

cause, valuable funds have been raised for leukemia research. I know my colleagues join me in honoring Bobby Mitchell for this ten years of service to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

HONORING THE UNITED STATES  
COAST GUARD CUTTER CONIFER

**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the United States Coast Guard Cutter CONIFER, currently homeported on Terminal Island in San Pedro, California. Today the CONIFER will be decommissioned after 57 years of distinguished service.

A member of the Coast Guard's Buoy Tender fleet, the CONIFER was commissioned on May 4, 1943. Throughout the years, many have relied upon the Coast Guard Cutter CONIFER to perform lighthouse service visits and renovations, service weather data gathering buoys, perform law enforcement operations, assist with national defense, protect the environment, and perform search and rescue missions.

The CONIFER has had an illustrious history, patrolling the nation's waterways and ensuring the safety of those navigating the high seas. Shortly after being commissioned, the Conifer was called upon to patrol the North Atlantic during World War II. Nearly six decades later, it was the CONIFER serving as the On Scene Commander in charge of search and rescue efforts following the crash of Alaska Airlines flight 261 off Point Mugu in January. She and her crew have served the country with honor and distinction.

Based in San Pedro the last 14 years, the CONIFER has patrolled the waters of southern California. The seafaring men and women of the Conifer have touched the lives of many during her tenure in San Pedro. We are grateful for her service.

Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, these are the core values of the United States Coast Guard. The CONIFER exemplified these values during her service to the nation and southern California over the last 57 years.

For nearly six decades, the CONIFER has served the nation with great diligence and distinction. I commend the men and women who have served aboard the CONIFER over the years. I also commend Lieutenant Commander Jeff Loftus and his crew for their service to southern California. Your contributions to the community are deeply appreciated. We look forward to the Coast Guard's continued presence in the region when the Coast Guard Cutter George COBB assumes the CONIFER's duties this fall.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE KOREAN WAR

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, June 25 will be the 50th anniversary of

the commencement of the Korean War. I join my colleagues, veterans, their families and all Americans in forever memorializing those who fought and died in the quest for freedom in South Asia.

Millions today live in freedom and thrive in economic prosperity as a direct result of the U.S. and our U.N. allies intervening in Korea and taking a stand on the 38th parallel. For that sacrifice, I applaud the thousands of veterans who risked and sacrificed their lives so others could be free. Your service will stand as a permanent reminder of our nation's commitment to securing freedom and liberty for all.

Last week we saw a historic meeting which many regard as the first step towards reuniting North and South Korea. While eventual reunification would still take many years of patient diplomacy, such an event looks more and more like a reality. I am hopeful that we can close this chapter and bring home our troops who continue to face danger along the de-militarized zone (DMZ).

All across the country, Americans have been and will be commemorating the Korean War. I commend all those who take time out from their everyday lives to pay homage to those who served and sacrificed in Korea. I express my hope that across San Antonio, in South Texas, all over the U.S. and around the world, Americans will make every effort to remember the price we paid in that conflict.

Earlier this session, the House unanimously passed H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War. The bill was subsequently enacted into law. It expresses congressional recognition of the significance of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The resolution expresses gratitude for members of the Armed Forces who served in the Korean War, especially those who died in action or remain unaccounted for. Finally, the resolution calls upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the Korean War and those who fought in it, and to call on the country to observe the anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

I look forward to this and future opportunities that we have to remember those who fought and sacrificed so that the U.S. and her allies could live in peace.

TRIBUTE TO SAM SUPLIZIO —  
TRULY A BASEBALL LEGEND

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pride and pleasure that I would like to take this moment to honor Sam Suplizio for being inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Sam has dedicated a significant portion of his life to the great American game of Baseball. His many successes as a player and coach make him most deserving of this Hall of Fame induction as well as the praise and esteem of this great body. For these reasons, I feel it is proper that we pay tribute to him now.

Sam's devotion to baseball started with his stellar career as a player. He got his start as an All-American Center Fielder for the University of New Mexico, where he had a three-year varsity career. To further his playing ca-

reer, Sam was drafted in 1953 by the New York Yankees. While with the Yankee's organization, Sam earned such honors as Eastern League's best defensive outfielder and was recognized as a league all-star.

Sam began his coaching career as a manager for the Dodgers' Thomasville affiliate. After a short stint with the Dodgers, Sam moved to Grand Junction, Colorado where he landed a job coaching the Grand Junction Eagles, a job that provided him with 20 years of success. Sam's coaching career has also steered him overseas, where he headed the World Port tournament in Rotterdam, Holland and instructed teams in both Europe and Israel. In all, Sam has spent 46 years as a player or coach in professional baseball. His professional career has seen him serve as a coach/instructor for the Milwaukee Brewers and the Anaheim Angels.

Mr. Speaker, Sam Suplizio is truly an American baseball legend. His dedication and devotion to the great American game of baseball are unparalleled and should not go without recognition. Beyond his remarkable career in baseball, Sam has been a pillar of the community in Grand Junction and a role model for many. His love for the game is eminently worthy of this body's recognition even as he receives this prestigious award from the American Baseball Coaches Association. Great job Sam! Your community is very proud of you!

HONORING ALVERNE MAYHEW  
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO  
THE COMMUNITY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, It gives me great pleasure today to pay tribute to a remarkable individual who has left an indelible mark on our community, my dear friend, Al Mayhew. On Sunday, June 25, friends, family and colleagues will gather to recognize his many accomplishments as he celebrates his retirement.

Al's dedication and commitment to his country and his community is inspiring. After entering the United States Air Force in 1939, Al served for twenty years, stationed in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, the Pacific and North America. During the course of World War II, as a pilot, Al completed 45 missions with the 301st Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group. As a man with many interests, Al's professional career is truly remarkable. Upon coming to New Haven, Al began a twenty year career at Pratt & Whitney, and later took on a part-time position at Lincoln Bassett Elementary School as a tutor for four years. For the past twelve years, Al has been working with the Elderly Services Department of the City of New Haven where he has become a familiar face throughout our community. A leading advocate for seniors, Al has given them a strong voice in the City of New Haven—one which will never be forgotten.

Today, at the age of 79, Al will retire from his professional life, though it is our hope that he continues to remain active in the New Haven area. In addition to the variety of professional positions he has held, throughout his life, Al has also been involved in a myriad of

civic organizations. As a member of the Literacy Volunteers of America, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Community Action Agency Nutrition Program, and a board member of the South Central Connecticut Agency on Aging, to name just a few, Al's compassion and efforts have made a real difference in the lives of many of our community's most vulnerable citizens. For over sixty years, Al has dedicated himself, both professionally and as a volunteer, to improving the quality of life for our children and families. His exceptional record of service should serve as an example for us all.

I have had the distinct privilege of working with Al and I am honored to call him my friend. It is with great pride that I join his wife, Judith, their seven children, friends, and colleagues to congratulate Al. I also extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for his many contributions to our community and best wishes for continued health and happiness.

#### TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA BEST ADAMS

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of my dear friend, Mrs. Virginia Best Adams, who passed away on January 29, 2000 at the age of 96. Mrs. Adams will be remembered for her love and dedication for Yosemite as well as her shared compassion for music. As a child, Virginia Adams spent her childhood doting over the natural beauty of Yosemite, and later as an adult it would be there that she would meet and marry the love of her life, Ansel Adams. Through her many accomplishments, Mrs. Adams will best be remembered for her contribution to the Monterey Peninsula culture.

As a devoted mother, Virginia Adams will be remembered well by her daughter Ann Helms. Ms. Helms noted that her mother was, "One of her dearest friends from the time [she] was a teenager on." Helms attributes this sacred friendship to her family's shared love for reading and history.

Known within the family circle as, "Nini", Virginia Adams will be remembered formidably for her favorite shade of green. This shade of green, identified as, "a little bit brighter than forest green", is highlighted in Mrs. Adam's living room draperies. Later, this trademark green was used in the cover of a CD titled, "Nini Green".

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Adams is survived by her son, Dr. Michael Adams; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Adam's curiosity for the natural world will be missed, but will not die as we acknowledge the contributions she has made upon music. Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask you and our distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the distinguished attributes of Mrs. Virginia Adams.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COOL CREST

#### HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, June 23–25, marks the 50th anniversary of Cool Crest Garden Golf and Game Room. This venerable complex is the oldest family entertainment center in Missouri's Fifth District. This Independence, MO business has provided families and teens a high quality, fun, and safe area to spend time seven days a week.

Cool Crest opened in 1950 with two miniature golf courses and sprawling manicured gardens in the countryside of Eastern Jackson County. Today, apartment complexes and businesses have replaced the fields as the area around Cool Crest developed. King and Inez Patterson owned and operated the business from its beginnings, and Inez continued to operate Cool Crest after the 1986 death of her husband. The business was in the Patterson family for 46 years before Inez sold it to Frank and Jennifer Licausi in 1997. In keeping with longstanding tradition which demonstrates her commitment to the company, Inez continues to work in the gardens. Because it remains a family-owned business, Cool Crest maintains its unique personal touch with its customers.

Over the years the business has expanded to include two more miniature golf courses and a state of the art game center. Through all the years, the fun, family-oriented atmosphere and safe environment remained constant. Because of Cool Crest, Independence and surrounding area families have a secure area where kids can play miniature golf and video games away from gangs, violence, drugs, and other negative influences. The miniature golf courses are challenging and unique, as they are surrounded by the flowing beauty of manicured gardens. Various challenges found on the courses include a moving rocket, an animatronic alligator, and the Eiffel Tower. The video games are cutting-edge to keep players of all ages satisfied.

I applaud the vision and dedication of the Patterson and Licausi families. The efforts of the Licausi's will ensure Cool Crest's mission to provide quality family entertainment in a clean, unique, and safe environment is afforded to all of its visitors.

Cool Crest truly is a local landmark, and I congratulate Patterson and the Licausi families on their first half century of keeping families entertained and safe. I am confident the next 50 years will be as memorable and productive in the established Cool Crest tradition.

#### HONORING HELEN RESTINO, UPON RETIREMENT FROM THE TOWN OF HOOSICK HOUSING AUTHORITY

#### HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Helen Restino as she retires from

her service to the town of Hoosick Housing Authority. Mrs. Restino, of Hoosick Falls New York, retires after 27 years of dedicated duty. During that time, she brought happiness to many senior citizens in the 21nd congressional district. Her housing programs are nationally recognized and greatly appreciated by the local community.

Mrs. Restino positively impacted the town of Hoosick. As executive director of the Housing Authority, Helen provided general supervision over all administrative and business affairs. She managed the "Housing Project", directed and coordinated the administration of the Section 8 Voucher Program, and supervised the Low and Moderate Income Conventional Housing Program. Helen directed all aspects of the Housing Authority's daily operations and activities, including finance, procurement, maintenance, property management, modernization, personnel management, planning and development, and resident and community relations.

I commend Mrs. Restino for her outstanding performance over the course of her career. As a direct result of her actions, the town of Hoosick Housing Authority was recognized four times for superior achievement by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Her organization won the Certificate of Excellence in Management Operations and High Performer Designation in 1995 and 1996, the Outstanding Performance Award in 1998, and Secretary's Commendation as High Performer in 1999. Mrs. Restino has set the example for all other housing authorities.

Mrs. Restino's most important role was in bringing joy to senior citizens who reside in the housing authority's centers. She undertook her job with fairness and compassion for all. The concerns of the residents were always Helen's top priority. Her enthusiasm, professionalism, and dedication to duty will be missed by all.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Helen Restino for her selfless service to the town of Hoosick Falls and congratulating her as she retires. Also, please join me in wishing her the very best of luck in all her future endeavors.

#### HONORING GEORGE DING-FELDER

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize an exceptional man, George Ding-Felder. In February, George was recognized as the "Heat Hero" in honor of his outstanding achievements in the area of drunk driving arrests. For his efforts in this area, George is eminently deserving of the thanks and admiration of this great body. George became a state trooper in 1995 and has served with great distinction ever since. As proof, look no farther than his record in combating drunk driving. In 1999 alone, he had 130 DUI/DUID arrests. It is obvious that George and his untiring efforts to help his community have made a real difference. He personifies the spirit that this award stands for and we all can learn from the example he has set.

It is clear why this outstanding American was chosen as the recipient of the "Heat