

supports the educational aspirations of America's youth. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund award is a fitting recognition of an organization that truly gives back to the community and our nation.

HONORING MORLEY BALLANTINE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this moment to recognize a woman who has exemplified extraordinary dedication to philanthropic work, my friend, Morley C. Ballantine who currently serves as editor and chairman of the Durango Herald. Recently, Morley was awarded the high honor of being named Colorado's "Outstanding Philanthropist" by the Governor's Commission on National Community Service and the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, in recognition of her support for a whole array of charitable and humanitarian based institutions. Morley's robust efforts to make her community, state and nation a better place make her more than deserving of this distinction.

Morley was chosen for the prestigious award out of over 100 nominations. Morley was nominated by four different individuals for this distinguished honor and was selected as the winner by a committee of 50.

The reasons Morley was chosen are many. Over the years, Morley has not only consistently given of her financial resources, but she has also actively participated in a host of activities geared toward helping her community and fellow man. In 1987, she helped start the Women's Resource Center in Durango, and is also a founding member of the Colorado Women's Foundation. In addition, she served on the state commission on the Status of Women, local and state League of Women's Voters' boards, local arts and library boards, the state Anti-Discrimination Commission, the Colorado Land Use Commission and the state National Historic Preservation.

This, friends and colleagues, is a truly remarkable legacy of service. It's a legacy that Morley should be proud of.

Morley's dedication and devotion to philanthropic causes both great and small is truly worthy of our praise. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress, I would like to thank Morley for her incredible efforts to benefit her community, and congratulate her on the much deserved award.

We are proud of Morley and grateful for her service.

COMMENDING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PITTSFIELD

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to commend the Boys and Girls Club of Pittsfield on its 100th Anniversary. It is one of only 13 Boys and Girls clubs in the country to reach its 100th Anniversary, and over the years it has provided an invaluable service to

thousands of boys and girls throughout the region.

The national Boys and Girls Club movement was born in 1860, when a group of women in Hartford decided to provide local boys with an alternative to roaming the streets. In 1906, several Boys Clubs decided to affiliate. The Federated Boys Clubs in Boston was formed with 53 member organizations. In 1956, Boys Clubs of America received a Congressional Charter. In 1990, the name was changed to the Boys and Girls Club of America. The Boys' and Girls' Club of Pittsfield was formed in the early days of the organization and remains special and unique in our community.

The Pittsfield facility was established on June 28, 1900 as a club for boys in Pittsfield with an \$800 donation by local philanthropist Zenas Crane. It soon embarked upon a tradition of service and community involvement catering to several generations of Pittsfield youth. With an initial membership of 320, the club held its first meetings on the second floor of the Renne Block on Renne Avenue with the intent of preventing idleness and instilling healthy work and home values in its membership. Providing an array of recreational and educational opportunities for countless youth under the auspices of its first superintendent, Prentice Jordan, the club soon expanded beyond its original quarters. In 1906, when its membership grew to over 800, Crane funded a move to a more specious residence on Melville Street. Currently, the membership of the club exceeds 5000, making it the largest single-unit organization affiliated with the Boys and Girls Club of America.

The Boys and Girls Club of Pittsfield continues to inspire and enable thousands of young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. I am proud to stand and honor them today and appreciate the opportunity to recognize them before the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING DR. FRANK S. FOLK—68 YEARS YOUNG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Frank S. Folk, a resident of Brooklyn, and to celebrate his 68th birthday. I ask my colleagues assembled here today to please join me in acknowledging Dr. Folk's remarkable life.

On this day, October 2nd, in 1932, Frank Folk was born in Vonville, South Carolina. As a young boy, Frank possessed excellence, greatness, the favor of God, love and honor, the law of kindness in tongue, morality and character. As a personal friend of Dr. Folk, I know that I can speak for his many friends and neighbors in commending him on his many years practicing medicine in Brooklyn. While Dr. Folk's professional accomplishments are too numerous to mention, I do want to point out that he has served on the Board of Directors of the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation and on Kingsbrook Hospital Executive Board—two of New York's most important health organizations.

As Chair of my Health Committee since 1991, Dr. Folk has demonstrated his commit-

ment to working to improve the health and well-being of all members of our community. He also has been honored by the American Medical Society, which has bestowed the Hektoen Gold Medal and the Hektoen Bronze Medal upon Dr. Folk. As further evidence of his accomplishments, I need only mention that Dr. Folk is certified by the American Board of Surgery, the New York State Medical Board, and the National Board of Medical Examiners. Finally, Dr. Folk serves his community and his Nation as a Colonel with the New York State Army National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, my good friend, Dr. Frank Folk, is more than worthy of receiving our birthday wishes today, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me today in honoring this truly remarkable man.

ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE AND PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize and congratulate Alliance for Justice and Physicians for Social Responsibility and the more than 200 organizations, including the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, North Suburban Chicago Million Mom March, and the Interfaith Initiative Against Gun Violence for their leadership of the First Monday 2000: Unite to End Gun Violence campaign. In my district, I'd like to recognize Northwestern University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, John Marshall Law and Chicago Kent College of Law for their hosting of First Monday 2000 events.

Today, in more than 350 communities across this nation, students, parents, doctors, lawyers, social workers, nurses, civic leaders, community members and elected officials will rally support for the passage of common sense gun safety legislation. These activities will include the showing of a short documentary film, "America: Up in Arms" by award-winning filmmakers Liz Garbus and Rory Kennedy. The film is a powerful presentation of the epidemic of gun violence and how it has irrevocably changed the lives of three families in America.

Gun violence is all around us. We see it every day on our television screens and read about it in our newspapers. Rarely does a night go by without our local news reporting another shooting or the morning newspapers writing about the latest victims of gun violence. Even in my hometown of Evanston, we experienced three shootings in one night. It doesn't matter if you're in Chicago or small town USA, guns are everywhere—in the schools, on the trains and in the workplace. Numbers don't lie—over 30,000 people, including 4,000 children, die each year from gun violence. We are all affected and we must all take responsibility for ensuring that our children and our communities are safe from gun violence.

With First Monday, we will add to our numbers and mobilize young men and women in communities across the country to bring even more energy to our cause. I am proud to be a part of this effort. We are energized, empowered and ready and with this unprecedented campaign we will succeed at ending gun violence.

HONORING MIKE CHESNICK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense sadness that I take this moment to honor the remarkable life of Mike Chesnick. For two decades, Mike served the community of Grand Junction, Colorado with valor and distinction, retiring as Chief of Police in 1974. He was a role model for his community and an example of what a police officer can and should strive to be. As family, friends, and fellow officers remember this great American, I would like to take this time to honor this truly remarkable human being.

Chief Chesnick began his distinguished career of service to America when he joined the 10th Mountain Division in 1946, where he served in Italy and Austria during WWII. After returning a proud veteran and serving his county well, he began his illustrious career in law enforcement. In 1954 he joined the Grand Junction Police Department as a patrolman. His remarkable intellect and outstanding leadership abilities rapidly shot him up the ranks of the department. In 1961, he was promoted to Sergeant and in 1966 he began his role as Chief.

Chief Chesnick's leadership was well respected and inspired other officers under his leadership to serve with dedication, dignity and integrity. Beyond his widely regarded efforts as a police officer, Mike also worked with a number of other community based organizations, including the local Elk's Lodge where he was a lifetime member.

Chief Chesnick served his community, State, and Nation admirably and he his service at home and abroad was an inspiration to us all. Mr. Speaker, as a former police officer, I ask that we take this time to honor an individual that has set the standard for excellence as a member of the law enforcement community. On behalf of the State of Colorado and the US Congress, I would like to thank Chief Chesnick for his immeasurable service to his community. His leadership and compassion went far beyond the line of duty and his memory will long live in the hearts of all that knew him.

Mike Chesnick will be greatly missed.

RECOGNITION OF JAMES G. MILLS,
NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF
THE BOARD FOR THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL
CREDIT UNIONS

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to reorganize James G. Mills of Fort Wayne, Indiana in my district for his recent election as chairman of the board for the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. Mr. Mills was elected on June 17, 2000 and officially took over in late July.

In 1985, Mr. Mills joined Three Rivers Federal Credit Union as president and chief executive officer. Three Rivers provides important

options for my constituents and as such has been an asset to Northeast Indiana. Between 1985 and 1995, the number of branches increased from one to eight with the number of membership soared from 15,000 to 65,000 plus.

Along the way, Mr. Mills worked to promote the growth of the community as well as the Credit Union. In 1995, Three Rivers FCU was able to secure Indiana's first Community Development Credit Union Expansion Charter to open the field of membership and provide financial services to less served parts of the community. This innovation was the result of his near two-years of work with local city officials, the economic development offices of Fort Wayne, and the National Credit Union Administration. Most recently, Mr. Mills facilitate an initiative in the areas of inner city financial literacy training for an under-served group that also happens to be a new part of the FCU's field of membership. I strongly commend him for his efforts to empower those who are less economically advantaged through knowledge and the broadening of financial services.

In the role of Chairman of NAFCU, Mr. Mills will be lending the trade association that represent federal credit unions. I look forward to working with him and America's credit unions as we work to benefit families and communities, and congratulate him on this national recognition.

IN HONOR OF COLETTE KOVE
NEWLY ELECTED SUPREME
PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY TO THE MILITARY
ORDER OF THE COOTIE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the accomplishments of one of my district's favorite daughters. Colette Kove is a graduate of Utica High School, wife of William Kove, mother of five, grandmother of thirteen, and great-grandmother of six. On Saturday, September 30th, her friends and family gathered to honor her dedication to our veterans—especially her leadership in the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW and the Military Order of the Cootie (MOCA).

Colette first joined the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in 1960, but left to spend the next 18 years traveling with her children in the Drum and Bugle Corps. She returned in 1980 to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #1146 in St. Clair Shores. She took the group by storm serving as Auxiliary President, County Council President, 5th District President, and has served as Secretary of the Auxiliary for the past 18 years.

In 1981, she joined the Womens' Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie #35. Since then, she has held the position of President ten times and has served in all offices in the Grand of Michigan (state) MOCA. In 1995, at the MCOA National Convention in Arizona, Colette was elected Supreme Guard, and has served all offices leading to President. Just this past August, she was elected to that highest position and today serves as the Supreme President of the MOCA for the entire United States.

I am honored to be asked to participate in this program. Supreme President Kove has worked hard all her life for the benefit of others. As a small business owner, volunteer at the John Dingel VA Medical Center in Detroit and nursing home visitor, she has always been there to service the needs of others. Her rise through the ranks of both the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and the MOCA shows her remarkable sense of dedication and the great amount of respect others have for her.

Please join me in congratulating Colette Kove on her election as Supreme President of the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie.

THOMASENA AND EUGENE
GRIGSBY ART GALLERY

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincerest congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Grigsby on the occasion of the dedication of the Thomasena and Eugene Grigsby Art Gallery in Phoenix, Arizona.

This is an honor which Thomasena and Eugene richly deserve for they have been lifelong supporters and contributors to the field of art. Together they have made innumerable contributions to the arts community. I am pleased that under the sponsorship of the George Washington Carver Museum Dr. Grigsby's first art studio in Phoenix, Arizona has been dedicated in their honor. The Grigsby Art Gallery will serve as a permanent facility for the exhibit of creative works, by present and future artists.

Among their many projects, the Grigsbys helped to establish the Hewitt collection of African American art. I recently had the opportunity to view this collection on exhibit in St. Louis. It is a marvelous collection which I highly recommend and which I was happy to find includes some of Gene Grigsby's own works of art.

I commend Dr. and Mrs. Grigsby for their many years of devotion to artistic endeavors. Their contributions will benefit and inspire future generations of artists. My heartfelt best wishes to Gene and Tommy on this momentous occasion.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN MIKE
McKEVITT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life of the Honorable James D. "Mike" McKevitt. Congressman McKevitt recently passed away after a sudden heart attack at the age of 71. His devotion to helping others was remarkable and he will be greatly missed. As family, friends, and colleagues mourn the loss of this remarkable statesman, I would like to pay honor to his service to this great nation.

Congressman McKevitt spent his youth in Spokane, Washington, before deciding to attend the University of Idaho. When it came