

increased the size of National Landscape Conservation System units. Working with the Colorado Congressional delegation, she was instrumental in the designation of the Gunnison Gorge and Colorado Canyons National Conservation Areas and the designation of wilderness areas within those NCAs.

Through her leadership and the good work of the BLM employees, important guidelines are in place to make sure that recreation, grazing and other uses do not negatively impact our public lands. These guidelines help underscore that the environment can be protected in concert with economic benefits that inure to communities by these resources and activities.

She also helped BLM make important strides toward integrating fire into overall land management. Today, the Colorado BLM has in place state-of-the-art Fire Management Plans, which utilizes naturally ignited fires to meet resource objectives. She has also helped create local community support for the BLM's fire program, and helped local communities develop fire management plans.

She has also been helpful on wilderness protection. She demonstrated strong leadership when she agreed to re-evaluate areas that contained wilderness characteristics to determine if the management of these areas should be revised to protect their wilderness values. She also was a supporter of the BLM's Colorado policy of providing interim protection of areas that have been proposed for wilderness in order to give Congress the flexibility to determine this ultimate disposition of these lands.

Before coming to Colorado, Ann served three years as BLM's State Director in Nevada, where she concentrated on developing standards and guidelines for rangeland health, improving the quality and timeliness of hardrock mining environmental analysis, and securing strong working relationships with local governments in a state where the BLM manages 67 percent of the land.

Before embarking on her BLM career, Ann was manager of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Lands. There she was responsible for the multiple use management of more than 2 million acres of state public lands. She directed leasing, resource inventories and harvesting, public access and recreation, habitat protection and restoration, and statewide aquatic lands enhancement programs. Prior to that she managed engineering and construction projects for geothermal power plants for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Ann will be moving on to work on public land and environmental issues with, the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, Colorado. She also will be working with the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution on special projects. At these positions, I know that she will have an opportunity to continue to make important contributions to public lands management. Her experience and expertise will help these organizations better understand and respond to natural resource issues.

I wish her well in these endeavors and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her dedicated public service to Colorado and the nation.

SALE OF ISRAELI ARROW WEAPON SYSTEM TO INDIA

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the House floor this evening to discuss the sale of the Israeli Arrow Weapon System to India.

According to several reports, Mr. Speaker, there is support within the Pentagon and support from Israel to make the sale of the Arrow Weapon System a reality. However, Secretary Powell and the State Department are preparing to express objection to India's purchase of this missile defense system from Israel, due to the current military standoff between India and Pakistan.

I sent a letter today to Secretary Powell, requesting that the Secretary not delay or oppose India's purchase of this missile defense system from Israel.

I strongly believe that the State Department's support for the Arrow Weapon System sale to India would further solidify the new defense relationship between the United States and India. For the past several months, the U.S. and India have participated in numerous joint military exercises which have fostered a strong defense relationship between the two countries, which share democratic interests and have been working together well against global terrorism.

In addition, the Arrow Weapon System was created to defend against short-range and medium-range ballistic missiles. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, India's interest in the Arrow Weapon System is to improve missile defense, not offense, which is a key factor regarding this sale that needs to be considered.

There have also been reports that indicate that India is preparing to buy parts from the United States for military equipment such as helicopters, jets and radar systems. The sale of this equipment was initially delayed due to sanctions imposed on India in May 1998. Those sanctions have been lifted for nearly one year and I requested that the sale of this equipment not be delayed as well due to the current situation between India and Pakistan.

Mr. Speaker, I am hoping that during Secretary Powell's trip to India this week, he will voice approval of this Israeli sale to India. This is a positive step for U.S.-India relations and because of the defensive nature of this defense system, the U.S. should not delay this sale due to the conflict between India and Pakistan.

JULY 23, 2002.

Hon. COLIN POWELL,
Secretary, U.S. Department of State,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I am writing today to urge you not to delay the sale of the Israeli Arrow Weapon System to India.

According to several reports, there is support within the Pentagon and support from Israel to make this sale a reality. However, I understand that during your upcoming trip to India, you are preparing to express your objection to India's purchase of this missile defense system from Israel, due to the current military standoff between India and Pakistan.

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I am hoping that during your trip this week, you will voice approval of this Israeli sale to India and I thank you for taking my views into consideration.

Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, Jr.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF BOBBY LEE THOMPSON

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Bobby Lee Thompson, who recently retired as the United Auto Workers Region 8 director. Bobby Lee served as the Region 8 director for more than 11 years and served the UAW for 48 years.

Bobby Lee began his nearly five decades of service to the UAW when he was hired as an assembler at the General Motors assembly plant in Wilmington, Delaware, on January 11, 1954. He served in numerous capacities with the union, including president of UAW Local 435 and as an international representative.

Bobby Lee has been a tremendous advocate for the working man and woman in the auto industry. His hard work and dedication to the UAW has earned him many accolades. He has even earned international recognition as an advocate for workers in the field of independent arbitration. Bobby Lee has also taken an active and appreciated role in numerous Middle Tennessee community organizations and boards.

His leadership and vision at the UAW will be sorely missed. I congratulate Bobby Lee on his outstanding career and wish him well in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS J. DOUGHERTY, NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and acknowledge the

outstanding work of Thomas J. Dougherty, a Senior Advisor with the National Wildlife Federation. Tom will be retiring at the end of this year after serving 18 years with the National Wildlife Federation and decades of work on environmental and wildlife protection efforts.

For over a quarter century, Tom Dougherty, who now lives in Loveland, Colorado, has worked to protect wildlife and its habitat on behalf of conservationists and the Wyoming and National Wildlife Federations. Tom's passion and talent for protecting wildlife first appeared in 1983, when Tom, then president of the Wyoming Wildlife Federation, roused the State of Wyoming and its legislature to pass an instream flow law. That law recognizes that leaving water in the stream for the sake of fish and wildlife is a legitimate and beneficial use of water.

About the same time, and on much drier ground, Tom began a campaign which found its way to the national evening news and into the courts. Tom dedicated himself to getting rid of a rancher's lethal twenty-eight mile fence, which blocked antelope from reaching their crucial winter range on Red Rim in south-central Wyoming. Thanks to Tom (with an assist from NBC Nightly News and the federal courts), the five foot high mesh wire fence, which was impenetrable to antelope, was completely removed, saving antelope from starving to death in severe winters. Several years later, Tom helped the Wyoming Game and Fish Department acquire the private lands on Red Rim so the Department and the Bureau of Land Management could manage those lands as The Red Rim Wildlife Habitat Management Area.

In the later 1980s Tom moved to the National Wildlife Federation's office in Boulder, Colorado, where he eventually became Western Staff Director. At this position, he worked with Representatives Pat Schroeder and Wayne Allard, the City of Denver, the United States Army, Shell Oil Company, the State of Colorado, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to designate the Rocky Mountain Arsenal as a National Wildlife Refuge—an unusual urban wildlife refuge. Tom's advocacy for the new refuge and talent for bringing people together to fight for wildlife were becoming nationally known.

That recognition may help explain his participation in the early 1990s of efforts to reform the grazing of livestock on our public lands. When then Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt was embarking on reform efforts, heated controversy in the west naturally ensued. The Secretary, in order to forge a compromise, turned to Colorado, where Governor Roy Romer was working to bring all sides together to develop a workable slate of reform proposals. Governor Romer included Tom in these efforts as he knew of Tom's ability to work with all sides, understand the concerns of the ranchers, and bring a spirit of collaboration—along with a passion for protecting the sustainability of the land for livestock and wildlife. When that effort expanded through Secretary Babbitt's participation, the Secretary and Governor Romer included him in the grazing roundtable that ultimately lead to new grazing regulations. Once again Tom's talent for bringing diverse interests together for the sake of wildlife was making a big difference on the ground.

While Tom was working on the Arsenal Refuge and Red Rim, there was a sound absent from Yellowstone National Park. Now, you might be lucky enough to hear a wolf howl in Yellowstone, and if so you owe some thanks to Tom Dougherty. He and the National Wildlife Federation, along with many other conservation organizations, worked with citizens, teachers, biologists, ranchers, hunters, lawyers, politicians, and regulators (to name just a few) to bring back the gray wolf Tom was among those invited to be in the Park with Secretary Babbitt during the release of the first wolves back into Yellowstone.

Tom's dedication to wildlife and his thoughtful and heartfelt encouragement for those who care about wildlife is not limited to federal lands. South and east of Yellowstone, Tom and the National Wildlife Federation joined with the Shoshone and Arapaho Indian Tribes on the Wind River Indian Reservation in an effort to convert the Tribes' agricultural water rights into instream flow rights. Keeping the water in the river would have restored the Wind River and bolstered the Tribes cultural and economic hopes to once again rely on the river's formerly fertile fishery.

All of this dedication and commitment may be traced to an event early in his life that Tom likes to recite and that he swears is a true story. Forty years ago, as a boy at a Cheyenne, Wyoming, high school, he helped dangle another student by his heels out of a second story school window. Perhaps those few seconds of outdoor aerial suspension created a heightened appreciation of the earth and its environment—the boy who was dangled became a leader of private property rights advocates, and Tom, who kept a firm grip on those inverted heels, became the dedicated environmental leader, teacher, and wildlife guardian that he is today.

Perhaps those few seconds at the sill of that second story high school window gave Tom a knack for recognizing serious wildlife issues before most even realize there's a threat. A decade ago he led the National and Wyoming Wildlife Federations into court to enforce Wyoming's laws against game ranching. Today, game ranches in other states are often at the center of concern about the spread of chronic wasting disease.

Tom Dougherty has been the instigator, producer, coach, minister, and manager for those working to protect wildlife. Certainly one beneficiary of his passionate guardianship and persistent defense is the wildlife we enjoy in the Rocky Mountain region. But the creatures who thrive thanks to Tom are but a token compared to his greatest contribution: his recognition and nurturing of those willing to join in defending wildlife. Tom has motivated hundreds to care for and defend wildlife across the west. The allies Tom has mentored will ensure the West's wildlife legacy will endure.

For these reasons and more, I am proud to call Tom Dougherty a friend, and urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing his contributions to wildlife, our county, and the hundreds of citizens he has inspired to join together to make the West a better place for wildlife and people.

LEGISLATION TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO JUSTIN DART, JR.

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Justin Dart Jr., a legendary advocate for disability and human rights, who died on June 22. He was 71 years old.

Justin Dart was a leader in the disability rights movement for over 30 years and was an instrumental force behind the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, a landmark law protecting the civil rights of persons with disabilities. He was widely regarded as one of the "fathers of the ADA."

At age 18, Mr. Dart contracted polio, which left his legs paralyzed. He attended college at the University of Houston, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. In college, Justin Dart became involved in the civil rights movement and founded an organization to end the racial segregation of the university he attended. Throughout his life, he was active in promoting and protecting the rights of women, persons of color, and gays and lesbians, in addition to people with disabilities.

A successful entrepreneur, Mr. Dart established several businesses in Mexico and Japan during the 1950s and 1960s, but turned away from these ventures so that he and his wife, Yoshiko, could fully devote themselves to human rights causes. In the 1980s, he was appointed by Presidents Reagan and Bush to a number of government posts, including membership on the National Council on Disability, Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Service Administration, and chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. He also headed the Congressional Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities. He remained a strong proponent of the ADA, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and other legislative milestones after his service in government, and helped found an organization, "Justice for All," to protect the achievements of the disability rights movement.

In 1998 Justin Dart was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. Mr. Speaker, it is only fitting that Congress honor this civil rights advocate with the Congressional Gold Medal as well.

This week on July 26, we will celebrate the 12th anniversary of the ADA. On that day the disability community will come together in our Nation's Capital to pay tribute and celebrate the life of Justin Dart, and for his work to champion the cause of people with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, let Congress, too, celebrate the life of Justin Dart, and let Congress reaffirm its commitment to the civil rights of all Americans with disabilities, by honoring this outstanding and visionary American with the Congressional Gold Medal.