

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE ST. MARY SCHOOL
PAROCHIAL INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT ON
THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the community in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the St. Mary Parochial Invitational Basketball Tournament. This is a remarkable milestone and I am proud to extend my sincerest congratulations to all of those involved in making this annual event such a great success.

What first began as a two-day event with eight competing teams has grown into the longest running and largest parochial school basketball tournament in Connecticut. In this, its 30th year, sixty teams from across the state will participate in a two-week long tournament that will also include a cheerleading exhibition. Over seven hundred boys and girls in grades three through eight will participate—making this year's tournament a real landmark event.

Each of the teams which will compete in the St. Mary Invitational have already accomplished so much. Through their hard work and efforts they have already learned one of life's most important lessons—the value of team work. Basketball, like all sports, teaches us the value of sportsmanship, camaraderie, practice, and commitment to excellence. These are skills which will serve these young people well as they begin to make a difference in the world. I am proud to extend my sincere congratulations and very best wishes to them all as they begin the tournament.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to the many volunteers who so generously donate their time and energy to making this event possible. Coaches, parents, faculty, administrators, and friends all play important roles in bringing the St. Mary Invitational to life. Without your dedication, commitment, and energies, we would not be able to share this very special event with our young people. The fact that many of the adults who today volunteer their time to the tournament were once players themselves is testament to the legacy of this special event.

In its thirty-year history, the St. Mary Invitational has touched the lives of over fifteen thousand young people across Connecticut. It is with my deepest thanks and sincerest appreciation that I rise today to join the many well-wishers in extending my heart-felt congratulations to the St. Mary School Parochial Invitational Basketball Tournament on their 30th Anniversary. You have made such a difference in the lives of so many and I know that you will continue to leave an indelible mark on our community.

HONORING MARK F. GRADY, DEAN
OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark F. Grady for his years of dedicated service to the George Mason University School of Law.

Dean Grady has been a pivotal member of the George Mason community for six years. Not only has Mr. Grady acted as dean, but also professor. Students enjoy his wisdom and expertise in the area of law.

As the dean of the School of Law, Mr. Grady has played an important role in the success of the school and its students. Through his guidance, George Mason has become the youngest law school ranked in U.S. News and World Report's top tier.

Under Dean Grady's direction, the School of Law has become a national leader not only of law but also economics and technology. In 1999, The National Center for Technology and Law was established. This center examines the causality of the existing legal structure and the society's evolving economy. Through this relationship, new fields of course work were created that allow the student to gain the necessary skills to succeed in both technology and communications.

George Mason School of Law is one of the most innovative schools in the country. Due to its emphasis on intellectual property, technology law and the legal application of economic methods, George Mason was also ranked in the top 10 in the nation for an outstanding faculty in law and economics in University of Texas Professor Brian Lieter's Ranking of Law Faculty Quality for 2003.

Mr. Grady should be honored and commended for his dedication to not only the School of Law but also the surrounding community. With his instruction and guidance, he has enabled Mason Law graduates to pursue careers in numerous fields and become successful attorneys who practice law with great distinction and honor.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dean Grady for his years of service and dedication to George Mason University. His contributions and efforts are noted and greatly appreciated. I wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SAMUEL CASEY
SARTORIUS FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel Casey Sartorius, a very

special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 714, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Samuel has been active with his troop, participating in numerous scout activities. Over the 4 years Samuel has been involved in scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Patrol Leader, Instructor, and Senior Patrol Leader. Samuel holds such special scouting honors as Tribe of Mic-O-Say, God and Country, and World Conservation Award. Samuel holds 21 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, Samuel coordinated with the City of Camden Point and the American Red Cross to distribute smoke detectors to Camden Point residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending Samuel Casey Sartorius for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING LAWRENCE DENARDIS,
PH.D. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding leaders, and my good friend, Lawrence DeNardis, as he is honored by family, friends, and colleagues for his 13 years of service as President of the University of New Haven. Larry has dedicated a lifetime of service to the community and we are certainly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of his unparalleled compassion, generosity, and commitment.

For over a decade, Larry has been at the helm of the University of New Haven and under his leadership and direction the University has truly prospered. I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators, willing to help our young people learn and grow—Larry is just that kind of teacher. Larry has spent most of his professional career in higher education. For 16 years he served as Associate Professor and Chairman of Political Science at Albertus Magnus College, Visiting Professor of Government at Connecticut College, Guest Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars of the Smithsonian Institution, and seminar instructor at Yale University. His good work and diligent efforts to provide a quality education to his students has touched the lives of thousands of young people—going a long way in providing them with a strong foundation on which to build their futures.

Larry's outstanding record of contributions to education has been recognized both locally and nationally. Immediately prior to his appointment as President of the University of

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New Haven, Larry served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Policy and Economic Council and was appointed by former Governor Lowell Weicker as Chair of the Connecticut Board of Governors of Higher Education. Larry was also selected by former President George W. Bush for an appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, a group which oversees the accreditation of institutions and associations in higher education.

In addition to his distinguished career in education, Larry has also served in public life where he demonstrated a unique commitment to public service. He served five terms in the Connecticut State Senate as well as one term as the United States Representative for Connecticut's Third Congressional District. After his term in the United States House of Representatives, Larry went on to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the United States Department of Health and Human Services. He was also appointed by former President George W. Bush as a member of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine—a position which he held for 4 years.

It is not often that you find an individual who so willingly dedicates himself to the betterment of his community. In addition to his professional contributions, Larry has worked with numerous local business and service organizations aimed at providing a better quality of life for the residents of the Greater New Haven area. Our communities would not be the same without people like Larry, who give their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of others.

Through his contributions, Larry has left an indelible mark on our community. For all of his good work, I am proud to rise today to join his wife Mary Lou; his four children, Larry, Jr., Gregory, Mark, and Lesley; family, friends, and colleagues in extending my thanks and appreciation to my friend Lawrence DeNardis. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING COX COMMUNICATIONS'
MOVIES UNDER THE MOON
CHARITY EVENT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to honor Cox Communications for hosting Movies Under the Moon, a series of nine free movies shown at George Mason University's Robinson football field during the summer of 2003.

Movies Under the Moon drew over 75,000 Fairfax County residents. Through proceeds derived from on-site food vendors, the event raised \$23,500 in proceeds for Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and Special Love Camp Fantastic, a support group for families coping with cancer. This year's lineup of movies promises to be as popular.

Mr. Speaker, Cox Communications developed a unique and rewarding program to provide entertainment to the people of Fairfax County while simultaneously assisting Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and Special Love Camp Fantastic. The efforts made by Cox

Communications to serve the Fairfax community are much appreciated and greatly admired. I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Cox Communications for a job well done.

WATER SUPPLY, RELIABILITY,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVE-
MENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2828, the Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act, to reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources. This reauthorization will help address the critical water crisis in the Southern California region, effectively improving water supply reliability and water quality while enhancing the environment. In addition, this bill provides a model for how to make progress in enormously complex natural resources issues through a partnership of state and federal agencies.

Many states today are faced with the formidable task of providing reliable and safe water resources for a rapidly increasing population. This is no exception to California and its growing population of more than 30 million people. Southern California's arid climate makes it difficult for this region to find viable and dependable sources of water. The Interior Department's ruling to reduce the availability of Colorado River water to Southern California exacerbated the area's water supply problems by diverting approximately 700,000 acre feet of water this year alone. The lack of a reliable source of water discourages economic growth, jeopardizes the environment and compromises the health and safety of Southern California residents. It is for this reason that Congress must work to find innovative and effective solutions to the challenges posed by such debilitating water shortages. H.R. 2828 offers such viable solutions.

One of the most important elements of this legislation is it will finally allow us to begin the process of developing and constructing water supply, storage and delivery projects. H.R. 2828 will augment the conveyance of water through the Delta, California's most important watershed. This will reduce the demand on imported water from the Colorado River and other unreliable remote water sources. Through the water recycling, desalinization, and groundwater replenishment projects authorized by this legislation, California will become more self reliant and a better steward of its water resources.

H.R. 2828 recognizes the importance of improving management and coordination of existing water supply projects for meeting present and future demands for water in California. The bill would bring a focus to developing integrated, regionally-based water management plans as a necessary means to help resolve growing conflicts and foster cooperation between agencies, utilities, and public interests. It also stresses the need for water

users to better cooperate and integrate their actions to improve water management to solve broad, multi-dimensional issues.

This bill equalizes environmental protection and water supply demands and effectively provides for the agricultural, municipal, commercial, and recreational water needs of the state. Ecosystem-restoration projects will help return California's bays, deltas, rivers, and other natural habitats to their original ecological state. Projects will be authorized as long as the activity has been subject to environmental reviews and approvals under applicable federal and state law.

Perhaps one of the most important elements of this bill is that it injects accountability into the process by requiring a cross-cut budget detailing the way in which the various agencies intend to use federal CALFED dollars. Only through such a process will we know if progress is occurring in a reasonable time-frame and, if not, how best to revise the program to accomplish the results that we expect.

I would note that H.R. 2828 is the result of several years of work and bipartisanship, which is a true credit to Chairman Pombo and Chairman Calvert. Their decade of effort has given hope to a reality of enhanced water resources for all Californians. I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

HONORING THE REVEREND ABRAHAM
MARSACH ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, and community members who have gathered to celebrate the life and legacy of one of our most outstanding leaders, and my dear friend—Reverend Abraham Marsach—as he celebrates his retirement. However, I am quite sure that his retirement does not mean the end of his advocacy and activism.

As we have seen across the nation, the Hispanic community in New Haven has grown and flourished over the last several decades. As it has grown so has its demands for strong, vocal advocates willing to stand and fight for the needs of its members. Reverend Marsach has been just this kind of advocate—a passionate, active leader who has made a real difference in the lives of many. It is not often that you find such dedicated individuals who commit themselves so fully to the betterment of their community.

As both a community and spiritual leader, Reverend Marsach has touched the lives of thousands in New Haven. In his role as President of the Asociacion Ministerial Evangelica Hispana de New Haven he helped to unite religious leaders across the community and worked with municipal leaders to effect change in the community. The founder of Junta for Progressive Action, he created a social service agency which has helped thousands in New Haven's Hispanic community access the programs and services they need to improve their quality of life. Mentor, leader, advocate, and friend—Reverend Marsach is a true community treasure.

Reverend Marsach has been a fixture in our community for many years and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for the multitude of contributions he has made that have enriched all of our lives. As a spiritual guide at the Star of Jacob Christian Church in New Haven, he has nourished the souls of many—often providing much needed comfort in the hardest of personal trials. I would be remiss if I did not personally thank him for the wonderful tribute that he made to Maria Perez—a member of my staff who passed away just over two years ago. He shared a unique friendship with Maria and his words were of great comfort to her family and my staff during a most difficult time.

Through his hard work and unparalleled dedication, Reverend Marsach has left an indelible mark on the New Haven community and a legacy that will inspire generations to come. For his innumerable contributions and selfless dedication, I am proud to stand today to extend my deepest thanks and sincerest appreciation. It gives me great pleasure to join his wife, Margarita, his three daughters, family, friends, and the New Haven community in congratulating Reverend Abraham Marsach as he celebrates his retirement. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT POSTHUMOUSLY AWARD THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM TO HARRY W. COLMERY

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in my capacity as chairman of the Subcommittee on Benefits of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I am honored to speak in strong support of H. Con. Res. 257 considered by this body on July 6, expressing the sense of Congress that the President posthumously award the Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery.

President Truman established the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1945 to recognize notable service during war. In 1963, President Kennedy reinstated the medal to honor the achievement of civilians during peacetime. The Medal of Freedom may be awarded to any person who has made an especially meritorious contribution to (1) "the security or national interest of the United States, or (2) world peace, or (3) other significant public or private endeavors." As I share with you today the remarkable wisdom and foresight of Mr. Colmery, I believe my colleagues will agree he is highly deserving of this prestigious award.

The book *The G.I. Bill and the Making of Modern America*, and domestic policy experts, economists, business leaders, and educators acknowledge Mr. Colmery as the visionary who drafted the far-reaching legislation that made the United States the first overwhelming middle-class nation in the world.

Mr. Colmery's roots were in Braddock, Pennsylvania, and he worked his way through the University of Pittsburgh Law School graduating while teaching at Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon University). During World

War I, he joined the fledgling Army Air Corps as a pilot instructor.

A lawyer who earlier argued two cases successfully before the U.S. Supreme Court, during his term as National Commander of The American Legion, Mr. Colmery drafted in long-hand over Christmas and New Year's of 1943–44, the legislation that became the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the G.I. Bill of Rights. He drafted this comprehensive bill a full six months before D-Day. President Roosevelt signed Mr. Colmery's vision into law on June 22, 1944, 16 days after the Normandy Invasion. Colmery was already anticipating the needs of America's 15 million sons and daughters who would wear the military uniform during the war.

Harry Colmery knew from his own military service that ordinary Americans can do extraordinary things. He didn't want World War II veterans to stand in the unemployment lines or sell apples on street corners, as was often the case after World War I. Indeed he was determined not to allow impoverishment to define World War II veterans after the cessation of hostilities: "The burden of war falls on the citizen soldier who has gone forth, overnight, to become the armored hope of humanity. Never again, do we want to see the honor and glory of our nation fade to the extent that her men of arms, with despondent heart and palsied limb, totter from door to door, bowing their souls to the frozen bosom of reluctant charity."

Indeed Colmery, too, likely was familiar with data cited by Keith W. Olson, Ph.D., in the book *The G.I. Bill, the Veterans, and the Colleges* (University of Kentucky Press, 1974): "Within the first year of the demobilization process there will exist the likelihood, if not the certainty, of a large volume of unemployed, involving as many as 8 or 9 million [American former servicemen and women]." Final Report of the Conference on Post-War Adjustment of Civilian and Military Personnel, June 1943. Undoubtedly these data steered Colmery's commitment and resolve. I would note for the Record, as well, that Dr. Olson later recounted the effects of Colmery's policy goals for the bill in *The Astonishing Story: Veterans Make Good on the Nation's Promise* in the *Educational Record*, Fall 1994.

Mr. Colmery drafted legislation that the late author Michael J. Bennett observed "allowed veterans to achieve the American Dream—an education, a home, a stable and profitable career, and ownership of their own business."

Mr. Speaker, I'll cite Mr. Bennett's insights often today because he is the recognized authority on how Colmery's wisdom produced an enormously successful program that changed America forever.

Said Mr. Bennett, "more than any other law, the GI Bill was responsible for the post-World War II explosion in college graduates, the education of leaders of the civil rights movement, the growth and dominance of the suburbs, and the proliferation of interstate highways, supermarkets, and franchise stores and restaurants. Quite literally, the GI Bill changed the way we live, the way we house ourselves, the way we are educated, how we work and at what, even how we eat and transport ourselves."

Mr. Speaker, at this point I think it very fair to ask how Mr. Colmery's unwavering vision would have such a profound and far-reaching impact—not only for veterans but for America. Some 7.8 million veterans went to college and

other types of training on the G.I. Bill. Mr. Colmery held the view that World War II veterans wouldn't just pass through higher education, but as adult-learners (the average combatant was about 26 years) would be anxious to make up for lost time. He also probably knew from his own military experience that those who defend our free-enterprise system in war would be anxious to equip themselves to participate in that system when the mills of war stop grinding.

Mr. Bennett's 2003 paper titled "A GI Bill for the 21st Century: Continuing an American Way of Life," points out that "in the peak year of 1947, veterans accounted for 49 percent of enrollment. Of a veteran population of 15.4 million, some 7.8 million received skill training, including 2.2 million in college, 3.5 million in other schools, 1.4 million in on job training and 690,000 in farm training. Millions who would have flooded the labor market instead opted for education, which reduced joblessness during the demobilization period. When they did enter the labor market, most were better prepared to contribute to the support of their families and society."

In 1965, the then-Veterans Administration found that due to the increased earning power of GI Bill college graduates, federal government income tax revenues increased by more than a billion dollars annually. It also concluded that in 20 years, the \$14 billion cost of the G.I. Bill—as conceived by Harry Colmery—had paid for itself.

Current Secretary of Veterans Affairs and former chairman of the 1997 bipartisan Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance, Anthony J. Principi observed, "they [WWII veterans] excelled in the classroom, ran the student governments, challenged professors, refused to wear freshman beanie caps, began raising families, and some veterans did something that was seen as unusual—they went to school year round."

Not surprisingly, Colmery's vision applies today, as well. A 2000 Joint Economic Committee of the Congress study titled "Investment in Education—Public and Private Returns" found that in 1998 the average college graduate made \$46,285, while the average high school graduate only earned \$26,592. Workforce training counts.

I note for my colleagues that few in our society attended college prior to World War II and Colmery's notion of large federal investment in same—given our massive war debt—constituted a legitimate argument against his largely unproven, macro-ideas. Robert M. Hutchins, President of the University of Chicago, argued in December 1944 that "colleges and universities will find themselves converted into educational hobo jungles. And veterans, unable to get work and equally unable to resist putting pressure on the colleges and universities, will find themselves educational hobos . . . education is not a device for coping with mass employment."

James Conant of Harvard, an advocate of IQ testing for college entrance, argued that the bill would benefit "the least qualified of the wartime generation." Later Dr. Conant would admit "the GI's were the best students Harvard ever had" though Harvard Professor Seymour E. Harris argued in 1947 that "the GI Bill carried the principle of democratization too far."

In fact, I note for my colleagues that during debate on Colmery's bill some in this body opposed Colmery's plan, as evidenced by the view of Representative Dewey Short of Missouri, for example:

"Have we gone completely crazy? Have we lost all sense of proportion? Who will have to pay for this bill? You think you are going to bribe the veterans and buy this vote, you who think you can win his support by coddling him and being a sob sister with a lot of silly, slushy sentimentality are going to have a sad awakening."

With all due respect to then-Representative Short, the "awakening" associated with Colmery's bold, multi-faceted vision emerged in our robust post-war economy, which I'll discuss in a moment.

Colmery's foresight wasn't limited to job training and education. Before the GI Bill of Rights, the great majority of Americans were renters. Colmery believed those who fought in war should be able to buy their own home, so the GI Bill provided access to low interest mortgages.

Author Bennett noted that based on Colmery's wisdom, "to house these veterans and their children born during the post-war baby boom, the idea of the affordable house in the suburbs was born. Families moved into their new homes by the millions and became proud members of the middle class." Indeed, the GI Bill largely made the United States the first overwhelmingly middle-class nation in the world, but it also is credited with starting the suburbs, a word not spoken in the American vernacular until after the GI Bill took effect.

Colmery's vision cascaded beyond the housing industry. Here's author Bennett's explanation why: "The GI Bill produced a social revolution even greater than Henry Ford's. Whereas Ford put millions of cars on the road and spawned one of the nation's biggest industries, William Levitt (creator of pre-fabricated houses) put people in homes and spawned an even bigger one, while indirectly spawning ancillary industries in furniture and appliance making and sales, supermarketing of food, franchising of restaurants for young families, even expansion of schools."

"The results were quickly apparent. One year after President Truman announced Japan's surrender, 11 million World War II veterans had been discharged, leaving less than one million in service. Seventy percent of the veterans were employed, the majority in jobs other than those they held before the war. Almost one million veterans were in school, another one million drawing checks to supplement farm work, 403,000 employed in on-the-job training, and 318,000 being helped to establish businesses or professional practices."

As of September 1946, only 13 percent were drawing unemployment benefits. During the previous year, 4.9 million had collected unemployment, but, of those, 86 percent were on unemployment for less than 20 weeks. One percent had exhausted the 52 weeks of benefits they were entitled to. Of the remainder, 396,000 were on vacation, taking rehabilitation training, or just resting up, and 86,000 were hospitalized. These data are cited from "What GI's Are Doing Now," US News and World Report, September 20, 1946.

Mr. Speaker, Colmery's GI Bill investment paid off—and kept paying off. Colmery's legacy endures in today's Montgomery GI Bill and ongoing VA and Small Business Adminis-

tration programs for veterans to participate in our economic system their service has sustained.

On June 18, 2004, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Principi cited data that I believe speaks volumes as to why the President—on behalf of a grateful Nation—should posthumously award Harry W. Colmery the Medal of Freedom: "The GI Bill made home ownership and a college education available to millions of Americans. By harnessing the talent and drive of America's veterans, it created six decades of opportunity for the men and women who serve in uniform. About 21 million veterans, servicemembers and family members, have received more than \$77 billion in GI Bill benefits for education and training since 1944. The GI Bill's home loan program has been used by \$17.5 million people for loans totaling \$830 billion."

Mr. Speaker, I earnestly encourage my colleagues to support the Medal of Freedom for Harry W. Colmery.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Valley Center Municipal Water District, which meets the water and wastewater needs of Valley Center and its 23,000 residents.

Fifty years ago, on July 12, 1954, a group of citizens formed an agency to build a water storage and transport system to access the water resources of the San Diego County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. At the time, securing these sources was imperative for continued community growth in a region that had only limited rainfall.

Today, in addition to providing water supply and sanitation services to their customers, the Valley Center Municipal Water District has promoted water conservation through incentives such as vouchers for ultra low flush toilets and high efficiency washing machines, residential landscape assistance, and providing water conservation guidelines for their customers.

Mr. Speaker, the Valley Center Municipal Water District has provided an invaluable service to the community it serves. This agency continues to fulfill its mission of ensuring customer satisfaction through quality service at the lowest possible price. I would like to thank the water district and its current and past employees for their hard work in meeting the water needs of the residents and businesses it serves. Their efforts have allowed a community to flourish in one of Southern California's most scenic and unique locations.

HONORING CADET JUSTIN B. COPE

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cadet Justin B. Cope for his recent ap-

pointment as a Chief Petty Officer of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps was first established in 1958 in order to develop a greater appreciation of the United States' naval history, traditions, customs, and significant role in defense. With only about one half of one percent of Naval Sea Cadets receiving the recognition and honor of being appointed as a Chief Petty Officer, Cadet Cope's ascension to the rank of Chief Petty Officer clearly reflects his superior qualities in leadership, expertise in seamanship, and patriotic character.

Again, I congratulate Chief Petty Officer Justin B. Cope's great achievement and wish him all the greatest success in the future.

MOURNING THE DEATH OF C.
MICHAEL SAVAGE

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to the life of Clarence Michael Savage, a model of compassion, commitment, and community service, who passed away on June 24. Mike was a man of strong personal faith, and a devout advocate of social justice.

A graduate of St. Louis University, Mike began his career of service working on behalf of lower-income neighborhoods in St. Louis and migrant farm workers throughout the country. Mike was known as a champion for the rights of people marginalized in our society. He served as the CEO of the Access Community Health Network in Chicago from 1994 until his tragic death last month. Mike was innovative in his approach to serving the working poor, uninsured and medically underserved. During his tenure at Access, Mike led the organization through unprecedented change as the organization grew from nine to forty-one health centers serving more than 160,000 patients annually.

Throughout his career, Mike was unyielding in his pursuit of justice. Before joining Access, Mike served as Executive Director of Fenway Community Health Center in Boston. He also worked for Heartland Alliance Travelers & Immigrants Aid and United Neighborhood Organization of Near Southwest Chicago. Mike was also active in many organizations nationally and locally, including National Healthy Start Association, United Power for Action and Justice, and the Chicago Chapter of Dignity USA.

Those of us who were privileged to have known him, will remember his incredible passion for addressing the underserved and his commitment to those in the fight with him. He was a visionary, he was a leader, and he was a friend. I extend my deepest condolences to Andy Swan, his partner, his family, and all those who join me in treasuring Mike's memory.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY LIEUTENANT
ROBERT COLVILL

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on July 8, 2004, Army Lieutenant Robert Colvill of Anderson, Indiana, lost his life while fighting to defend America and liberate Iraq. He and three other soldiers died as a result of wounds suffered during a terrorist car bombing and mortar attack.

Mr. Colvill was a hero who believed in this great nation. In the ninth grade, he determined that he would serve his country in the Marine Corps. And so, after graduating from Madison Heights High School in 1991, he joined the Marines. He then retired after 8 years of service having become a Sergeant. But his passion for fighting for his country was too much to ignore and Mr. Colvill enlisted in the United States Army after only a year as a civilian.

I think Mayor Kevin Smith of Anderson, Indiana said it best, stating, "Soldiers such as Lieutenant Colvill exemplify the best of the United States of America; men and women of ideals and who are unafraid to fight for freedom for themselves, their country and other peoples of the world."

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Robert Colvill is a hero whose service and sacrifice brought freedom to 25 million Iraqis. Memory of his sacrifice will forever be emblazoned on the hearts of two grateful nations.

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, Chris; his two sons, Zachary and Travis; his stepdaughter, Suzanne; his father, Robert Colvill; his mother, Anita Walker; his stepfather, Danny Walker; his sister, Angela Seward; his sister, Melanie Watkins-Smith; and his brother-in-law, Barton Smith.

NEBRASKA CITY TO REVEL IN
HISTORY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the following article from the June 13, 2004, Omaha World-Herald. The article highlights the activities related to Nebraska City, Nebraska's 150th birthday celebration as well as the community's role in the commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. July will certainly be a special month for this historic and energetic city.

This Member looks forward to participating in the grand opening of the Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitors Center.

[From the Sunday World-Herald, June 13, 2004]

NEBRASKA CITY TO REVEL IN HISTORY
THE TOWN WILL MARK ITS 150TH BIRTHDAY AND
THE LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL IN JULY
(By Paul Hammel)

Nebraska City will be "celebration central" this July.

The Missouri River town not only is planning a 150th birthday celebration for itself

but also has several events scheduled in conjunction with the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

"We're going to be very tired when its over" said Jessica Jones, tourism director for Nebraska City.

The sesquicentennial celebration, scheduled July 9 through 11, will include a vintage parade, a style show of pioneer petticoats and a re-enactment of staking out the town on July 10, 1854.

A traveling tent show for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial will visit Nebraska City from July 16 through 19.

The town's annual "Bagel Days" celebration—in conjunction, with a local bagel plant—is scheduled July 17 through 18, as is the Table Creek Art Festival.

Then, on July 23 through 25, the St. Charles Keelboat Expedition—a re-creation of Lewis and Clark's trek upriver—will dock in town and present programs.

The month of events closes July 30 with the grand opening of the city's new Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center on a bluff overlooking the river.

"We hope to attract some people who have never been to Nebraska City before," Jones said.

Sesquicentennial events include a celebration of the 135th anniversary of the founding of the Nebraska City public schools, demonstrations of pioneer crafts, and special cancellation of mail.

On July 9, a dance featuring the band Average Joe is scheduled at the Eagles Club.

A "vintage" parade is scheduled at 10 a.m. July 10, ending at Nuckolls Park, where there will be a re-enactment of the driving of the stakes declaring the boundaries of Nebraska City.

On July 10 and 11, the Mayhew Cabin will host a unique style show, "Petticoats for a Prairie Wedding," featuring a pioneer lingerie and a double wedding involving Civil War bridegrooms.

For more information, contact the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce at (402) 873-3000, or visit www.nebraskacity.com.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID
KAMENSHINE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to David Kamenshine and thank him for his work as a Passport Services Agent with Northeast Passport Agency. His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

David Kamenshine started working for the United States federal government in 1969 with the Defense Department. Twenty years later, in October of 1989, he moved over to the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services at the Northeast Passport Center in New York City. David diligently served his employer and was transferred to the New York Passport Agency in February of 1994 when the Northeast Passport Agency was merged into the New York Passport Agency. David has held several positions during his time with Passport Services, each time dedicating himself to providing the very best

service for traveling customers. He assumed his current position as Customer Service Manager in 1996.

During my tenure in the United States Congress, David provided exceptional service to constituents of the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. He worked hard to ensure that inquiries on behalf of my constituents submitted to the Northeast Passport Agency were addressed in a timely and thorough manner. David routinely demonstrated a willingness to assist beyond the standard response, demonstrating a genuine concern for the constituent while upholding the policies of the Northeast Passport Agency.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that David Kamenshine has been an invaluable resource to many Americans. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like David. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Northeast Passport Agency and constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH PAEZ

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and praise a hard-working man dedicated to supporting the community. I am fortunate that the community he supports is Hernando County in my 5th Congressional District.

Joseph Raphael Paez was born in New York City on August 17, 1944. Joe served in the Army National Guard of New Jersey and Connecticut for a term of six years. He married and is the proud father of four grown children.

He joined the Hernando County Sheriff's office in 1976 and served in many capacities during his tenure. Joe was promoted to Lieutenant in January 1993 and was assigned to Operations Support—a group helping officers living with job related trauma.

Joe is retiring from the Sheriff's Department as the Public Information Officer for Sheriff Richard B. Nugent and should be honored for his service and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to represent Joe Paez, and I am proud to praise him on the floor of this House.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GAIL SCHULZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Gail Schulz and thank her for her work as the Branch Manager of the Social Security Administration in Durango, Colorado. Her years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Coloradans, I am grateful for all that she has accomplished during her years of service.

Gail began her career with the Social Security Office in Idaho Falls and later moved to Durango where she eventually became the Branch Manager of the Durango Social Security Office in September 1995. She is retiring this July, having served over 32 years with the Social Security Administration.

Gail is dedicated to her job and her employees. She has high expectations of herself and her staff. Gail stresses the importance that claimants receive all the considerations to which they are entitled. She is also an active member of her community and involved with La Plata County Quilter's Guild and the Archeological Society.

During my tenure in the United States Congress, Gail Schulz provided exceptional service to constituents of the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. She worked hard to ensure that inquiries on behalf of my constituents submitted to the Social Security Administration were addressed in a timely and thorough manner. Gail routinely demonstrated a willingness to assist beyond the standard response, demonstrating a genuine concern for the constituent while upholding the policies of the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Gail Schulz has been an invaluable resource to the Social Security Administration. It is my honor to recognize her service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Gail. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment she has given to the Social Security Administration and the constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for her years of enthusiastic service.

CONGRATULATING THE HOSPITALS OF THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it's official. The July 12 issue of U.S. News and World Report has named Houston's MD Anderson Cancer Center as the number one cancer treatment facility in the nation. Since 1941, MD Anderson has consistently delivered on its mission to provide innovative and compassionate treatment, cutting-edge research and educational outreach with regard to both common and rare cancers.

MD Anderson's clinical research program is the largest in the nation, allowing more than 11,000 patients access to promising and innovative therapies and diagnostic tests in 2003. This stellar reputation has attracted more than 600,000 cancer patients from all corners of the U.S. to Houston for the multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment pioneered by MD Anderson, which has since become the established method of cancer treatment in all hospitals today.

MD Anderson is part of Houston's Texas Medical Center, which is comprised of more than thirty academic, research and patient care institutions delivering top-notch medical care to Texans and the thousands of Americans who flock to Houston each year to be treated by the best. And the recent rankings

by U.S. News and World Report prove that the Texas Medical Center continues to offer some of the best medical care in the country.

In gynecology, both MD Anderson and Methodist Hospital rank within the top twenty-five health centers for women's health. Ranking fourth in the nation, the Texas Children's Hospital continues to lead the way in pediatric care. Both the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's and Methodist Hospital rank in the top twenty for the treatment of heart disease and heart surgery. Methodist also ranks number ten in neurology and neurosurgery, and in the top forty for orthopedics.

Two hospitals in the Texas Medical Center rank within the top fifteen in urology, with MD Anderson holding the number ten spot and Methodist ranking number thirteen. Methodist shares top billing with Memorial Hermann in the treatment of kidney diseases, with both hospitals ranking in the top fifty for this speciality. Both kidney diseases and hormonal disorders are complications of the rising diabetes epidemic, and the rankings also recognized Memorial Hermann as a top hospital for endocrinology.

These rankings prove what Houstonians have known all along—the Texas Medical Center is armed with the research, treatment and patient care options to help Americans tackle whatever health condition ails them. I am extremely proud to have the Texas Medical Center in Houston and congratulate all of its hospitals on this national recognition and on all of their many accomplishments in health care.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LESLIE KEERY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Leslie Keery of Rifle, Colorado, for her dedication to the students of Rifle High School. As an art instructor, Leslie has positively impacted the lives of both her colleagues and students. Leslie is aiding kids in developing their artistic and creative skills for use in future careers and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing her before this body of Congress and this nation for her dedication to her students and her success in the classroom.

Leslie was recently honored with the local Walmart Teacher of the Year Award; that is awarded based upon the written essays of students and staff members. Her recognition as a special teacher was also complemented with a one thousand dollar donation to the art department, an opportunity to compete for the state competition and a nomination for the national Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, Leslie Keery has done much to enrich the lives of the students at Rifle High School and her community, and I am honored to bring her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation. Congratulations on your award Leslie, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING DESIREE G. ROGERS

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Desiree G. Rogers on being elected President of People's Gas and North Shore Gas, two utility subsidiaries of People's Energy Corporation.

People's Energy has, for 150 years, been committed to providing gas service to residential and business consumers in northeastern Illinois. Today, it serves an estimated one million people in Chicago and northeastern Illinois.

Based on Ms. Rogers' immense contributions to People's Energy since joining in 1997, I am confident that Ms. Rogers' new role will prove to be very beneficial to the company. In the past, Ms. Rogers has exhibited tremendous leadership skills by successfully taking on many of the company's difficult tasks.

As president of People's Gas and North Shore Gas, Ms. Rogers will have responsibility over the utilities' field operations, customer functions, and gas supply management. She will also continue to be in charge of customer relations, an area in which she has demonstrated to be very experienced.

As the former senior vice president of Customer Service of the utilities, Ms. Rogers was able to improve the company's financial results while establishing strong customer ties. Ms. Rogers first joined the company in 1997 as Vice President of Communications, and was named Chief Marketing Officer in 2000. She oversaw community affairs and governmental relations, in addition to operations and marketing of the company's utilities.

Ms. Rogers' leadership extends beyond her work with People's Energy. She is involved in several community organizations, including the Lincoln Park Zoo, of which she is the Vice Chairman, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Executives' Club of Chicago. She was also the chairman of the Chicago Children's Museum for 3 years. Ms. Rogers has admirably used her success as a means to contribute to philanthropic organizations, such as the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization, of which she is a trustee. Ms. Rogers' contributions to the Chicago community are truly commendable.

Once again, I would like to congratulate Desiree Rogers on her well deserved promotion to President of People's Gas and North Shore Gas, and wish her and the company continued success in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PAM WILSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Pam Wilson and thank her for her work as Fire Information Officer with the San Juan Lands Center, a joint office of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in Durango, Colorado. Her years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of

recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. I, along with my fellow Coloradans, am grateful for all that she has accomplished during her years of service.

Pam has worked as a Fire Information Officer for the last three years, but started her career with the Forest Service in Colorado in 1979. Over her years with the Forest Service, she has worked as a draftsman, landscape architect, planning assistant, visitor information specialist, and now a public affairs specialist.

In 2002, as Pam was still training, she was thrown into the role of being the first fire information officer to work on the Missionary Ridge Fire. Pam did an incredible job of providing accurate fire information and working with the hundreds of people that were evacuated from their homes during the fire. It was her interpersonal skills and empathetic feelings and responses that made the difference. Pam remained on scene for the duration, taking only minimal breaks away from the 16-hour work days experienced during a fire that burned for 39 days. She also worked on the fire information effort with the Bear Creek Wildland Fire Use fire. Pam excels at providing timely and constant flow of fire information. Residents of southwestern Colorado are kept informed of ongoing fires but more importantly, know what to expect in terms of fire potential and how they might take responsibility for protecting their health and property. Pam works very closely with the counties, State Forest Service and others to explain how private parties can mitigate fire risk, and to develop and implement plans for reducing these risks.

The San Juan Public Lands Offices have what is widely recognized as one of the very best fire information and fire education programs. Pam Wilson plays a very large role in that. Fires such as Missionary Ridge often tear a community and intergovernmental relationships apart, but the work of Pam, and of course a few others, prior to and during that fire resulted in as smooth of an operation as could be imagined. Her efforts, as much as anyone else on that fire, made it possible for firefighters and managers to focus without distractions on the safety of the public and firefighters and the protection of property.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Pam Wilson has been an invaluable resource to the San Juan Public Lands Office. It is my honor to recognize her service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with dedicated public servants like Pam Wilson. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment she has given to the U.S. Forest Service and the constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for her years of dedicated service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARTHA G.
SPEARS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Martha Spears and thank her for her work as Congressional Liaison with the Homeland Security Department. Her years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of

recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. I, along with my fellow Americans, grateful for all that she has accomplished during her years of service.

Marty Spears began her career with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in 1983 as the Legal Assistant in the office of the District Counsel, Atlanta, Georgia. Her service was interrupted while she followed her military husband to Panama in 1986, and three years later resumed her position before becoming an Immigration Inspector in 1993. She was promoted three times to the Supervisory Information Officer position in 1997 and the District Adjudications Officer in 2000 and most recently to the position of Community Relations Officer. In March 2003, when INS was abolished and three new agencies were formed that became part of Department of Homeland Security, Marty became the Community Liaison Officer under the Office of Citizenship Services. She has served as the Denver District's congressional liaison since April 2001, responding to a monthly average of 200–300 congressional inquiries including the states of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah that are also in the District.

During my tenure in the United States Congress, Martha provided exceptional service to constituents of the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. Martha worked hard to ensure that inquiries on behalf of my constituents submitted to the Denver District were addressed in a timely and thorough manner. Martha routinely demonstrated a willingness to assist beyond the standard response, demonstrating a genuine concern for the constituent while upholding the policies of the Homeland Security Department.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Martha has been an invaluable resource to the Department of Homeland Security. It is my honor to recognize her service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with dedicated public servants like Martha Spears. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment she has given to the Department of Homeland Security and constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for her years of dedicated service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GRETCHEN
MITTERER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Gretchen Mitterer and thank her for her work as a Government Liaison with the Internal Revenue Service. Her years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. I, along with my fellow Americans, am grateful for all that she has accomplished during her years of service.

Gretchen began her career with the IRS in January of 1986. Her attention to detail, her people skills and her professionalism have led to rapid career advancement. Gretchen has been the Colorado Governmental Liaison since January 2001. She began as a Group

Secretary and held various positions over time including: Branch Secretary, Tax Auditor, Administrative Assistant, Public Affairs Specialist and Communications Specialist.

During my tenure in the United States Congress, Gretchen provided exceptional service to constituents of the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. Gretchen worked hard to ensure that inquiries on behalf of my constituents submitted to the IRS were addressed in a timely and thorough manner. Gretchen routinely demonstrated a willingness to assist beyond the standard response, demonstrating a genuine concern for the constituent while upholding the policies of the IRS.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Gretchen Mitterer has been an invaluable resource to the Internal Revenue Service. It is my honor to recognize her service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with dedicated public servants like Gretchen. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment she has given to the IRS and constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for her years of dedicated service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PETE
DAWKINS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise and pay tribute to Pete Dawkins of Vail, Colorado, a truly outstanding individual. Throughout his life and his career, Pete has received many prestigious distinctions and awards as a prominent athlete, scholar and leader, but his commitment to the citizens of this country through his record of military service stands out. Pete spent many years dedicated to the service of our country and contributed tremendous leadership during his tenure. I would like to join my colleagues in recognizing the achievements of Pete Dawkins before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Pete's ability to persevere was tested at the young age of eleven, undergoing physical therapy to treat the potentially debilitating disease of polio. He not only overcame polio, but he went on to become a star running back in college at the United States Military Academy. His performance during his senior season on the field led Army to an undefeated season and he was recognized individually as the college football player of the year winning the Heisman Trophy.

After graduating near the top of his class from West Point, Pete chose to study at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, instead of pursuing an opportunity to play professional football. Pete began his service to the military after he completed his study in England. Throughout his twenty-six year tenure in the military he served in Vietnam, received his doctorate from Princeton, was selected as a White House Fellow, and ascended to the rank of Brigadier General.

Following his military service, Pete has enjoyed a successful career in the private sector. He is currently working as the vice chairman of the Citigroup Private Bank. In his spare

time, he still pursues his passion for sport on the ski slopes of the Vail Valley.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the achievements of Pete Dawkins before this body of Congress and this nation. His selfless commitment to our nation's armed forces serves as a model for all Americans who desire to serve their country. Pete strives for success in everything he does, and his hard work and dedication in his undertakings has been rewarded with great success. I thank Pete for his service to others and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DENNIS ROSS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Dennis Ross and thank him for his work as Acting Director with the Grand Junction Department of Social Security. His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Coloradans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

Dennis started his public service in immigration in New York City. He then transferred to the Social Security Office, which eventually brought him to Colorado and currently to Grand Junction. During my tenure in the

United States Congress, Dennis has provided exceptional service to constituents of the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. Dennis worked hard to ensure that inquiries on behalf of the citizens submitted to the Social Security Administration were addressed in a timely manner. David routinely demonstrated a willingness to assist beyond the standard response, showing a genuine concern for the constituent while upholding the policies of the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that David has been an invaluable resource to the state of Colorado. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Dennis. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Social Security Office and constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 14

9:30 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine home products fire safety issues. SR-253

Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine balancing reform and counterterrorism in Pakistan. SD-419

Rules and Administration
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Election Commission. SR-301

10 a.m.
 Indian Affairs
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the implementation of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978. SR-418

Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine the implications of drug importation. SD-226

11:30 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366

2:30 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine U.S. policy toward Southeast Europe, focusing on the Balkans. SD-419

Energy and Natural Resources
 Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine S. 2317, to limit the royalty on soda ash, S. 2353, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, H.R. 1189, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives. SD-366

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine adult stem cell research issues. SR-253

3:15 p.m.
 Conferees
 Meeting of conferees on H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard. 2167 RHOB

JULY 15

9 a.m.
 Governmental Affairs
 Investigations Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine current enforcement of key provisions in the Patriot Act combating money laundering and foreign corruption, using a single case study involving Riggs Bank, focusing on Riggs' anti-money laundering program, administration of accounts associated with senior foreign political figures and their family members, and interactions with its primary regulator, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. SD-342

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To receive a closed briefing from the Department of Defense regarding International Committee of the Red Cross reports on U.S. military detainee operations in Iraq. S-407 Capitol

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Communications Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine implementation of the Nielsen local people meter TV rating system. SR-253

Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine a report on the latest round of six-way talks regarding nuclear weapons in North Korea. SD-419

Judiciary
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226

Appropriations
 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine preventing chronic disease through healthy lifestyles. SD-192

10 a.m.
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine regulation of the hedge fund industry. SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Children and Families Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Pell grants for primary education. SD-430

2 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the Gulf of Guinea and U.S. strategic energy policy. SD-419

Aging
 To hold hearings to examine medical liability in long term care. SD-628

2:30 p.m.
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, and Carin M. Barth, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development. SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources
 National Parks Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine S. 1852, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, S. 2142, to authorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, S. 2181, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 2374, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, S. 2397 and H.R. 3706, bills to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site, S. 2432, to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park, S. 2567, to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California, and H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument. SD-366

Intelligence
 To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

3 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold a closed briefing on Iraq. S-116 Capitol

JULY 20

9 a.m.
 Governmental Affairs
 Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies, focusing on those enacted in the Homeland Security Act, specifically their implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities. SD-342

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine S. 2590, provide a conservation royalty from Outer Continental Shelf revenues to establish the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, to provide assistance to States under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, to ensure adequate funding for conserving and restoring wildlife, to assist local governments in improving local park and recreation systems. SD-366

Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine S. 2605, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the heads of other Federal agencies to carry out an agreement resolving

major issues relating to the adjudication of water rights in the Snake River Basin, Idaho.

SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine performance and outcome measurement in substance abuse and mental health programs.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve.

SH-216

JULY 21

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine combating multilateral development bank corruption, focusing on the U.S. Treasury's role and internal efforts.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to examine S. 519, to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine the Pentagon and States' response to the needs of guard and reservists families.

SD-430

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the proposed reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

SR-485

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 738, to designate certain public lands in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, and Yolo Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river, S. 1614, to designate a portion of White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2221, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain National Forest System land in the State of Oregon, S. 2253, to permit young adults to perform projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, and provide disaster relief, on public land through a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps, S. 2334, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and S. 2408, to adjust the boundaries of the Helena, Lolo, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests in the State of Montana.

SD-366

JULY 22

9 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the extent to which consumers can purchase pharmaceuticals over the Internet without a medical prescription, the importation of pharmaceuticals into the

United States, and whether the pharmaceuticals from foreign sources are counterfeit, expired, unsafe, or illegitimate, focusing on the extent to which U.S. consumers can purchase dangerous and often addictive controlled substances from Internet pharmacy websites and the procedures utilized by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Postal Service, and the Food and Drug Administration, as well as the private sector to address these issues.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine preparations for possible future terrorist attacks.

SD-430

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the demographics of health care, focusing on evidence regarding declining rates of chronic disability and assess the best opportunities for further health promotion.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-181).

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10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

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