

TRIBUTE TO AQUINAS HOUSING
CORPORATION

HON. JOSE E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy and pride that I pay tribute to Aquinas Housing Corporation (AHC) which will celebrate its Nineteenth Anniversary of providing services to the community on Wednesday, November 8, 2000, at the Marina Del Rey restaurant in the Bronx.

Aquinas Housing Corporation was founded in 1981 by a group of volunteers who understood the need to provide quality transitional housing services to families in need.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 19 years, Aquinas Housing Corporation has sponsored and developed the rehabilitation of 35 buildings, 990 residential units, 104 cooperatives and 115 two and three family homes. By the year 2000, AHC plans to renovate 10 more buildings with 160 additional units for a total of 1,152 decent and affordable rental housing units that were non existent prior to AHC's creation.

Along with housing development, AHC provides a full range of social services to the residents of its buildings and community at large. Services offered include an adult job readiness program, a computer learning center, a clothing bank, case management, tenant organizing, neighborhood improvement projects, classes in English as a Second Language, parenting skills, senior services, a home based child care resource and referral center, a tree maintenance program, and activities and field trips for youth and seniors.

It is a privilege for me to represent the 16th district of New York where Aquinas Housing Corporation is located, and I am delighted by its success. I have witnessed first-hand the exemplary work they are doing for our community and I am deeply impressed. I applaud the commitment and the efforts of Aquinas Housing Corporation's staff in the assistance they provide to the elderly, and low- and moderate-income families, as well as, in facilitating educational opportunities for our talented youth.

I would like to especially compliment this year's honorees, Monadnock Construction which has been with Aquinas Housing since 1992, Ana Maria Chamorro, a long time resident of Community Board Six, and John DelValle Senior Vice President of retail banking at Banco Popular, for their leadership in improving the quality of life in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Aquinas Housing Corporation and its staff and in wishing them continued success.

SPANISH PEAKS WILDERNESS ACT
OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2000

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as an original cosponsor of the companion House legislation, I rise in support of this important bill to designate the Spanish Peaks as wilderness. Enactment of this legislation has been delayed far too long.

The mountains we call the Spanish Peaks are two volcanic peaks in Las Animas and Huerfano Counties. Their Native American name is Wayatoya. The eastern peak rises to 12,893 feet above sea level, and the summit of the western peak is at 13,626 feet.

These two peaks were landmarks for Native Americans and for some of Colorado's other early settlers and for travelers along the trail between Bent's Old Fort on the Arkansas River and Taos, New Mexico.

This part of the San Isabel National Forest has outstanding scenic, geologic, and wilderness values, including a spectacular system of more than 250 free-standing dikes and ramps of volcanic materials radiating from the peaks. These lands are striking for their beauty and are also very valuable for wildlife habitat.

Since 1977, the Spanish Peaks have been included in the National Registry of Natural Landmarks, and the State of Colorado has designated them as a natural area. The Forest Service first reviewed them for possible wilderness designation as part of its second roadless area review and evaluation and first recommended them for wilderness in 1979. However, the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1980 instead provided for their continued management as a wilderness study area—a status that was continued on an interim basis by the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993.

In short, Mr. Speaker, the Spanish Peaks are a very special part of Colorado. As I said, their inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System has been too long delayed. In fact, I had hoped that designation of this area as wilderness would be completed two years ago after the House passed a Spanish Peaks wilderness bill sponsored by my predecessor, Representative David Skaggs, and Representative McINNIS.

Unfortunately, the Senate did not act on that measure, so it was necessary to start again in this Congress. And again it has taken longer than I would have liked—the House passed a bill more than a year ago, and the bill now before us was passed by the Senate back in April of this year. But, better late than never.

This bill does differ from the prior Skaggs-McInnis bill in a few respects, and in particular by the exclusion from wilderness of an old road, known as the Bulls Eye Mine Road, and the inclusion of language related to that road. There have been some questions about the scope and effect of that language. However, in a floor colloquy when the House debated the companion legislation last year the gentleman from American Samoa, Mr. FALCOMAVEGA, and Mr. McINNIS clarified matters—and the committee report on the Senate bill echoes that colloquy. That report says:

"Section 3(a) addresses the management of the Bulls Eye Mine road. The subsection directs the Secretary of Agriculture to allow for the continuation of

Like the House colloquy, this report language is an important part of the legislative history of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, this is the third wilderness bill involving lands in Colorado that has passed during this Congress. I have supported all of them, because I think we need to make it a priority to protect our state's open spaces and wilderness areas, and I think we should be proud of their enactment.

But much more remains to be done. Still pending in the Resources Committee are two wilderness bills I have introduced, dealing with the James Peak area and with lands within Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as a very important bill by our colleague Ms. DeGette that breaks important new ground in terms of protecting wilderness areas on public lands in Colorado managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

I had hoped that before now all these measures would have been given consideration in our Committee and here on the floor of the House. But that hasn't happened. So, if I have the opportunity to serve in the next Congress, I will do all I can to have them considered next year.

Meanwhile, I urge enactment of the Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act.

HONORING RACING LEGEND DARRELL
WALTRIP ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor racing legend Darrell Waltrip of Franklin, Tennessee, on the occasion of his retirement after twenty-nine successful years at the top of the sport. Waltrip is concluding his monumental NASCAR career with a Victory 2000 tour across the nation.

Darrell Waltrip was born February 5, 1947, in Owensboro, Kentucky. His love of racing began at the age of 12 when he first drove a go-kart. Just four short years later, he was racing a stock car. Eventually, his father helped him build a 1936 Chevrolet Coupe that he could race on a dirt track in his hometown. Fortunately, his father was able to share almost his entire career with him until he passed away after an extended illness in early 2000. Today, Waltrip makes his home in Franklin, Tennessee, near Nashville, with his wife Stevie, and children Jessica and Sarah.

Darrell Waltrip's first professional race was a Winston Cup race at the Talladega, Alabama, Superspeedway in 1972. Over the years, Waltrip sped to the top of his field, earning numerous accolades and winning many races including the coveted Winston Cup championship a total of three times. For example, he was voted Most Popular Driver two times by his peers and named American Driver of the Year three times. In 1977, 1981, and 1982, he was named National Motorsports Press Association Driver of the Year. In

addition, the years 1981 and 1982 brought honors as Auto Racing Digest Driver of the Year. Today, he is considered one of the foremost race drivers to participate in the sport, and his influence can be seen among the new generation of NASCAR drivers.

During the years 1981–1986, his partnership with car owner Junior Johnson yielded three series championships, 43 victories and 34 pole positions. The highlight of Waltrip's career came in 1989 when he won the Daytona 500 on February 17, in car No. 17, in his 17th attempt for one of racing's highest honors.

Darrell Waltrip's statistics are phenomenal. With a career that includes 276 top-five finishes, 390 top-ten finishes, 37 Superspeedway wins, 47 short track wins, and winnings totaling nearly \$18 million, there is no doubt that Waltrip is a true racing legend.

He has broken many barriers in the sport by becoming both a driver and an owner, and is recognized as the first corporate spokesperson in racing. In Tennessee, he is known and loved for his numerous and continuous charitable contributions to the community. In 1979, he was named Tennessee's Professional Athlete of the Year.

Currently, he owns and operates Darrell Waltrip Honda-Volvo Car Dealership, serving many of his fans. I consider Darrell Waltrip a personal friend. In fact, I was with him for the grand opening of his car dealership in Williamson County.

Darrell Waltrip is to be commended and honored for his incredible racing career, which has entertained and enthralled thousands of fans for the past twenty-nine years. He is a true racing pioneer, taking the sport beyond the racetrack and into the hearts and homes of America.

RECOGNIZING PAUL TOWNSEND'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO LONG ISLAND

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional man who has dedicated himself to Long Island, its people, its businesses, and its natural resources. A tenth generation Long Islander, Mr. Paul Townsend has worked for more than half a century to promote and preserve Long Island.

Mr. Townsend has provided leadership at the highest level. He has served as a catalyst for change and development of our region. His energy and enthusiasm for a wide range of projects is unparalleled. He promoted landmarks such as Levittown. He worked with the federal government to create the Fire Island National Seashore. He created institutions such as Long Island Business News and North Shore University Hospital. He and his wife Terry, worked to establish Long Island's first professional Equity theatre. He served as editor of the Long Island Business News for 45 years and now serves as editor emeritus.

Using his vision, Mr. Townsend assembled the talent to bring important projects to fruition. He worked to produce affordable housing which is now a model for the nation. He, and his colleagues, developed the United Way of Long Island and he served as its first executive director. Long Island's United Way now

consists of over 160 health and human care service agencies. The United Way helps local people and in the process, strengthens the community. This organization has helped to prevent youth violence, help care for the very young and the old, provide emergency food, shelter and clothing, and support job assistance training for the disabled.

Mr. Townsend also founded the Long Island Business Development Council and worked to establish Long Island's Entrepreneur Awards Program. He and his wife received the Long Island Association's first Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been an integral part of the Long Island business community.

Mr. Townsend has made countless contributions to the Long Island community. His dedication to the community distinguishes him as a role model all Americans should aspire to emulate. And so it is with great pleasure that I commend Mr. Townsend on his achievements, and wish him all the best for the future.

HONORING MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER U.S.S. "COLE"

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, we gather today to honor the crew of the naval destroyer U.S.S. *Cole*. A tragedy of great magnitude occurred in the Yemen port of Aden on October 12, 2000. While the U.S.S. *Cole* was refueling in Aden, in an apparent terrorist suicide mission, a small boat loaded with explosives struck the U.S.S. *Cole*. The impact of the explosion left a 40-by-45 hole in the side of the destroyer, but this impact extends far beyond the port of Yemen, and into the hearts of the American people.

Not only did this explosion strike a devastating blow to the ship itself, but the ship's crew as well. This deliberate act of terrorism has left seven crewmembers dead, ten missing and presumed dead, and over three dozen wounded.

So, we gather here today to not only express our heartfelt sympathies to the families, friends, and loved ones of these servicemen and women, but also to express our thanks for the ultimate sacrifice that these men and women made for their nation. The United States Government has yet to identify the culprit of this terrible act, but we do know that the U.S.S. *Cole* and its crew were going about routine duties in the area and performed dutifully and selflessly in a situation of great duress.

This unfortunate tragedy has taken seventeen lives and wounded over 40 U.S. servicemen. We cannot commend the crew of the U.S.S. *Cole* highly enough for the exemplary spirit and patriotism which they demonstrated in salvaging their crew and ship. Let the memory of those who perished in the U.S.S. *Cole* attack, motivate us to carry on with the same spirit with which they served to preserve the future peace and security, of our nation.

STROKE THERAPY'S NEW PUSH

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a recent article in the Washington Post reminds us of the urgent attention stroke deserves as the third leading cause of death in this country.

Stroke affects the most delicate and vital organ of the body, the brain. The National Stroke Association uses the term "brain attack" to characterize this medical condition and describe the urgent need for prompt medical attention. A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted either by a clogged artery or a blood vessel rupture.

Stroke touches the lives of four out of every five American families. It touched the Congress this year with the tragic death of our friend and colleague, Senator Paul Coverdell. Each year 750,000 Americans will suffer a stroke and 160,000 of them will die. African Americans and Latinos are at an even greater risk of stroke. Stroke is also a leading cause of adult disability, leaving a majority of survivors with disabilities ranging from moderate to severe. The statistics are staggering, but fortunately, many strokes can be prevented.

There are important resources available for stroke prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. The National Stroke Association has a wealth of information available on its web site at www.stroke.org, or by calling 1-800-STROKES. Clearly, stroke is an issue that deserves debate, discussion and our immediate attention as a major public health issue. I submit this article to my colleagues and look forward to discussing approaches we might take to reduce the terrible toll from stroke.

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STROKE THERAPY'S NEW PUSH; AGGRESSIVE DOCTORS GO DEEP INTO THE BRAIN
(Susan Okie)

Like a wisp of cloud that's really the edge of a hurricane, the first sign of what was about to happen to Garline Perry seemed a small thing.

One morning last month, Perry complained to his wife that he couldn't keep his balance. When he tried to walk, she said, he kept "listening to the right."

Susana Perry took her husband, 57, to the emergency room at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Minutes after they arrived, the storm hit.

"He yelled, 'I can't hear you! I can't see you!' . . . He fell to the floor and starting convulsing," recalled Susana Perry. A two-inch clot had blocked a major artery at the back of Perry's brain, producing a catastrophic stroke.

Unable to move, talk, breathe or even blink, the Fairfax man was placed on a respirator and flown by helicopter to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where radiologist John J. "Buddy" Connors embarked on a rescue mission that few doctors would dare attempt. He snaked a long, fine tube through an artery to reach the plug of congealed blood inside Perry's brain and began to drip in a clot-busting drug, hoping to reopen the blocked vessel.

Along with perhaps 300 other doctors in the United States, Connors works on the uncharted borders of stroke therapy, putting novel devices and powerful drugs deep into an organ where a mishap can mean death,