

educational facilities are inherently unequal," and as such, violate the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees all citizens, "equal protection of the laws." The Brown decision effectively denied the legal basis for segregation in states with segregated classrooms and initiated educational reform throughout the United States. This decision brought all Americans one step closer to attaining equal opportunities in education.

In remembrance of the Brown decision, we must remain steadfast in our efforts to make sure that all children receive the very best education imaginable. Therefore, I urge all of my colleagues to join with me today in supporting the establishment of a commission to encourage and provide for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Brown versus Board of Education Supreme Court decision.

**PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES AMENDMENTS OF 2001**

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I am joining my colleague, Representative WALLY HERGER, the Chairman of Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources, in introducing legislation today to reauthorize and increase funding for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program. This legislation would raise the funding level for this important child welfare program from \$305 million to \$505 million per year. In addition, the measure would provide new educational assistance for children who have aged out of foster care, and establish a new mentoring program for the children of prisoners. I commend Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson for providing us with detailed legislative language on the President's proposals in this area, although I was disappointed to see the Administration's recent mid-session review of its budget proposal backtrack on the President's prior commitment to fully implementing these much-needed policies.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates the bill would have outlays of \$38 million in FY 2002, meaning that it would not dip into the Social Security Trust Funds (CBO projects a \$2 billion non-Social Security budget surplus in FY 2002). However, we do need to carefully evaluate the impact of this new spending on Social Security funds in future years. We must maintain a responsible budget framework that does not use Social Security funding to finance spending or tax policies. I am prepared to make sufficient budgetary changes to ensure this new legislation meets that test.

As a Nation, we rightfully provide temporary foster homes to children when they are victims of abuse and neglect. However, we do not currently do enough to prevent abuse from occurring in the first place, or to avert it from re-occurring once a problem is identified. This is exactly the purpose of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, which serves families in, or at-risk of becoming involved in, the child welfare system. States have broad discretion in spending funds from this program

for services designed to support at-risk families, to reunify families in an environment safe for children, and to promote adoption when children cannot safely return home. More specifically, States can provide counseling, parenting skills classes, respite services, mental health care, comprehensive caseworker oversight, referral services to other programs, post-adoption assistance and substance abuse treatment. On this last issue, I believe we should establish a separate program with a dedicated funding stream to address to the pervasive connection between parents abusing drugs and alcohol and the incidence of child abuse. Hopefully, that will be our next step after the passage of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, with nearly 1 million confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect every year, we must increase our Nation's commitment to helping at-risk families and to ensuring safe and nurturing homes for defenseless children. This legislation is not a magic wand that will singlehandedly eradicate child abuse, but it is an important step in our continuing effort to keep children safe and to help families succeed. I urge my colleagues to support this important measure.

**COMMENDING THE GENEROUS GIFT BY THE HALLMARK CHANNEL AND JIM HENSON COMPANY TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**HON. KAREN McCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Hallmark Channel in partnership with the Jim Henson Company for their recent gift to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Their generous contribution of this license will help the Commission relaunch a national v-chip campaign utilizing Kermit the Frog as the official "spokesfrog" empowering parents with the tools they need to control the programming that their children view.

The Hallmark Channel and Jim Henson Company have recognized the importance of the v-chip and ratings initiatives in empowering viewers to control what comes into their homes over their television sets. Last year, these companies developed an award-winning promotional campaign that designated the world famous and beloved figure of Kermit the Frog as national "spokesfrog" for the v-chip and television ratings system. This year, the Hallmark Channel and Jim Henson Company have gone even further by giving the FCC a license to use Kermit on the informational materials that it distributes. The Commission just completed publication of this new brochure for widespread dissemination.

I am proud to have the world headquarters of Hallmark located in my home district in Kansas City, Missouri. The company has a long history of serving the metropolitan Kansas City area as well as other communities throughout the nation. Hallmark has repeatedly demonstrated its civic commitment through its Hallmark Hall of Fame television programs. The powerful message of these award winning programs bring meaningful and wholesome entertainment into our living

rooms. Its leadership in partnering with the Salvation Army has turned the donation of greeting cards to a prison chaplain for distribution to inmates so they may stay in touch with their families into a national model of rehabilitation involving both the federal and state prison systems.

Hallmark not only provides millions of dollars annually to outstanding charitable causes, it has repeatedly been recognized as one of the most outstanding places to work in the country. Its creative environment is family focused, which invites its associates to excel and want to come to work each day. Clearly, Hallmark is an outstanding national model of corporate citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and our colleagues in the United States House of Representatives in commanding the Hallmark Channel and Jim Henson Company for this generous gift to the FCC. Their ongoing efforts to provide the viewing public with family friendly programming choices, and their helping in educating the public about the v-chip and the ratings systems are greatly appreciated.

**HONORING FRANK NELSON**

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remember the life of Frank Nelson who passed away on Wednesday, September 5, 2001. Frank was the Director of Colorado's Commission for Persons with Disabilities for over a decade and I would like to recognize him for his contributions to the Denver community and for his diligent efforts and dedication.

Frank was born in New Hampshire and relocated to Denver, Colorado when he was 2 years old. In 1981, he graduated with a degree in education from the University of Colorado. Following his formal education, Frank was employed by the Montana Independent Living Project, but returned to Denver in 1984 to work as a social worker and vocational counselor.

During his tenure as the Director of the Commission, Frank and his colleagues strived to enhance the accessibility of municipal areas and sought to ensure that parking laws were enforced for the sake of the disabled. Besides these tasks, Frank's team also worked in conjunction with other parts of the city government to review new building plans and make them more accommodating for everyone. Whether it was the new construction of the Pepsi Center, Coors Field or the Denver Performing Arts Center, Frank always challenged the project for the benefit of disabled citizens. Due in part to his efforts, Denver was recognized as "America's most wheelchair friendly city" by New Mobility Magazine in 1997.

Mr. Speaker, Frank was an outstanding citizen who constantly watched out for the well-being of everyone, particularly the disabled. His contributions in Denver have aided numerous people in living life to its fullest extent. I would like to take this time to recognize Frank's hard work on the behalf of others and extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to his family at this time of remembrance. Frank was a great man and will be missed by many.

## HONORING MR. JIM BRAY

## HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and pay tribute to the passing of a valuable member of our community. The life of Jim Bray, a former resident of Snowmass, Colorado, was cut short at the age of 66 when he was hit by a car in front of his home in Prescott, Arizona. I would like his wife, Susan, and his sons, Alexander and Dennis, to know that many hearts are reaching out to them in their time of mourning.

Jim Bray was an accomplished man with a strong character. He was born in Halstead, Kansas in 1935. He graduated from high school in Houston, Texas in 1953 after which he attended both the University of Houston and the University of Hawaii. He then went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Air Force. His enduring drive led to a respected career as a professional hotel manager eventually bringing him to Snowmass, Colorado where he was a driving force behind the construction of the Snowmass Resort Association's Conference Center. Although he remained there for only 5 years, he had made a valuable contribution to the community that will endure for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, although the sudden death of Jim Bray is certainly unexpected, his memory will live in the hearts of many. His contributions and service to the community and the United States will not be forgotten. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Bray. He will surely be missed.

## HONORING CONNI LOGAN

## HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I would like to acknowledge the loss of a valuable member of our community. Conni Logan suffered from a brief illness that took her life on August 13, 2001, at the age of 59. Conni was a loving wife and mother who had a deep passion for the arts and dedicated her life to teaching that appreciation to others.

Conni was born in 1942 as one of seven children in a family that valued and encouraged diversity. She went on to graduate from college with a degree in psychology after which she received master's degrees in art history and exhibition design.

Although living in Santa Fe, New Mexico when she passed, she had made valuable contributions to the State of Colorado as an educator. In 1993, she was a Program Director at the Aspen Campus of the Colorado Mountain College, Center for Excellence in Arts. In addition to curating 30 art exhibits during her time there, she also developed and instructed art history and principles in art courses using the college's telecourse system. Her move to Santa Fe gave her the opportunity to work at the Santa Fe Children's Museum and the Conlon Siegel Galleries.

Mr. Speaker, Conni made valuable contributions to the education of our community and through her creativity and leadership gave many a greater appreciation for the arts. Conni Logan will be remembered as a woman who saw the beauty of the world in a way that most of us do not experience. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to those close to Conni, as she will surely be missed.

## HONORING POLICE OFFICER KEN KIECK UPON HIS RETIREMENT

## HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, after 20 years of gracious service to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Ken Kieck has opted to retire as a member of the police force there. To serve the public in such a capacity is a position worthy of praise and I would like to recognize Ken's contributions to the people of Glenwood.

Ken constantly acted with high levels of energy as he trained new officers just entering the ranks in the department. The new officers referred to Ken as the "Answer Guy." He was very concerned with the proper education of the new officers and sought to ensure that they were taught the correct way the first time in every matter. Throughout his time on the force, Ken served as a patrolman, an interim Sergeant and an administrative officer.

To honorably serve the public is a great task and Ken's service has been one of pride and dedication. While Glenwood is safer due to the efforts of this officer, his contributions will be missed. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Ken Kieck for all that he has done and extend my warmest regard and best wishes to him upon his retirement and for many years to come.

## HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF POLICE OFFICER SGT. TOM MCCORKLE

## HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, to place your life in the line of duty day in and day out for the sake of others is an honorable and noble task, yet that is exactly what police officers do daily. Sgt. Tom McCorkle, who served as an officer in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, has recently announced his retirement after 23 years and I would like to accentuate the importance that he played in the community and thank him for his dedicated service.

Prior to his service in Glenwood, Tom was a police officer for four years in California. Glenwood Police Chief Terry Wilson noted how incredibly quick and accurate Tom was in all that he did. Sgt. McCorkle suffered a shoulder injury from an incident in which he was saving a person's life in 1984. Despite many attempts to heal his shoulder, its hindrance has forced Tom to end his career in public service.

Mr. Speaker, Sgt. Tom McCorkle acted with great professionalism in all that he did

throughout his career. He truly sought to ensure that pride and respect was upheld in conjunction with the community. Tom never forgot that safety and protection were the most important part of the service he offered to the people he served. It is with great pride that I recognize Tom and I would like to extend my appreciation to him for everything that he has done and wish him the best upon his retirement and many years to come.

## HONORING PHIL MASON

## HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remember an honorable and distinguished man who served the State of Colorado for nearly three decades as a Colorado Division of Wildlife officer. It is with profound sadness, that I now rise to honor the life and memory of Mr. Phil Mason who recently passed away.

Phil was a caring and compassionate individual who was dedicated to teaching youngsters about wildlife and their surroundings in Hinsdale County. Phil, for example, would often bring an injured eagle or hawk to the local elementary school to give children a firsthand experience with nature. He worked in Lake City as a Colorado Division of Wildlife officer, and was also engaged civically as Mayor and as Trustee on the Town Board of Lake City. Phil was committed both to his State and to his community by putting the interests of others before his own. Phil established himself in his community as an outstanding, hard-working, and respectable man who could be counted on as a friend, coworker, and teacher. Literally everyone turned to Phil for guidance and friendship. Phil's memory will live on with those whose lives have been touched by him.

Mr. Speaker, at the age of 60, Mr. Phil Mason will be especially missed by his wife, two children, and brother. As family and friends mourn his passing, his compassion will shine through the hearts of those close to him and to those who knew him best. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and warmest regards to his family during this time of remembrance. Phil Mason will surely be missed.

## REMEMBERING MR. ED BRADBURY

## HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remember a caring and compassionate family man from Salida, Colorado who has recently passed. It is with profound sadness that I now rise to honor the life and memory of Mr. Ed Bradbury.

Born and raised in Granite, Ed was a dedicated citizen who spent time with the U.S. Army in Germany before heading back home to Salida in order to pursue a life in public service. Ed was elected and served on the Salida City Council for 10 years prior to being elected as a Chaffee County Commissioner where he served diligently for eight years.