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PAYING TRIBUTE TO ERIC AUTOBEE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Corrections Officer Eric Autobee of Pueblo, Colorado. Eric lost his life in October and, as his family mourns his loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the wonderful memories he has left behind.

Eric attended Pueblo County High School and went on to graduate from Pueblo Community College in 2000. It was his life's ambition to pursue a career in law enforcement, a goal that became a reality when he was hired as a corrections officer by the Colorado Department of Corrections in 2001. Tragically, Eric lost his life while on duty at the Limon Correctional facility in October.

Throughout his 23 years, Eric lived his life with a genuine happiness and compassion for those who had the privilege to know him. Eric displayed a distinct fondness for the outdoors and was an avid sportsman who loved the land and enjoyed the vast Colorado mountains. He lived his life with honor and integrity, and always displayed genuine respect and courtesy to his fellow citizens and the inmates that he protected.

As a former law enforcement officer, I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our police officers face today. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee the safety of their fellow citizens. They work tirelessly with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication deserves our recognition and thanks, and that is why I pay tribute to the life and service of officer Eric Autobee here today.

Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt respect that I stand today to recognize Eric Autobee before this body of Congress and this nation. I extend my sincere condolences to his parents, Bob and Lola, grandparents, Benito and Grace, brother Scott, sister Bernadette and girlfriend Michelle. Eric lived his life with honor and served the community of Pueblo with distinction. His loss will be deeply felt, and a grateful nation will be forever in his debt.

HONORING DAPHNE JEFFERSON

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daphne Jefferson for her dedication and diligence in my office over the past year.

An employee of the Federal Aviation Administration, Daphne was selected for a legislative fellowship under the auspices of the Brookings Institution, and I have had the benefit of her assignment to my office.

In 1996 Daphne started at the FAA as a Supervisory Air Traffic Control Specialist in Miami, Florida. Her career with the FAA has lasted more than fifteen years. During that

time she has worked as Associate Program Manager for Requirements in Washington, DC, an Air Traffic Manager in Dayton, OH and most recently served as a Branch Manager for FAA in Washington, DC. Before joining the FAA Daphne was the assistant to the Vice President at a small minority owned bank and also was responsible for managing the student loan profile.

Daphne was born in Chicago, IL, but grew up in Jacksonville, FL and thinks of Florida as her home. She recently received her Masters in Public Administration in the Key Executive Program from the American University, and was awarded her Bachelor of Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Miami, FL.

While working in my office Daphne has been primarily responsible for covering transportation, federal employment, and banking and housing issues. Her analysis of issues is always thorough and professional. Daphne's years of experience at the FAA have provided invaluable insight regarding the real-world effect of transportation legislation. Her understanding of transportation has been especially important and helpful this year, as the Congress and Administration have been working to make air transportation more secure in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

From her first day, Daphne exhibited a friendly demeanor and professional attitude. In her short time in my office she has made an inestimable contribution to the Udall team. She is appreciated and respected by the entire office as a highly professional and dependable colleague and friend. Daphne has been a great asset to my office and I am sorry to see her move on. However, I am confident that she will continue to contribute immensely to our nation as she continues her career.

#### TRIBUTE TO AIDA ROSA

#### HON. JOS[Eacute] E. SERRANO OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great educational activist and humanitarian. Ms. Aida Rosa, an innovative educator and leader is retiring as principal of Public School 30 in the South Bronx after many years of leadership and service.

Born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, Ms. Rosa came to New York in 1949 as a young child. She attended New York City public schools and went on to earn advanced degrees from New York City universities. She is a dissertation away from earning a PhD from the esteemed Fordham University. Ms. Rosa began her career as an advocate for education and young people early in life and has never taken a break. Her tenacity and passion have not ebbed in all these years and many would argue that they have only grown more intense.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Rosa strongly believes in community coalitions, in which various actors in the community pool their resources so that endeavors are multilateral and more effective. She has always emphasized the importance of parents, educators, the community, and the students themselves working together to ensure that young people receive quality education and attain their goals.

As the principal of P.S. 30, Ms. Rosa secured numerous services to assist her stu-

dents, their families, and the nearby community. She accessed national and local organizations to address the needs of her students and staff. As an innovator, Ms. Rosa understands the need for smaller learning communities and restructured P.S. 30 into a number of small academies within one school. These smaller communities allow for individual attention to students as well as time for teachers to develop and implement more effective teaching methods. Teachers from P.S. 30 describe Ms. Rosa as a nurturing and strong leader. Her faith in her teachers allows them to perform at their highest capacity and to grow as educators.

Mr. Speaker, beyond running a huge public elementary school at a high-performing level and serving on a number of community planning boards, Ms. Rosa was a loving wife for many years and a mother and grandmother. She has also been a devoted friend to many.

It is rare to encounter people with as much genuine compassion and leadership acumen as Ms. Aida Rosa, and I am grateful to have had her as a school leader in my district and as a comrade for so many years. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her rest and relaxation upon her retirement from an exceptional career.

#### RECOGNIZING DAVE L. McDONALD

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dave McDonald upon his receipt of Central Valley Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Humanitarian of the Year" award in Fresno, California on November 7, 2002. Mr. McDonald is being recognized for his leadership, humanitarian efforts, and dedication to the community.

Mr. McDonald is the President and CEO of PELCO, the world's largest producer of video security systems, as well as Central California's largest manufacturing employer. PELCO produces 3,500 different products which are sold through 5,000 authorized dealers in the United States and abroad. Since its beginning, the company has grown thirty-fold under Mr. McDonald's supervision.

Following the disastrous events of September 11, 2001, Mr. McDonald and PELCO assisted the NYPD in its recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site by donating specialized camera equipment and personnel. Additionally, the company's warehouse in Orangeburg, New York was converted into a distribution center for relief supplies. In November of 2001, PELCO created the California Memorial in Clovis as a permanent tribute to the victims and fallen heroes from September 11. The memorial contains hundreds of items donated by the city of New York in remembrance of the events of September 11.

In March of 2002, Mr. McDonald was honored by the New York City Fire Department as the Grand Marshall for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. In May of 2002, Mr. McDonald also received the Excellence in Business Award for the Fresno Hall of Fame in recognition of his dedication to local businesses and his community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Dave McDonald for his contributions to the many

people in need, not only locally but nationally as well. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dave McDonald many more years of continued success.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. FELLABAUM ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Eddie and Betty Fellabaum were united in marriage November 16, 1952, and are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year; and

Whereas, Eddie and Betty have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Eddie and Betty must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Eddie and Betty have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Eddie and Betty Fellabaum as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

#### TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NINTH GRADE CLASS

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere enthusiasm that I recognize the ninth grade class of Centennial Junior High School in Montrose, Colorado. The ninth grade class is currently producing a documentary video to help educate homeowners on ways to protect their homes from forest fires. Today, I would like to recognize the ninth grade class for the outstanding service they are providing to the State of Colorado and all those in danger of forest fires.

In June of last year, Colorado was devastated by some of the worst forest fires in our state's history. The Missionary Ridge and Hayman fires not only destroyed several of Colorado's wilderness areas but also valuable private property. Today, the ninth grade class from Centennial Junior High School, with the help of their film crew, representatives from Bureau of Land Management and Montrose County firefighters, are making a movie to demonstrate steps that citizens can take to protect their homes from forest fires.

Along with producing the documentary, the ninth grade class is also learning valuable lessons in fire ecology and resource management. The students are being taught about forest fuel reduction of the many different types of fire resistant building materials that can help protect homes in the event of a forest fire. By taking what they have learned in their classes and using it to educate others throughout the country, the ninth graders at Centennial Junior High School are making an incredible difference in the effort to reduce the destructiveness of forest fires. —