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As Director of the YWCA, Diane has long been active in the Pueblo community and has dedicated a significant amount of her time and efforts to improving community relations and upholding civil rights. Recently, her tireless efforts and extraordinarily selfless endeavors culminated in the creation of the Pueblo Human Relations Commission, a 15 member panel which will discuss divisive community issues, and a long-time dream of Diane's. Along with Sandy Gutierrez, Diane was responsible for the Commission's creation, which will undoubtedly serve as a catalyst for more open discussions on race related issues and other controversial issues facing the Pueblo community. Like all true pioneers, Diane had to overcome a great deal of opposition to see her dream come to fruition, and I commend her for her courage and persistence in the face of such opposition.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Diane Porter is a woman of unparalleled dedication and commitment to her community and to the people whose lives she has touched while serving it. It is her unrelenting passion for each and every thing she does, as well as her spirit of honesty and integrity with which she has always conducted herself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. She is a remarkable woman who has achieved extraordinary things and enriched the lives of so many people. It is my privilege to extend to Diane my sincere congratulations on the creation of the Pueblo Human Relations Commission and for the tremendous accomplishment of being honored by the United States Justice Department for her efforts. I wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Republic of Kazakhstan for its efforts in assisting the United States in our war against terrorism. Kazakhstan was among the first of our allies to offer its condolences and help after the destruction of September 11th. Indeed, following the terrorist attacks, Kazakh President Nazarbayev took the unprecedented step of visiting the United States Embassy in the Kazakh capital of Astana to sign the Embassy's book of condolences.

On September 15, 2001, President Nazarbayev issued a strong statement of support for our war against Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda. In his statement, President Nazarbayev declared that his country would support our own government "in the fight against terrorism with all means available." More importantly, our friends in Astana backed their firm statements with action—offering blanket overflight clearance for U.S. aircraft over the vast Republic of Kazakhstan. Moreover, the Kazakh government has since offered its own airfields and supply bases to the

United States military for use in action against Al Qaeda.

In addition to this strong strategic help, our Kazakh friends have shipped nearly 3,000 tons of wheat and other grains to the impoverished people of Afghanistan. This sort of vital assistance has helped our own nation in a fight not only to rid Afghanistan of its terrorist oppressors, but to resurrect a long-suffering people. A young nation itself, Kazakhstan has also sought to integrate itself into the global alliance against terrorism by offering further food sales to the United Nations World Food Programme in order to facilitate the feeding of the Afghan people.

President Nazarbayev and his countrymen have also shown political courage and leadership in embracing global standards of conduct in international affairs. The Government in Astana has ratified seven international terrorism conventions, while the Governor of the Kazakh Central Bank has pledged to track down and freeze any terrorist financing within the Kazakh Republic. Mr. Speaker, this sort of cooperation and assistance exemplifies the sort of friendship that our own nation treasures and needs in our fight against the evil behind international terrorism. The Republic of Kazakhstan has demonstrated a valiant commitment to protecting freedom by siding with the United States of America. It is my hope that other nations, young and old, will follow the tremendous example of the Kazakh people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, because I was attending to family matters in my home state of Minnesota, I missed Roll Call votes 483–512 of the 1st Session of the 107th Congress and Roll Call votes 2–14 of the 2nd Session of the 107th Congress. I would like the record to show that I would have voted: Aye on Roll Call vote #483, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 281, honoring the ultimate sacrifice made by Johnny Michael Spann, the first American killed in combat during the war against terrorism.

Aye on Roll Call vote #484, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3282, the Mike Mansfield Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Designation Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #485, H.R. 10, the Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #486, approving the Journal.

Nay on Roll Call vote #487, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3295, the Help America Vote Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #488, motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3295, the Help America Vote Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #489, final passage of H.R. 3295, the Help America Vote Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #490, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 282, expressing the Sense of Congress that the Social Security promise should be kept.

Aye on Roll Call vote #491, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3209, the Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #492, on passage of H.R.

1022, the Community Recognition Act of 2001. Aye on Roll Call vote #493, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, H.R. 3448, the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #494, on motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3338, the Department of Defense Appropriations Conference Report for FY 2002.

Aye on Roll Call vote #495, on closing portions of H.R. 3338, the Department of Defense Appropriations Conference Report. Aye on Roll Call vote #496, on the Conference Report to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002. Nay on Roll Call vote #9497, on the Conference Report to H.R. 1, the No Child Left Behind Act. Nay on Roll Call vote #498, to provide for the consideration of Motions to Suspend the Rules.

Aye on Roll Call vote #499, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3379, the Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building. Aye on Roll Call vote #500, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3054, the True American Heroes Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #501, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3275, the Terrorist Bombings Convention Implementation Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #502, to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2657, the District of Columbia Family Court Act.

Aye on Roll Call vote #503, to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2199, the District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #504, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 3061, the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002. Aye on Roll Call vote #505, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 2506, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

Nay on Roll Call vote #506, on agreeing to the Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Nay on Roll Call vote #507, on agreeing to the H. Res. 320, providing for consideration of H.R. 3529; to provide tax incentives for economic recovery and assistance to displaced workers. Aye on Roll Call vote #508, motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3529, the Economic Security and Worker Assistance Act. Nay on Roll Call vote #509, final passage of H.R. 3529, the Economic Security and Worker Assistance Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #510, on agreeing to the conference report to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

Aye on Roll Call vote #511, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.J. Res. 75, as amended, Regarding the Monitoring of Weapons Development in Iraq, as Required by United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 (April 3, 1991). Aye on Roll Call vote #512, on motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 1762, to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, and for other purposes. Aye on Roll Call vote #2, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 700, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #3, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 2234, the Tumacacori National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #4, on passage of S. 1762, Higher Education Act Amendments.

Aye on Roll Call vote #5, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 335, honoring the contributions of Catholic Schools. Aye on Roll Call vote #6, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 577, as amended, to require any organization that is established for the purpose of raising funds for the creation of a Presidential archival depository to disclose the sources and amounts of any funds raised. Aye on Roll Call vote #7, on motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 970, Designating the facility of the US Postal Service located at 39 Tremont Street, Paris Hill, Maine, as the Horatio King Post Office Building. Nay on Roll Call vote #8, on ordering the previous question, H. Res. 342, providing for the consideration of Motions to Suspend the Rules.

Aye on Roll Call vote #9, on motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 1888, to correct a technical error in the Codification of Title 36 of the United States Code. Nay on Roll Call vote #10, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, H. Con. Res. 312, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the scheduled Tax Relief Provided by the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 passed by a bipartisan majority in Congress should not be suspended or repealed. Aye on Roll Call vote #11, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.J. Res. 82, recognizing the 91st birthday of Ronald Reagan. Aye on Roll Call vote #12, on agreeing to H. Res. 343, providing for consideration of H.R. 3394; Cyber Security Research and Development Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #13, on passage of H.R. 3394, the Cyber Security Research and Development Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #14, approving the Journal.

TRIBUTE TO CASEY FITZRANDOLPH

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Casey FitzRandolph, Olympic Gold Medal winner at the Salt Lake City games. This year's Olympic Games have a special meaning to Americans who have come together with unity and pride in these troubling times. I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent whose incredible accomplishment made us all proud to be Americans.

Casey FitzRandolph, of Verona, Wisconsin, won the Gold Medal yesterday in the 500-meter Men's Speed skating competition. He is the first American to win the Gold in this competition since Eric Heiden, also from the second district of Wisconsin, swept the Olympics in Lake Placid in 1980.

When he was five years old, Casey FitzRandolph proclaimed that he would grow up to be just like Eric Heiden, who was there cheering Casey on in his Gold Medal victory last night. Another Wisconsite, Kip Carpenter, took home the Bronze Medal as well, skating in the final pair with Casey in a very special Olympic moment.

In the spirit of Eric Heiden, Dan Jannsen and Bonnie Blair, this new generation of Wisconsin speed skaters has made their state, their nation and the entire world proud.

In recognition of the sacrifice of his parents, Jeff and Ruthie, his grandparents, his sister

Jessi, and his fiancée Jennifer Bocher, I want to wholeheartedly congratulate Casey FitzRandolph for his accomplishment.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SANDY GUTIERREZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to pay tribute today to a woman whose incredible heart and extraordinary efforts have made an indelible impact on the community of Pueblo and the State of Colorado. Sandy Gutierrez is both inspirational and courageous, and a true testament to the inherent greatness that resides in all of humanity. Throughout her life, she has consistently given her time, effort and love to others, and it is with a great deal of satisfaction and pride that I pay tribute to her for the tremendous accomplishment of being honored by the United States Justice Department for her significant civil rights contributions.

As Director of the Latino Chamber of Commerce, Sandy has long been a champion of civil rights and has dedicated a significant amount of her time and efforts to improving relations in the Pueblo community. Recently, her tireless efforts and extraordinarily selfless endeavors culminated in the creation of the Pueblo Human Relations Commission, a 15 member panel which will discuss divisive community issues, and a long-time dream of Sandy's. Along with Diane Porter, Sandy was responsible for the Commission's creation, which will undoubtedly serve as a catalyst for more open discussions on race related issues and other controversial issues facing the Pueblo community. Like all true pioneers, Sandy had to overcome a great deal of opposition to see her dream come to fruition, and I commend her for her courage and persistence in the face of such opposition.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you today in order to bring the accomplishments of such an extraordinary woman to the attention of this body of Congress. Sandy Gutierrez has been instrumental in improving her community and her state, and I, along with the people whose lives she has so profoundly affected and enriched, are eternally grateful for everything she has done. I wish to offer her my sincere congratulations today on the creation of the Pueblo Human Relations Commission and for the tremendous accomplishment of being honored by the United States Justice Department for her efforts. I wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR MARK HILLMAN

HON. BOB SCHAFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker it is an honor to rise today to express congratulations to an outstanding member of the Colorado State Legislature, Senator Mark Hillman of Burlington, Colorado. The National Republican

Legislator Association recently named Senator Hillman Legislator of the Year for the year 2001. Senator Hillman continues to be of tremendous service to the state of Colorado and I am pleased to recognize his achievements today.

In a recent edition of The Wray Gazette Senator Hillman was quoted as saying, "I'm truly honored to be chosen for this year's award among the hundreds of qualified candidates nationwide." Mark's humility makes him a fine public servant and the state of Colorado is proud of his achievements in the Colorado General Assembly. This award follows the Senator's recognition in August as Legislator of the Year by the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Mark enjoys his position immensely and his dedication to his post as state senator is evident in his success in the state legislature. He holds the highest degree of personal fairness and integrity while also carrying his strong convictions on to the floor of the state legislature.

I am privileged to be a colleague of the distinguished Senator Hillman. The state of Colorado is fortunate to have a man of such integrity and character to serve it. On behalf of the citizens of Colorado, and especially those of the Fourth Congressional District, I congratulate Senator Hillman on his recent achievements. Furthermore, I ask the House to join me in congratulating State Senator Mark Hillman for this high honor.

TESTIMONY OF BETTY R. MOSS

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, as we debate the merits of reforming our nation's pension system, I would like to share with my House colleagues the experience of Ms. Betty R. Moss, a recent retiree of the Polaroid Corporation. Her compelling testimony, prepared for delivery before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, paints a vivid and disturbing portrait of the vulnerability of workers and retirees under our current pension and bankruptcy laws. I ask my colleagues to consider her poignant words, and join with me in enacting new protections to ensure retirement security for all workers and retirees.

TESTIMONY OF BETTY R. MOSS BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS, DATED FEB. 7, 2002

Good morning. My name is Betty Moss, and I am a former Polaroid employee. I am accompanied today by Karl Farmer, chairman of the Official Committee of Retirees for Polaroid Corporation. I am also accompanied today by counsel for the Official Committee of Retirees, Scott Cousins, of Greenberg Traurig.

I am 56 years old and I live in Smyrna, Georgia with my husband, Lawrence. We have been married for 32 years and have one son, Tom.

I started working for Polaroid more than 35 years ago as a file clerk, soon after finishing high school. My job was eliminated last July, and I retired from Polaroid, finishing my career as the Senior Operations Manager of Polaroid's Atlanta Business Center.