

Community 1st National Bank, Geneva is set to begin a much-deserved retirement at the end of this month as family, friends and colleagues gather to celebrate her accomplished tenure with the banking industry and the community. I too would like to pay tribute to Geneva and thank her for her service. Clearly, her hard work is deserving of thanks and praise of Congress.

Born in Scott City, Kansas, Geneva moved to Colorado with her family at the age of 3. Eventually her family moved to Yampa, Colorado where she graduated from high school. In 1961 she graduated from Parks Business School in Denver, where she received her secretary's business certificate in nine months.

Along with her daily schedule, Geneva was heavily involved in the community. Throughout the years, Geneva has worked with numerous community organizations. Geneva served on the Board of Directors of the Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts Camp and the Rotary Club. She was also instrumental in keeping the Toast Mistress Club for Women running.

In 1998, Geneva was given the HAZIE Werner Award for Excellence for all of her outstanding Community Service. This year the United States Department of Agriculture presented her three awards for her service to senior citizens communities, the USDA Rural Development Special Recognition award, the USDA Rural Development Site Manager of the Year award and the USDA Rural Development award in acknowledgement of her achievement in maintaining 0% average vacancy for the Mountain View Estates. Geneva was instrumental in obtaining monetary funds for special needs at the Selbe and Mountain View Manor complexes.

After 39 years in the banking industry, Geneva has decided to retire so she can spend more time with her daughter Vicki and her grandchildren Brianna and Dakin. "Geneva is always helping people, and now she will have the time to do more of that," said her husband, state Senator Jack Taylor.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Geneva for her service to our community. I know that her husband Jack, her daughter Vicki, and her grandchildren couldn't possibly be prouder of her. That, Mr. Speaker, is a sentiment shared by Geneva's friends, colleagues and associates, as well as the United States Congress.

Geneva, congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for continued success and happiness during your well deserved retirement!

**TRIBUTE TO HORACE HEIDT, SR.  
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS  
100TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2001*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Mr. Horace Heidt, Sr. of Los Angeles on the 100th anniversary of his birth. On May 19th, 2001 a plaque on the Walk of Stars in Palm Springs, California was dedicated to the memory of Horace Heidt, Sr. In addition, his memory and great array of accomplishments are to be saluted at a special reception on May 26th in Los Angeles.

Early in his music career, Horace started the famous Musical Knights, who were once one of the most popular Show Bands in the United States. This group was known for performances at landmark hotel venues in Chicago and New York. The Musical Knights also aired on radio in the 1930s and 1940s on such shows as Horace Heidt and the Alemites, Treasure Chest, and The Pot o' Gold. The Pot o' Gold was America's first "give-away money" game show and later turned into a movie starring Jimmy Stewart.

In the 1950's, Horace created The Original Youth Opportunity Program, which was a celebrated talent show that aired both on radio and television. Through this program, Horace discovered many great talents which earned him the nickname "The Starmaker".

The Musical Knights created many great hits and fostered several famous projects such as *Gone With the Wind* (1937), *Ti-Pi-Tin* (1938) and *I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire* (1941).

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to an unforgettable musician, father, and true American, Horace Heidt, Sr.

**TRIBUTE TO CESAR CHAVEZ  
LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER:  
VOLUME SERVICES**

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2001*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Volume Services as they are honored as the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO Spirit of Cooperation Award winner.

Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with workers, Volume Services, formally Service America, is a strong and courageous supporter of the labor movement. Under the leadership of Convention Center General Manager John Vingus, Volume Services has given numerous contributions to labor, including food for the SEIU 2028 janitors during their four-week strike last year. Vingus is a management trustee on health and welfare, pension, and labor union trust funds to help secure better benefits for union members and their families. He also sits on the Training Trust Fund as a management trustee.

In addition, Vingus is a strong advocate for the Hotel Employee and Restaurant Employees hospitality training program. Volume Services contributes on an hourly basis to the fund and places people in a variety of union jobs.

"Volume Services is an advocate for employee rights," says Jef Eatchel, Business Manager for HERE Local 30. "When they went to the Convention Center Board to bid on a service contract, they told the board that they were proud to be a union employer with medical benefits, stabilized wages, and retirement and urged the board to contract only with employers that meet those standards. Volume Services is definitely on our side."

My congratulations goes to Volume Services for their significant contributions to the labor movement. They are truly deserving of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO Spirit of Cooperation Award.

**IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
THOMAS M. DUFFY ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
ACADEMY**

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Thomas M. Duffy of Grafton, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas' offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Thomas brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force cadets. While attending Elyria Catholic High School in Elyria, Thomas attained a grade point average of 3.86, which places him eighteenth in a class of one hundred thirty-three. Thomas is a member of the National Honors Society, a high honor for any high school student.

Outside the classroom, Thomas has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Thomas has earned a position on the varsity football, wrestling, and track teams. Thomas has also been active in the student Senate serving as Vice President, the choir, the drama club, and the environment club. He is active in his church choir and as a volunteer for the Holy Name Society.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay special tribute to Thomas M. Duffy. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Thomas will do very well during his career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the Nation.

**A TRIBUTE TO TONY AMAYA**

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like a moment to recognize and thank a Delta, Colorado resident who has made sure that students who are having difficulty in school get the help and support they need. Mr. Tony Amaya serves as the risk coordinator for the Delta County Joint School Task Force and the liaison coordinator for the 21st Century Learning Program.

Tony lived in Tijuana, Mexico until he was eight years old. His family then migrated to the United States. Tony spent much of his free time learning English. He got involved in

sports where he eventually competed in wrestling. His dream was to qualify for the Olympics. In 1990 a Mexican international coach recruited him. He then traveled all over the world and took third in the Pan American Wrestling Championships.

After serving as a law enforcement officer for both the Montrose Sheriffs Department and the Montrose Police Department, Tony became the at-risk coordinator for the Delta County Joint School District. His job involves speaking to students who are not having a good school experience. He also works with parents and administrators to help students with their academic needs and to find and resolve the problems to keep students in school. "Life is what you make of it. If you work hard, stay away from drugs and bad companions you can follow your dream," said Tony in a Delta Tribune article.

In March, 2001, Tony was the Hispanic motivational speaker at Lincoln Elementary and Delta Middle School. He spoke to students about the dangers of drinking, smoking, using drugs and disrupting their education. "Be proud of who you are and don't forget your Spanish . . . You are our future—our doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc."

Mr. Speaker, his hard work and dedication has made Tony Amaya a role model for all the young people of his community, and especially for the Hispanic youth of the community. I would like to thank Tony for all that he has done and wish him the best of luck in the future.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE S.W. JOHNSON SFE CO. NO. 1

#### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2001*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Samuel W. Johnson Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, Inc. in Garnerville, New York.

On June 6, 1876 a meeting was held in Garnerville for the purpose of forming the town's first fire department. Twenty eight members were sworn in as charter members and the first resolution to be unanimously adopted was that the company be known as the "Samuel W. Johnson Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1."

In those early years, the centerpiece of the Company's firefighting equipment was the American LaFrance Button Steam Fire Engine, originally purchased in 1869 by the Garner Print Works. The Steamer was pulled by a team of horses stabled at the Garner Print Works and it is alleged that those horses would respond to the Steamer Stall when fire alarms were sounded.

Over the years, the brave, dedicated men of the S.W. Johnson SFE Co. No. 1 have selflessly answered the call when disaster struck the town and its citizens. Most notable were their heroic efforts in responding to the major landslide which devastated part of the town in January 1906 and the high-profile rescue of three Garnerville citizens during separate incidents in 1983 and 1985, both resulting in commendation of the firefighters involved.

As the Fire Company membership declined in the 1990s, a committee was formed to investigate the possibility of initiating a "Junior Fire Fighter" program. These members, between the ages of 16 and 18, have contributed to the success of this innovative program and are instrumental as exterior firefighters to the S.W. Johnson SFE Co. No. 1.

The S.W. Johnson Fire Company enters the 21st century with its newest firefighting equipment, a 2000 gpm pumper. It is a far cry from the original Steamer that pumped approximately 150 gpm. On September 8, 2001, at 1:00 pm, time will be turned back as once again three Belgian Draft Horses will pull the 1869 Button Steamer through the streets of Garnerville, during the 125th Anniversary Parade of S.W. Johnson. This will be a special treat for the residents and will be a tribute to this outstanding example of volunteerism in America.

Accordingly, I am pleased to salute the anniversary of the founding of the Samuel W. Johnson Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Inc. of Garnerville, New York.

#### JERRY SUPPA: FRIEND OF THE LABOR COUNCIL

#### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2001*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry Suppa, as he is honored by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO with the Friend of the Labor Council award.

Attorney Jerry Suppa has donated thousands of hours and provided critical leadership in creating the United Labor Foundation and purchasing the United Labor Center.

"For nearly twenty years, Jerry Suppa has given his time and energy to help working people, without adequate compensation," says Jerry Butkiewicz, who first met Suppa when he gave free workshops for the laid-off Cannery and General Dynamics workers when plants closed. "Although he is not a labor lawyer, Jerry Suppa has a heart for working people."

Today he continues to be the legal counsel for the United Labor Foundation, much of it pro bono.

My congratulations go to Jerry Suppa for his significant contributions. I can attest to Jerry's dedication and believe him to be highly deserving of his recognition as the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Friend of the Labor Council award winner.

#### IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF RYAN G. HEFRON ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

#### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I

am happy to announce that Ryan G. Hefron of Amherst, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Ryan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Ryan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force cadets. While attending Lorain Catholic High School in Lorain, Ryan attained a grade point average of 4.22, which places him second in a class of sixty-five. Ryan is a member of the Buckeye Boys State, First Honors Academic Honor Roll, and has received a letter in academics. The Cleveland Technical Society, the ASMI Cleveland Chapter has also honored him for his academic prowess. Ryan was also recognized as a Wendy's High School Heisman Nominee.

Outside the classroom, Ryan has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Ryan has earned varsity letters in football, basketball and track. Ryan has been active in the Northern Ohio Orchestra, drama club, and the Ambassadors Club.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay special tribute to Ryan G. Hefron. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Ryan will do very well during his career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the nation.

#### HONORING ROVILLA R. ELLIS ON HER RETIREMENT

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, on May 5, 2001 Rovilla R. Ellis, the Executive Director of the Mesa Verde Museum Association, retired after 28 years. I would like to take this moment to have Congress say thank you for all of her hard work and dedication to the museum over the years. She has been a great asset and will be missed greatly by all she worked with.

The Mesa Verde Museum Association is a non-profit organization established by Congress in 1930 to assist and support various interpretive programs, research activities and visitor centers.

Rovilla began her career in 1972 as a part time bookkeeper with the association. Over the years she moved up through the ranks to become Executive Director. Rovilla saw the gross revenues grow from \$54,000 in 1972 to well over \$900,000 in recent years. She has worked with five park superintendents during her time at Mesa Verde.

"Rovilla has made a positive, long-lasting and important contribution to Mesa Verde National Park during her career," said Superintendent Larry T. Wiese. "Her many years of service reflect a deep love for Mesa Verde