

School. Lieutenant Colonel Paul also served as the chairman of the board of directors for St. Mary's High School in Colorado Springs, from which both of his daughters graduated.

In 1999, Lieutenant Colonel Paul was hired as resource manager and legislative director for the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. In that role, he was responsible for the department's State budget, purchasing and contracting, and State tuition assistance, and he coordinated all the State and Federal legislation that impacts the Colorado National Guard, veterans in Colorado, as well as the Colorado Civil Air Patrol. After 10 years working for the Department, Lieutenant Colonel Paul retired earlier this summer. His daughters are now married, and he and Anna, his wife of 39 years, live in Colorado Springs.

I first met Lieutenant Colonel Paul in 1999 in my first year in office as a Member of the House of Representatives from Colorado's Second District. Over the years, he and his colleague Colonel (Ret.) William "Robby" Robinson worked very closely with my office on issues important to the Guard in Colorado, and helped me and my staff understand the critical role the Guard plays in times of peace and war. It was clear that this wasn't "just" a job for Lieutenant Colonel Paul—he was dedicated to his work and to the Guard, he was always available when my office needed his assistance, and his cheerful demeanor made him a joy to work with.

LTC Walter Paul has tirelessly supported our Nation's men and women in uniform. He is a patriot whose distinctive accomplishments reflect great credit upon him, the State of Colorado, and the Nation. I hope my colleagues will join me not only in recognizing his past accomplishments, but also in wishing him all the best in his future pursuits.●

**COMMENDING COLONEL (RETIRED)
WILLIAM L. ROBINSON (ROBBY)**

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I recognize and pay tribute to COL (Ret.) William "Robby" Robinson, who was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1968 through the U.S. Military Academy and who will retire next month after 13 years working for Colorado's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his contributions to our Nation.

Colonel Robinson's civilian education includes a bachelor of science from West Point and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University. His professional military education includes the infantry officer basic and advanced courses, Ranger, Airborne, Jumpmaster and Pathfinder schools at Fort Benning, GA; the College of Naval Command and Staff in Rhode Island; and the Army War College in Pennsylvania as the USCINCPAC Fellow.

His assignments have included the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC; 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vietnam; A Company, 1st Battalion 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam; 75th Infantry, Ranger, 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam; Logistics Plans Officer and Division Training Officer in the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia; and Task Force Commander of 2nd Battalion 8th Infantry in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO.

Among Colonel Robinson's awards and decorations are the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, eight Air Medals, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, and three Meritorious Service Medals.

Colonel Robinson has also served as an instructor of political sciences at West Point; Aide de Camp to the U.S. Representative to the NATO Military Committee in Brussels, Belgium; speechwriter for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; chief of strategy at USCINCPAC in Hawaii; and as Fifth U.S. Army senior active duty adviser to the Colorado Army National Guard.

He retired from active duty in June 1996 and became the resource manager and legislative liaison for Colorado's Department of Military Affairs. In 1999, he began serving as deputy director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He will retire next month, after 13 years with the department.

It was in his capacity as deputy director that I first met Colonel Robinson, when he and the department's legislative director, LTC (Ret.) Walter Paul, visited my office in my first year as a Member of the House of Representatives from Colorado's Second District. Over the years, Colonel Robinson and Lieutenant Colonel Paul worked very closely with my office on issues important to the Guard in Colorado, and helped me and my staff understand the critical role the Guard plays in times of peace and war.

Colonel Robinson is a man of integrity, whose counsel is widely sought. In his years of service, he has demonstrated his deep commitment to our Guard members, our veterans, and their families. Retirement will allow him to spend more time with his wife Cathy, who is program director for Elbert County Social Services, their daughter Meredith, a veterinarian in Wheat Ridge, and their son Will, a student at the University of Colorado, Denver. But we will miss him and will continue to seek his counsel.

I know all my colleagues join me in saluting COL (Ret.) William "Robby" Robinson for his many years of truly outstanding service to the United States Army, the Colorado National Guard, our veterans, and our Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

**ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS
SIGNED**

At 5:51 p.m., a message from Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

H.R. 774. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46-02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the "Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building".

H.R. 987. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 1271. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the "Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 1275. An act to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1397. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the "Caroline O'Day Post Office Building".

H.R. 2090. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the "Frederic Remington Post Office Building".

H.R. 2162. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 11th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho, as the "Herbert A Littleton Postal Station".

H.R. 2325. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "Laredo Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 2422. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, as the "Kile G. West Post Office Building".

H.R. 2470. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building".

H.R. 2938. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

S.J. Res. 19. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

H.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution recognizing the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 8:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by