

# MINNESOTA'S NATIONAL TREASURES CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION ACT

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 1996*

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Minnesota National Treasures Conservation and Preservation Act [MNTCAP]. This legislation will offer further, needed protection to Minnesota's two special natural resources, Voyageurs National Park and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness [BWCAW].

As my colleagues may be aware, Congress already has enacted major legislation on Voyageurs or the BWCA on three separate occasions. Each time, Congress, by an overwhelming bipartisan majority, has determined that these two unique lakeland areas are national treasures worthy of the highest protections the Federal Government can bestow—National Park designation and National Wilderness designation. With the Republicans in control of Congress now, a vocal minority is advocating a dramatic change from over 20 years of policy designed to protect these areas for future generations. This Minnesota minority advocates lowering the high standards that we use for Voyageurs and the BWCA, replacing resource protection with economic development and personal motorized recreation preferences. I and a vast majority of Minnesotans and the American people cannot and do not support this retreat from our Nation's commitment to Minnesota's lakeland wilderness and park areas.

The Minnesota National Treasures Conservation and Preservation Act will reaffirm, renew and resolve new questions by protecting the Voyageur's Kabetogama Peninsula by designating the 74,000 acre peninsula as wilderness. The Kabetogama Peninsula is home to 3 wolf packs and has 11 active bald eagle nests. Opening this area to snowmobiles and aircraft would have a devastating impact on the continued viability of these endangered species and would fragment and shred the intact wilderness character of this peninsula.

For the BWCA wilderness, MNTCAP will close all of Lac La Croix and Loon Lake to motorized use and will close Back Bay, Hoist Bay and the international border portion of Basswood Lake. In addition, MNTCAP will designate over 14,000 more acres of almost all public lands as part of the BWCA Wilderness. This land—primarily Federal, State, and local land—incorporates key parcels and brings in portions of lakes that are currently nonmotorized. One of the most significant additions will be the Sand Point Lake addition, which extends the BWCA along the international border by less than one quarter of a mile. This area is proposed, upon the expiration of existing individual leases with the State, will link Voyageurs National Park with the BWCA!

Clearly, the MNTCAP proposal is in response to the dramatic and far reaching changes envisioned by the numerous bills that have been introduced in the House and the Senate. Under the current anti-park and wilderness atmosphere in this Congress, I fully expect the Republican leadership to give serious consideration to acting upon these harm-

ful proposals, which mark a retreat from past commitments to our special Minnesota treasures.

To combat those efforts, I am introducing an alternative that reflects the views of a majority of Minnesotans. At last summer's congressional hearings in International Falls and St. Paul, an overwhelming majority of the public opposed weakening the protections for Voyageurs and the BWCAW. That view has been reconfirmed by two scientific public opinion polls of Minnesotans. Those polls show that over 80 percent of Minnesotans want the current balance between wilderness preservation and motorized use within these areas to be maintained or strengthened.

MNTCAP will refocus the current one-way debate. Thus far, the focus has been on what protections must be dropped or concessions made to motorized interests. I am offering a positive proposal that sets forth the legal steps that must be taken to protect the unique resources of Voyageurs and the BWCA.

Last month we celebrated the 26th anniversary of Earth Day. Some may feel that the spirit of the first Earth Day has dissipated; that American people are apathetic and will sit idly by while the progress of the past 25 years is undone. I don't hold that view. Now more than ever the American people, the people of Minnesota, recognize their generation's stewardship role. They realize and are committed to protecting our fragile resources and to turning over to our children and our grandchildren our lakes, rivers, and forests in at least as good a condition as we inherited them. The Minnesota National Treasures Conservation and Preservation Act will make that dream for Voyageurs National Park and the BWCA.

## RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS OF ALERT

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 1996*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the great flood of 1996 in the Pacific Northwest I would like to recognize the following 32 young men who gave their personal money, time, and energy to assist with flood relief. At the invitation of Mayor "Bud" Harrison and flood relief agencies in the communities of Clatskanie and Nehalem, OR, and under their direction, they served in and around towns for a period of 3 weeks from February 15 to March 10, 1996. During which time they assisted the local police department in maintaining order and safety on the roadways, helped in the salvage and cleanup of homes and businesses that had been damaged, and spread goodwill, faith, hope, and charity wherever they went. Their sacrifice, diligence, and thoroughness conveyed a true sense of brotherly love to the citizens of Nehalem and Clatskanie. The experiences these men received while serving will enrich their lives permanently, causing them to become better citizens, and thus have a greater impact on the world around them.

Skyler Bower, Washington; Jonathan Bowers, Tennessee; Jason Butler, Alabama; Seth Campbell, Washington; David Carne, Oregon; James Clifford, Ontario; Andrew Cope, South Carolina; Dan Davis, California; Paul Elliot,

Wyoming; Paul Ellis, Mississippi; Brian Gamotis, Washington; Ryan Gearhart, Oklahoma; Craig Guy, Missouri; Matthew Heard, Oklahoma.

Daniel Iliff, Kansas; Robert Myer, Florida; Justin Nall, Texas; Jonathon Nicholas, Wisconsin; Ryan Peterson, Minnesota; Rhett Prichard, Washington; Tim Rogers, New York; David Servideo, Virginia; Adam Shelley, Missouri; Michael Shoemaker, Indiana; Robert Smith, California; John Tanner, Texas; Joshua Tanner, Texas; Justin Tanner, Texas; Scott Westendorf, Oregon; Brian Wicker, Arizona; Matthew Wood, Texas; Matthew Yordy, Indiana.

## IN TRIBUTE TO EDWARD UEHER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 1996*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ed Ueber, a steadfast steward of the gulf of the Farallones.

Ed received his master's degree in resource economics and fisheries from the University of Rhode Island, and conducted post-graduate work in maritime history at the Munson Institute. Serving for the last 6 years as sanctuary manager of the gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries, Ed has spent his career in the marine field.

Ed served aboard submarines and merchant ships in the U.S. Navy and the Merchant Marine. He has worked for the National Marine Fisheries Service and published peer-review papers on fish biology, fishing techniques, global warming, fishery economics, fish trade, fishery management, wood boat building, wooden ship reconstruction, oceanography and marina operations. He has chaired over 20 national and four international conferences on marine fisheries, fishery valuation and management of marine protected areas.

As a sanctuary manager, Ed has been dedicated and tireless. He has worked to build support and public enthusiasm for the national marine sanctuary operations. Ed's important work as a respected sanctuary manager has been critical for much needed support for the establishment of the Nation's three newest marine sanctuaries: Stillwagen Bank, Washington Coast, and Monterey Bay.

Ed and his small staff have been vigilant stewards of the sanctuary waters and their resources. The sanctuary staff has worked diligently to initiate new and innovative programs, many of which call upon a cadre of dedicated volunteers, such as the Beach Watch Program. These efforts to engage the public interest have also led to the creation of the Nation's first sanctuary support organization—the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 15th anniversary of the gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, the people of the bay area thank Ed Ueber for his extraordinary work on its behalf, and wish him many more years of success in protecting and preserving our Nation's marine life.

# HONORING THE DODSON BRANCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Dodson Branch Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These fireman must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in firefighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee fire training school in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

# JULITA CRUZ-AVILES, FIRST CHAMORRO SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE APPOINTEE

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Ms. Julita Cruz Aviles of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for having been the first Chamorro to be appointed to the Senior Executive Service [SES] government-wide. Being appointed to this position reserved for the top managerial and supervisory positions within the Federal Government is a great honor for Julie and the people of Guam.

Julie was born on June 16, 1947 in the village of Barrigada on Guam, the daughter of the late Enrique Leon Guerrero Cruz and Joaquina Reyes Sahagon. She has two sisters, Victoria Cruz San Agustin and Rosita Cruz Sumait, and four brothers, Victor, Henry, Manuel, and Francisco. Her distinguished educational background was initiated at Barrigada Elementary School and Untalan Middle School before graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in 1966. She attended the College of Guam before joining the military in 1967. After leaving the military, Julie pursued her education earning an associate degree from the University of Maryland, a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration from

the Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and an M.S.B.A. degree from Boston University.

Currently the Associate Director for Policy within the Directorate for Accounting Policy at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Julie has over 24 years of Federal Service. This is in addition to approximately 4 years of accounting experience in the private sector and about 5 years experience as an adjunct professor for accounting and business administration with the University of Maryland and City College of Chicago. She has served under various posts in the Program/Budget and Accounting Policy Offices for the Under Secretary of Defense since 1989.

Julie is also a highly active participant in community affairs. She is a member of the Guam Society of America here in D.C., the National Conference of State Societies, the American Society of Military Comptrollers, and the Association of Government Accountants. In 1995, she was the only runner from Guam to register in the Marine Corps Marathon. She has participated and completed three of these events.

Through her distinguished career and outstanding achievements, Julie has brought recognition upon herself, the island of Guam, and its people. I join her husband, Agustin Aviles-de Jesus, and her family in celebrating her extraordinary accomplishments. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate her and wish her all the best in the years to come.

# TRIBUTE TO JERRY W. LEVIN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Jerry W. Levin, a leader in the cosmetics industry. Today, I am proud to announce that Mr. Levin is being awarded the Anti-Defamation League's 1996 Human Relations Award for his many years of supporting the fight against bigotry, racism, and anti-semitism.

Jerry Levin is chairman and chief executive officer of Revlon, Inc., and executive vice president of MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc., Revlon's parent company. Revlon is world renowned for its cosmetics, skin care, fragrance, personal care, and professional products sold in approximately 175 countries and territories, under brand names including Revlon, ColorStay, Age Defying, Almay, Ultima II, and Charlie. In addition to his work with Revlon, Mr. Levin serves on the boards of directors of Revlon, Inc., Coleman Co., Inc., Fcolab, Inc.; and First Bank System, Inc.

Jerry Levin is being honored by the Anti-Defamation League for his extraordinary efforts over the years. His numerous good works embody the league's very highest ideals and aspirations. His commitment and dedication to the goals of the league are seen in his service to many organizations. He sits on the boards of the United Way of New York City; B'nai B'rith Hillel of New York; UJA—Federation of New York; the New York Philharmonic; the Council on the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago; and the National Advisory Committee of the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Jerry Levin was born in San Antonio, TX. He attended high school in Chicago and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and mathematics from the University of Michigan, and received a masters in business administration from the University of Chicago in 1968. He and his wife, Carol, have two children, Joshua and Abby.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in tribute to Jerry Levin, who deserves great praise for his many years of service. His life and his many good works exemplify the highest ideals and standards of a fair and just society.

# THE WALTERS PLAN TO BALANCE THE NATIONAL BUDGET

HON. J. D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to continue the dialog on balancing the Federal budget. As my colleagues know, the national debt now exceeds \$5.1 trillion. Children born today will pay over \$185,000 in interest on the debt alone if we do not rein in the Federal Government's excessive spending.

Later this week, the House of Representatives will consider the 1997 budget resolution, which will put us on the path to balancing the budget. However, as you know, Mr. Speaker, the budget resolution is only an outline for balancing the budget. There are many different ways to accomplish this important goal.

In that spirit, Mr. Speaker, I offer to my colleagues a plan which one of my constituents, Arthur Walters from Payson, AZ, conceived to pay off the national debt. The Walters Plan to Balance the National Budget focuses on cutting spending and replacing the income tax with a national sales tax. I hope my colleagues will give this plan the full consideration it deserves.

# THE WALTERS PLAN TO BALANCE THE NATIONAL BUDGET

(By Arthur M. Walters)

This plan addresses the key points of this difficult problem.

1. Congress spends more than the Treasury collects.

2. The Federal Government cannot accurately forecast revenue. It is always low.

3. The government prepares its "wish list budget" and then tries to predict where the funds will come from to pay for it. It is always optimistic to say the least. The revenue never materializes. As the budget year progresses, the Treasury borrows money to pay its bills because the funds are not there when needed.

4. The IRS is incapable of administering the hodge podge Tax Code. It was carefully written so no one can understand it. This allows an army of tax experts to negotiate the tax obligations of everyone. It imposes a large expense on every tax payer just to figure this tax.

5. The author believes every single person should take personal responsibility for Federal spending. No one should escape. For those who have escaped so far, there will be great cries of injustice. Everyone has his own story of why he should be exempt. This must stop. This plan won't work if it does not stop.