

He founded the U.S. Geological Survey's Center of Astrogeology in Flagstaff in 1961 and served as the center's chief scientist. He also was involved in several U.S. space missions, including the Apollo moon missions. He lectured the Apollo astronauts on such topics as craters.

Dr. Shoemaker, who had wanted to be an astronaut but was rejected because of a medical problem, said in a 1996 interview that he hoped for more manned space missions soon—to nearby asteroids, if not to the planet Mars.

"I don't think I will live long enough to see us get to Mars," Dr. Shoemaker said.

In addition to his wife, 67, Dr. Shoemaker's survivors include two daughters, Linda Salazar and Christine Woodward of Los Angeles; and a son, Patrick, of Iowa.

NASA MOURNS DR. JURGEN H. RAHE, SOLAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION SCIENCE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Jurgen H. Rahe, 57, Science Program Director for Exploration of the Solar System at NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC, died tragically June 18 in the Washington, DC, area. Dr. Rahe was killed during a severe storm when a large tree fell on his car as he was driving near his home in Potomac, MD.

Dr. Rahe had a distinguished career in NASA and in the field of astronomy and space exploration. In his most recent position, he was responsible for overall general management, budget, and strategic planning for NASA's Solar System Exploration programs, including the Galileo mission to Jupiter and several upcoming missions to Mars, including the July 4, 1997, landing of Mars Pathfinder.

"I am shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of Jurgen Rahe. He was a good friend and an extremely dedicated scientist," said Dr. Wesley T. Huntress, Jr., Associate Administrator for NASA's Office of Space Science, Washington, DC. "Under his leadership NASA's planetary exploration program was experiencing an almost unparalleled period of major discoveries at the same time that a number of new missions were being started and launched. His legacy to the exploration of space is large, and I like to think that Jurgen's ideas, hopes, and dreams are aboard many of the spacecraft now headed to the frontiers of our Solar System."

As a member of the Office of Space Science Board of Directors, Rahe also was responsible for the upcoming Cassini/Huygens mission to Saturn. NASA's low-cost Discovery missions and several upcoming missions to Mars. Dr. Rahe also was the editor of one scientific journal ("Astrophysics and Space Science") and a member of the editorial board of two others ("Earth, Moon, and Planets" and "Il Nuovo Cimento").

Dr. Rahe previously served as a Discipline Scientist, Chief Scientist for Planetary Astronomy, and Director of the Solar System Exploration Division at NASA Headquarters. Before joining Headquarters full-time in 1989, Dr. Rahe was a Staff Member at the California Institute of Technology/Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. He has also served as the Co-Leader of the International Halley Watch; Co-Investigator on the European space Agency's Giotto mission; Program Scientist for the Clementine, Rosetta, and NEAR (Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous) missions; and as the Associate Program Scientist for the Hubble Space Telescope.

Previously, he was a Professor of Astronomy and Director at the Astronomical Institute of the University Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany). During his tenured professorship, Dr. Rahe worked for extended periods as a Visiting Professor in several different coun-

tries. He has published many papers in scientific journals and books, edited more than a dozen books and conference proceedings, and served as President and/or member of three International Astronautical Union committees. He also served previously as the Director of the Remis Observatory in Bamberg, Germany.

Rahe is survived by his wife and daughter, who live in Potomac, MD.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES M. ALAFBERG

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 1997

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Charles M. Alafberg, AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison for the United Way of central Massachusetts, on an outstanding and distinguished 27-year career in the labor movement.

Over the course of his career, Charlie Alafberg has made a demonstrable and eminently positive impact on the central Massachusetts community. Beginning his labor career organizing at the Wyman-Gordon Co. in North Grafton, MA, Charlie showed continued success as a union organizer between 1956-69, and was elected shop steward for Local 2285 in 1970. By 1978, Charlie moved steadily up the ranks—his peers' confidence in his leadership and organizing abilities rapidly growing—ascending to the position of union trustee and grievance committeeman. In 1986, Charlie was elected to the high office of president of Local 2285, representing the largest steelworkers local in the Third Congressional District with 1,400 active members.

In addition, since 1970 Charlie has held the position of delegate to the Worcester/Framingham Central Labor Council and serves as a labor representative on the Central Massachusetts Regional Employment Board. Always active in the local community, Charlie is an avid member of the Worcester Democratic City Committee. He is married to Diane Krikorian, and together they have four wonderful children—John Alafberg, Mary Alafberg, Kraig Krikorian, and Kimberly Krikorian, and two spritely grandchildren, John and Ashley.

Charlie Alafberg, through his strong commitment to serving the hard-working men and women of central Massachusetts and his genuine concern for others in his community, is an example of unwavering public service which will sorely be missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KING COVE HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT OF 1997

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 1997

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the King Cove Health and Safety Act of 1997. This legislation will for the first time provide residents of King Cove, AK, with a safe form of access to and from their community. Specifically, the legislation grants a right-of-way across certain Federal land in exchange for acquisition by the United States

of land containing prime habitat owned by a Native corporation. Surface transportation made possible through the right-of-way will connect the city of King Cove, which has an ill-equipped airport, with Cold Bay, which has a modern, 24-hour all-weather airport and the State's third-largest runway.

King Cove, AK, is a remote community on the western end of the Alaska Peninsula, with a population of about 900. Most residents are of Aleut descent and have lived in the community long before Federal ownership of the surrounding area. Unfortunately, the only modes of transportation to and from this fishing community are by air and sea through some of the most extreme—and deadly—weather and topographic conditions in the world.

Weather conditions permitting, travel is done by small aircraft from King Cove's tiny dirt landing strip with no navigational aids to Cold Bay's modern facility, just 20 miles away. Because King Cove's landing strip is surrounded by mountains and experiences some of the harshest wind, snow, and dense fog found anywhere, residents do not have safely reliable transportation linking them with the modern airport facility in Cold Bay, from which access to the rest of the State and lower 48 States is available. People in King Cove are literally trapped in their community for days at a time during poor weather, and the risk of adverse conditions is present year round.

There have been several fatal accidents in the corridor between King Cove and Cold Bay. Even an attempted medivac during a life-and-death situation resulted in an accident, killing all aboard the aircraft. These accidents alone point to a need for a road between the cities.

In carrying out the land exchange, the bill specifically directs that the Secretary of Interior and the Aleutians East Borough, the municipal government representing King Cove and Cold Bay, to develop terms and conditions on use of the right-of-way to protect the lands and resources affected. This will assure that public and private interests in the lands surrounding the area are protected. In addition, the land acquired by the United States under the exchange is very high quality and maintains the quality of the public's resources.

In summary, this bill opens the way to safe, cost-effective access to King Cove and benefits the public, and it is my intent to move this legislation.

CONGRESSMAN KILDEE HONORS CHIEF MARLAN HILLMAN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 1997

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you today to pay tribute to Chief Marlan Hillman who is retiring after 50 years of dedicated service to the Springfield Township Fire Department.

Since the establishment of the Springfield Township Fire Department in 1947, Chief Hillman has been a devoted firefighter and mentor. He has always taken the time to share his experience and wisdom with the dozens of firefighters he has worked with. Marlan Hillman is well known for his leadership, faith, and devotion to public service. At a very early age, Marlan was taught the importance of serving his community by his father, Charles, who served as Springfield's first

fire chief. Marlan succeeded his father as fire chief in 1975 and has witnessed the growth of the fire department with the addition of two new fire stations and nine new fire trucks.

In Springfield Township, the name Hillman has become synonymous with firefighting. Chief Hillman's brother Elwyn, who is assistant fire chief, and his son-in-laws Charles Oaks and Earl Colloto are all members of the fire department. Chief Hillman is a hero not only for his lengthy and diligent service as a firefighter, but for the sacrifices he has made. He has missed only a few fire department meetings in 50 years, he has been called to the scene in the middle of the night, and he has missed a number of hot meals. Chief Hillman did this with a humble disposition and sense of duty. One of the legacies he has left is the sense of camaraderie which helped mold the firefighters into the close-knit group they remain today.

We owe Chief Hillman a debt of gratitude for the protection and stability he has provided for half a century. Without a doubt, our community is a much better place in which to live because of him. The people of Springfield Township have truly been blessed to have a man of Chief Hillman's caliber working on their behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in wishing Chief Hillman and his lovely wife Norma much joy in their retirement.

OBSERVING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 1997

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on July 20, 1974, Turkish troops landed on the island of Cyprus. The ensuing 23-year occupation has been a tragedy for the people of Cyprus and an embarrassment to the NATO alliance.

The United States has a special responsibility to play a role in the resolution of the Cyprus dilemma. Twenty-three years ago, as Washington was paralyzed by the Watergate scandal, the administration turned a blind eye to the crisis that was mounting in the Eastern Mediterranean. For many years prior to 1974, Washington had ignored Turkey's overt threats against Cyprus. In 1974, we watched with cold indifference as Turkish troops invaded the island. Our failure to avert the Cyprus conflict and to achieve a diplomatic solution to the standoff helped seal the fate of the island for the next 23 years. It is for this reason that the United States has a duty to help achieve peace on Cyprus.

I commend President Clinton and my colleagues here in the House for turning the spotlight on the tragedy of Cyprus. Recent United States diplomatic initiatives and the appointment of Richard Holbrooke as Special Emissary for Cyprus give new hope that an old struggle may be resolved. The United Nations-sponsored talks between President Clerides and Mr. Denktash in New York City are another promising step. Congress must continue to support the President and the international community in this long-overdue effort.

We may not be able to bring back the Greek-Cypriots who perished and disappeared at the hands of Turkish troops. But we can take occasions such as this to remember those who have suffered, and we can continue to search for answers to the cases of missing persons. And we can honor them by working to help today's Cypriots realize their dreams of a free, unified Cyprus. In doing so, we may be able to secure lasting peace and economic security for a people who are so richly deserving of it.

TRIBUTE TO REV. CHARLES BROOKS

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 1997

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share in the thanks and praise being bestowed on Rev. Charles Brooks for his invaluable service to St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church and the community of San Bernardino. His 8-year dedication to this congregation as pastor will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. Since 1959, Reverend Brooks has undeniably touched the lives of hundreds with his positive and effective leadership.

The many awards and honors that have been bestowed on Reverend Brooks, including Life Time Achievement Awards for his dedication to civic affairs in the black community and for his diligent commitment to community service, do not begin to capsuleize the contribution he has made to San Bernardino and communities abroad. Reverend Brooks is not only recognized for his contributions to a number of congregations, but in his capacity as teacher, administrator, and civic leader. His groundbreaking career, as the first black elected as president of the San Bernardino Clergy Association and the La Jolla Ministerial Association, will continue to serve as a leading example of excellence.

It is my honor to offer my congratulations and appreciation to such an outstanding pastor and leader at the arrival of his retirement. As he has given so greatly to San Bernardino and various other communities, it is my pleasure to wish him and his family the best in the years to come.

LINLITHGO REFORMED CHURCH OF LIVINGSTON, NY, CELEBRATES ITS 275TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, when French traveler Alexis de Tocqueville visited these shores in 1830 he noted something very special about the then-young United States. He noticed the importance of religion to Americans.

And he was right, Mr. Speaker. This is a religious Nation. And from the beginning, churches were among the first structures built, and they remain the center of American community life. I'd like to speak about a very special one today.

The Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston, NY, is celebrating its 275th anniversary this year, making it older than the Nation itself.

Mr. Speaker, this church can trace its existence to a July 4, 1722, organizational meeting. Robert Livingston, Jacob Vosburgh, and Cornelis Martensen were appointed elders, and Tobias Ten Broeck, Robert Van Deusen, and Willem Hallenbeck were named deacons.

Records are unclear, but we think the church building was completed on or about September 22, 1722. One interesting historical fact emerges from the records. The first pastor to be paid in money instead of corn or wheat was Jeremiah Romeyn in 1788.

Three years later, members of the consistory of the church voted to make it a corporate body. Finally, in 1813, the consistory voted to plan a new church, which was dedicated in 1815. The new church, still in operation today, was completed in 1855.

A reported low state of piety resulted in a January 3, 1840, day of fasting and prayer.

The 20th century history of the church resembled that of many others during this time. By 1921, the practice of renting pews was discontinued. During the World War II, many of the men of the congregation answered the call to service, as did many of the women on the home front.

Since then, the church has continued to grow and prosper, serving the spiritual and even the social needs of its people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and other Members to join me in expressing our best wishes to a very special institution, the Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston, NY, as it celebrates its 275th year of service to the community.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORMON PIONEERS ENTERING THE SALT LAKE VALLEY

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 1997

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, 150 years ago today, Brigham Young and the first Mormon pioneers descended into the Salt Lake Valley. They found a desolate, hostile land, covered by sagebrush and a vast lake of water with a salinity seven times greater than the ocean. Naysayer Jim Bridger offered \$1,000 for the first bushel of corn raised in the Salt Lake Valley. But these stout-hearted souls were undaunted. Making "the desert blossom as the rose" was certainly not the first or greatest challenge these pioneers had faced.

The Mormon pioneers were no strangers to adversity. Their trek had begun long before their handcarts and wagons were nailed together in Nebraska. From the time the Church was organized in 1830, they had faced persecution and were driven out of Kirtland, OH; they had fled Independence, MO, in the face of an exterminator order; and they had been driven by angry mobs from the fair city of Nauvoo, IL, which they had built up out of the swamps of the Mississippi River. At last, their only choice was to move west, to a land no one else wanted, where they could worship God after the manner they desired.

Along the trail, they faced numerous hardships. While over 70,000 people made the