

for its intact passage without change or amendment. I expect that the legislative process will produce results that are not completely satisfactory to either of those groups.

In my view, the bill outlines a good way to make progress—that is, through comprehensive legislation to address the majority of the BLM areas that have been proposed for wilderness. Of course, members of the delegation may also want to explore legislation dealing just with one or more of these areas, and I am ready to work with them on that approach as well.

All wilderness bills eventually are about compromise and map-drawing. Introduction of the bill obviously is not the end of the wilderness discussions in Colorado, and I look forward to working with the rest of my colleagues in the delegation to seek the maximum feasible degree of consensus that can result in wilderness designations for BLM lands in our State.

HONORING THE SYRACUSE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 40th Anniversary Season of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, a fully professional residential orchestra of national acclaim, which serves the entire central and northern New York State region. The Orchestra includes 6 professional musicians and a conducting staff of international caliber and performs over 100 full-orchestra concerts throughout Central and Northern New York, reaching more than 200,000 audience members during its 38-week season.

Now the 45th largest orchestra in the United States, the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra performs a vast array of programs including classics, pops, family, chamber orchestra, educational youth programs and free summer parks concerts. In addition, the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra presents The Nutcracker with a visiting ballet company each December and also plays for Syracuse Opera performances. Syracuse Symphony concerts are broadcast twice weekly on WCNYFM and the Orchestra proudly operates two youth ensembles—the Syracuse Symphony Youth Orchestra and Syracuse Symphony Youth String Orchestra.

Beyond its Syracuse-based activities, the Orchestra performs a heavy schedule of concerts in under-served regional communities. In addition to subscription series in Watertown, Rome and Cortland, the Orchestra frequently tours New York State and, in recent years, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. The Orchestra has made four trips to Carnegie Hall and produced several recordings, including the most recent compact disc release under the direction of Daniel Hege. The Orchestra collaborates with dozens of local organizations each year, including the Syracuse Stage, Syracuse University Oratorio Society, Syracuse Children's Chorus, Syracuse School of Dance, and the Center of Ballet and Dance Arts. In 1999, their excellence in the arts was recognized when The Orchestra received the prestigious New York State Governor's Arts Award.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra for its many accomplishments throughout the past forty years and recognize its service to Central New York and surrounding communities. We wish its members and patrons every success in all future endeavors.

HONORING CARROLL BEACH

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I salute my friend Carroll Beach, President of the Colorado and Wyoming Credit Union Leagues, on receiving the 2001 Herb Wegner Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement from the National Credit Union Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Credit Union National Association.

I feel that Credit Unions exemplify the great American ethic of pulling together with our neighbors to accomplish worthy goals that we could not hope to achieve individually. Credit unions help to foster a much-needed sense of community. They are member-owned cooperatives, where members typically receive their dividends in the form of more favorable interest rates and lower fees.

Since Carroll assumed control of Colorado's credit unions in 1973, the Colorado Credit Union system has grown from a handful of employees to 180 employees serving 1.4 million members. Nearly one out of three adults in Colorado belongs to a credit union. Credit union membership in Colorado has risen from 350,000 to 1.4 million under Carroll's leadership.

Over the last three decades, Carroll has worked to improve access to credit unions, striving towards his stated goal of seeing a day when every American can access a credit union and own the financial institution that serves them. I commend Mr. Beach on his innovative and creative leadership of the Colorado and Wyoming Credit Union Leagues, and congratulate him on receiving this much-deserved honor.

MINORITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues to express my grave concern over the way minority students are treated by this Congress. On February 2, 2001, Republican Education and the Workforce Committee members voted to change the manner in which minority higher education issues are considered by the committee. Under these changes, consideration of issues affecting historically Black Colleges and Hispanic Serving Institutions will take place in a new Select Education Subcommittee, while all other higher education issues will be handled by a newly formed Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.

Minority higher education institutions are an important part of our nation's educational sys-

tem. Established under the Higher Education Act, these institutions continue to expand educational opportunities for financially needy and minority students. However, these new rule changes imposed by the Education and the Workforce Committee set minority education back at least 50 years, to a time when minorities were "separate but equal". When the 21st Century Competitiveness Subcommittee meets to discuss improving higher education and increasing the competitiveness of our college students, they will make crucial decisions that affect all students in higher education institutions, except those that are served at minority serving institutions.

These recent changes are unacceptable, and send a dangerous message to minority students throughout the nation. Congress must not support this blatant inequality, and I call upon the Majority to correct this injustice.

HONORING JOHN CLEGHORN, 2000 RECIPIENT OF THE YMCA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, my congressional district in Riverside, California is extremely fortunate to have a dynamic and dedicated group of community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give of their time and talents to ensure the well-being of our city and county. These individuals work tirelessly to develop voluntary community action to improve the community's economy, its education, its environment and its overall quality of life. One individual, who is a member of this group, is John Cleghorn. He has been active in so many community groups and activities that it is hard to imagine how he found the time to become a career law enforcement officer with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the City of Corona, a husband and a father of three children.

On the 3rd of March, Mr. Cleghorn will be honored with the Ira. D. "Cal" Calvert Distinguished Service Award by the Corona-Norco Family YMCA. The award is given in memory of my father, "Cal" Calvert, and his enumerable philanthropic gifts to the community and his efforts to encourage others to serve their community in a similar fashion. The award recognizes Mr. Cleghorn for his exceptional devotion to developing community volunteerism.

Born in Pasadena, California, John Cleghorn developed an inherent love for law enforcement, according to his mother, from numerous "ride-a-longs" with the Pasadena Police Department—a result of his youthful desire for adventure in the neighborhoods, where he promptly got lost. He met his wife, Janet Everett, at University High, and married her following his graduation from Los Angeles City College. Intent on a career in law enforcement, John then entered the Los Angeles Police Academy, after which he was inducted in the Army and served for two years.

John's career with the LAPD lasted for an impressive 27 years where he commanded many divisions. During those years, he also worked to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Police Administration from California State University, Los Angeles and a Masters in Public

Communications from Pepperdine University. After retiring from LAPD in 1985, John was named the interim police chief of Corona, and short time later officially appointed as police chief. Mr. Cleghorn and his wife have a son, two daughters and six grandchildren.

With all of these career and family commitments, John's unselfish giving of time and energy to volunteerism is all the more impressive and serves as a model to his community, neighbors and own children and grandchildren. His strong commitment to the Inland Empire has displayed in his participation in the United Way, Corona Library Foundation, Corona Regional Medical Center Foundation, Alternatives to Domestic Violence and, of course, the Corona-Norco YMCA. He has also served as president of the Rotary Club and the Navy League.

Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank John Cleghorn for his dedication, influence and involvement in our community. He has aided in developing and maintaining community volunteerism in the Corona-Norco area and the Inland Empire. I know that we will continue to benefit from his longtime experience in the 43rd congressional district and deep commitment to the region. It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate John on his outstanding career with the LAPD and his lifelong devotion to community volunteerism.

TRIBUTE TO AHLERMAN VAN LEWIS, SR., PRESIDENT OF OAKLAND AFRICA SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Mr. Ahlerman Van Lewis, Sr. Mr. Lewis served as the President of Oakland Africa Sister Cities International for many years and was an active member of the Ninth Congressional District. Sadly Mr. Lewis passed away on January 25, 2001 after a brief illness.

Ahlerman was the youngest son born to Fred and Mercie Lee Williams Lewis on September 11, 1931 in Diboll, Texas. He graduated from Henry G. Temple High School and attended Texas Southern University on a basketball scholarship. He was a member of the United States Air Force, where he served as a Morning Report Clerk.

After leaving the military, he joined his brothers, Raymond Rish and Henman "Lefty" Lewis, in the Oakland-Bay Area where he worked in the field of administrative services both at Fort Mason and the Presidio, in San Francisco, California.

Ahlerman married FranCione Newellene Johnson, on June 16, 1962. From this union came the two sons he cherished, Ahlerman "Ahlee" Van Lewis, II and Frederic Paul Lewis.

As the United States became vibrantly alive with civil rights activity, during the early 1960s, Ahlerman was inspired by the Black self-determination message of Malcolm X and The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. An ardent member of the Fruit Of Islam, Brother Akbar Ali, as he was known in the Muslim community, dedicated himself to working with the local community to improve the conditions of African

Americans in the city of Oakland and its surrounding environs. He was a member of Muhammed's Mosque # 26 for 40 years.

Fascinated with the thrust for Black business ownership and management, Ahlerman was first drawn to the catering business. This motivated him to obtain an Associate Arts Degree in Food Management from Laney College before he matriculated to San Francisco State University.

Turning his attention to inspiring African American youth, Ahlerman began his teaching career with the Pittsburg School District before joining the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD). While teaching in Oakland, Ahlerman participated in the OUSD and Stanford University—Global Education Curriculum Development Project. This activity sparked a deep interest in West Africa. It was this interest that led Ahlerman to form Oakland Africa Sister Cities International, which was set up to foster a close relationship with Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana. As President of the Sister Cities project, Ahlerman led the organization to host many special events. One such event was a collaboration with Rev. FranCione and the Pan Oaks Center for the Creative Arts to sponsor an exhibit of the work of more than ninety Oakland High School students' artistic impression of Jeff Stetson's play *The Meeting*.

Ahlerman worked with the OUSD's School to Careers Program to secure internships for students to work with the Sister Cities organization. One of the major projects the students were able to work on under Ahlerman's leadership was the George Washington Carver Exhibit. This exhibit was initiated by Tuskegee Institute. The exhibit was such a resounding success that Ahlerman was later invited to Tuskegee, to receive a special honor for his work commemorating Dr. George Washington Carver.

Ahlerman Van Lewis, Sr. will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to have known and worked with him. He leaves behind a rich legacy of leadership and service to the African American community in Oakland, as well as the Ghanaian community in Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana. We in the Ninth Congressional District can pay tribute to Ahlerman's memory by carrying on his work of fostering a deeper interest and relationship with the continent of Africa, while at the same time continuing to commemorate the life of our own African American heroes, such as George Washington Carver.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF SUSAN B. ANTHONY ON HER 181ST BIRTHDAY

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Susan B. Anthony and her work in promoting the life of the unborn.

As you may be aware, February 15, 2001 marked the 181st birthday of Susan B. Anthony, one of our nation's greatest champions of not just of the rights of women, but of all Americans.

However, Susan B. Anthony's work to secure women's rights took place on many fronts, from opposing prostitution to demand-

ing the right to vote. And she considered her efforts in turning women away from abortion as some of the most important work of her life. She declared that amongst her greatest joys was to have helped "bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them."

Today, we celebrate the spirit of Susan B. Anthony and continue her work in protecting the lives of the unborn. Her labors to provide more opportunities and choices for women leaves us with many alternatives to abortion. For example, the joy of motherhood and the act of responsible parenting can be extended to millions of women today through adoption. Adoption fills a vital role, ensuring that worthy options are available for women of all social segments, races, and backgrounds. Just like Susan B. Anthony, we can devote our energies toward making women independent of, and not dependent on, abortion as a recourse.

Susan B. Anthony fought to lift the unjust burdens oppressing women, including the burden of abortion. As we celebrate her birthday and Women's History Month, let us also recommit ourselves to her goal of promoting motherhood and the unborn life.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MARGARET AZEVEDO

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ms. Margaret Azevedo. Margaret Azevedo, a long-time progressive in Marin County, exemplified the very best in public service to our community. During her 45 years of activism, Margaret was known for her thorough and balanced approach to preserving our environment. Her tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Marin and their quality of life earned her the respect and admiration of all who knew her.

As a member of many organizations including the Marin County Planning Commission, the North Central Regional Coastal Commission, the Coastal Conservancy, the Bay Area Transportation Study Commission, the Association of Bay Area Government's Housing Task Force, the League of Women Voters, the Marin Council for Civic Affairs and the Point Reyes National Seashore Foundation Margaret worked endlessly to enhance the long-term health of the Northbay community. She was known for her breadth of knowledge as well as a keen sense of humor.

Margaret Azevedo is credited with preserving 240,200 acres of open space as well as playing a major role in the establishment of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Richardson Bay Audubon Sanctuary. Her numerous awards—such as the San Francisco Examiner's 10 most distinguished women of the Bay Area, Marin Women's Hall of Fame and the League of Women Voters' Bunny Lucheta Award for Outstanding Public Service in Marin County—are a testament to the success of her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Margaret's death in December 2000, leaves a void in Marin that will be impossible to fill as well as a legacy that demonstrates the value of an individual's dedication to preserving and bettering our environment and our world.