

as Chief of the Army's Congressional Activities Division. In these positions, Carl has exhibited that rare combination of Midwestern-bred common sense, Ivy League-honed scholarship, and West Point-forged sense of Duty, Honor and Country in making extremely complicated issues readily understandable for senior Defense and Army officials, Members of Congress, and the public at large.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Colonel Leininger on a productive and happy retirement. I offer my personal thanks to my longtime friend, a soldier whose selfless service has truly made a difference, Colonel Carl Leininger.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DORIS RENICK

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, last week the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians lost a very dear friend, spiritual symbol and elder—Doris Renick.

Doris was an active and visionary leader and the Tribe's many successes can be attributed to her tenure as tribal administrator and chairperson.

In fact, while serving as chairperson and with the help of other family members, Doris was instrumental in getting the land base in Redwood Valley redesignated from a rancheria to what is now known as the Coyote Valley Reservation. This accomplishment opened the door for obtaining housing for tribal members and to have a recreation building constructed on the reservation.

But key to the community's future was finding new economic opportunities. As such, many say that Doris' most important accomplishment was the opening in 1993 of the Shodakai Coyote Valley Casino, which now provides more than 200 jobs for tribal members and neighbors.

As a State senator, I had a number of occasions to work with Doris and I can attest to her enthusiasm and caring attitude. In fact, her active involvement in a number of local, State, and national organizations attests to her interest in serving all citizens and her ability in bringing people together. Doris, for example served on the Mendocino County Economic Development Commission and helped promote county-wide projects that benefited all residents, not just her Tribe.

Doris also chaired the California Council of Tribal Governments, the California Elders Program, the Consolidated Indian Health Consortium, and the California Indian Health and Disability Board. And she took particular interest in Indian education and bilingual/bicultural programs. Interestingly, her advocacy for improving the delivery of health care came not only from her training and work as a registered nurse, but also her longtime bout with severe rheumatoid arthritis. To be sure, the disability never slowed her down.

Mr. Speaker, the members of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians and residents of Mendocino County celebrate the life of Doris Renick. She will be sorely missed, though all around us there are continual reminders of her loving and caring nature.

I join the community and family and friends in mourning Doris' passing and celebrating her life and I extend my heartfelt condolences to all whose lives were touched by her.

IN HONOR OF JEAN AND FRANK PERRUCCI, RECIPIENTS OF THE "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT COUPLE" AWARD FROM THE BAYONNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

#### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jean and Frank Perrucci for receiving the "Lifetime Achievement Couple" award from the Bayonne Historical Society, Inc., and for their extraordinary accomplishments in community service.

The Perrucci's, who have dedicated their time and service to the City of Bayonne for more than fifty years, are the first couple to be jointly recognized by the organization. From veterans organizations, to school charities and church functions, the Perrucci's willingness to get involved and work toward the improvement of the City of Bayonne has been exceptional.

A World War II veteran of the United States Army and the Maritime Service, Mr. Perrucci has continued to play an integral role in a variety of veterans groups. Of the many organizations he is involved with, Mr. Perrucci serves as chairman of the World War II Welfare Fund and as commander of the Hudson County Catholic War Veterans. In addition, he is president of Bayonne for the Battleship of New Jersey, Inc.

Mr. Perrucci's efforts on behalf of war veterans have not gone unnoticed. He has been recognized by the Catholic War Veterans, receiving the Hudson County Home Award and Hudson County Commanders Award, and was honored again by the National Catholic War Veterans, receiving the National Award and the Lifetime Member Award.

Jean Perrucci, a life-long resident of Bayonne, has been a community activist for more than three decades. Never turning away from a challenge or the chance to help someone in need, Mrs. Perrucci is a wonderful role model for civic and community involvement.

Mrs. Perrucci has been instrumental to so many organizations, offering her knowledge, guidance, and experience. From serving as Chair of the "I Love Bayonne" project, to collecting food for the Make A Difference Day program, to raising funds for the Bayonne Vietnam Memorial monument, Mrs. Perrucci's work has greatly impacted the lives of the residents of Bayonne.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrucci, the parents of four children and seven grandchildren, spearheaded and founded a grassroots organization called the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne twenty-nine years ago and instituted the Frank P. Perrucci Scholarship Award for students.

For more than fifty years of extraordinary service to the City of Bayonne, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this remarkable couple on receiving the Bayonne Historical Society, Inc.'s "Lifetime Achievement Couple" award. Their contributions to the City and to the 13th Congressional District re-

main unmatched and I wish them luck in their future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO MIKE PERRY

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this brief moment to congratulate and thank Mike Perry for his service and leadership on behalf of the Grand Valley over the last 15 years. In that time, Mike has overseen the opening of the now widely renowned Dinosaur Valley, served as the Director of the Museum of Western Colorado, and, for the last nine years, worked as the Executive Director of the Dinamation International Society. In that time, Mike has distinguished himself greatly. What's more, he has made our community a better place in which to live.

Unfortunately for western Colorado, Mike will be leaving the Grand Valley next month to pursue an outstanding professional opportunity in The Dalles, Oregon. Mike has taken the job of Director at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Wasco County Historical Museum in The Dalles area.

While saddened that Mike will no longer be a part of our community, I know that western Colorado is a better, more culturally vibrant place because of his service. Our loss, is clearly The Dalles' gain.

As Mike moves on to this new challenge, Mr. Speaker, I wish him only the best of luck in all of his personal and professional endeavors. We are thankful for his service over the past 15 years and wish him all the best in the future.

#### HONORING SYLVIA STAHL

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Sylvia "Sally" Stahl, a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother is celebrating her 80th birthday and I want to take this occasion to join her family and her many friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

She has lived all of her 80 years in the Bronx where her parents instilled in her the virtues and ethics she has lived by and which she passed on to her children and grandchildren. Her parents, Max and Sarah, came to America from Eastern Europe so they and their children could enjoy the America's freedom.

She and her twin sister, Miriam, and her brother, Sydney, were raised in the Bronx. She and her husband, Harry, purchased their home in the Allerton section of the borough, and she lives in that house still. She and Harry were both active in the community and Sally is still an active member of Hadassah. During World War II, when Harry served with the SeaBees, she worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

She also did volunteer work at Bronx Lebanon Hospital for more than 20 years. Sally has recovered from three bouts with cancer.

but not even that could slow this remarkable lady down. She is still active and drives throughout the Bronx and Westchester County.

She is the mother of Robert and Paul, mother-in-law of Josephine and Helene, grandmother to Jarret, Lindsay, Dana and Eric. I am proud and honored to join Sally, her family and her friends on this wondrous occasion.

#### EARTH DAY INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

#### HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce a resolution recognizing the growing observance of Earth Day. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans celebrated the first Earth Day. Since Earth Day's first observance, the number of Americans celebrating Earth Day and the number of countries observing Earth Day has steadily risen. In fact, Earth Day is now observed in more than 140 countries.

Every year on April 22, millions of Americans and millions of people throughout the world participate in activities that call attention to harmful human activities that impact our natural environment. These calls have not gone unanswered. Since the first observance of Earth Day, Congress has passed the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act in an effort to halt and roll back the harmful impacts of human activity. In addition, we have seen the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and just recently, in the House Committee on Resources, we witnessed a successful bipartisan effort to provide funding for an array of conservation and wildlife programs.

Earth Day provides an opportunity to learn about the positive actions we can take to improve energy efficiency; to develop safe, renewable energy sources; to design goods that are durable, reusable, and recyclable; and to eliminate the production of harmful wastes while protecting our environment and encouraging sustainable development throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution recognizes the importance of Earth Day and calls on the House of Representatives to recognize that Earth Day should be established to draw attention to the impact of human activity on the natural environment, to alert the world to environmental threats to human health and well-being, and advocate personal actions and public policies to promote and preserve a healthy, diverse, resilient, and productive world for our children and our children's children.

This is a companion measure to one already introduced in the other chamber by Senator JEFF BINGAMAN of New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to support this worthy resolution.

#### HONORING JOHN OLSEN AS HE RECEIVES THE STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS LABOR MEDAL

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend John W. Olsen as he receives the State of Israel Bonds Labor Medal for his lifelong contributions to the labor movement in the State of Connecticut.

Created in 1951, State of Israel Bonds serves as the cornerstone of Israel's economy. Committed to improving Israel's infrastructure as a whole, Israel Bonds provides financial support for the construction of research facilities, transportation networks, communications links, and the expansion of port and airport facilities. Its commitment to the betterment of Israel's people and its economy is unparalleled—helping transform the state of Israel into one of the world's leading industrial nations.

In many ways, John's commitment to the labor movement is reflective on Israel Bonds' commitment to the state of Israel. Since he began his career as a member of the UA Local 133, Plumbers and Pipefitters, John has dedicated his life to working families. He has fought for better wages, more comprehensive health benefits for workers and their families, and safer work environment. As President of the Connecticut AFL-CIO, John has forced the largest corporations in Connecticut to listen to their employees' and afford them these basic rights. He has been a true leader for our working families, giving them a voice during the hardest of economic times.

John has also worked hard to make Connecticut a better place to live and grow. He has been active in state and national politics, serving on the Democratic State Central Committee and the Democratic National Committee. He also serves on a number of boards and commissions with the purpose of making Connecticut's workers the most productive in the nation. Over the years, John has become an ambassador for the labor movement, spreading its message of helping and protecting working families through lectures, newspaper columns, and on the radio. We in Connecticut have much to thank John for—his contributions have been truly invaluable.

It is with great pride that I rise to join friends and family in saluting my dear friend, John, as he receives the State of Israel Bonds Labor Medal. Congratulations.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcall numbers 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, and 595. I was unavoidably detained and therefore could not vote for this legislation. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" for rollcall numbers 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593 and 594. I would have voted "no" for rollcall number 595.

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL TERRELL

#### HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a Kentucky teacher from my district who has achieved national recognition for his exemplary role in educating young students. Michael Terrell of Louisville is one of 29 teachers from across the country selected for USA TODAY'S 1999 ALL-USA Teacher Team. He should be extremely proud to have been both nominated by a colleague and to have received an award conferred on the most impressive teachers in the nation. In light of constant stories about the crisis in our nation's schools, it is vital that we recognize the dedication and outstanding achievements of our teachers. It is my honor to pay tribute to someone who has made such a difference to so many children.

Michael Terrell has had a distinguished career as a primary teacher for 27 years, including 18 years at Cochran Elementary School where he currently teaches first and second grades. Thanks to Michael Terrell's devotion and selfless contributions, the Cochran Elementary School is filled with spirit and activism. His hard work and dedication to making schools better and improving the lives of his students, both encourages parents to get involved and sets an example for all teachers to follow. He is one of the people who helps create the vitality of Cochran Elementary School and his enthusiasm creates a can-do attitude. He is responsible for the many successes there which, in turn, positively affect our entire community's well-being.

Mr. Terrell is a teacher who knows how to get the job done. He knows it takes hard work, it takes flexibility, and it takes a commitment to each child. I was proud to hear that Michael Terrell supports what this Congress is trying to do—give schools and teachers the ability to make the choices which best reflect their students needs. We are all in agreement that such changes will help improve education—for Michael Terrell and his students. Because of all he does, I salute Michael Terrell for working so hard to make our schools a flourishing environment for our children to learn, grow and play.

#### TRIBUTE TO RONALD L. BOOK

#### HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ronald L. Book, one of Florida's truly remarkable citizens. Without ever holding elective public office, Ron Book has had a tremendous and positive influence on our state and our community for over 25 years.

Ron's tireless efforts and knowledge of both government and business has led to hundreds of millions of dollars in private and public investment in Miami-Dade County and throughout the State of Florida, resulting in the creation of thousands of new job opportunities, improving the quality of life for our citizens and greatly enhancing our position as a destination