

30th anniversary of her service to ADA. What keeps her going is her idealism and dedication to the basic principle that government has a positive role to play in promoting individual liberty and economic justice.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HOLLY LANE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Holly Lane's selection to be the 1999 Miss Tennessee American Preteen. The 13-year-old Algood resident will represent the state in national competition in Orlando, Florida, in November.

Holly, the daughter of Bobby and Sarah Lane, is a talented eighth-grade student at Avery Trace Middle School in Cookeville where she is a member of the cheerleading squad, the girl's golf team and the TV staff. She is also a very active member of the 4-H Club where she has competed in and won many public-speaking contests.

I congratulate Holly for her many accomplishments and wish her the best of luck when she travels to Orlando in November. Holly is an exceptional young lady who will represent the state well in the upcoming national contest.

BIOMASS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Biomass Research and Development Act of 1999, a bill intended to expand research and development programs in the use of biomass—crop residues and other organic sources—in the production of energy, fuels, and other products.

I am pleased that the gentleman from New York, Mr. BOEHLERT, and the gentleman from Minnesota, Mr. MINGE, are joining me as original cosponsors of this bill.

By coordinating research efforts and providing research grants to promote biomass conversion techniques, this bill will accelerate our efforts to explore and develop these technologies and integrate existing biomass R&D efforts.

"Biomass" encompasses plants, trimmings, and other wastes that can be used to make energy. Increased biomass use has the potential to provide economic, national energy security, environmental and public health benefits, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and creating jobs. Some estimates suggest that if the U.S. were to triple its use of bioenergy and biobased products in the next decade (currently only 3 percent of our energy sources come from biomass), we would generate as much as \$20 billion a year in new income for farmers and rural communities.

As awareness of these potential benefits has increased, there is growing agreement on

the need for cross-cutting and integrated approaches in our efforts to foster the development of the U.S. biomass industry. My bill would help lower the cost of research and development for this industry, encourage the evaluation of new energy crops, and accelerate the development of advanced biomass technologies to produce a variety of energy-related products and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

Specifically, the bill would: set up an integrated program of R&D activities related to the conversion of biomass into biobased products; authorize funding for research to evaluate the potential energy, economic, environmental, and social impacts of biobased production systems; authorize an interagency board to promote closer coordination and cooperation among federal agencies' research and development programs and other activities related to biobased products; authorize the creation of an advisory committee to provide input to federal biomass research and development programs from non-governmental groups with expertise and interest in biomass utilization; authorize additional federal resources for competitively-awarded grants, contracts, and other financial assistance—preferably to consortia—for research, development, and demonstration with respect to biobased products.

Biomass resources are an important domestic and renewable source of energy. This bill would boost efforts to utilize them to their full potential, ensuring a clean, sustainable, and secure energy supply for our nation's future. I look forward to working with the bill's cosponsors and other Members of the House to move forward with this important initiative.

IN HONOR OF THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 451 OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Henry J. Morgan Post 451, American Legion of Rocky River, Ohio on its 65th charter anniversary. The Post will mark its anniversary with a dinner on September 11, 1999. I am honored to have been asked to attend and participate in this event.

The Post traces its roots back to September 11, 1934 when the organization became officially chartered. The following year the Post joined efforts with the Alcorn Camp of United Spanish War Veterans and launched a program to decorate the graves of veterans with flowers and flags. Delegates from the Post continued this tradition of cooperation among veterans associations by forming a Joint Veterans Council for the City of Lakewood and its vicinity in 1936.

During WWII, the Post was active in promoting a flag program and displaying flags throughout the community. Members showed their continuing patriotism by serving as Auxiliary Police, Boy Scout leaders and organizing the Rocky River High School Cadet Drill Corps. Following the war, activities were held in conjunction with other veterans organizations to benefit the Marine Hospital. In addition, recreational activities such as legion baseball and bowling teams were coordinated for veterans.

Currently the Post has 300 members and continues to grow and attract new members through its active participation in community projects. Post 451 has always placed greater emphasis on community service, especially in the areas of youth and veterans. The group currently works with local school systems on flag education, the Americanism test, and the Legion Oratorical Contest. In addition, the post sponsors high school students to attend Boys State in Columbus, Ohio, where they learn about government.

The organization supports the academic achievement of local students and is in its 5th year of sponsoring a \$10,000 scholarship program for Rocky River High School, awarding the top 100 students with a \$100 scholarship. The Legion is also active in the Gifts for Yanks program, which provides Christmas gifts to patients in veterans hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the members of the Rocky River Post No. 451 for bravely serving their country and continuing to serve their community.

HONORING SIGURD OLSON

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Wilderness Act today, I think it is equally fitting to honor the centennial birth of Sigurd Olson—one of America's true modern conservationists and a man who called Minnesota his home.

Sig's long list of outstanding accomplishments include advising former Senator Humphrey and Wilderness Society Executive Director Howard Zahniser on the introduction of the first Wilderness Bill in 1956, serving on the Department of Interior's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historical Sites, Buildings and Monuments, and receiving national acclaim as writer and environmentalist. In addition, he received numerous awards and honors from the Wilderness Society, the Sierra Club, and the Izaak Walton League. Although he became involved in many conservation issues nationally, his true love lay in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA), and his tireless efforts to protect its natural beauty and true wilderness character. It was through his efforts to halt the use of float planes and secure appropriations for the Forest Service to purchase resorts and in-holdings within the BWCA that brought him to the forefront of a burgeoning national conservation scene in 1947.

Sig was a true environmentalist and realized the importance that wild areas hold for all of us, both physically and spiritually. His ideals and attitudes are increasingly becoming a rare quality in the political world. Although there are those of us who strive to adhere to these ideals, it takes a majority in Congress to implement them. It is time that we set aside this political partisanship and listen to those who elected us—the American people, 88% of which feel that many of our country's special places may be lost forever unless they are protected.

Congress must revive the tradition of protecting America's wild places. We need to look back at forgotten ideals and move forward

with an agenda that will protect increasingly fragmented wildlands. In the end, no one more eloquently pleaded a case for wilderness preservation than Sig when he spoke before the citizens of Ely, Minnesota who sought to motorize the BWCA. Sig said, "Some places should be preserved from development or exploitation for they satisfy a human need for solace, belonging, and perspective. In the end we turn to nature in a frenzied chaotic world, there to find silence—oneness—wholeness—spiritual release." It is time we work together and make his wilderness vision a reality.

**GENENTECH, INC.—SETTING THE
EXAMPLE AS ONE OF AMERICA'S
BEST COMPANIES FOR WORKING
MOTHERS**

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, Genentech, Inc. of South San Francisco, California, is known around the world for its leadership in the field of biotechnology. Throughout the past two decades this innovative company has shattered barrier after barrier, using revolutionary science to develop and manufacture biotech products that have saved an untold number of lives. Genentech created the first pharmaceutical based on DNA technology (recombinant human insulin) and was the first company to bring a bioengineered medicine from research to the market (a recombinant human growth hormone). Its medicines have provided immense benefits to individuals suffering from breast cancer, non-Hodgkins lymphoma, cystic fibrosis, and a wide range of other diseases. With this record of groundbreaking success, Genentech has richly earned its international reputation for excellence.

The twenty-first century character of this outstanding company, however, extends well beyond its innovative products. Genentech's biotechnology leadership is mirrored in its devotion to corporate citizenship and to the welfare of its employees. Recognition of this commitment is found in the October 1999 issue of Working Mother magazine, which named Genentech one of the "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers." This is the ninth time Genentech has made this impressive list.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Arthur D. Levinson, Ph.D., clearly expresses the corporate philosophy which resulted in Working Mother's commendation: "At Genentech, we believe that creating a work environment that is responsive to our employees' needs is one of our most important priorities." This creed is epitomized by the company's Second Generation program, one of America's largest corporate-sponsored, on-site child care facilities. Operated by Bright Horizons Family Solutions and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Second Generation attends to the needs of Genentech employees' sons and daughters with dedication and warmth. It provides hundreds of youthful participants (aged 6 weeks to 6 years of age) with quality care, developmental activities, play curriculum, daily activity reports and parental support.

Mr. Speaker, Second Generation's forward-thinking approach is only one of the benefits

for which Working Mother cited Genentech. The company offers important family-friendly benefits such as paid maternity leave for new moms, paid sabbaticals, and an employee concierge service. Genentech's willingness to invest in the well-being of its employees is truly extraordinary, and I am proud to have such a fine corporation in my congressional district.

Genentech's corporate citizenship betters the lives of Peninsula communities and our country as well as its employees in many ways, in addition to its efforts to help working moms. Under Dr. Levinson's guidance, this fine company has repeatedly demonstrated that innovative growth and compassionate concern for employees can flourish together. Genentech has established uninsured patients' programs to enable underprivileged Americans to obtain every one of its marketed products, supplying more than \$200 million worth of medications since the program was created. To help our nation's youth better understand the latest scientific advances, Genentech developed the Access Excellence web site to aid biology teachers and their students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Genentech, Inc., on its outstanding benefits for working mothers and for its exceptional record of service to its community.

LIBERTY DAY

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call to the House's attention an event—actually, a celebration—which is expanding across the country. The celebration is Liberty Day, which honors the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Liberty Day was begun by the Colorado Lions and now represents a collaborative project among service clubs. It is totally nonpartisan and supported by all political parties in my state, has been unanimously endorsed by the state legislature, teachers, the state board of education and many others. Booklets containing copies of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are printed with private donations, and are distributed to school kids by elected officials who visit classes and speak about the importance of the founding documents.

Earlier this year, I visited West Middle School in Greenwood Village, Colorado to mark Liberty Day in Colorado. Liberty Day Colorado is officially celebrated on March 16th, the birthday of James Madison. I believe that every student in America should take at least one day to study these documents, learning how these documents give us such remarkable rights and responsibilities as citizens.

I would like to submit the following six proclamations into the RECORD. They were issued by Governor Bill Owens of Colorado; Governor Jim Geringer of Wyoming; Governor Gray Davis of California; the Colorado State Legislature; the Colorado State Board of Education; and the Colorado Federation of Teachers.

I believe that our founding documents are essential to understanding what it means to be an American. The ideas embodied in these

historical documents, so unprecedented at the time of the Founders, continue to make our country unique in the world today.

I urge members to take advantage of the opportunity to start Liberty Day in their state. For information, please contact Andy McKean at the Liberty Day Colorado Information Clearinghouse at 3600 E. 48th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80216; (phone) 303-333-3434; (fax) 303-339-1011; or (e-mail) LibertyDay@aol.com.

COLORADO HONORARY PROCLAMATION

Whereas, we as Americans enjoy our liberties through the documents that our founding fathers created, those being known as the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution with its Bill of Rights; and

Whereas, James Madison wrote the Virginia Plan, the model and the basis of discussion for the forming of a new constitution, in the constitutional convention of 1787, which new constitution established our new form of government, replacing the Articles of Confederation; and

Whereas, James Madison wrote many of the newspaper articles which outlined the reasons that the states should endorse the new constitution. These articles became known as the Federalist Papers. James Madison served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1789 until 1797 during which time he introduced into Congress the Bill of Rights; and

Whereas, James Madison was President of the United States from 1809 until 1817; and Tuesday, March 16, 1999 is the 243rd anniversary of the birth of James Madison;

Now Therefore, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 16, 1999, as Liberty Day in the State of Colorado.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixteenth day of February, 1999—Bill Owens, Governor.

WYOMING GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

We, as Americans, enjoy our liberties which are preserved by the documents that our founding fathers created, namely the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights.

James Madison was a contributing author of the Virginia Plan, the model and the basis of discussion for the forming of a new constitution, in the Constitutional Convention of 1787. The new constitution established our new form of government, replacing the Articles of Confederation.

James Madison kept written records of the Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787, which * * * and compromises finally produced the Constitution of the United States.

Such records were not made public until the last signer died, who was James Madison. His wife, Dolly Madison, sold the records to the United States government, and they were published around 1840.

These articles became known as the Federalist Papers, and were co-written with Alexander Hamilton and John Jay and still stand as some of the best arguments for our form of government, a representative republic.

James Madison served in the United States House of Representatives from 1789 until 1797, during which time he introduced into Congress the Bill of Rights, which was ratified by the States in 1791.

James Madison was Secretary of State from 1801 until 1809, and President of the United States from 1809 until 1817.

For these significant reasons, I, Jim Geringer, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby honor and proclaim Tuesday, March 16, 1999, as "Liberty Day" in Wyoming