

RECOGNIZING CLAY BADER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I now recognize Mr. Clay Bader of Mancos, Colorado. His years of service and dedication to the Mancos Water Conservancy District are worthy of the highest praise.

Appointed by the district court judge for four year terms, the Conservancy District board consists of five members. The seat held by Mr. Bader has only been held by one other, Mr. Bader's father-in-law, Ira Kelly. After 28 years as a member of the board, Mr. Bader has decided to retire.

Each member represents a different geographic division of the Mancos Valley. Since 1971, Mr. Clay Bader has served as a representative for the Upper Mancos division. For his years of service, involvement and leadership I would like to thank Mr. Bader. His efforts and the example he has set are to be commended.

It is with this in mind that I congratulate Mr. Bader on a job well done. Many have benefited from his hard work and expertise. I wish him the best of luck in all of his future pursuits as he enters into a new era of his life.

HONORING LIEUTENANT ROBERT
SCHUTT**HON. DEBBIE STABENOW**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, a ceremony will be held tomorrow to recognize Ionia County Police Officer Lieutenant Robert Schutt for his bravery, commitment, and concern for a fellow officer in a harrowing incident that occurred on May 1, 1998. I am proud to join officers from across Michigan in honoring Lieutenant Schutt, a distinguished twenty-five year veteran of the Ionia County Sheriff Department.

On the morning of May 1, Lieutenant Schutt and a fellow officer, Deputy Jeff Goss, were pursuing a dangerous suspect who began firing at them. Deputy Goss was wounded in the head, and Lieutenant Schutt was shot in the shoulder.

Despite his serious injury, Lieutenant Schutt took several selfless actions that ensured his fellow officer's safety and provided important information on the suspect. He not only relayed information about the suspect, his vehicle, and the incident to a 911 dispatcher, he also went to the aid of his fellow officer. His actions that morning saved his fellow officer's life.

Lieutenant Schutt's bravery and selflessness under extraordinary circumstances serves as an inspiration to us all. This year, Lieutenant Schutt was honored with a nomination for Deputy Sheriff of the year. I commend Lieutenant Robert Schutt for his courage and thank him for his twenty-five years of dedicated service.

RECOGNIZING MR. ARTHUR NELSON FOR HIS FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE GOSHEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize a gentleman from Goshen, New Hampshire, who has dedicated fifty-eight years of his life to the Goshen Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Arthur Nelson, ninety-two years young, has been associated with the Goshen Volunteer Fire Department since 1941. In addition to fighting fires in Goshen for decades, Mr. Nelson was also a Forest Fire Warden for fifty years and is an active member of his community. Mr. Nelson has served on the Goshen Conservation Commission, the Board of the Historical Society, and as a town selectman. He also remains a dedicated member of the Goshen Community Church.

On July 10, the Goshen Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate its 60th Anniversary. As part of their celebration, they will be recognizing Mr. Nelson's unparalleled service to the Department and the community. Arthur Nelson's commitment to the Goshen Volunteer Fire Department for nearly six decades exemplifies the importance of volunteerism and serves as a tribute to himself and the Town of Goshen. I would like to congratulate the Goshen Volunteer Fire Department on their 60th Anniversary and thank Mr. Nelson for his years of service protecting the citizens of Goshen, New Hampshire.

IN MEMORY OF RANDOLPH
GUGGENHEIMER**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Randolph Guggenheimer, a beloved member of the New York community who recently passed away. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring the memory and contributions of Mr. Guggenheimer, whose dedication to public service has improved the lives of countless individuals.

Mr. Guggenheimer was a man with vast and varied accomplishments. A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, he earned a partnership in the law firm of Guggenheimer & Untermeyer. During World War II, Mr. Guggenheimer answered his nation's call to service, enlisting in the U.S. Air Force and serving as an executive officer of a fighter squadron in Europe.

Mr. Guggenheimer's philanthropic activities were extensive and impressive; he believed passionately in contributing to the community. He was active in many organizations, including the Mount Sinai Hospital School for Nursing and the Jewish Child Care Association.

Mr. Guggenheimer also held the position of Chairman of the Board for North General Hospital, a hospital he saved from closing after

championing the movement to insure adequate hospital service to the people of Harlem. Without Mr. Guggenheimer's dedication and perseverance, Harlem would have had only one hospital.

Randolph Guggenheimer dedicated himself to getting the necessary funding to keep North General meeting the needs of the community. Whenever North General faced financial difficulty, it was always able to rely on Mr. Guggenheimer's efforts to help secure the needed financing to weather the storm. Through Mr. Guggenheimer's oversight, North General grew even as other small community hospitals were forced to close.

Mr. Guggenheimer's dedication to the public good was well known in the New York community. Mr. Guggenheimer was awarded the United Hospital Annual Distinguished Trustee of the Year award. In 1991, he was honored by the Mayor of New York, David Dinkins. North General established the Randolph Guggenheimer Community award to acknowledge hospital staff that displayed excellence for community service.

Mr. Guggenheimer leaves behind a wife, Elinor, who shares his passion for philanthropy and community service. He is also survived by two sons, Charles and Randolph Jr., three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, for all his good work and for his compassion and commitment to his community, his city, and country, Mr. Randolph Guggenheimer is deserving of a special tribute. I ask that my colleagues join me in acknowledging Randolph Guggenheimer's years of accomplishments as an inspirational leader to the community at large and as a devoted friend to the people of New York City. He will be deeply missed.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
GRAND OPENING OF THE
EASTMONT COMPUTING CENTER
FOR THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Eastmont Computing Center, located in East Oakland, California, on its grand opening. This multi-million dollar computing center is a project of The Oakland Citizens Committee for Urban Renewal (OCCUR), which was established in Oakland, California in 1954 for the purpose of raising the quality of life for all of Oakland's residents, with the emphasis on serving those in the greatest need of a balanced delivery of goods, effective public policy, and services. OCCUR created the Eastmont Computing Center (ECC) to serve as a community resource on information technologies in order to provide universal computer and Internet access and employment focused training to Oakland citizens.

The Eastmont Computing Center provides cutting-edge information technology training to youth and other residents of under-served communities. The Center provides a broad range of unique skills and employment training programs to youth, senior citizens, and community-based organizations.

The Center is one of only three California recipients of the highly competitive U.S. Department of Commerce Telecommunications

and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program grants. Additional funding for the Center is provided by a number of government, foundation, corporate and individual donors including the Eastmont Town Center, Pacific Gas and Electric, Chevron, Pacific Bell, The San Francisco Foundation, Oracle, Hewlett Packard and IBM.

I wish to commend the management and staff of the Eastmont Computing Center for their tireless work and for their diligence. It has been through their perseverance that they have garnered the resources necessary to establish and operate this training facility for the benefit of all the citizens of Oakland.

I wish to extend to the Eastmont Computing Center, its staff, donors and support volunteers sincere best wishes for success as they begin to deliver technology access and employment training services to the citizens of Oakland.

RECOGNIZING JAN JACOBS

HON. SCOTT MCINNS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I now recognize Jan Jacobs of Creede, Colorado. After 29 years of dedication to education and long hours of planning as a teacher of History, Geography, and Government, Ms. Jacobs has retired. I would like to thank her for her commitment to the youth of Creede and for her involvement in the Creede community.

After graduating from Western State, Ms. Jacobs taught for three years in Nebraska before making Creede her home. Jan Jacobs not only taught, but she cared and was dedicated to her students. She served as a sponsor for trips to Washington, D.C. and annual trips to Mesa Verde. Trips to Denver and various other projects were made possible through her efforts.

Ms. Jan Jacobs touched the lives of countless individuals through her work in education. Students undoubtedly gained much and benefitted greatly from her expertise and kindness. As students, parents, and community members say farewell to this much-respected and loved teacher, I would like to wish her well as she enters a new era of her life, and congratulate her on a remarkable career of dedication and service.

TRIBUTE TO REV. LINDSAY G. FIELDS OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Rev. Lindsay G. Fields of Huntsville, Alabama, an extraordinary man whose one hundred and seven years were marked by a true sense of compassion and a dedication of God and his family.

Rev. L.G. Fields was born in Harris, Alabama on February 6, 1892 and spent over fifty

years in the United Methodist ministry. He spent sixteen years in Gadsden as pastor of Sweet Home Methodist Church and then led Village view Methodist Church in Athens until his retirement.

The long and blessed life of Rev. Fields included a passion for education. He attended the American School of Correspondence in Chicago and then Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta. He continued his love of education by serving on the board of trustees for Clark and Rust Colleges.

For Rev. Fields, community service was a way of life. He worked with the Madison County Council on Aging, the Mental Health Centers, the Madison County Senior Center and the Model Cities Program. I believe this tribute is only fitting for one who has given so much of himself for others.

I commend the perseverance of Rev. Fields is the raising and educating of his twelve children with the late Rosa Perry Fields. With 24 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, Rev. Fields has left a proud and beloved legacy. I offer my sympathy to the Fields family

On behalf of the people of Alabama's fifth Congressional District, I join them in celebrating the extraordinary life and honoring the memory of a man who filled his one hundred and seven years with a love of God, country and family.

CONGRATULATING DEE ARNTZ

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to announce that one of my constituents, Ms. Dee Arntz, recently won the 1999 National Wetlands Award.

In 1990, Ms. Arntz co-founded the Washington Wetlands Network (Wetnet). The Wetnet organization connects citizens, local government officials, federal representatives, and others into a centralized network of people concerned about wetland protection and preservation. As a result, this important network approach gives small organizations information and links to larger state and national efforts. Through Ms. Arntz's efforts, citizens have joined together to protect thousands of wetland acres throughout Washington State.

In the process of building Wetnet, Ms. Arntz worked as a community development program administrator for King County and other Puget Sound local governments. Her experience also includes serving on the boards of the Seattle Audubon Society, the Nisqually Delta Association, and the Washington Environmental Council. In addition, Ms. Arntz earned a Certificate in Wetlands Science and Management from the University of Washington in 1995.

I would like to congratulate Ms. Arntz for winning the 1999 National Wetlands Award. Her dedication to wetland protection has led to major environmental accomplishments at both the state and national level. Ms. Arntz is an example of the enormous impact one citizen can have on the environment. This award is very well-deserved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule changes for the 106th Congress, I am informing you that I missed one vote on Friday, June 25, 1999, rollcall No. 256. On this vote, I would have voted "aye".

VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

Mr. HILL of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2280, the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 1999.

I believe that this bill makes some important changes to the benefits available to veterans. I am a cosponsor of this bill. It increases rates of disability compensation and indemnity compensation to veterans. It enhances the quality assurance program at the Veterans Benefits Administration. It also provides permanent eligibility for housing loans for members of the Selected Reserve. And it reauthorizes important programs for homeless veterans.

I wanted to be sure to mention this bill because another of its provisions helps get construction of the World War II Memorial underway. This past Memorial Day, I attended a wonderful ceremony back in Versailles, Indiana. At that ceremony the American Legion Post in Versailles presented me with a check for one thousand dollars to forward to the American Battle Monuments Commission to help build the World War II Memorial. That struck me as uncommon generosity from men and women who have already given so much.

I salute them and all the people who are making this monument possible. The more we work toward building this memorial, the more World War II veterans will be able to see this proud symbol of what our "Greatest Generation" accomplished.

I ask my fellow members of Congress to support the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act because it honors our veterans and helps to provide the benefits that they have earned.

Since taking office in January I have been talking to the House leadership about ways I could become more involved in Veterans' issues. Last week, I'm proud to say that I received a seat on the Veterans' Committee. I know that we owe a lot to those who currently serve our country and also to those who have served in the past. With this appointment I hope I can make a real difference for all our veterans.

This year, one of our nation's oldest and most distinguished service organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, celebrates its 100-year anniversary. I was first reminded by constituents that this year marked that important anniversary.

The first bill I sponsored and the first speech I made in the United States House of Representatives was to celebrate and recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars by requesting that the U.S. Postal Service issue a stamp