

HONORING MS. DOROTHY PERRY,
A CHAMPION OF AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Dorothy Perry, the Parents' Day Council's Florida Parent of the Year 2001. Ms. Perry is a worthy honoree for the 7th Annual Congressional Parents' Day Celebration. One of the unsung heroines of our community, Ms. Perry has been a trailblazer throughout her many years of dedication and service under the aegis of the affordable housing movement.

She has wisely chosen the challenge of ensuring home ownership as an affordable right for ordinary folks, who have done and are doing their fair share in contributing to the good of our community. For many years, long before the dream of affordable housing became a priority on the public agenda, Ms. Perry has been relentless in her passionate commitment to helping countless people in my community fulfill their wish of someday owning their dream house.

Tonight's honor is yet another recognition of her devotion to the little people. In fact, a few years ago the United Nations honored her as the adoptive mother par excellence of some 2000 children, having literally transformed her home in my district's James E. Scott Public Housing into a "safe and loving haven" for them.

Indeed, Ms. Perry symbolizes the community activist who genuinely gives credence to the dignity and optimism of the American spirit. She serves as an indelible reminder of what a difference a caring individual can make in the lives of our children in whose hands our future lies.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I salute her and wish her Godspeed in all her endeavors!

**RECOGNIZING BLUE AND WHITE
SUNDAY**

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join Community Baptist Church of Davison, Michigan, in honoring the dedicated men and women of law enforcement throughout Genesee County. This Sunday has been declared by Community Baptist Church as "Blue and White Sunday," in honor of the members of each police department in Genesee County. The Community Baptist Church of Davison recognizes that our police officers should be surrounded with our prayers.

As a Member of Congress, I consider it both my duty and privilege to work to promote, protect, defend, and enhance human dignity. I know that because of Genesee County's loyal police forces, this task becomes easier. It takes a special kind of person to patrol our

streets and ensure our citizens' safety, and because of their commitment to justice, the cities and townships of Genesee County have collectively become a better place.

I applaud Community Baptist Church for their insight in honoring these valiant people who have made it their life's work to preserve peace and order, and have served the public trust. In addition, they have become role models, colleagues, and friends to the community.

Mr. Speaker, we owe law enforcement officials throughout the country a debt of gratitude. Every day they put their very lives on the line to shield our loved ones and us from harm, and for that I am more than thankful. I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing their efforts.

**H.R. 427, THE LITTLE SANDY
WATERSHED PROTECTION ACT**

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as an original cosponsor in support of H.R. 427, the Little Sandy Watershed Protection Act. I thank my colleague from Oregon, Mr. BLUMENAUER, for spearheading such an important bill for Oregon.

This important legislation will extend the boundary of the Bull Run Management Unit, a bit Northeast of Portland, to include the Little Sandy watershed. By doing this, we will help secure the water quality of potential sources of drinking water for the Portland metro area. Additionally, by securing the Little Sandy watershed, we will protect the water quality and habitat of anadromous fish, including steelhead and Chinook, listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Mr. Speaker, this common sense solution is "Oregonesque." The bill maintains the integrity of the Association of O&C Counties and authorizes Clackamas County to seek \$10 million for watershed restoration projects that relate to the Endangered Species Act listings or water quality improvements. This local and federal partnership is needed to help recover these populations of endangered steelhead and Chinook. By working together to protect watersheds and habitat today, we will avoid the clashes between species protection and other land uses tomorrow.

Thank you again for lending me the time, and I urge all of my colleagues to support this responsible bill. I yield back the balance of my time.

**KATIE HENIO WINS NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER AWARD**

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to rise today and recognize Katie Henio, a 73-year-old shepherd and weaver

from the Navajo Reservation, who is receiving a national community volunteer award this week.

Katie is receiving the Yoneo Ono award from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation for her work with the Ramah Navajo Weavers Cooperative, a grassroots group made up of over forty traditional weavers who live on the Ramah Navajo Reservation in the pinon pine country of west central New Mexico. Founded by seventeen women in 1984, the non-profit group is working toward two broad goals: to increase family self-reliance on indigenous resources, and to strengthen important and distinctive land-based traditions, values, and spirituality for future generations of Ramah Navajos.

The Ramah Navajo weavers offer high quality traditionally handspun, hand-woven Navajo weavings. Colors are from natural wools or native plants found on or near the Ramah Navajo Reservation, giving a wide range of reds, blues, grays, yellows, tans, and browns. Each weaver raises her own sheep, creates her own designs—many of which have been passed on through generations by family members—spins her own yarns, hand-dyes the yarns using vegetal dyes from local plants, and weaves on the traditional Navajo upright loom.

Katie has been the President of the association since 1985 and serves on the planning committee to develop Navajo language and culture curriculum at Pine Hill schools. Katie has also had a children's book written about her, "Katie Henio, Navajo Shepherd." That book has taught children around the country—far from the Navajo reservation—about the ways of her people and celebrates their lifestyle.

The Yoneo Ono award is given each year to a volunteer who has made a contribution to improving the quality of life in his or her community. It is named in honor of one of the founders of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation, a nonprofit group dedicated to improving the lives of rural citizens in 12 western states.

In this day and age, one is hard pressed to find someone so selfless in caring for her community and fellow citizens. Katie epitomizes the values that all of us should strive for: leadership, commitment, dedication, compassion, and self sacrifice. Mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and pillar of her community, Katie's devotion to those around her has rightfully earned her the respect and admiration of those she has served and will continue to serve.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues are aware, I serve as the ranking member on the Small Business Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology. As someone who has dedicated himself to raising awareness of the unique challenges that face rural America, I believe that Katie Henio is an example of a volunteer in a rural community pulling people together and thriving. She has demonstrated that individuals working together make a difference. I wish to extend my best wishes and congratulations to Katie on a job well done, and encourage this wonderful organization to keep up the good work.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
ENSURING A FAIR AND EQUI-
TABLE OPPORTUNITY TO HAR-
VEST MIGRATORY MOURNING
DOVES IN THE PACIFIC FLYWAY

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today a House Concurrent Resolution calling for a renegotiation of the Migratory Bird Treaty of 1916 to promote fair and equitable hunting opportunities for sportsmen in the western United States.

Specifically, my legislation provides for a lengthening of the migratory mourning dove hunting season in the Pacific Flyway Region. This region includes the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The nationwide hunting season opening date for migratory mourning doves is September 1st, as established by the Migratory Bird Treaty. However, in the Pacific Flyway Region, 75 percent of the migratory mourning dove population has already moved south by this traditional opening day. Because of this naturally occurring event, sportsmen in western states, including my own State of Utah, are denied the same hunting opportunities for mourning doves as millions of other Americans.

This Resolution is the first step towards correcting this problem by urging the President to take immediate action to begin discussions for the necessary renegotiation of the Migratory Bird Treaty with the appropriate counties who are signatories to this document. It is only through these modifications that sportsmen across the United States will be able to enjoy equally fruitful hunting experiences.

It is important to note that migratory mourning doves are the most widely distributed game bird in North America, as well as the most harvested. Current hunting regulations for mourning doves have been conclusively found to cause no significant effects on recruitment of fledglings in mourning dove populations. An extended hunting season of one additional week at the end of August will pose no threat to migratory mourning doves as game managers will be free to update any regulations necessary to allow for a lengthened season.

This resolution has already found approval with many sportsman groups and wildlife managers throughout the Pacific Flyway region, especially in the intermountain states of Colorado, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming.

Mourning dove hunting remains a time honored tradition in the Pacific Flyway region, and it is essential that more equitable harvesting conditions be established. Congress should pass this resolution as an act of fairness and as an expression of our gratitude to western sportsmen who have consistently demonstrated a commitment to conserving wildlife by contributing millions of dollars to the Federal Aid to Wildlife Conservation Fund. I urge the expeditious passage of this Resolution so that we can start the process of resolving this inequitable situation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEVERAL
HOSPITALS IN WESTERN PENN-
SYLVANIA

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I rise to the floor today to congratulate several hospitals in western Pennsylvania that were just named as some of the best in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

Pittsburgh has a long history as a hub of research and development in health care. From the life saving work of tissue research, to their reputation as a world-renowned provider of pediatric care, Pittsburgh area hospitals continue to make breakthroughs in the care and treatment of the sick. Three local hospitals made U.S. News and World Report's annual assessment of the country's best hospitals, and I would like to pay tribute to them now.

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh was ranked as one of the best pediatric hospitals in the country, a testimony to their efforts to ensure that children are in playgrounds and camps during the summer, not hospital beds. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center was named as one of the top otolaryngology centers due to their commitment to curing disorders from hearing loss to neck cancer. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center also joined Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh as two of the best centers in America to treat cancer.

These hospitals are on the front lines every day, searching for more answers and providing more cures to some of the most painful and debilitating disorders known to man. I commend these and all other hospitals as they work to make our lives healthier and happier. It is through their tireless work and dedication that we continue to expand the quality of life and health of all western Pennsylvanians, as well as people throughout the world.

TRIBUTE TO CENTRAL NEW YORK
BENEFactor SHERMAN SAUN-
DERS

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a neighbor who has generously given of his time, talent, and finances to benefit the Central New York community. Mr. Sherman Saunders, a local businessman, was honored earlier this week at a surprise eighty-third birthday party in Syracuse, New York.

Mr. Saunders was born on July 10, 1918, in Syracuse to a local family that operated a stone and gravel business. Mr. Saunders' great-grandfather started the business as a livery stable on West Onondaga Street. After receiving a civil engineering degree from Syracuse University, Mr. Saunders ran the family business, eventually expanding it to sell sand and Redi-Mix in addition to stone and gravel. Many major Syracuse area landmarks and development projects utilized his company's services during their construction, and the Central New York community continues to literally rely upon him as it grows and prospers.

Mr. Saunders and his wife of forty-two years, Marie, have six children—Judith, Karen, Gail, Michael, Sandy, and Marilyn—and continue to reside in the Syracuse area. Their son Michael directs the family business today.

Besides Mr. Saunders' community contributions as a local businessman, Mr. Saunders has been a tireless advocate for good government. With a keen interest in politics, Mr. Saunders has given generously to local candidates for public office. Mr. Saunders has also been a generous benefactor to such local organizations as the Greater Syracuse Boys & Girls Club, various youth recreation organizations, the SPCA, and Syracuse-area Catholic Charities.

Mr. Saunders' longtime philanthropic work is deserved of such special recognition this week, but his modest and humble demeanor makes his generosity even more noteworthy. As his family and friends gather in celebration of his birthday, I wish him continued health and prosperity as he enters his eighty-fourth year and thank him for his numerous contributions to making Syracuse a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

IN MEMORY OF KENNETH HERMAN
BLOHM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Kenneth Herman Blohm, whose lifelong career of public service influenced many lives on the Central Coast of California. Mr. Blohm, who passed away on July 2, 2001, is survived by his two sisters, five children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. His wife of 56 years, Agnes O'Grady Blohm, died in 1990.

Mr. Blohm was born in Watsonville, California on November 8, 1908. He worked as an auditor for the Railroad Express Agency from 1926–1963, and then served as a Monterey County judge for ten years. Mr. Blohm served in the California State Guard during World War II, and in 1942, he was President of the Spring District School Board in Salinas. From 1969 until 1974, he served as President of the North Monterey County School District, and in 1976, Mr. Blohm was elected to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, where he served until 1980. Beyond his contributions as a public servant, Mr. Blohm dedicated himself to the broader community. He was a member, and leader, of the Salinas Elks, the Castroville Rotary, the Knights of Columbus, the Gambetta Little League, the Elkhorn School Parent-Teacher Association, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Blohm, known as a man with firm convictions, truly believed in his work, and worked towards improving the quality of lives on the Central Coast. Throughout his term on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, he was a frequent critic of county land-use policy and often voted in favor of property owners who appealed county planning decisions. He strongly believed in voting his conscience and believed that every citizen had the right to be heard on an issue before it became policy. Throughout his years of public service he remained loyal to his belief in less government