

"To many people in Blount County and throughout the area, Bobbie was the chamber of commerce," chamber President and CEO Fred Forster said Wednesday. "She was the core of enthusiasm in this community for many years. Many of the things we enjoy here now are the fruits of her work over the years.

"All of us in the chamber family will miss her," Forster said.

Householder, 74, was a native of Knoxville. She and Glen, her husband of 56 years, moved to Blount County in 1952 and became the parents of two sons and a daughter.

Not long after the Householders' move to Blount County, she went to the Chamber of Commerce-United Way office, then located at the Maryville Municipal Building, to help out for a few days. Her volunteer work with the chamber led to a full-time job there, and she retired in 1994 after 33 years with the organization.

Early in her career with the chamber, the staff consisted of the executive director, a bookkeeper and Householder. She handled office responsibilities and coordinated chamber projects, including coordination of Blount County's United Way campaigns for 25 years.

By the end of her tenure with the chamber, Householder was vice president of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Foundation and the Smoky Mountain Visitors Bureau, three of the four organizations under the Blount Partnership's administrative umbrella.

In addition to her other duties, Householder helped organize and coordinate Homecoming '86 for Blount County, the Adopt-A-School program, Leadership Blount and the Blount County Dogwood Arts Festival. She also was extremely active in the Maryville-Alcoa Jaycettes, an organization involved in initial promotion of tourism efforts.

She retired with the title of vice president of community development for the Blount County Chamber of Commerce.

Retirement did little to slow Householder, and her efforts to better her community were recognized when she received the 2001 Pride of Tennessee Award. The award is given to one person each year who has a history of community involvement.

Since 1994 she has served as president of the Friends of the Library, a member of the Keep Blount Beautiful Board of Directors, a member of the Blount County Bicentennial Committee, an officer with the Blount County Education Foundation, and co-chairman of the Blount County Millennium Committee.

Householder also served several years as chairman for the United Way of Blount County's Day of Caring and in other volunteer roles for United Way.

"She was a great lady with great ideas, but the best thing about Bobbie was that you could count on her," United Way Executive Director Sandra Davis said Wednesday.

"She was still recruiting United Way volunteers from her hospital bed as recently as last week," Davis said. "She was one of the best volunteers any nonprofit organization could ask for—always willing to go the extra mile."

Davis said she and Householder also shared an interest in activities through the Methodist church, not only at the local level but at the conference level as well. Her work in the church included service as communications coordinator for the Holston Conference United Methodist Women.

Householder was a member of Broadway United Methodist Church. Her pastor, the Rev. James Dougherty, will officiate at a celebration of her life at 8 p.m. Friday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Janet Householder of Louisville, KY, her son Alan Householder of Cosby, and her daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Darrell Eastridge of Alcoa, grandchildren Cindy and Brian Householder of Louisville, Ky., and Jeff and Amy Eastridge of Alcoa. She is also survived by her sister, Grace Goode of Maryville, her brother, Richard Hubbs of Johnson City, and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests no flowers. Memorials may be made to Broadway United Methodist Church, to the Blount County Education Foundation, to Friends of the Library or to the United Way of Blount County.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING COLLEEN GEREK

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Colleen Gerek has been awarded the Rodney D. Hanson Memorial Scholarship for the 2002–03 academic year; and

Whereas, Colleen Gerek is a senior at Ohio University Eastern majoring in education; and

Whereas, Colleen Gerek should be commended for her dedication and hard work; and

Whereas, Colleen Gerek has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to meeting challenges in juggling work and classes with enthusiasm and confidence;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Colleen Gerek for her outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING FRANCES "BITSIE" CLARK ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE ARTS COUNCIL OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my sincere congratulations to an outstanding member of our community and a dear friend, Frances "Bitsie" Clark, as she celebrates her retirement.

As the Executive Director of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven for the last twenty years, Bitsie has been the driving force behind the rejuvenation of New Haven's Arts community. Under her leadership, the Arts Council worked diligently, partnering with many local organizations to bring the magic of the arts to our community. During her tenure, I have had the opportunity to work with Bitsie on a variety of projects. Her commitment and dedication is unparalleled and I am in awe of her seemingly endless energy. The City of New Haven has been truly fortunate to have such an advocate.

The Arts Council has taken the lead in supporting cultural development throughout Southern Connecticut. Much of their success can be credited to Bitsie's vision of making New Haven the creative capitol of Connecticut. In the last two decades, we have wit-

nessed the completion of the Audubon Development project, which included the building of 55 Whitney Avenue, the Audubon Court condominium and retail complex and the Audubon Parking Garage; the construction of 70 Audubon Street which houses the offices of the Arts Council, the Community Foundation, and Artspace. We have seen the creation of programs and services like Women in the Arts Month, the African Caribbean Festival Commission, the Hearts for Life Aids benefit and the New Haven Inner City Cultural Development Program and many others—all of which were possible because of the support they received from the Arts Council.

The arts in any medium, play a vital role in all of our lives. They are not only a vehicle of expression, but a means by which our culture and traditions are passed from one generation to another. Bitsie embraced this idea and through her efforts many talented artists and creative individuals were able to realize their dreams—there is no greater gift.

Bitsie's tremendous work and many contributions have left an indelible mark on our community. It is with my deepest thanks and appreciation that I stand today to join the many friends, family, and community members who have gathered today to extend my very best wishes to Frances "Bitsie" Clark as she celebrates her retirement. We will not forget the difference her generosity and commitment have made.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATES FOR H.R. 5099

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I request that the attached cost estimates for H.R. 5099 be submitted for the record under General Leave.

As you know, H.R. 5099 passed the House under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, September 24, 2002. At the time of passage, the Committee on Resources had not yet received a cost estimate for the Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 24, 2002.

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5099, a bill to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Julie Middleton.

Sincerely,
BARRY B. ANDERSON,
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

H.R. 5099: A bill to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the

Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins—As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002

Summary.—H.R. 5099 would amend the current authorization of appropriations for implementing endangered fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. That authority will expire in fiscal year 2005 for the Upper Colorado program and in fiscal year 2007 for the San Juan program. H.R. 5099 would extend the authorization for both programs until 2008.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5099 would have no significant net impact on the federal budget. We estimate that the bill would reduce direct spending by about \$5 million over the 2003–2005 period and increase it by the same amount over the 2006–2008 period, because enacting H.R. 5099 would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. H.R. 5099 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated cost to the federal government.—The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5099 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Estimated Budget Authority	-2	(¹)	-3	(¹)	2

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Estimated Outlays	-2	(¹)	-3	(¹)	2
Spending subject to appropriation					
Spending Under Current Law:					
Estimated Authorization Level ²	6	6	6	0	0
Estimated Outlays	4	5	5	2	2
Proposed Changes:					
Estimated Authorization Level	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	-1	-2	-2	1	1
Spending Under H.R. 5099:					
Estimated Authorization Level ²	6	6	6	0	0
Estimated Outlays	3	3	3	3	3

¹ Less than \$500,000.

² The estimated authorization levels reflect the current balance of authorized funding for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the remaining \$18 million to be appropriated for these programs will be provided in equal increments over the next three years.

Basis of estimate.—H.R. 5099 would extend current authority to implement fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins until 2008. For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 5099 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2003 and that funds already authorized for the two fish recovery programs will be appropriated over the next three years.

Direct Spending.—The net effect of H.R. 5099 on direct spending would be insignificant. Under current law, the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is authorized to pay for its share of the fish recovery programs by borrowing up to \$17 million from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Con-

struction Fund (a fund of the state government). To date, WAPA has borrowed \$5.5 million from that fund. WAPA expects to pay for its remaining costs of \$11.5 million either through borrowing from the state or by spending receipts generated from the sale of electricity. This bill would modify the expected timing of that future spending.

Under this bill, CBO estimates that WAPA's would delay spending about \$5 million over fiscal years 2003 through 2005, but this near-term cash savings would be offset by an increase in spending of an equal amount over fiscal years 2006 through 2008.

Spending Subject to Appropriation.—The net effect of H.R. 5099 on spending also would be insignificant. Under current law, \$46 million is authorized to be appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation for its share of the fish recovery programs. To date, the bureau has spent \$28 million on these programs. Assuming appropriation of the remaining \$18 million, CBO estimates that there would be a delay in spending of about \$5 million over fiscal years 2003 through 2005, but this near-term cash savings would be offset by an increase in spending of an equal amount over fiscal years 2006 through 2008.

Pay-as-you-go considerations.—The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act sets up pay-as-you-go procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or receipts. The net changes in outlays that are subject to pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in the following table. For the purposes of enforcing pay-as-you-go procedures, only the effects through fiscal year 2006 are counted.

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—											
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Changes in outlays	0	-2	0	-3	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	
Changes in receipts	Not applicable											

Intergovernmental and private-sector impact.—H.R. 5099 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimate prepared by.—Federal Costs: Julie Middleton; Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: Marjorie Miller; Impact on the Private Sector: Cecil McPherson.

Estimate approved by.—Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I missed some votes because I was traveling. I left for Iraq yesterday to get a better understanding of how a preemptive US military strike against Iraq will affect the Iraqi people.

Had I been able to, I would have voted: No on H. Res. 547 (Rollcall vote #413); no on H. Res. 540 (Rollcall vote #414); no on H. Res. 544 (Rollcall vote #415).

HONORING JOHN J. BIONDI

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has spent his entire career dedicated to improving the education of our children, particularly those in New Jersey. As a key figure at the New Jersey Education Association, Mr. John J. Biondi demonstrated the type of leadership this country needs to advance its educational system so that students receive the education they deserve and need to compete in the twenty-first century global economy.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Mr. Biondi is a product of the Garden State's school system, where as a teacher he became a part of the school system as well. For 31 years, Mr. Biondi has served as a member of the New Jersey Education Association where his colleagues described him in every positive way possible. Whether it was from the integrity and responsibility he brought to the job each and everyday or his resourcefulness and creativity that helped him meet the changing needs of his organization, John Biondi's presence at the New Jersey Education Association, helped lead that group forward as it advanced its goals of improving the education system throughout the state.

This month, John Biondi is retiring from the New Jersey Education Association. In honor of

his outstanding efforts, the Educational Community of Bergen County has proclaimed the Twenty-Ninth of September to be "John Biondi Day." I join my friends in the education community in saluting this incredible man whose commitment to an improved education system has proved invaluable for countless New Jersey students.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND WILLIAM HALL HARTER

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my thanks to Reverend William Hall Harter for his faithful and diligent service to his community. Reverend Harter became the minister to the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania in 1977, and 25 years later, continues to be an exemplary spiritual leader. He began his career of service as a tutor and adjunct lecturer in the New Testament at the Union Theological Seminary, during which time he also served as the minister at the Margaretville and New Kingston United Presbyterian Churches in the Catskill Mountains of New York. After serving in New York for approximately 10 years, Reverend Harter, his wife Linda, and their children moved to the Chambersburg area where he continued to minister and give