

Mr. Speaker, what's equally important to many Brighton residents is that the City has been able to accomplish all of this while still retaining its small town atmosphere that makes it so attractive by opening six new neighborhood parks last year.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Brighton's Mayor, Jan Pawlowski, and all the citizens of the City for Brighton's recognition as the Large Community of the Year. It is only appropriate that the entire State acknowledge the City's efforts and achievements.

IN HONOR OF KSBW'S THIRD CONSECUTIVE USC ANNENBERG WALTER CRONKITE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TELEVISION POLITICAL JOURNALISM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the achievements of a news channel local to my congressional district. KSBW, as part of the Hearst-Argyle Television Inc., received the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Television Political Journalism for the third consecutive year this past March.

Frequently we hear that quality, unbiased journalism is a thing of the past. However, KSBW and Hearst-Argyle Television Inc. prove the critics wrong. The Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Television Political Journalism is an award that recognizes the importance of good, unbiased political journalism. That some of the best minds in journalism would agree that KSBW and Hearst-Argyle Television Inc. deserve this award 3 years in a row is a testament to this station's high quality and merit.

This continued commitment to excellence in journalism serves as a model for all news organizations. I would also like to commend Mr. Joe Heston, President and General Manager of KSBW, for his management, vision, and interest in the community. Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring KSBW and Hearst Argyle Television Inc.'s achievements and wish them continued success.

CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES RECOGNIZES SERGEANT MAJOR RAMONA D. COOK

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Congresswomen BROWN-WAITE, SOLIS, CAPPs and the entire Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to recognize the 8th Annual Women in the Military Wreath Laying Ceremony hosted by the Caucus at Arlington National Cemetery. The Purpose of this event is to honor our Nation's servicewomen and female veterans for their courage and achievements, and to remember women who have died in service to the United States.

Today we have the opportunity to recognize five outstanding female servicewomen, one selected from each branch of the military. These women serve their respective branches with honor, dignity, and courage. These highly decorated leaders chose to defend our freedom and embody the spirit of those that served before them.

From the United States Marine Corps, we will honor Sergeant Major Ramona D. Cook who was deployed to Kuwait in February 2003, to join her unit, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 (Heavy Haulers), in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Heavy Haulers remained there until September 29, 2003.

On October 15, 2004 SgtMaj Cook and members of the Heavy Haulers again deployed in support of the war on terrorism, this time to Bagram, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

SgtMgt Cook has repeatedly demonstrated outstanding performance, leadership, and devotion to the U.S. Marine Corps, as is evidenced by the awards she has received, which include two Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and four Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

SgtMgt Cook continues to distinguish herself as an invaluable leader in the U.S. Marine Corps, and it is an honor for each Member of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to recognize the courage and commitment of SgtMgt Cook and all women in the military.

VIEJAS BANK OF KUMEYAAY INDIANS RECEIVES LABOR'S SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians for receiving the "Spirit of Cooperation Award" by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

The Viejas Band, one of the remaining 12 bands of the Kumeyaay Indian Nation, has approximately 289 members living on the 1,600 acre reservation in the Viejas Valley, east of Alpine.

The Viejas Band is recognized as a sovereign government by the United States, with which it maintains a government-to-government relationship. Only a few years ago, Viejas Reservation unemployment was as high as 80 percent. Today, as a result of revenues from tribal government gaming and other business enterprises, every Viejas tribal member has a job and no tribal members are on welfare. The band has built new homes, improved older residences, expanded the Tribal Government Center, and has constructed a community park, fire station, and a senior citizen center.

In addition, the band has embarked on a multi-million dollar series of environmental projects to restore the reservation land, watershed, streams and wetlands. Gaming has created approximately 12,000 jobs, primarily for non-Indian residents of the San Diego Region.

In 2001, the estimated payroll for gaming Tribes was more than \$237 million, and employer-paid Federal and State payroll taxes

are estimated to have been over \$30 million. Viejas is a proud union employer and workers of the casino are part of Communication Workers of America Local 9400. Viejas is leading the way in bringing together communities and setting a great example of conducting business.

Congratulations to Viejas on receiving Labor's 2005 "Spirit of Cooperation Award."

RECOGNIZING MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEMORIAL DAY 2005

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege today for me to recognize and thank our Montgomery County, Tennessee veterans.

Our community has not forgotten the sacrifices made by our Tennessee veterans, and so on Monday, May 30, 2005, Montgomery County will dedicate a monument in Clarksville, Tennessee to honor these veterans.

These are the men and women who fought and died for our freedoms, and we cannot thank them enough for their sacrifices.

Generations of veterans live in Montgomery County, and this great community will forever be thankful to them. As home to Fort Campbell, few understand better the work our Nation's military does day in and day out to defend America. God Bless.

STATEMENT ON PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I am glad that the Pueblo Chieftain recognized in a May 18 editorial the attention Representative JOHN SALAZAR has focused on the demilitarization project at the Pueblo Chemical Depot, a former chemical weapons site located in southeastern Colorado, since he was sworn into office in January.

Representative SALAZAR is aware, as I am as a member of the Colorado delegation and of the Armed Services Committee in the House, that a continued flow of funds to the demilitarization project is critical. That's why I was pleased that the Defense Authorization bill reported out of the Armed Services Committee last week and voted on by the House yesterday includes language directing the Secretary of the Army to continue to implement fully the neutralization technology at Pueblo. Coloradans were alarmed last year when the demilitarization project was put on hold, so they want to see that the Defense Department is committed to using the neutralization technology to destroy the 2,600 tons of mustard agent stored at Pueblo—not transporting the weapons to a different site for destruction.

I also want to call attention to language in the bill that would transfer program responsibility from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics to the Secretary of the Army. I understand that objection to this transfer in the past was due to