

IN MEMORY OF ADM ROBERT L.J.
LONG

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of ADM Robert L.J. Long of Annapolis, MD.

ADM Long was born in Kansas City, MO, on May 29, 1920, son of Trigg Allen and Margaret (Franklin) Long. He attended Paseo High School, Kansas City Junior College, and Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

ADM Long was a 1943 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He served his country in the Pacific during World War II on the battleship *Colorado*. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", for meritorious service as Plotting Room Officer during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Philippine Islands and the Ryukyu Islands.

ADM Long went on to serve the U.S. Navy in many other capacities including commander of the Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force and Vice Chief of Naval Operations in 1972, and commander in chief of all U.S. military forces in the Pacific from 1979 until his retirement in 1983.

After his retirement, ADM Long became a board member of Northrop Grumman Corporation and Hudson Industries. He was also principal executive of President Ronald Reagan's fact-finding committee that investigated the 1983 bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut.

Mr. Speaker, ADM Long was a valuable leader in the U.S. Navy. He was a role model for younger people interested in military service. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife, Sara, and his three sons, Charles Allen, William Trigg, and Robert Helms Long.

NATIVE AMERICAN SACRED LANDS ACT

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, this body, the United States House of Representatives, is housed in a testament to freedom, a symbol of government, a monument of national historical and cultural significance. Throughout the halls of the United States Capitol there are statues of our founders, our heroes, our history. For the past 200 years, legislators have sweat blood and tears debating the laws of our great country.

In fact, many would argue the United States Capitol is sacred.

But there are many places across this country, no less sacred than the building behind me, that are being desecrated as we speak. It is inconceivable to imagine an oil rig plopped in the middle of the Sistine Chapel. But in fact that is the very problem facing Native American sacred lands today.

For example, the proposed site for a 1,600-acre, open-pit gold mine in Indian Pass, California, is a place where "dream trails" were

woven. The Bush Administration revoked a Clinton-era ruling that said mining operations would cause irreparable harm to these ancestral lands, an extremely sacred place to the Quechan Indian tribe. Now the tribe is left fighting for its religious and cultural history.

Long before my ancestors arrived on these shores, American Indians were the first stewards of this land. They respected the earth, water and air. They understood you take only what you need and leave the rest. They demonstrated you do not desecrate that which is sacred.

Most Americans understand a reverence for the great Sistine Chapel, or even the United States Capitol. But often non-Indians have difficulty giving that same reverence to a mountain, valley, stream or rock formation.

Recently Indian Country attained a victory in Valley of Chiefs, Montana. The oil company which sought to drill in this valley of peace agreed to transfer its oil leases to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

But we cannot fight to preserve Native American sacred lands on a case by case basis. Valley of Chiefs serves as a wake-up call for action, for the pressing need to protect bona fide Native American sacred sites wherever they may lie on the public domain.

That is why today I am introducing the Native American Sacred Lands Protection Act. Joining me in the introduction of this legislation are DALE KILDEE of Michigan, GEORGE MILLER of California, ENI FALEOMAVAEGA of American Samoa, FRANK PALLONE of New Jersey, TOM UDALL of New Mexico, BRAD CARSON of Oklahoma, BETTY MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, PATRICK KENNEDY of Rhode Island and JOHN BALDACCIO of Maine.

First, the bill would enact into law a 1996 executive order designed to protect sacred lands. Specifically, it ensures access and ceremonial use of sacred lands and mandates all federal land management agencies take the necessary steps to prevent significant damage to sacred lands.

Second, our bill gives Indian Tribes the ability to petition the government to place federal lands off-limits to energy leasing or other incompatible developments when they believe those proposed actions would cause significant damage to their sacred lands.

This is an extremely important provision. The tribes would no longer have to depend on the good graces of federal bureaucrats to protect these lands. Rather, the tribes themselves could initiate those protections.

If you look to our national parks, forests and monuments and you see the commitment to preserve many of our country's natural treasures. The Federal Government has put its full weight behind protecting these lands, and we can do the same for Indian Country.

At a time when the Bush Administration is promoting increased energy development, we must enact comprehensive legislation that prohibits the loss of further Native American sacred lands. We must not stand idly by as these unique places are wiped off the face of the earth.

We commend this legislation to the House of Representatives.

CONDEMNATION OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS IN ISRAEL

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, The two simultaneous barbarous homicide bombing attacks that struck Tel Aviv last night, claiming the lives of 3 innocent civilians, took place in the immediate aftermath of Tuesday's terrorist ambush of an Israeli bus carrying civilians outside the Jewish community of Immanuel, claiming the lives of 8 Israelis, including an unborn baby. This attack took the lives of three members of the same family. The military wing of Yasir Arafat's Fatah movement, the Al Aqsa Martyr's Brigade, has taken responsibility for this attack.

As President Bush stated in his June 24 address on the Middle East, as long as Israelis continue to be victimized by terrorists, Israel will continue to defend itself. Any hope that the Palestinian Authority was serious about rejecting terrorism and undergoing serious reform, thereby creating the environment demanded by the President for peace talks to be able to proceed, has been dashed.

Yasir Arafat, and his close associates, who rule tyrannically over their own people while trafficking with terrorists targeting Israel, constitute the root cause of the Middle East violence, as well as the major obstacles to peace. These attacks were designed to coincide with a renewed diplomatic process, specifically the meeting of the Middle East "quartet" in New York, which is composed of the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia.

Mr. Speaker, Israel must and will continue to defend itself and its citizens. Israel's military operation in the territories in recent weeks have resulted in the arrests of numerous terrorists, and has undoubtedly prevented countless acts of terror planned against Israeli civilians. Israel's security cannot be entrusted to anyone but Israel. Accordingly, we must support Israel's right to defend itself in the face of these continuing terrorist threats.

We must also make it clear to the Palestinian Authority that their insincere condemnations will not suffice. Those who cavort with terror, those who provide financial support to terrorist groups, and those who knowingly and willingly harbor such organizations while taking no actions against them, are enemies not just of Israel, but of the United States and the rest of the civilized world. They must be treated accordingly.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DONALD GETZ

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life and memory of Donald L. Getz, who has contributed selflessly to the betterment of his community and our society. It is my pleasure to applaud Donald's hard work and to honor his achievements before this body of Congress.

Donald was born in October 17, 1931 in Brighton, Colorado where he spent most of his childhood and adolescent years. He was a tremendous athlete, who guided his high school football and basketball teams to the state championship in 1949. Donald enlisted in the United States Navy in 1951, and served this country proudly during the Korean War. His humanitarian efforts during the war earned him respect and honor during his tour of duty. After his service, he returned to Colorado and worked in the trucking. Donald excelled in every aspect of his life, and used his hard work and determination to open the Anchor Bar and Café with his wife in 1974. He operated this very successful business until 1989 when he retired.

Donald was known for his dedication to his family and is survived by his wife Pat and their three children: Gregory, Todd, and Jill. Donald had two wonderful great grandchildren Katie and Nathan who were his pride and joy. Although his community mourns the loss of a great charitable man, they celebrate his great accomplishments and achievements.

Mr. Speaker it is a pleasure to praise the accomplishments to an outstanding individual. I am sure his legacy will live on in the hearts of his community and family. Donald Getz was a man of character and compassion and I take this moment to applaud his character and determination before this distinguished body.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2002, an event at the White House to which this Member was invited caused this Member to unavoidably miss 4 roll call votes on H.R. 5093, a bill to provide FY2003 appropriations for the Department of the Interior. Had this Member been present, he would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall vote number 315—"no" (the amendment offered by the gentlelady from California, Mrs. Capps); Rollcall vote number 316—"aye" (the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oregon, Mr. Blumenauer); Rollcall vote number 317—"aye" (the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona, Mr. Shadegg); and Rollcall vote number 3 18—"aye" (final passage of H.R. 5093).

SHANE BENNETT

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shane Bennett, a courageous Sheriff's Deputy from my district who gave his life so that others may live.

In the months since September 11, we have seen countless acts of bravery performed by our military, law enforcement officers and firefighters. Shane Bennett added his name to the list of those who paid the ultimate price to protect the people of this country.

Officer Bennett, a resident of Montgomery, Texas, in the 8th Congressional District, was

a nine-year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's Department. Killed June 12 in a shootout after he responded to a home invasion, Officer Bennett saved the lives of a Houston man, his stepdaughters and his 3-month-old grandson.

Shane Bennett left behind his wife of six years, Teresa, and their 20-month-old daughter Alyssa.

The bravery that this young man displayed isn't the only character trait that describes his life. At his funeral, he was described as "caring, loving and compassionate." Teresa described him as "one of the most perfect people you will ever meet."

The sacrifice Shane displayed was not only evident in his final moments on this earth but countless times during his life. When he and Teresa first learned they were pregnant, he quit riding motorcycles because he didn't want to get in an accident. He always wanted his little girl to have her daddy.

When Alyssa was born, he took a month off of work to spend time with her and help his wife.

Teresa also recalls that he never hesitated to help friends and neighbors in need, either. "He would do anything for anybody," Teresa said. This was evident in Shane's last selfless act before he died.

Friends and colleagues remembered Shane as "everybody's friend" and that he was proud to be a sheriff's deputy. Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Bobby Davison said, "He was always there for his partners. Always there to back you up. He always had a smile on his face."

Mr. Speaker, the world would be a better place with more people like Shane Bennett, loving husband and father and a role model for law enforcement officers everywhere.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONICAL'S PIZZA CORPORATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Monical's Pizza Corporation for receiving the 2002 Employer of Choice Award from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. Monical's Pizza Corporation (Monical's,) is located in Bradley, Illinois and is within my 11th Congressional District.

The Employer of Choice Awards are a component of the Industry of Choice Program. The initiative identifies critical areas to be addressed in the restaurant and food service industry to improve retention and operating performance. The winners of the award are recognized for their "best practices" and are held up as models for others to follow.

Monical's employs 950 people in over 50 locations located throughout Central Illinois with three in Indiana and one in Wisconsin. In 1997, Harry Bond, President of Monical's, began restructuring the company based on Harvard Business School's "Service Profit Chain". The "Service Profit Chain" is based on the idea of employee and guest satisfaction as the key to success and continued growth. Team leaders, support staff, restaurant managers as well as employees, have embraced the guest, and employee focused idea. Monical's has one of the lowest turnover rates in the industry. Many of their employees have been with them for over two decades.

According to President Harry Bond, "The company is constantly striving to improve planning and operations with the help of team members and their ideas. The best ideas come from our own staff. Monical's believes in hiring the best people and keeping them happy and productive."

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other companies in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's communities and workforce.

TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S ATHLETIC TEAMS IN PITTSBURG, KANSAS

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the high school boy's athletic teams in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Last fall, the St. Mary's-Colgan Panthers began their school year by taking the state championship in football. They followed that by winning the state basketball championship in double overtime.

The eyes of people all over Kansas turned to this small school recognizing their amazing accomplishment. The Panthers then attempted to complete the trifecta with a baseball championship. They finished the state baseball tournament a respectable second.

However, the Panthers already had a rich baseball tradition, including state championships in four of the past six years.

As a former Olympian, I can appreciate the hard work, perseverance and grit that it takes to reach this level of athletic achievement.

I want to add my congratulations to this outstanding school and let them know that I, along with the rest of Kansas, eagerly anticipate their next season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOB WALLACE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to pay tribute to the accomplishments of Bob Wallace. It is a great pleasure of mine to honor his hard work and determination, which led to the establishment of the Wallace Oil Company in 1962. Mr. Wallace contributed selflessly to the betterment of his community, which is why he is deserving of our admiration.

Bob Wallace graduated from Regis College in Denver, where he was an All-American on the school's basketball team. Following his graduation, he spent 15 months in the Air Force, where he was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma and was ranked as an All-American in the 1952 AAU Tournament. Mr. Wallace later participated in the Phillips company basketball team, the '66ers,' where he played at least 60 games a season.

Mr. Wallace created the Wallace Oil Company in 1962 from nothing more than \$15,000