

President. During the coming weekend, they are celebrating their 50th anniversary on the air. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service.

Since 1952, KANU has informed, enlightened, educated and amused the radio listeners of northeast Kansas; it is the flagship station of National Public Radio in our state and it is a cultural lifeline for Kansans and an example of public radio at its best.

At a time when radio programming is becoming more homogeneous, KANU continues to present classical music, jazz, opera, bluegrass and folk music. These genres have a wide audience, but listeners might not be able to hear them on the radio without the steadfast, continued support of KANU.

KANU is also a credit to its home institution, the University of Kansas, which has backed the institution from its beginning.

As a listener, supporter and occasional guest of KANU, I urge all Kansans, and indeed, all fans of good radio, to thank KANU for their 50 years of broadcasting and to wish them well for the next 50 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on September 10 I was unavoidably absent and missed roll-call votes Nos. 378, 379, 380, 381, 382 and 383. If present I would have voted "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NICK PAPADAKIS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you and this body of Congress today to honor a remarkable veteran of the United States Navy who recently passed away. Nick Papadakis of Pueblo, Colorado contributed selflessly to our nation and I thank him for his commitment to this country. As a Navy veteran who served in time of war, Nick is an example of what is best about our country: the passion and valor of its citizens.

In 1959, after service in the Navy, Nick received an honorable discharge and started a career with the Prudential Insurance Company, which lasted for twenty-eight years. He moved to Colorado in 1971 and immediately found his calling. Nick and his wife dearly missed the deli specialties of San Francisco and opened their own restaurant, "The Deli." The Deli was a success because aside from good food, Nick provided a personal atmosphere where customers could discuss sports, politics and the Pueblo Community. Nick's deli has been a vital part of the Pueblo community since it opened.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in celebrating the life of Nick Papadakis, who tragically lost his battle with cancer recently. Nick dutifully served our country and selflessly committed himself to the betterment of Pueblo. His legacy of love includes his wife, June; his

two daughters, Michele and Alison; and their husbands; as well as three precious granddaughters who doted on their grandfather. Nick's remarkable spirit empowered all who knew him. I would like to express my deepest condolences to his friends and family as I pay tribute to the power of his life today before this body of Congress.

ALLEN SHUR: 2002 JOHNS LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Allen Shur on receiving the 2002 Johns "Labor Leader of the Year" Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the working women and men of our community.

Allen was born in Los Angeles in May 1948. His father was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Allen lost both of his parents at a young age. Overcoming his loss, he graduated from high school in Los Angeles County. Then he attended college in southern California and became active in the labor and political movements of the late 60s and early 70s.

Allen joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in 1967. He graduated from the then four-year IBEW/NECA Inside Apprenticeship program in 1971. Allen distinguished himself by his political involvement, which caught the attention of IBEW's membership. He served on the Executive Board of Local 569 and as a Labor Trustee.

In 1995, the membership overwhelmingly elected him to the office of Business Manager, a position that he continues to hold. Allen has continued his support for organizing the electrical workers in San Diego and Imperial Counties, increasing Local 569's membership rolls each year. In addition, Allen has directed his staff to organize both workers and contractors, providing all workers in the electrical industry the union choice.

Allen serves as the District I Vice President of the California Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO), Executive Board Member of the San Diego Labor Council, Vice President of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council, and Secretary of the AFL-CIO Building Corporations. He also volunteers his time with Christmas in April and other community organizations.

Allen Shur exemplifies the high values, standards, and principles of the late John S. Lyons. I offer my congratulations to him on his receipt of the 2002 "Labor Leader of the Year Award."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on September 10, 2002 I was unable to vote on rollcall 379. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the anniversary of the day our great nation was forever changed when terrorists attacked and killed thousands of Americans simply because they were American.

Today, first and foremost, our Nation pays respect to the victims and their families. We stand united and remind them that one year has passed and still, we will never forget September the 11th.

What happened to the United States on that infamous day brought out the best of the American spirit.

The enemies who struck us grossly miscalculated the strength and resolve of the American people.

They didn't know that our bonds of liberty, our bonds of freedom, and our bonds of democracy are stronger and run deeper than any individual, than any building, than any monument.

As President Bush said, "This country will define our times, not be defined by them. As long as the United States of America is determined and strong, this will not be an age of terror; this will be an age of liberty, here and across the world."

During this unprecedented time of great challenge, there will be no corner of the earth where the demons of September 11th will be safe from justice.

America will continue to fight for the security of our great nation, and for peace in the world.

We will never forget every firefighter, flight attendant, father and friend that died that infamous day. May God watch over their families and continue to bless America.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES ALL-STAR EMPLOYEES

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the House's attention to the recognition that the Pittsburgh Pirates have recently awarded a number of their employees for their outstanding work.

The Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club began playing its home games at PNC Park on Pittsburgh's North Shore during the 2001 baseball season. The new baseball park is an impressive facility, and it has been well regarded by the many fans and visitors who have attended games there.

An important part of the positive experience visitors take away from PNC Park consists of the service they are provided with by the more than 2,500 employees who work at the Park on each game day. These workers take visitors' tickets, staff the concession stands, keep

the facility clean, and provide parking and security services. Their work does a great deal to make a visit to PNC Park such a rewarding experience.

As a way of rewarding and encouraging exemplary service, the Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club recognizes a number of "All-Star" employees each month. The All-Star employees for the month of August, 2002, were Bill Gray, DeMilles Jones, Keith Hall, Anna Eberhart, Chad Jordan, Tom Prendergast, Michelle Kimble, Phil Coyne, and Dan Felter. I would like to congratulate these individuals on their selection for recognition as exemplars of excellence on the job.

TRIBUTE TO RUDD MAGERS MAYER

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rudd Mayer, a loving mother, tireless worker for the environment and passionate citizen of Boulder, Colorado, who tragically passed away on August 13, 2002.

Rudd spent most of her life raising a family, but in her late forties she became a member of the Boulder-based Land and Water Fund of the Rockies working primarily on energy efficiency and renewable energy issues. Her work was essential in getting Colorado's publicly owned energy utility to include wind power as part of its energy supply portfolio. The success of that program is direct proof that Rudd was on to something. She was instrumental in encouraging consumers to pay a little extra for "green energy" such as wind power. She was the main force behind the program to allow consumers the choice of acting on their beliefs of a cleaner environment by helping to implement and promote renewable energy options.

In addition to her important work, Rudd was someone who held friends and family close and instantly drew people in, constantly forming new friendships and acquaintances. Rudd's presence would light up any room and her enthusiastic personality contributed greatly to gatherings of groups and individuals.

Rudd was first, and foremost, a mother. When her kids were growing up, she was always there after school, and set a table for six without fail. Rudd was incredibly active, and exercising was a huge part of her life in Winnetka, Illinois. She was an accomplished tennis player, platform tennis player, rollerblader, hiker and skier. She also enjoyed golf, mountain biking, and swimming breaststroke with her head out of the water wearing Ray Ban sunglasses and a floppy white hat.

Rudd knew she belonged in the west ever since her father took her on a train to Yellowstone when she was about ten years old. When she arrived in Boulder in the 90's it was like coming home. Once in Boulder she lived in a solar heated house in Sunshine canyon. Refusing to use electricity, she would wake up every morning and light a fire to heat the house. During the winter she would sleep in full ski wear.

Her first job in Boulder was at the Boulder Book Store. She grew to be a nationally recognized "green power" marketing expert at the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies.

Shortly after her retirement, Rudd's energy program received a rare unsolicited grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

What we will remember in the end is more than her big smile, huge heart and sparkling eyes. She was truly an inspiration without bounds to our family and everyone who knew her.

Rudd had always believed in the river of life; she believed that all things had a purpose, and she would have said there was a reason this time for her to go.

Attached is a news story marking her passing. Those that had the pleasure of knowing and working with Rudd will miss her bright smile, her love of life and her passion for enhancing our quality of life.

BOULDER ACTIVIST RUDD MAYER DIES; ENVIRONMENTALISTS SAY WIND-POWER PROponent WILL BE MISSED

(By Katy Human)

Rudd Mayer, an energetic environmental advocate and the driving force behind Xcel Energy's successful wind-power program, died unexpectedly of heart failure Tuesday. She was 58. The tiny, husky-voiced woman commanded great respect in Boulder's environmental community.

"All day long, I've been getting e-mails from Rudd's colleagues about what a pioneer she was," said Susan Innis, green-power marketing director for the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies, an organization for which Mayer consulted.

Several years ago, a merger settlement forced Xcel, then Public Service Company of Colorado, to develop a wind-power program. Innis said, but she said WindSource would have been a quiet, sidelined program without Mayer's input.

Mayer and several colleagues developed a sophisticated marketing scheme for the wind program, which lets Xcel customers buy "green" power for slightly more than traditional electricity from coal-fired power plants. More than 23,000 households and businesses in Colorado are now signed up, according to Xcel figures.

Several organizations praised Mayer's work with awards, including the President's Council on Sustainable Development, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Resource Solutions.

Mayer's former colleague Kelley Green said her friend's greatest legacy is not WindSource but simply the attitude Mayer brought to her work.

"There are lots of people who do really amazing and wonderful things for the environment," Green said, "but there are few that do it with her spirit, her integrity, her commitment, her joy." Mayer was born Sept. 8, 1943, in Washington, D.C., to Dorothy and Rudyard K. Magers. She spent most of her childhood in Evanston, Ill., and graduated from Smith College with a bachelor's degree in art history.

She married Richard Mayer, her high school sweetheart, said Brooke Mayer Larson, a daughter. The two later divorced but remained friends.

Mayer lived in Boulder for about a decade, and the West suited her, Larson said. "She's such a passionate person. She loved the mountains, the land, the desert. . . ."

Mayer had some health problems as a result of childhood illness but was one of the most enthusiastic and energetic people around, said Claudia Putnam, also of the Land and Water Fund. On Tuesday morning, a friend of Mayer's drove her to Boulder Community Hospital because she was having trouble breathing, Putnam said.

Mayer is survived by four children—Larson, Alexandra Mayer Druker of Palo Alto, Calif., Taylor Mayer of Billings, Mont.,

and Campbell Mayer, who has been traveling around the world—and five grandchildren.

The Mayer family is planning a "memorial celebration" at 10:30 a.m. Monday on the lawn in front of the Chautauqua Park Dining Hall in Boulder. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked donations be sent to the Land and Water Fund to support wind power.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on September 10, 2002, I was absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 378 through 383. For the record, had I been present I would have voted yea on all of these votes.

IN RECOGNITION OF STATE SENATOR DEBBY SANDERSON

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Florida Senator Debby Sanderson who has announced her retirement after 20 years of distinguished public service to the residents of Broward and Palm Beach counties.

In 1982, Senator Sanderson was the first female elected from Broward County to the Florida House of Representatives and served as the Freshman Minority Leader her first term. In 1988, Debby was appointed by the Democratic Speaker of the House to the House Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee. It was this committee assignment early in her career which led to her interest in social services and shaped much of her future work in the Florida legislature. She was chairwoman of the Human Services Appropriations in the House until her election to the Senate in 2000.

During her years of service in the House and Senate, Debby brought her low-key, principle driven agenda focusing on issues such as health care, children, education and a commitment to Florida's social services. Always accessible to her constituents, Debby traveled her district listening to the needs and concerns of officials and citizens alike. Although the Florida legislature is only in session for two months out of the year, for Debby it has been a full time job.

When Senator Debby Sanderson recently announced her retirement, the room was filled with admirers from the social services community all of whom have benefitted from her hard work and dedication: PACE, a program for troubled teenage girls; Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital; Autism Society of Florida; Area Agency on Aging; Special Olympics, to name just a few. Also present were representatives of Florida Breast Cancer Research Coalition whose cause will benefit from passage of the special license plate legislation sponsored by Senator Debby Sanderson.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Debby Sanderson has decided to retire from public life; however I am