

special order on the remarkable achievements of women in sports and the impact of title IX. I also want to recognize our colleague Congresswoman PATSY MINK and former Congresswoman Edith Green who authored and initiated title IX.

Title IX states,

No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal aid.

Before title IX, many schools saw no problem in refusing to admit women or in applying more stringent admissions criteria to women.

Title IX has made an enormous contribution to improving the status of women. When title IX was passed in 1972, women received 9 percent of medical degrees; now, women receive 38 percent of medical degrees. Today, women earn 43 percent of all law degrees, compared to 7 percent in 1972; today, 44 percent of all doctoral degrees are awarded to women compared to 25 percent in 1977.

In 1900, women competed in the Olympics for the first time, but only in the "genteel" sports of tennis and golf. The passage of title IX set off a period of rapid growth in women's sports. Today, women compete in track and field, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, gymnastics, skating, golf, and softball, just to name a few sports.

Women have significantly increased their participation in collegiate sports and, today, we even have women in professional sports leagues such as the WNBA.

This year, the United States hosted the third Women's World Cup, one of the biggest women's sporting events to date. Over 90,000 people packed the Rose Bowl to watch the U.S. Women's Soccer Team win the gold. The U.S. Women's Soccer Team has taught us all that anything is possible if you dare to dream; that by raising the bar of expectations, there can be no limits; that if you are allowed to fully realize your potential, you can achieve. Thousands of young women throughout the country surely have formed new dreams and goals as they watched our women's soccer team compete for the gold. We can thank title IX for these new dreams and goals.

I am a former athlete. I ran track and played basketball in college. I earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology and physical education from Florida A&M University, and a master's degree in public health and physical education from the University of Michigan. I coached women's basketball at Bethune-Cookman College and taught biological sciences and physical education. I know about women in sports. I congratulate all the women who are participating in sports, especially the 1999 U.S. Women's Soccer Team.

I am proud to be a woman. I am also proud that Congress passed title IX and expanded opportunities for women to participate and achieve in sports, and attend our academic institutions.

We need to protect and enhance title IX's achievements. If we do so, the future for women will be boundless.

MR. GRANT HOUSTON DESIGNATED AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 1999

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 1999*

MR. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take a moment to honor Mr. Grant Houston. Mr. Houston is a man of outstanding leadership ability and an active member of the Lake City, CO, community. For his efforts, hard work, and dedication to the citizens of Lake City, I commend Mr. Houston for receiving designation as "Citizen of the Year" for 1999, and thank him for the example he has set.

Born in Gunnison in 1955, Mr. Houston moved as an infant to Lake City where he continues to reside. He is an accomplished writer and historian. Using his talents and passions for history and writing, he helped to found the historical society in 1973, and was the founder and editor of the Silver World Newspaper. Currently, he serves the historical society as president of the foundation.

Mr. Houston has collected and shared a great legacy of local history by combining his love of history with his love of writing. He was first published at the age of 21 with a brief history of Lake City, called Lake City Reflections. He went on to serve as editor of the Western State College newspaper, and to write Reflections. Mr. Houston's local publications include various maps, guide books and histories.

Not only has he served his community by recording history and keeping them informed through the establishment of a newspaper, he was also appointed to two significant boards by former Colorado Governor Roy Romer, one of them being the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission. Mr. Grant Houston has worked as a member of the Review Board for the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Grant Houston has dedicated much time and energy to preserving history and keeping the citizens of his community informed. For his efforts and leadership, I now wish to pay tribute to this remarkable and to thank him for giving so much to the people of Lake City and citizens of Colorado.

### TRIBUTE TO ALAN GERRY

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 1999*

MR. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Alan Gerry of Denver, CO, for his outstanding service and hard work. Because of his strong work ethic and innovative ideas in the cable industry, I wish to honor Mr. Gerry.

As founder, chairman and CEO of Cablevision Industries Corporation, Mr. Gerry led the corporation to become the eighth largest multiple system operator in the United States before merging with Time Warner in 1996. Alan Gerry is a member of the Board of C-SPAN, the industry public affairs programming network, and is a founding member of the Board of the Cable Alliance for Education and

was the president of the New York State Cable Television Association.

Currently, Mr. Alan Gerry serves as chairman and CEO of Granite Associates LP. He also dedicates time to serving as the campaign chairperson and member of the Board of Directors for the National Cable Television Center and Museum. Mr. Gerry is a pioneer in the cable industry, and his entrepreneurial spirit and vision have helped him achieve great success.

Over the years, he has been recognized for his leadership and dedication in a number of different capacities. In 1987, he received the Americanism Award from the Anti-Defamation League and in 1989 he was honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the Distinguished Citizen Award. Presented with the Entrepreneur-of-the-Year Award in 1992 for the New England Chapter of the Institute of American Entrepreneurs, Mr. Gerry went on to receive the Vanguard Award for Distinguished Leadership in 1995.

Mr. Alan Gerry is a unique individual and I appreciate the example he sets and the inspiration he provides. I am grateful for his commitment, work ethic, and innovation and I wish to commend his efforts.

### TRIBUTE TO ROGER BILL MITCHELL

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 1999*

MR. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Mr. Roger Bill Mitchell of Monte Vista, CO. Because of his dedication and years of service for the people of Colorado and the Colorado Farm Bureau, I wish to honor Mr. Mitchell and thank him for his work.

Born and raised in Monte Vista, Mr. Mitchell went to Adams State College in Alamosa, CO, where he received a B.A. in business administration. Currently, Roger Bill Mitchell is the manager of Mitchell Farms, a family partnership that raises potatoes and malting barley. He has served on the boards of various civic and community groups, serving as vice president of the local weed district, secretary of the drainage district, past board member and secretary of the San Luis Valley Administrative Committee and of the Monte Vista Potato Cooperative.

First elected as the president of the Colorado Farm Bureau in 1992, he was re-elected in 1994 and in 1996. He served as president of the Rio Grande County Farm Bureau and was the district 7 director on the State Board of Directors. While a member of the State Board, he served as a State Young Farmer and Rancher chairman, secretary, and vice president.

In 1991, Mr. Roger Mitchell was appointed by former Gov. Roy Romer, to the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission and he served as the only farmer on the commission until 1997. Mr. Mitchell's involvement has been extensive, including work with advisory committees for wetlands, watershed management, and waste treatment plants. His efforts have been honored with the presentation of the Jaycee's State Outstanding Farmer and Coors Barley Outstanding Grower Awards.

As Mr. Mitchell retires from his position on the Colorado Farm Bureau, I would like to thank him for his unprecedented service and outstanding leadership. I am grateful for his involvement and work for the citizens and farmers of Colorado. Mr. Mitchell is a remarkable individual and I wish him the best of luck as he turns the page on a new chapter in life.

TRIBUTE TO NAOMI AND ZACK  
PRENDERGAST

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 1999*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge Naomi and Zack Prendergast for their dedication to their family and for their recognition as the 1999 Parents of the Year for America. Because of their commitment to family and serving others, they are quite deserving of praise.

Meeting over 22 years ago in a shelter for abandoned children in Italy, Naomi and Zack found a common desire to serve others. They were married and began a life together which has taken them around the world in their personal ministry. The parents of 12 children, they are unique not only because of their large family, but for their dedication to raising their children to serve.

Five years ago, the Prendergast family moved to Longmont, CO. From the broad range of volunteer and service efforts which they have undertaken, an organization known as Family Service, Inc., has emerged. With such a large family, and such dedication to service, helping others has always been a family affair for the Prendergasts. Their family singing group performs at nursing homes, schools, shelters and various other places where inspiration and joy may be given.

The Prendergast family also began an effort to gather donated food for area homeless shelters. Family Services, Inc., with the help and generosity of community members, provides donated food each week to these shelters, donating an average of 8,000 pounds of food per month. Zack has found time to run a project, in addition to the various projects he works on, to promote responsible fatherhood. St. Vrain Fatherhood Connection offers parenting classes for young fathers and a support group located at a local church.

I am grateful for people like the Prendergast family, who not only strive to serve, but teach their children the importance of respect and service as well. For their dedication to helping others, their involvement in bettering the community in which they live, and for sharing their fundamental values and work ethic with their children and the citizens of Longmont, I wish to commend Zack and Naomi and recognize their achievements. They are unique and I greatly appreciate their noble efforts.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JASPER  
WELCH OF DURANGO, CO. FOR  
HIS DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 1999*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. Jasper Welch of Durango, CO. Because of his community involvement and service, and dedication to leadership Mr. Welch is quite deserving of recognition and praise. He is an outstanding citizen and I greatly appreciate his hard work and the example he sets.

Mr. Welch received a bachelor of science degree in 1975 from the University of Colorado where he graduated with distinction. He is a certified trainer and consultant for the Professional Dynametric Programs, a Certified Elected Official by the Colorado Municipal League, and a certified facilitator and trainer for the Zenger-Miller training systems.

Mr. Jasper Welch is a distinguished member of the Durango community, dedicating time and energy to various pursuits and causes. Serving as the cochair of Leadership La Plata from 1988 until 1998, Mr. Welch has encouraged the development of leadership skills of Durango's youth. He has found time to serve as chairman of the Transportation Board, as member of the board of directors for the Hundred Club of Durango, as mayor of Durango, and has held various other service and leadership role.

Jasper Welch has committed great time and energy to the betterment of Durango and those around him. I am grateful to him for his hard work and for the example he has set. For his strong work ethic, perseverance, and continued leadership, I commend him and pay tribute to this remarkable man. I hope that he will continue in his noble pursuits to educate, inspire, and serve others.

HONORING JAMES D. McELHANNON

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James D. McElhannon as he has been awarded with the nation's Military Order of the Purple Heart Award.

James D. McElhannon is a resident of Lemoore, and a retired Master Sergeant of the Korean War. During his time served in Korea, he was wounded in the battle for the Nakdong River on September 10–20, 1950. Sergeant McElhannon was leading his platoon (2nd platoon, Charlie, 3rd combat Engineer Battalion) on a night reconnaissance when enemy forces began firing their weapons. McElhannon was wounded by a mortar attack, receiving shrapnel in his leg. He refused medical attention in order to continue his mission. Though losing blood through the night, Sergeant McElhannon used his own bayonet to remove the shrapnel in his leg. The 2nd Platoon Charlie Company held fast did not withdraw until the platoon was officially relieved.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor James D. McElhannon for his bravery and

commitment in the Korean War. His courage has lead him to receive the nation's Military Order of the Purple Heart Award. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing James McElhannon many more years of success.

HONORING WILLIAM A. GALLINA  
ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 1999*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a man who embodies what it means to be a true American, a dedicated family man, an accomplished professional, and a consummate citizen of New York City, William A. Gallina, on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

William, or "Bill" as he is known by those closest to him, has lifelong roots in the Bronx. Born on his parents' kitchen table in the West Farms section of the Bronx on July 26, 1939, Bill blazed an exceptional path from the very beginning.

Growing up in the South Bronx home of his immigrant parents, his mother from Germany, his father from Italy, Bill attended Public School 6, Herman Ridder Junior High School, and earned his diploma at James Monroe High School. Following high school graduation, Bill attended New York State Maritime College where he spent three years studying Maritime Engineering, then transferred to Fairleigh Dickinson University where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

After graduation, he began working at Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation where he and a small group of rocket propulsion engineers successfully helped in the design of the descent engine of the Lunar Excursion Modules (L.E.M.) fulfilling President John F. Kennedy's dream and America's promise of landing on the moon before the close of the 1960s.

While working for Grumman, Bill attended St. John's University Law School in the evenings, graduating in 1967 with a Juris Doctor degree. Upon graduation from law school he went to work for a major Wall Street law firm specializing in intellectual property, eventually leaving to open his own firm specializing in criminal and personal injury law. He returned to the Bronx in the early 1970s where he was instrumental in constructing a professional medical office complex where he maintained his office for the practice of law.

To this day, he continues to practice law in Bronx County where he has become one of the leading personal injury attorneys in the metropolitan New York area. His parents continued to live in Bronx County until their passing. Bill's mother used the very same kitchen table on which he was born until her death in 1997 at the age of 98.

Bill is married to the former Ronnie Bernon and has an 11-year-old son, three daughters from a prior marriage, and two grandchildren. He is active in local and national bar associations, in particular, the New York State Trial Lawyers where he serves as a member of the Board of Directors, fighting to protect the rights of accident victims.

Bill is an avid sailor, spending his limited free time sailing the waters of Long Island Sound.