

the Larimer County Department of Human Services Children and Family Services Division. She was also chairman of the Colorado Counties, Inc. Land Use and Natural Resources committee, and the joint Colorado Municipal League Growth subcommittee.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Cheryl Olson has ceaselessly dedicated her time and efforts to serving her country and the people of Colorado as a County Commissioner for Larimer County. I am honored to bring her hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service, Cheryl, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION'S 2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the gathering of the National Hispanic Contractors Association at their 2nd Annual Conference entitled "Framing the Future: Diversity Builds the American Dream".

The Conference will take place on September 23rd and 24th, 2004 at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. With more than 150,000 Hispanic contractors in our nation, the Association will host many of them during this conference.

One of the panel discussions will focus on safety in the workforce. The rate of workplace injuries for Hispanics is disproportionately high. Hispanic workers, who comprise 12 percent of the U.S. labor force, experienced 15 percent of the fatal occupational injuries in 2003. Eight hundred forty Hispanic workers died from workplace injuries in 2003. I commend the USHCA for discussing this important subject.

The U.S. Hispanic Contractors Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing the support necessary for the advancement, advocacy, and economic growth, and full participation of Hispanic-owned businesses in all areas of contracting and procurement contracts.

CONGRATULATING DR. MIGUEL ANGEL RODRIGUEZ AS HE IS INSTALLED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my friend, Dr. Miguel Angel Rodriguez, the distinguished former President of Costa Rica, who today will be formally installed as Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Combining a shared vision for the Americas, the OAS brings together a number of nations of the Western Hemisphere to strengthen co-

operation and common interests. It is the region's premier forum for multilateral dialogue and action. At the core of the OAS mission is the belief in, and commitment to, democracy. Since the end of the Cold War, the OAS member states have signified their cooperation by working to promote peace and human understanding; strengthen security; expand trade; and promote human rights.

A recognized world leader and economist, Dr. Rodriguez has served in many key leadership positions. Prior to assuming the Presidency of Costa Rica in 1998, he was President, and before that, Vice President of the Christian Democrat Organization of America. He was President of the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica and a Congressman of the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica. A professor at the Universidad Autonoma de Centro America, he has published extensively on the subjects of democracy; market and social welfare policy.

Dr. Rodriguez received a B.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences and a BS in Law from the Universidad de Costa Rica. He also earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley.

I have had the honor of working with Dr. Rodriguez to resolve outstanding issues that would enable Costa Rica to participate in the Tropical Forest Conservation Act. I authored this legislation, which is designed to protect the world's most endangered tropical forests using market-oriented debt-for-nature mechanisms. I know him to be a thoughtful and fair person, and a friend of the United States.

I join my colleagues in congratulating Dr. Rodriguez on assuming the position of Secretary General. We look forward to working with him in his new position.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SANDY HUME

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Sandy Hume and thank him for his exceptional contributions to his community and the State of Colorado as an Adams County Commissioner. As a public official since 1983, Sandy is a dedicated public servant and leader in his community and I am honored to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation today.

A lifelong resident of Boulder, Colorado, Sandy attended Boulder High School and went on to earn both a bachelor's and masters degree from the University of Colorado. After a short period of serving with the Army, Sandy became a self-employed photographer. Sandy began his public service career when he was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1983, and reelected in 1985, and 1987. His strength as a legislator led to his 1989 election to the Colorado State Senate. Serving the people of Boulder County in District 13, Sandy has long been an advocate of education, efficient transportation, and management of our energy and natural resources. During his tenure in the House he served as a member of the Education and Transportation and Energy committees where he was able to work on higher education bills and regulating the

amount of hazardous waste that is transported through Boulder.

After leaving the General Assembly, Sandy continued his exemplary public service record by serving as a Boulder County commissioner from 1991-1994, and the Boulder County Treasurer from 1995-2002. Currently he is serving as the Boulder Public Trustee, a post that he was appointed to in 2003 by Colorado Governor Bill Owens. In his spare time, he serves on the Advisory Board of the Colorado Commission for Higher Education, and is an accomplished photographer.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Sandy Hume has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his country and the people of Colorado as an Adams County Commissioner. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service, Sandy, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 25 YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO GOD'S PEOPLE

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor the Catholic Social Services (CSS) for 25 years of committed service to the people of Guam. For over two decades, the CSS has responded to the needs of our island community through housing, health care, nutritional and other support programs for the elderly and disadvantaged in our community. In doing so, it has fulfilled its mission to encourage the development of the spiritual, intellectual, economic, and social well-being of those in need while respecting the dignity of each individual.

Founded by Fr. David I.A. Quitugua with the assistance of Judge Ramon Diaz and the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores, the Catholic Social Services opened its doors on September 12, 1979 in Agaña, Guam. From its first programs, the residential Drug Treatment Center and the Migration and Refugee Office to the many programs they currently administer, the Catholic Social Services continues to expand to meet the growing needs of our community. Programs such as the In-Home Services Program have provided much needed respite and support services for caretakers of the elderly and to elderly individuals without caretakers. Other programs, including the Alee Shelters and Guma Sagrada Familia, have provided a safe haven for victims of abuse especially women, children, the elderly and adults with disabilities. The Guma San Jose shelters and the Liheng Transitional Housing Program provide shelter to homeless individuals and families as well as assistance in obtaining permanent housing. The Caridad programs provide much needed assistance to children and adults with special needs.

The accomplishments of the Catholic Social Services over the last 25 years would not have been possible without the work of dedicated staff and volunteers, past and present. I want to commend each of them for their commitment to serving the less fortunate in our community. I would also like to commend