

was later asked to take over as the United Jewish Appeal representative for annual giving at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz, and has since returned to Israel more than 50 times.

Jodi received her Bachelor's degree, MBA, and law degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her Master's of Law in Taxation from New York University. She resides in New York with her husband, Steven F. Richman.

Jodi's contributions to New York and the Jewish community are immeasurable. It is my pleasure and privilege to congratulate my dear friend, Jodi J. Schwartz. Kolot could not have chosen a more worthy honoree.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JAMES H. MCKENZIE

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a close personal friend and a distinguished Arkansan who last week lost a courageous four and a half year battle with cancer. His name was James H. McKenzie.

Jim McKenzie was born in my hometown of Prescott, Arkansas, in 1941. After graduating from Prescott High School, he attended the University of Arkansas and was a member of Arkansas Razorback baseball team and the Student Senate and president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He then went on to get his law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law and served two years on active duty as a Captain in the U.S. Army.

Upon his discharge from active duty, Jim returned to Prescott to practice law. As an attorney, he quickly earned the respect of the legal community and became a leader in the Arkansas Bar Association, serving in many capacities including president. He fulfilled appointments to several committees of the Arkansas Supreme Court and, in 1998, was named outstanding lawyer by the Arkansas Bar.

In our hometown of Prescott, to say that Jim was a respected and notable citizen would be an understatement. He was a pillar in our community. Jim served as president or chairman of the local Chamber of Commerce, the hospital board, and the Kiwanis Club. He was a lifelong, active member of the First United Methodist Church, where he was my Sunday school teacher. He was also a youth sponsor in the church, and he even coached Little League baseball.

Jim McKenzie truly exemplified the ideal of a public citizen. Throughout his life, he was a leader who never hesitated to give his time and energy to help others. For me personally, he was a role model growing up and an inspiration throughout my public service. I am grateful for all he did for our family and for his fellow citizens, and I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to call him a friend. His death is an enormous loss not only to those who knew him well, but also to our community and to our state.

My heart goes out especially to Jim's wife, Betty, their two daughters, Kris and Miki, and their five grandchildren as they deal with the pain of this difficult loss, and I am keeping all of them in my thoughts and prayers. While Jim may no longer be with us, his legacy and his

spirit will always live on in all those whose lives he touched.

CLUB 20 STARTING SECOND HALF- CENTURY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Club 20 as it starts its second half-century as a forum and advocate for Colorado's majestic western slope region.

Founded in 1953 by the publisher of the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel and a number of business leaders, Club 20 took its name from the 20 counties from which its original membership came. Now it includes 22 counties, 75 incorporated cities and towns, the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes, 40 chambers of commerce, a number of special districts, and hundreds of businesses and individuals.

In its 50 years of service, Club 20 has been an active participant in lively debates about issues important to the economic vitality and quality of life in the communities of the western slope. From transportation, health care and other social services to the whole range of issues related to federal lands—which make up a large share of this region—Club 20 has been an effective advocate for its members. It has worked to identify issues of concern, inform its members about them, develop as great a degree of consensus as possible regarding ways to address those issues, and, most importantly, communicate to elected officials and others to make sure the voice of its members are heard on important policy matters.

As part of its work, Club 20 members make an annual visit to the nation's capital to meet with Members of Congress and their staffs and officials of the Executive Branch. These trips help inform people in Washington about the issues affecting western Colorado and the views of its citizens. They help us better understand how issues are affecting western Coloradans—people who are directly affected by federal decisions on public lands, agriculture, transportation, rural social services, and water as well as other issues. These direct contacts put a human face on the issues and are very valuable for all of us who work on these matters.

I ask all our colleagues to join me in congratulating Club 20 for its successful 50 years and in wishing them continued success for the next 50 years and beyond.

A TRIBUTE TO ALICE SHALVI

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Alice Shalvi who will be honored on Thursday, March 14, by Kolot: The Center for Jewish Women's and Gender Studies. Mrs. Shalvi, an internationally known scholar and women's rights advocate, has dedicated her life to creating a more just society in Israel.

Alice Shalvi has called Israel home for more than 50 years. Born in Germany and educated in England, she moved to Israel in 1949. The following year Mrs. Shalvi became Professor of English Literature at the Hebrew University, a post she held for 40 years. During her remarkable tenure, she established the English Department at Ben Gurion University of the Negev (1969–1973) and also served as head of the Institute of Languages and Literature at Hebrew University (1973–1976).

Her devotion to the betterment of Israeli women's lives led her to a voluntary role as Principal of Pelech Experimental High School for Religious Girls in Jerusalem, a school dedicated to ensuring equal opportunities for women in Torah study and in every aspect of civil society. She was also the founding Chair of the Israel Women's Network, the country's major advocacy organization on women's rights, and today serves as its honorary President. In 1996, Mrs. Shalvi was appointed rector of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies where she later served as President and as Chair of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Shalvi lives in Jerusalem with her husband, Moshe Shalvi. They have six children, and are blessed with grandchildren.

I am proud to congratulate Alice Shalvi on her tremendous accomplishments. She has devoted her life to enriching the lives of women in Israel, and we are the better for her efforts.

A NATIONAL TREASURE

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor and congratulate a good friend and constituent on a well-deserved recognition for his unique and exemplary commitment to preserving our nation's architectural and cultural heritage.

For over 30 years, Parker Westbrook has dedicated himself to promoting the preservation and rehabilitation of countless buildings, parks, museums and monuments throughout the nation. In Arkansas, he is affectionately and aptly known as "Mr. Preservation." An active member of many states and local preservation foundations, commissions, and councils, Parker's efforts can be observed in numerous places throughout the state, perhaps most notably in the historic town of Old Washington, Arkansas, which briefly served as the state capital.

Parker spent many years in Washington, D.C. working here on Capitol Hill for several members of Arkansas's congressional delegation. His contributions to historical preservation began in 1968 while he was serving as an aide for the last United States Senator J. William Fulbright. At that time, Parker purchased and restored an old Quaker cottage in Waterford, Virginia, for which he received the Excellence in Restoration award from the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce.

His passion for restoration and preservation continued when he returned to Arkansas in the mid 1970s. In the 1980s, he helped create the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas and helped pass an initiative that provides over \$3 million per year for preservation in the

State of Arkansas. Later, President Clinton appointed him to the National Park System Advisory Board and twice named him to the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Friends and colleagues described Parker as dedicated and committed to "volunteerism." His leadership in preservation serves as an example to all of us at a time when our country faces new challenges that demand greater community involvement and public service.

Fittingly, in honor of his decades of work and dedication, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has recently bestowed upon him the prestigious National Preservation Award and declared him a "National Treasury." Parker Westbrook is a "national treasure," a true champion of a noble cause. His accomplishments will undoubtedly be admired and appreciated by this and future generations for many years to come.

YOUNG PEACEBUILDERS ACT OF 2002

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the Young Peacebuilders Act of 2002 recognizes that our young people are our greatest resource and our future. It also recognizes that promoting international cooperation and increased mutual understanding—in effect, building peace—requires an investment in new generations of young people.

This legislation would offer young people from regions of conflict opportunities to develop strong character, integrity, and leadership skills, and would help them to learn about conflict resolution and communication. The bill is intended to instill hope—instead of fear—in the hearts of the world's young people, as well as in the hearts of Americans who are at a loss as to how to view the months and years ahead.

For 20 years, Representative UDALL was director of the Colorado Outward Bound School, where he saw first-hand how young people developed strong character and leadership skills by working in the outdoors. Outward Bound and similar programs in the U.S. could help international youth learn the value of working together to solve problems, as well as to help them avoid the cultural misunderstanding that have plagued their parents' generation.

The Young Peacebuilders Act of 2002 would establish a program in the Department of State for youth from regions of conflict. The program would provide for visits in the United States of 90 days or less for training in conflict resolution and mutual understanding. Training would be provided by non-profit organizations and other organizations as determined by the Secretary of State. The State Department, working in conjunction with the Attorney General, would establish criteria for eligibility for participation. The bill would authorize \$2 million for each fiscal year to carry out this Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, due to a scheduling conflict, I was unable to be present for rollcall Nos. 41 and 42. Let the record reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of these votes.

LIMITS FOR FARM PAYMENTS

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker are we going to have a vote of "yea" or "nay" on limits for farm payments?

I would first offer a quote by the President from last August, "There's a lot of medium-sized farmers that need help, and one of the things that we're going to make sure of as we restructure the farm program next year is that the money goes to the people it's meant to help."

The following is a dear Colleague sent out yesterday and signed by Representatives NICK SMITH, MARCY KAPTURE, JOHN HOSTETTLER, EARL POMEROY, EARL BLUMENAUER, DAN MILLER, DOUG BEREUTER, and TAMMY BALDWIN, and I quote, As the farm bill conferees begin deliberations, I ask for your help in bringing about meaningful federal farm policy with limits on how much money a farm can receive. As President Bush has said, we should work to send him a bill that directs support to those it was meant to help, namely small and mainstream family farms.

In response to the Dear Colleague letter dated February 27, 2001 from Representatives CHAMBLISS and BERRY, one thing should be made clear: there are no effective limits for price support payments farmers may receive in current law, or in the House-passed farm bill. When the \$150,000 limit is reached, any producer can continue to receive unlimited price support benefits through loan forfeitures and certificates. According to the Environmental Working Group's website (www.ewg.org) the top 5 recipients from 1996–2000 were: Riceland Foods, Inc. \$49 million; Farmers Rice Corporation, \$38.2 million; Harvest States Coop, \$23.8 million; Tyler Farms, \$28.2 million; Producers Rice Mill, Inc., \$19.8 million. Do we really want federal farm policy that gives unlimited support to huge farm operations?

Last October, the Smith payment limitation amendment was brought before the House under the 5-minute debate rule. Despite the time limit on debate and organized opposition, the amendment fell just 26 votes short of passage. However, payment limitations successfully moved in the Senate farm bill by a vote of 66–31. Now we must resist the efforts of those who seek to thwart our efforts to cap farm subsidies. Unlike what has been suggested, most states do not have a single farmer who would be affected by the limitations we are trying to establish.

If you have any questions or would like to sign on to the letter of Representatives POMEROY and BEREUTER requesting payment limitations, contact Representative POMEROY's office, Representative BEREUTER's Office, or Representative SMITH's office.

HONORING REINHARDT COLLEGE

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, there are a select group of people who reach out to make the world a better place, and truly make an impact on the lives of others. Dr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Falany are two such individuals. They worked tirelessly at Reinhardt College for 25 years, to bring students, faculty, and alumni the best they could offer as an educational and collegiate experience.

Since first coming to Reinhardt in 1973, one of Dr. Falany's dreams was to bring a church to the campus. He saw that dream become a reality, when Reinhardt opened its doors to a new sanctuary in 1987. Aware of the importance of music and the performing arts, not only to a well-rounded educational facility, but also to a community, Dr. Falany's next goal became the construction of a state-of-the-art performance center. I am pleased to say that as of January 2002, Dr. Falany's second dream has also been brought to life.

The Floyd A. and Fay W. Falany Performing Arts Center was first announced in 1998, following the completion of its ambitious fundraising campaign. An anonymous donor contributed the center's name gift, asking it be named for the former Reinhardt president and his wife. It holds eight practice rooms, six classrooms, two rehearsal spaces, two production/control rooms, four dressing areas, a green room, storage space, 15 offices, and a 350-seat auditorium with seven balcony areas. Taking 14 months to build, the project ran a total of \$9 million. It houses both the music and communications departments of the college; the music department began holding classes in the building in January, and the communications and business school will join in the fall.

The first service was held in the center on Saturday, February 16, 2002, honoring the Falanys and the dedication of the center to the school. The next ceremony will be in April for the school's annual "Celebration Event," at which the college's trustees, advisors, alumni board, and ministerial association officers will meet to attend a performance by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

I ask my fellow members to, please join me in congratulating Reinhardt College, on the successful completion of its new performing arts center, and in thanking Dr. and Mrs. Falany for their continued dedication to their work, to the students of Reinhardt College, to God, and to their community.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING WENTWORTH MILITARY ACADEMY PRESIDENT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Colonel (Ret.) Jerry Brown, former President of Wentworth Military Academy, for the service he has given to the academy for the last seven years.