

his work in the medical field. Dr. Boiardo has been a practicing orthopedic surgeon in New Jersey since 1986.

Dr. Boiardo graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from Georgetown University in 1974. He went on to study medicine at the New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York, and completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

Currently, Dr. Boiardo serves as Chief of the Orthopedic Department at Saint Mary's Hospital, in Hoboken, New Jersey, and is on the orthopedic medical staff at several other hospitals in Passaic and Newark. He is a member of the Essex County Medical Society and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. And he is also the team surgeon for the Newark Bears, a minor league baseball team.

The Columbian Foundation, a non-profit organization of business and professional men of Italian descent, will recognize Dr. Boiardo with a Humanitarian and Achievement Award on October 12.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Dr. Boiardo today for his good works and providing New Jersey with his talent and service.

U.S.-IRELAND BUSINESS SUMMIT

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to join with my colleagues in voting unanimously on September 10, 2002, to pass H. Res. 513, a bipartisan recognition of the historical significance and timeliness of the 3-day U.S.-Ireland Business Summit. This gathering was held September 4-6, 2002 at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

It was a great pleasure for me to participate in this first-ever Summit which was organized and chaired by a distinguished Irish-American leader, Susan Ann Davis. As members of this institution with an interest in the Irish isle know, Susan Davis is a great advocate for the peace process and for strengthening the bonds of friendship between the U.S. and the people of Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. In addition to the founding Susan Davis International, one of Washington, DC's most respected public affairs and communications firms, Susan serves as the President of the National Assembly of Irish American Republicans.

The U.S.-Ireland Business Summit brought together business leaders from the Republic of Ireland, from Northern Ireland and the United States to discuss the importance and the advancement of our bilateral commercial ties across the Atlantic. The special relationship which America enjoys with Ireland is reflected in the increased trade between our two nations over the past decade. This has produced enormous benefits both for Ireland as well as for the United States, and continues to underscore our common values, our traditions and our commitment to free trade. Moreover, expanding international commercial links has underscored and reinforced the benefits of peace in Northern Ireland at a critical time.

It is clear that an environment free of violence and fear is vital to fostering a prosperous business community. Though, it is

clear that the hard-won peace in Northern Ireland still remains fragile as we again see strains and developments that threaten the power sharing arrangement.

In fact, violence we saw this last summer in the interface areas of Northern Ireland demonstrates that there is much work to be done. Fortunately, as reflected by the coverage in the media, the U.S.-Ireland Business Summit has created a new momentum for peace and a sense of hope and optimism. I want to commend President Bush for his outlining the bold vision for strengthening the peace process that the Summit embodies and for ensuring that the Summit received strong support from across his Administration. In fact, a key to the Summit's success—and the success of initiatives announced and launched at its conclusion—were a result of the personal involvement and efforts of the Secretary of State, Mr. Powell, Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Evans, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Mr. Thompson, and the President's key advisor on the Irish peace process, Ambassador Richard Haass.

I look forward to continuing to work with the President, my colleagues, Susan Ann Davis and other concerned Irish-Americans in the private sector to complete the work begun at the U.S.-Ireland Business Summit.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CU SOLAR DECATHLON TEAM

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a talented group of students from the University of Colorado who designed and built the winning entry at the Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon. I am submitting for the RECORD a recent article from the Daily Camera describing the team's achievement.

The Solar Decathlon is a competition organized by the Department of Energy that gives college students an opportunity to demonstrate practical uses of solar power. This October, 14 university teams from around the country competed in the first-ever Solar Decathlon to build the most energy-efficient, solar-powered house. Each team was required to use solar energy to power the entire house, and was judged on how well its house was able to produce energy for heating, cooling, hot water, lighting, appliances, computers, and charging an electric car. The houses were also critiqued on their overall aesthetic design.

The students from the University of Colorado designed a building that demonstrates how clean, renewable, solar energy can practically and efficiently power a home. They focused on making the design of the house attractive and affordable to show that homeowners don't have to compromise style and convenience to live in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way.

These enterprising students from the University of Colorado had a challenge—to take advanced architectural and engineering concepts, put them together in a design, and build a house that could be a model of our energy future. These students met that challenge and

met it better than any of the other teams. I'm proud of these students and I'm proud that the University of Colorado produced such a talented team. Most of all, I am proud to represent these young people who are working so hard to make our way of life a sustainable one.

[From the Daily Camera, Oct. 6, 2002]

CU WINS CONTEST FOR SOLAR HOUSE DESIGN BUILDERS TRIUMPH OVER 13 OTHER COLLEGE TEAMS

(By Ryan Alessi)

WASHINGTON.—The bright sunny October morning proved an appropriate backdrop Saturday for the 14 Solar Decathlon teams to finish the last few tasks of the weeklong competition.

The 14 homes built on the National Mall by college teams from around the country and Puerto Rico had been probed, monitored, inspected and judged since last weekend. Architects and U.S. Department of Energy officials rated the teams in 10 categories ranging from the appearance of the homes to how much energy they saved. And of course, everything from the fridge to their electric buggy-mobiles had to be powered by sunlight.

By Saturday morning, the University of Colorado sat atop the standings as the team to beat. Then, shortly after noon, video cameras, photographers and a crowd began gathering outside the CU team's house, leaving little doubt that they had, in fact, won.

At a brief ceremony, David Garman, assistant energy secretary for energy efficiency and renewable energy, presented a polished steel trophy to Michael Brandemuehl, the CU team's adviser and professor of civil, environmental and architectural engineering.

The University of Virginia, which started the day in third place, passed Auburn University for second place. "We were pretty confident," said Mike Renner, CU's engineering design leader. "All the other teams had pretty much decided they were going for second."

The judges scored the CU house among the top five in all the design-based categories. And the engineering spoke for itself as the team received the best marks in the competition for the amount of electricity it generated and how efficiently the home used the power.

"It's a well-oiled machine because of the team's all-around planning," said Sheila Hayter, one of the scoring officials from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden. She said the team's use of recycled materials also boosted the team's scores. "They put together a very environmentally conscious house." That also caught the attention of many of the estimated 75,000 visitors who have streamed through the solar village.

"I loved their efficient use of space and their overall design," said Elizabeth Ridgeway, visiting Washington from North Hollywood, Calif. She voted for CU's house in a separate People's Choice competition whose winner will be announced today. "And they used a lot of interesting materials," said Bill Lyon, also from Los Angeles. "I really liked to see so many students focusing on the environment."

After the Energy Department declared CU the winner, other onlookers couldn't wait to see the house, so a group rushed up to the porch and into the foyer before team members could stop them.

"Geez, they're practically breaking the doors down," Renner said. "Good thing we don't have any goal posts."

Team members said that type of public response has been the real trophy that they

can take away from the competition, especially because this home was their second design. They opted to scrap their original design in January and start over.

The public response "was satisfying for us as individuals because the reason we changed our design was because we didn't agree that it was the direction we should go," said Adam Jackaway, a graduate student in charge of the home's lighting and the passive solar design. "And the direction we should go is targeting the homeowners who are looking for something right now that conforms to their aesthetic taste and what they can afford and what is easy to operate."

Jackaway said he wants to challenge the Department of Energy to hold this kind of a competition not only for college students, but for home builders, car manufacturers and energy companies, to see who can build the most self-sufficient neighborhoods, the most efficient vehicles and the cleanest energy.

The CU home—which cost about \$200,000 for materials, construction and transportation to Washington—will return to campus for about a year. Then, team members say, they plan to sell the 800-square-foot house to make up some of the costs.

As for the competition, Richard King, the Solar Decathlon's founder and director, said the Department of Energy will begin focusing on the next decathlon for fall 2004.

He said future teams probably will study how the CU team wove engineering and architecture together to build a winning design.

Teams that didn't properly balance the two quickly fell from the top five. The University of Maryland, a team of all engineering students, built a plain, white, box-like house that "worked like a tank," King said. It scored high in engineering but low in design.

The Carnegie Mellon team of all design students had large windows, open ventilation systems and tons of recycled materials. "It looks great, but they couldn't get it to work," King said.

"So now the engineers will go back and say, 'Hey, we need to get some architects.' And the architects will go back and say, 'We need engineers,'" he said. "That's how it works in real life."

The team from CU used everything from compressed sunflower board to reclaimed bleacher seats for cabinet facing. Other "green" materials used included soy adhesives in the countertops and bamboo flooring.

To help make the home more energy-efficient, the team installed thermally insulated blinds and limited the highest ceiling to 18 feet.

About 100 students and faculty from engineering, architecture and design programs at CU have worked on the project for the past two years, said Matthew Henry, the team's construction manager and design leader.

Henry, 28, graduated from CU last spring with a degree in environmental design, but he said the project meant so much to him that he came back to help with the competition.

"The prize is going to be someone coming up and saying I want to build a whole community of these types of houses, I want to build better," he said.

For more information on the CU team's project, visit solar.colorado.edu.

(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)

BERNARD E. BEIDEL, DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE, HONORED AS 2002 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, each year, the Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) selects one person who has consistently demonstrated outstanding service throughout their professional career in the field of employee assistance. It is with great honor that I am able to say that this year's recipient of the "2002 EAPA Member of the Year" award goes to one of our own, Bernard E. Beidel, Director of the House Office of Employee Assistance. Bern is being recognized for his commitment to the employee assistance field and the leadership he demonstrated most recently by providing assistance and support to the leaders of the House of Representatives, their staff, and their families following the difficult events of September 11th, 2001, and the House building evacuations due to anthrax.

When the House first implemented the Office of Employee Assistance in 1991, Bern was selected to head the program. Through his years with the House, he has helped many House employees, and managers, be at their best; both on the job and off. He has helped us expand this umbrella of care to also serve other employees of the House community to include the employees of the U.S. Capitol Police and the Congressional Budget Office and to guide us to a healthier workplace.

Bern came to the House with over fifteen years of experience in employee assistance and has continued to prove himself as a leader in the field. He has authored a number of book chapters and articles on various issues and best practices in the EA field and has been a presenter and guest faculty member at numerous EA institutes. His commitment to the field is evident in his professional work as well as his willingness to serve as a Chair for a wide variety of EAP organizations and task forces, including the committee that rewrote the professional standards for the employee assistance field. Last year, under his leadership, the House Office of Employee Assistance was awarded the EAP Digest/Employee Assistance Professionals Association's "2001 Quality Award for EAP Excellence."

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I join his staff at the employee assistance office; his wife, Donna; and daughters, Cindy and Jessica in recognizing Bern for this outstanding and well-deserved award, and, for his ongoing caring, commitment, and dedication to the House and the people who serve here. Thank you Bern, and keep up the great work!

TRIBUTE TO DON SCHNEIDER

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, we want to pay tribute today to Don Schneider, who has recently assumed the position of Chairman of the Board of Schneider National Inc., based in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Don becomes Chairman after serving as President and CEO of the company since 1974.

Don is one of the most innovative and creative businessmen we know—not only in the State of Wisconsin, but in the entire country. Upon meeting Don, one is immediately struck by his tremendous energy, drive and the commitment he has for his company and for the transportation and logistics business. Indeed, that is why he has been so successful. The enjoyment he takes in tackling problems and finding solutions is infectious and motivates all those around him. He is a forward-thinker who literally has revolutionized the transportation industry. For example, Don has been a leader in the use of technology, and his company was the first to adopt satellite-based communications and positioning in its trucks—which many years later is now considered standard in the transportation industry.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the House has called on Don several times to present testimony regarding emerging infrastructure and transportation issues. His presentations on the role of a well-performing transportation network in spurring economic growth and of reducing logistic costs—which can be as much as 11 percent of product costs—for greater product supply chain efficiency has been critical to the understanding of the Committee and the Congress as we consider related legislation.

Schneider National was founded by Don's father back in 1935. During his high school years, Don worked as a mechanic's helper and then a driver, which he continued to do while attending college. In 1961, he joined the company as a manager and succeeded his father as President and CEO in 1974. During his years at the helm of the company, he has built it into a \$2.4 billion business that is now the largest truckload carrier in the country. In 1993, Don founded Schneider Logistics as a wholly owned subsidiary. Again, with its focus on technology, Schneider Logistics guides its Fortune 1000 customers in efficiently managing and moving their goods.

Don has always been charitable with his time out of the office and is actively involved in a number of organizations. He is Chairman of the Business Advisory Committee for Northwestern University's Transportation Center and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Kellogg Graduate School of Management. Don also is a member of the board and executive committee of the Green Bay Packers football team and a former director of the Federal Reserve Board.

It is heartening these days to see a businessman who is humble, who treats his employees with respect, and who truly believes in the value of his work. The accolades and awards he has received as an outstanding entrepreneur are too numerous to mention.