

the addition of advanced placement classes and upgrading the music and athletics programs.

Mr. Speaker, Lou Rollenhagen maintains that the greatest reward in his job was knowing that his career has produced good teachers and students. He has demonstrated a love for public service that resonates in his compassionate and selfless service to the Palisade High School community. Lou's enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Thanks for all your hard work Lou, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE TEXAS DELEGATION TO THE 2004 YMCA YOUTH CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Texas delegation to the 2004 YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs. The Youth Conference on National Affairs brings together the best and brightest students from across the country that was involved in the YMCA Youth and Government program. Youth and Government seeks to teach teenagers the process of learning about government through hands-on experiences and in-depth learning.

The YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs was held last week in Black Mountain, NC, and I am proud of each and every one of the delegates that did a wonderful job in representing the Lone Star State: Nathan Ball of Sugar Land, Skylar Brogdon of Fort Worth, Gina Bullock of Fort Worth, Spencer Colglazier of North Richland Hills, Rashad Deckard of Palestine, Whitney Ferguson of Houston, Delores "DeDee" Fowler of Beaumont, Michael Foley of Palestine, Garret Gibson of Damon, Morgan Gibson of Damon, Nathan Gonzalez of Benbrook, Kathleen Gully of Sugar Land, Stephanie Hinds of Houston, Jacob Holt of Katy, Melissa Hooper of Midland, Joshua Jemente of Ft. Worth, Robby Johnston of Roanoke, Cody Kilmeyer of Azle, Michelle McClathry of Ft. Worth, Holly Nichols of Sugar Land, Hunter Patterson of Garland, Anna Peters of Houston, Jillian Sheridan of Weatherford.

I would also like to sincerely thank the adult advisors that are accompanying the delegates at the conference. Without the kind service of these adults that give up so much of their free time, the conference would not be the stunning success that it is year in and year out. I would like to thank the Texas YMCA Youth and Government State Director Suzanne Mabie, John Reyes of the Houston YMCA, and Sue Six of Lake Country Christian School.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARGIE WILBUR

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to the life

and memory of Margie Wilbur who recently passed away. Margie was a devoted mother, and a valuable citizen to her Meeker, Colorado community. As her family and community mourn her passing, I believe it is appropriate to recognize the life of this exceptional woman, and her many contributions to the community in which she lived.

After attending college Margie became a nurse and served during World War II. On a 1944 trip, stopping through Meeker, Colorado, she met George Robert Wilber and were married a year later. After moving to Meeker and giving birth to three daughters, Margie went to work for the Rio Blanco County Clerks Office. In her twenty-eight years working for the courthouse, she was both a deputy county clerk and county vital statistician.

Margie was a very active and devoted member of her community. During her life she was an active member of the St. James Church, and a past president of both the Meeker Woman's Club, and the Moffat District of the Federated Woman's Clubs. Margie served as president of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society. She worked tirelessly on the Meeker Community Concert Board, was a board chairman for the Last Frontier Group and a member of the Meeker Library Board, as well as the Three Rivers Library System.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Margie Wilbur. My heart goes out to her family and friends during this difficult time of bereavement. Margie lived an extraordinary life and she will be sorely missed.

IN HONOR OF LA SOCIEDAD HIJOS DE PALMEIRA

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor La Sociedad Hijos de Palmeira for its numerous contributions to the community, and its dedication to the City of Palmeira, Spain. On Wednesday, July 14, 2004, the members of La Sociedad Hijos de Palmeira will celebrate the 75th anniversary by traveling to the City of Palmeira, Spain.

La Sociedad Hijos de Palmeira was established in April 1929 by a group of immigrants from Palmeira, Spain. The original members of the organization were: D. Andres Paisal Ramos, President; Vicente Franco Paisal, Vice-President; Jesus Gonzalez, Secretary; Andres Santiago Gomez, Vice-Secretary; Antonio Rodriguez Martinez, Treasurer; and Pedro Gomez Pazos, Andres Santiago Rodriguez, Andres Gago Fernandez, and Francisco Blanco. La Sociedad Hijos de Palmeira was founded to establish a support network for those who had made the journey from Palmeira, Spain to the United States, and also to preserve their culture and customs.

In its 75 years of existence, La Sociedad Hijos de Palmeira has been a pillar of community service throughout Newark. As the city continues to diversify, La Sociedad Hijos de Palmeira has served as a center for promoting Spanish culture, and has provided a place to keep Spanish cultural and traditions alive.

La Sociedad Hijos de Palmeira has not only been active in the United States, but also in

Palmeira, Spain. Through the hard work and dedication of the past and present members, La Sociedad Hijos de Palmeira was able to establish a state of the art recreational center in their native city. This center has provided the City of Palmeira with resources that were previously not available to its residents.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring La Sociedad Hijos de Palmeira for its distinguished public service, its dedication to promoting Spanish culture in the City of Newark, and its continued efforts to assist the people of Palmeira, Spain.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RALPH WADLEIGH

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise and pay tribute today to Otero Judge Ralph Wadleigh of La Junta, Colorado. After sixteen years of dedicated service, Judge Wadleigh is retiring from the bench. I would like to join my colleagues in honoring Ralph's work before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Although he will be remembered for his time spent overseeing the law as a county judge, he spent many years prior to his tenure on the bench as a faithful civil servant. He previously worked as the deputy district attorney, the city attorney, and the attorney representing the local school board. Recently he announced he would step down from full time service as an Otero County Judge, but Ralph still desires to remain an active civil servant. He has accepted a part-time position to serve as a senior judge for parts of southeastern Colorado. This position will provide him an opportunity to serve sixty days per year, where he will work as a substitute presiding judge for several counties throughout his area.

Mr. Speaker, Ralph's dedication to justice and the people of Otero County certainly deserves recognition before this body of Congress and this nation. Over the years, he has shown he is a friend of justice, and I am grateful for his commitment to his fellow citizens. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

SUPPORT VOTER FREEDOM ACT

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, political operatives across the country are using state ballot access laws to deny voters the opportunity to support independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader. For example, one New York election lawyer has publicly stated that partisan election lawyers should take advantage of New York's complex and costly ballot access procedures to keep Mr. Nader off the New York ballot. Meanwhile, a state party chairman in Arizona has hired a team of lawyers for the sole purpose of keeping Mr. Nader off the Arizona ballot.

The effort to keep Mr. Nader off the ballot shows how ballot access laws preserve the