

Her years of dedicated service have made a significant improvement in our schools and our community.

While working full time at the Good Samaritan Credit Union, Mrs. Bonilla also managed to be involved in schools such as Valleydale Elementary, Ellington Elementary, Center Middle School, Foothill Middle School and Gladstone High School. For the past two years, Mrs. Bonilla has served as Azusa Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President and the past 6 years at First District PTA. Mrs. Bonilla has also contributed her time to the Girl Scouts, Little League, Helping Hand, and Azusa Youth Programs. Her years of hard work and dedication earned her the prestigious PTA Golden Oak Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to working with the city's youth, Mrs. Bonilla has contributed her time to local community and senior organizations like the Azusa Golden Days Activities, UMAPA, Healthy Start Families, and Azusa Citizens' Congress. Mrs. Bonilla has also served as a religious education teacher, financial council secretary and Eucharistic minister for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church since it opened its doors 35 years ago.

Mrs. Bonilla and her husband Joseph have four grown daughters, Carol, Sandra, Annette and Terri, who have gone through the Azusa Unified School District. Mrs. Bonilla is a role model to many children, including her own. Her youngest daughter, Terri, currently dedicates numerous hours to our schools and community.

Mrs. Bonilla is a woman who has served our community with her heart, mind and soul. Countless families have benefited from her kindness and generosity. I am thankful to Mrs. Bonilla for her commitment to our community and would like to honor her today.

#### EXPLAINING SEPTEMBER 11TH TO FUTURE 4TH GRADERS

#### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following letter to you and all of our colleagues. Nicole Jean-Marie Bansen read this letter at the Lindenhurst Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27, 2002. An elementary school student from Long Island, Nicole directed the letter to future 4th graders so that they might better understand September 11 based on her own experience. Like Nicole, I believe that we must help preserve the memory of that tragic day by sharing our stories with future generations.

DEAR FUTURE FOURTH GRADER, September 11, 2001 was a tragic day. I'm writing this letter to tell you what really happened. I was in school when it happened. That was the day that jet planes hit the Twin Towers, and soon both collapsed. Tower One was hit first. Within the next hour, Tower Two was also hit. Time seemed to freeze. Everyone just stopped what they were doing to see what happened in disbelief. It was like a nightmare coming true!

When I found out what had happened, my heart felt like it was shattered, just like the Twin Towers. After school, my brother and Mom told me to watch the news. I turned on

the television and saw both planes crashing into the Twin Towers. A friend of our family's worked on the 72nd floor of Tower One. I was afraid that he might be killed, like so many others. He made it out of the building in minutes before it collapsed!

I was affected by this tragedy in a sad way because I will not see the Twin Towers anymore, and so many innocent people died. In the future, people should never forget this day, and always remember all the people who died. I believe parents should tell their children the truth about what happened when they are old enough to understand, so they aren't frightened. Your friends and you will learn about this day in your Social Studies class in school, if your parents didn't already tell you about it.

I hope this terrorist act never happens again. Hopefully you will never know the "evil" word, terrorism. But, if something like this does happen again, I am sure that everyone will be very sad. I am so glad to be an American, because of our freedom and people staying united through difficult times.

Sincerely,

NICOLE JEAN-MARIE BANSEN.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO MOUNTAIN STATES LEGAL FOUNDATION

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Mountain States Legal Foundation, an organization that has selflessly led efforts to sustain and improve the interests of the community. I applaud the efforts of each and every individual that made it possible to build the new foundation's headquarters.

The Legal Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary by dedicating its new headquarters on June 6, 2002. The vision and determination of MSLF, has produced a state of the art, professional building, located in the suburbs of Denver, Colorado. MSLF was established to advocate the quest for free enterprise and maintain the country's laws established and preserved by the Constitution. On June 6th, their 25th birthday, I pay tribute to MSLF's accomplishments and relocation to their new location.

MSLF extends its outreach to the communities and businesses seeking assistance. Many of MSLF's activities include conservation and preservation of our natural resources and environment. MSLF has assisted in the fight to preserve and protect our wetlands and national forests. MSLF has defended our rights and liberties within the judiciary system. It is because of foundations and organizations like MSLF, that we are able to live in this nation of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I honor such an outstanding organization before this body of Congress and this nation. The Mountain States Legal Foundation contributes so much to our nation and community, it is fitting they celebrate 25 wonderful years. Thank you to all individuals who worked hard and diligently to reach these outstanding achievements.

#### TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT JOSE M. LOPEZ

#### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a special South Texan, Sergeant Jose M. Lopez, recipient of a World War II Congressional Medal of Honor. For his courageous and selfless actions on the battlefield, this man is truly a great American patriot.

In response to the call of duty, Sergeant Lopez almost single handedly engineered his company's successful withdrawal under heavy enemy small arms fire near Krinkelt, Belgium on December 17, 1944. On his own initiative, he repeatedly repositioned his heavy machine gun to critical points along his company line, which led to over one hundred enemy deaths and saved the lives of numerous American soldiers. For these efforts, Sergeant Lopez deserves the admiration and gratitude of the American people.

It is especially appropriate that we honor this soldier today on America's Independence Day. Although the American colonists were victorious in the revolutionary war two hundred nineteen years ago, the American pursuit of liberty did not end there. Throughout the past two centuries, young Americans like Sergeant Lopez have fought to preserve our country's values both inside and outside its borders. In this struggle, one of our most valuable resources has been our soldiers and their dedication to upholding American ideals.

This July 4th, as we celebrate the birth of our beloved nation and all it means to us in the 21st century, we must acknowledge the brave and selfless actions of dedicated American soldiers like Sergeant Lopez. Through his courageous military service, Sergeant Lopez has done his part to ensure that America may celebrate its independence year after year.

This year, we will honor Sergeant Lopez with a statue in front of the Veterans Memorial Bridge in Brownsville, Texas, to commemorate his contribution to American military history. Thanks to brave soldiers like Sergeant Lopez, we retain our freedom and we protect democracy around the world. I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending Sergeant Lopez's sacrifice for our nation.

#### HONORING STAN ROGER ARTERBERRY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

#### HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

#### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize Stan Roger Arterberry who is resigning as Superintendent-President of Solano Community College after eight years of distinguished service to the community.

Mr. Arterberry began his career with the California Community Colleges in 1974 as an

Assistant Professor of Sociology and History at Riverside City College.

He moved into college administration in 1980 as the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at Riverside.

In 1983 he transferred to West Hills Community College as Dean of Community Based Education. Three years later he was named Vice President for Academic/Student Services. He eventually became Superintendent/President of the district and served in that capacity until 1993 when he was named President of Merritt College.

He became President/Superintendent of the Solano Community College District in 1994.

During Mr. Arterberry's tenure, the college initiated the future development of programs with Sacramento State University and Sonoma State University to provide students the ability to achieve a four-year degree in Solano County.

Among Mr. Arterberry's innovations were the Weekend College, courses at Travis Air Force Base and online courses. He also encouraged the increased use of technology for services and programs for students and employees.

The Biotechnology Program, one of the cornerstones of Solano Community College, continued to grow and develop under Mr. Arterberry's leadership.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Mr. Arterberry served as President of the Solano County American Red Cross and the Solano County Business Education Alliance. He was also an active member of the Vallejo Omega Boys and Girls Club, the Solano County Workforce Investment Board, The Vacaville Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, the Solano Economic Development Corporation, the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and the Vacaville Select Committee on City and School Relations.

Mr. Speaker, Superintendent-President Stan Roger Arterberry has served his college and his community well and it is therefore appropriate that we honor him today for his many contributions and wish him well in his new position as Chancellor of West Valley Mission College.

#### TRIBUTE TO JACOB BROTMAN

#### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I join with two of my constituents, Doug Dembling of Takoma Park, Maryland and Ross Dembling of Bethesda, Maryland to observe a special day in their family history. One hundred years ago today, on June 19, 1902, their maternal grandfather, Jacob Brotman, proudly appeared before the U.S. District Court in New York City and became a citizen of the United States of America.

Jacob Brotman was born in Romania on September 19, 1879. With anti-semitism on the rise in eastern Europe, Jake, as he was known, immigrated to the United States via England and Canada while still in his early teens.

On September 6, 1901, the very day President William McKimley was fatally wounded by an assassin's bullet, Jake Brotman enlisted in

the U.S. Army. He received his honorable discharge from the military on March 4, 1902. The Army's records reflect he served his adopted country during the Spanish American War as a member of the 72nd Company of the Coast Artillery. Shortly after his discharge from the Army, Jacob Brotman became an American citizen. Jake died in 1965 and is buried at the Long Island National Cemetery, New York.

Throughout his life, Jake vigorously embraced his new country, citizenship, and a strong work ethic. He treasured his citizenship, both its ideals and obligations. As Jake considered voting such an obligation, he never failed to exercise that precious right. He and his wife, Annie, raised four sons and a daughter in New York City with the same ideals. Three of his sons, Sol Brotman, Hy Brotman, and the late Oscar Brotman served in the U.S. military during World War II; his daughter, Florence Brotman Dembling, the youngest of his five children, went to work at the Pentagon during that war. Jake worked for over 40 years as a trainman in New York's elevated train system. He was very industrious and conscientious, and in order to provide for his family, he routinely worked extra shifts in addition to his 56-hour workweek. Despite his sacrifices for his family, Jake could always be counted on to help others in his community who were in need.

Mr. Speaker, later this month, I will have the pleasure of presenting an American flag that flies over the U.S. Capitol today to two of Jacob Brotman's grandsons. I know that all my colleagues in the House join me in this tribute to Jake's memory and service to his family, community, and our country,

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO REX WEIMER

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of gratitude that I pay tribute to Rex Weimer as he concludes his service to the people of Collbran, Colorado after eighteen years dedicated to the town and its citizens. Rex's devotion to his neighbors and love for his community has served as a shining example of the selfless nature that is indicative of a true 'public servant.'

Rex's devotion went well beyond the job to which he was elected and he has shown such extraordinary dedication to his community in the numerous extra hours he has spent plowing snow, making repairs when asked and assisting employees whenever possible. He has personally installed a heating system in the Collbran auditorium and an air conditioning system in the new Town Hall—both tasks which he performed well above and beyond the call of duty. Rex's time spent on the board of trustees serves as a true testament to his love of Collbran.

Along with his wife Judy, Rex has been an active community member in Collbran for many years. He has served on both the street and alley and water and sewer committees. He is the Post Commander for the local American Legion and is a song leader on Sundays at the Collbran Congregational Church. Rex is a man marked by uncommon devotion to com-

mon people: he often anonymously bestows extraordinary acts of thoughtfulness on his neighbors, rarely seeking the credit he deserves.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring to the attention of this body of Congress a man whose love for his town, and whose willingness to sacrifice in its service is an inspiration to those who have lived in his community. As a public servant, Rex Weimer's time as Trustee has been an inspirational example to those of us who serve our nation in elective office. It is with gratitude for his time of service to Collbran that I recognize Rex Weimer's ongoing devotion to the people and town that he loves.

#### CONGRATULATING MATT KEYSER

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise Matt Keyser, an engineer at the Center for Transportation Technologies and Systems, part of the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, based in Golden, Colorado. Matt was chosen as one of the world's 100 Top Young Innovators by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Magazine of Innovation, Technology Review.

I have submitted for the RECORD an article about Matt from the Arvada Sentinel, a newspaper in Arvada, Colorado. I am proud that Matt hails from NREL, which is involved in such important work trying to secure for all Americans a clean energy future. I am proud of the example Matt has set for our young people, who need models like Matt to look to as they make choices about their own careers and futures. Most importantly, I thank Matt for his contributions to our environment and to this country.

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NATIONAL MAGAZINE NAMES NREL ENGINEER  
TOP YOUNG INNOVATOR  
(By Sabrina Henderson)

An engineer in the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory Center for Transportation Technologies and Systems, Matt Keyser of Arvada, was chosen as one of the world's 100 Top Young Innovators by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Magazine of Innovation, Technology Review.

Technology Review's top-100 list recognizes young innovators for their contributions in transforming the nature of technology in industries such as biotechnology, computing, energy, medicine, manufacturing, nanotechnology, telecommunications, and transportation.

Keyser was honored May 23 during a conference and awards ceremony at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. The event, called "The Innovation Economy: How Technology is Transforming Existing Businesses and Creating New Ones," included a full day of conference sessions and panel discussions followed by an evening awards ceremony.

Keyser has received two patents since 1992, with three more in the works. In 2001, he and co-workers were able to significantly extend the life of lead-acid batteries used in electric and hybrid vehicles by changing the charging technique. Conventional charging techniques cause lead-acid batteries to reach the