

refueling, cargo and troop transport aircraft. Colonel Bentley is a veteran of the Southeast Asia conflict having flown 60 combat hours there.

Throughout his career, Colonel Bentley earned numerous medals some of which include the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with service star and the Vietnam Service Medal. His commitment to service and the protection of America and her citizens is an example of the greatness that exists within this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, in my district of Riverside, California we are fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated individuals who give unselfishly of their time, talents and their lives to ensure the well-being of our city, state, nation and in Colonel Peter T. Bentley's case—world.

**TRIBUTE TO REGIS COLLEGE OF
WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS ON
ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Regis College of Weston, Massachusetts on its 75th anniversary.

Founded in 1927 by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Regis College is one of the leading Catholic liberal arts and sciences college for women. With more than 10,000 graduates world wide, the Regis college curriculum provides an intellectual base from which its students can acquire the values, ideas, techniques and habits which allow continual self-education. Regis College is committed to exploring the needs and problems of the changing world and thus shapes the liberal arts curriculum to assure graduates an excellent foundation for future success.

As a women's college, Regis is devoted to building awareness of women's roles in society and provides a solid structure for women to develop into leaders of the future.

I commend Regis College on its successes and its 75th anniversary.

**THANK YOU, MARS, FOR THE RED,
WHITE, AND BLUE M&M'S**

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this chamber today to recognize the efforts of one of the Commonwealth of Virginia's foremost corporate citizens Mars, Incorporated based in McLean, Virginia. The Mars family and Mars associates have a long history of support for this nation. Mars, Incorporated's M&M's were a favorite of American GIs serving in World War II. In those days, the candy was packaged in cardboard tubs, and were both sold to servicemen and included in C-rations. They were a convenient snack that traveled well in any climate. Today, American servicemen and women will commonly find M&M's in the "Meal-Ready-to-Eat" packages issued to them in the field.

Immediately following the attacks on September 11, Mars associates wanted to do something to help the rescue and recovery efforts in New York City and at the Pentagon. These plant associates came up with the idea of producing special M&M's, in Red, White and Blue colors, to be distributed to the rescue and recovery workers carrying out their duty in lower Manhattan and at the Pentagon. Mars associates produced and sent rescue and recovery workers over 500 cases of these special M&M's.

As word of these special candies circulated, Mars, Incorporated has been deluged with requests from consumers for the Red, White and Blue M&M's. In response, Mars, Incorporated is partnering with the American Red Cross to develop a program through which Red, White and Blue M&M's will be made available for retail sale with 100% of the profits going to the American Red Cross disaster relief funds. Red, White and Blue M&M's are also on their way to military commissaries around the country.

In the same spirit, other Mars, Incorporated facilities and subsidiaries also stepped up to help. On the date of the terrorist attacks, a company promotional vehicle was in Boston. When Mars, Incorporated became aware of the attack on the World Trade Center, it immediately diverted its vehicle to New York, initially to Shea Stadium, where media reports indicated that rescue workers would be congregating after their shifts. With its working kitchen and self-contained power generation, the New York Police Department dispatched the vehicle to Ground Zero. Beginning on the evening of September 11, the vehicle and crew provided over 10,000 hot meals, along with coffee and snacks.

I stand today in salute of the efforts by Mars, Incorporated. May their actions be a guide to other corporations, demonstrating that successful corporations can also be good corporate citizens and lend a hand in our nation's time of great need.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO STEVE
SAMEK**

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serve and protect the citizens of the State of Colorado. Sergeant Steve Samek of the Pueblo Police Department has faithfully served his fellow Coloradans for over twenty-six years. After a long and successful career as one of Colorado's finest, Steve announced his retirement from the force in December of last year. As he looks forward to a new career, I would like to take this time to highlight Steve's service to his community.

Steve has faithfully served the Pueblo Police Department in various capacities throughout his long career. As a member of the Narcotics Division, he worked to keep our streets safe and free of drugs. He trained to defend our citizens and protect their lives as a supervisor of the department's SWAT team. Most recently, he headed the Internal Affairs Division to ensure our peace officers are respon-

sible in the enforcement of our laws and properly execute their role in the community. I understand his retirement will not last long, since a body armor manufacturer has recently acquired his expertise and I am confident that the experience and diligence Steve has shown in his dedication to law enforcement will serve him well as he prepares to help protect his fellow officers.

Mr. Speaker, as a former law enforcement officer, I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our peace officers face today. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their fellow citizen's rights and protection. They work tirelessly and with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication deserve the recognition and thanks of this body of Congress and this is why I bring the name of officers like Steve Samek to light today. I wish you all the best Steve and good luck in your future endeavors. Thanks for your service to Pueblo, Colorado.

**TRIBUTE TO MARTIN AND GRACIA
BURNHAM**

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 257th day that Martin and Gracia Burnham have been help captive by Muslim terrorists in the Philippines.

Martin and Gracia Burnham have devoted their lives to helping others as missionaries with the New Tribes Mission since 1985. They have been stationed in the Philippines where Martin flies medical supplies to those in need and they both help with education.

The Burnhams inspire all those they meet with their selflessness, energy, infectious laughter, gentle spirits, overwhelming faith and love of life.

It is heartbreaking for the Burnham's loved ones to know that there is little they can do to help Martin and Gracia in their hour of greatest need—the hour that for so many others Martin and Gracia committed their lives to serving.

In closing, Monday, February 11th is the 15th birthday of Martin and Gracia's oldest son, Jeffrey. Unfortunately it seems that Jeff, like his siblings Mindy and Zach, will have to celebrate his birthday without his parents. I ask that you join me in sending Jeff warm birthday wishes and praying that he receives the present he most wants—his parents' safe release.

**CROSSROADS MIDDLE/HIGH
SCHOOL**

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Cherokee County is proud not only of its traditional school system, but also its emerging programs that reach out to students with additional needs—students who are bright and full of potential, but do not do not thrive in traditional

routines found in contemporary middle and high schools. I recently had the pleasure of visiting one such school, and would like to take a moment to highlight CrossRoads Middle/High School for its innovative teaching skills and exemplary efforts in teaching the youth of our community.

CrossRoads is an "alternative school," yet the staff is quick to point out "alternative" is not a label that refers to "bad" children. It is a school that provides extra needed attention for students who may have academic or behavioral problems, such as attention deficit disorder or low attendance. According to principal Jeffrey A. Garrett, "alternative doesn't mean bad but rather a different way of approaching school."

Students at CrossRoads are held to extremely strict guidelines regarding course work, as well as behavior. All students are forced to be accountable for their actions; and if they fail to meet the strict standards, they must leave the school. The most amazing thing is, even students originally forced to attend the school for disciplinary reasons learn quickly to appreciate the approach at CrossRoads, which makes them accountable, and do all they can to avoid being discharged from the school.

The school has developed a clear-cut system of communication between teachers and students, providing definitive steps for handing in assignments; erasing any confusion or miscommunication between teacher and pupil. Students are given ample time to prepare and finish assignments, with instructions given out a week in advance. They are then required to complete the corresponding assignment and turn it in the same day of the following week; but students are encouraged to plan ahead and turn assignments in early. Behavior is monitored with the "zero tolerance" policy. Any student who steps outside the boundaries set by this principle is expelled from both CrossRoads and the Cherokee County school system completely. Parents provide an additional branch of support, being required to know the school's homework guidelines and sign each of their child's assignments.

The "staff" of CrossRoads includes not only the attentive teachers in each class, but also parents, educational administrators, and state officials who work every day to ensure the best possible outcome for the students. CrossRoads is a haven where children with a few more challenges than regular students, can turn to learn a new academic process, improve their socialization skills, and prepare to return to move on, either back to other schools, or on to post-secondary education. CrossRoads provides a sound scholastic base of reading, math, science, and language arts. Teachers are committed to develop not only child's mind but also his or her self-worth, leading them to reach towards their full potential as leaders of tomorrow.

**CENTRAL NEW JERSEY HONORS
ARTIST LAUREATE AND DEAN
OF ARTISTS TOM MALLOY**

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Dean of Artists, Mr. Tom

Malloy, Trenton New Jersey's Artist Laureate, and his myriad of contributions to Central New Jersey's cultural heritage.

Mr. Malloy was born in 1912 to sharecroppers in South Carolina. His family moved to Trenton in 1923. It wasn't until his mid-fifties, after a career that included work in factories and religion, Mr. Malloy decided to pursue his dream of becoming an artist.

Mr. Malloy has spent the last 3 decades capturing the essence of Central New Jersey and in particular, Trenton. Hailed locally for his watercolor paintings of Trenton, he tells the City's history through landscapes filled with architecture, cars, and city streets. It is told that, on request, Mr. Malloy can recapture and replicate an item or event as it appeared two and even three decades ago. His astute memory and talent will do much to convey the history and character of Trenton to future generations.

Though renowned for his artistic abilities, Tom Malloy's keen sense of history and purpose are what propels his spirit into the hearts and lives of so many. In his words, "I'm very conscious of history. If you don't understand history, you don't understand who you are." At this time in our Nation's history, when we struggle to understand where we're going and what is happening, his words ring true. We must know from where we've come, to know where we're going.

It is with great pride that I join the distinguished Mayor of Trenton, the Honorable Douglas Palmer, and the proud arts community, in honoring Tom Malloy as Artist Laureate of Trenton. This distinction is a most appropriate tribute to this New Jersey hero. Mr. Malloy is truly a treasure in New Jersey's cultural heritage. His art, as well as his gentle spirit, is an inspiration to all Central New Jerseyans.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate and honor this true New Jersey hero and treasure. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tom Malloy as the Artist Laureate of Trenton, New Jersey.

**HONORING REVEREND DERRICK
ALDRIDGE AT HIS INSTALLA-
TION AS PASTOR OF FOSS AVE-
NUE BAPTIST CHURCH**

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Reverend Derrick Aldridge upon his installation as pastor of the Foss Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday, February 10th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. This is an auspicious occasion as Derrick Aldridge succeeds his father, Reverend Doctor Avery Aldridge as pastor.

Avery Aldridge is a dear friend and advisor. I have known him for several decades and value his insight and expertise on the problems facing our nation and world. I have fond memories of the hours spent at Foss Avenue Baptist Church witnessing the Christian spirit manifested by the clergy and congregation. The commitment to promoting the Christian ideal has extended far beyond the physical confines of the church sanctuary. Reverend Aldridge has inspired his faithful to live the te-

nets of Jesus in their everyday lives. He has preached and exhorted and prayed for the Holy Spirit to move within his congregation and his prayers have been answered. The congregation has grown since its founding in 1956. Now over 50 auxiliaries and committees carry out the work of Jesus in the community. The Church has an elementary and secondary school, a credit union, an activity center, a free clothing center, and a recreation and fitness center.

One of the great blessings of being a father is to know that your children turn out well. Reverend Avery Aldridge has that blessing. Derrick Aldridge chose to follow in his father's footsteps and bring the joy of Christian life to others. Derrick Aldridge serves as co-pastor, as the director of the Family Life Center, as the chaplain for the Genesee County Sheriff, as deputy administrator of the Eagle's Nest Child Care, and as the Children's Church Minister. He brings exuberance to his vocation as a baptizer for Christ. Foss Avenue Baptist Church is blessed to have the continuity between an esteemed father and an esteemed son.

Mr. Speaker, Foss Avenue Baptist Church will have a jubilant celebration on Sunday as the congregation and Reverend Derrick Aldridge join in a covenant of dedication committing their lives to the service of Jesus. They are accepting new challenges and new joys. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Reverend Derrick Aldridge and Foss Avenue Baptist Church on this holy and propitious day.

INTRODUCTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES LEGISLATION

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, the endangered species program is supposed to be geared to protect endangered and threatened species and restore them to a secure standing in their environment. It is a complex balance of priorities and responsibilities that needs to be examined with all affected parties in mind. But, we all know that the current administration of the ESA is creating situations in which landowner's rights are compromised and the overzealous environmental agenda is advanced without a sufficient scientific basis, instead of actually recovering the species.

Some middle ground needs to be reached in reforming the ESA rather than forcing rigorous and inflexible implementation of federal regulations that have sweeping and often unintended effects.

First and foremost, the Secretary of the Interior needs to be required to use the best available science in all of the decisions made and needs to give greater preference to information that is empirical and peer reviewed. That means that we can all have greater confidence in the decisions made under the ESA. No federal agency, and certainly not the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are infallible or free from political agendas.

There has to be a new emphasis on the need to use sound science in every aspect of the ESA from the listing process through recovery. Too often rhetoric and emotion are