, II, the TEI has fulfilled the dream of connecting people to nature. I congratulate the Thorne Ecological Institute for its accomplishments and ask my colleagues to join me in appreciation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MARION STEWART ON HER 99TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Marion Stewart was born on July 19, 1905; and

Whereas, Marion Stewart is celebrating her 99th birthday today; and

Whereas, Marion Stewart, is a long-time active participant in the social and civic life of the community; and

Whereas, Marion Stewart has exemplified a love for her family and friends and must be commended for her life-long dedication to helping others.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in wishing Marion Stewart a very happy 99th birthday.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join in this special order commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Penn State University. As a proud alumnus of Penn State University, I can attest to the quality of education offered by this outstanding institution of higher learning.

Beginning like so many other state universities as a school to provide an education in farming and agricultural science to the citizens of Pennsylvania—which, by the way, is still one of its important missions—the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania in Centre County, Pennsylvania, grew rapidly and has educated thousands of Americans over the last 150 years.

Today, The Pennsylvania State University boasts 20 branch campuses across the commonwealth and offers a full range of undergraduate majors and graduate degrees, as well as a college of medicine and a highly respected law school. In fact, many of Penn State's grad schools are considered among the nation's top ten in their fields. It has an enrollment of over 80,000 students each year,