

degree in agriculture at the University of Missouri College of Agriculture in 1936, he began a career in banking that led him to the position of President of the Memphis branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

In 1976, Mr. Francis moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas to be closer to his family. He took the position of President, CEO and chairman of the board of Merchants National Bank, from which he retired in 1982 to take care of his former wife, Loretta, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Francis was responsible for the modern reputation of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He led them to take revolutionary steps in emphasizing the importance of inflation as a national problem. He showed that money creation held the central role in the inflation process.

In 1966 he was awarded the Golden Step Award of the Agri-Business Club of St. Louis in recognition of his achievements resulting in a major economic impact on the St. Louis area. He also received the Citation of Merit Award from the University of Missouri Agriculture Alumni Association. He was named to a special U.S. delegation to Honduras in the 1950's to help set up a new banking system. He was honored in 2000 by the Federal Reserve by their dedication of the 25th annual Economic Policy Conference to him. His contributions to the world of banking and the systems used by that world will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to honor the memory of Mr. Darryl Francis.

IN MEMORY OF MOLLY PORTER

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I report the death of Molly Porter, 34, of Smyrna, Delaware. Molly passed away on March 1, 2002, in the prime of her life. For the past five years, Molly has been a valued employee of the Delaware Public Archives in Dover, Delaware. Molly's work ensured that the history of Delaware was preserved and available for all Delawareans, and she helped many more people, firsthand, in their desire to learn more about their family, their state and their country. Her service to the citizens of Delaware and this country was a model for public service. She worked to help others and, in so doing, contributed to the quality of life in Delaware. She will not be forgotten. The state of Delaware has lost a true public servant, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO G. MARVIN BEEMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Marvin Beeman and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the National Western Horse

Show. His life-long dedication to both his job, as a large animal veterinarian, and to the National Western Horse Show, as its manager, is surpassed only by the level of integrity and honesty with which he has conducted himself each and every day while at his posts. As the manager of the National Western Horse Show, he will always be remembered as a man with the utmost dedication and talent, and will continue to be known as a leader in the veterinary field. As he celebrates his retirement, let it be known that I, along with each and every person with whom he has worked and the people of Colorado, are eternally grateful for all that he has done for the National Western Horse Show and for the state.

Marvin has dedicated his entire life to the care and treatment of horses. Growing up on a 28,000-acre ranch, which was owned by the Phipps family, his father was a professional huntsman who managed the horses and hounds of the ranch and taught him how to care for and appreciate horses. At as early an age as seven years old, Marvin realized that he wanted to be a horse vet. He doggedly pursued his dream, and earned a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Colorado State University in 1957. Shortly after, he began working at the Littleton Large Animal Clinic, where he has worked ever since.

Marvin has had a distinguished career as a large animal veterinarian. He is the past president of the American Association of Equine Veterinary Practitioners, chief huntsman for the Arapahoe Hunt Club, and the only vet to be a trustee on the American Horse Council. In addition, he serves on the American Quarter Horse Association research committee and was inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame. In 1997, Marvin took the prestigious post of Horse Show Manager at the National Western, where he served until retiring after the 2002 show. During his tenure, he markedly improved the quality of the show, as well as increased interest in it. Because of his dedication, knowledge and hard work, he will be sorely missed by everyone involved in the National Western, and by the thousands of people who enjoyed his work each and every year.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Marvin Beeman is a man of unparalleled dedication and commitment to the National Western Horse Show, to his veterinary practice and to the people of Colorado. It is his unrelenting passion for each and every thing he does, as well as his spirit of honesty and integrity with which he has always conducted himself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. He is a remarkable man, who has achieved extraordinary things throughout his career, and it is my privilege to extend to him my congratulations on his retirement from the National Western Horse Show and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO YVONNE N. DARLING ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a woman

who has served the Fifth Congressional District with patriotism, devotion, and kindness. Today, Yvonne N. Darling of Elmore, Ohio will be retiring from the Ottawa County Board of Elections. For the last eight years, she has ensured the accuracy and sanctity of Ottawa County elections. Her dedication and optimism will not be forgotten.

Mrs. Darling's service to our country started long before she came to Northwest Ohio. She began her marriage as a military wife, making her own sacrifice while her husband, Jim, served our country. After his retirement, Mrs. Darling and her husband returned to Elmore, Ohio where she joined the Ottawa County Republican Central Committee. Taking on a leadership role, she served as Women's Club Treasurer. As an Elmore Village Councilwoman for 8 years, she again demonstrated how important it is to give back to your community. Most recently, she has served on the Ottawa County Board of Elections ensuring that our elections are safe and accurate.

Since 1975, Mrs. Darling has been an active member of the American Legion Post 269 and her efforts speaks for themselves. As the Chairman of the Americanism Committee, Mrs. Darling helps foster a sense of patriotism in high school students across Ottawa County. She motivates young people to give back to their communities and encourages them to reach for their dreams. At every opportunity she has made a positive impact on her community and the people around her.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Darling is an example of how American values can make a difference in each of our communities. Her passion for service and charity towards all will remain an important staple in the Elmore community for many years to come. I ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in saluting Mrs. Yvonne N. Darling and wishing her the very best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STAN SLOSS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 60th birthday of Stan Sloss, who serves as my Senior Legislative Counsel and heads my legislative staff.

I would not ordinarily take the time of my colleagues to thank a member of my personal staff, but Stan is so well known and beloved by members on both sides of the aisle, and his reputation is so well regarded, that I believe it is entirely appropriate to commemorate his birthday in a journal that he has known so well and to which he has contributed so much.

Many of you know Stan and have had an opportunity to work with him over the years. Stan's distinguished service has resulted in his becoming a valued resource—not only as an experienced voice on substantive policy issues, but also for his knowledge of the venerated but often byzantine procedures of the House. I heavily draw upon his experience, expertise and diplomatic operating style.

A native of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Stan is a graduate of Amherst College and the Harvard Law School. He came to Washington, DC in the late 1960s, working first in the General Counsel's office of the Atomic Energy

Commission. He next spent some time in private practice, and among other things spent some time in Alaska working on some issues related to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

Stan's congressional career started in 1975 when he joined the staff of what was then known as the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. He served as counsel to the Mines and Mining Subcommittee, chaired by Representative PATSY MINK. He assisted with some important amendments to the Coal Leasing Act that were passed over the veto of President Ford and with a variety of other measures that came before that Subcommittee.

In 1977, Stan became a counsel to the new Subcommittee on General Oversight and Alaska Lands, chaired by former Representative John F. Seiberling. In this capacity, Stan worked with both Representative Seiberling and my father, Morris K. Udall, who was the Chairman of the full Interior Committee. Stan helped draft a number of key parts of the legislation that became the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), particularly those related to subsistence uses by Alaska's Native peoples. Stan staffed hearings throughout the lower 48 states and Alaska and was one of the many key professional staff who helped shape the final legislation. ANILCA was a milestone in conservation, setting aside more than 100 million acres of Alaska's most pristine, public lands—an area larger than the State of California—and more than doubling the size of the nation's systems of national parks, wildlife refuges, wilderness and wild and scenic rivers.

In addition to ANILCA, Stan has been involved with many other laws and regulations affecting the public lands and natural resources. He served as Representative Seiberling's staff counsel to the Select Committee on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). That Committee developed the 1978 Amendments to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, which shifted the focus of debate on the OCS away from just energy production to a more balanced approach, which included greater protection for the environment. He also played a key role in connection with a variety of other measures, including the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1980 and the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1986.

When John Seiberling retired in 1987, Stan remained on the Interior Committee staff, serving under former Representative Bruce Vento, chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. He was involved in development of legislation, including the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act sponsored by my father, the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 that included legislation developed by my predecessor, Representative David Skaggs, and the California Desert Protection Act.

In 1995, Stan left the Resources Committee to become the Legislative Director for David Skaggs. Representative Skaggs was a member of the Interior Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, so Stan was able to use his familiarity with public lands issues to assist in connection with those issues as they arose in that new context. He also dealt with the contentious issues related to Rocky Flats and the other sites in the DOE nuclear-weapons complex.

Stan was one of the first people I hired following my election in November 1998. I was fortunate to have someone who worked for my

predecessor and so was familiar with the Second Congressional District. As a newly elected Member of the Resources Committee, I also appreciated his familiarity with matters within its jurisdiction as well as the more senior members and the Committee staff.

At my office, Stan has made important contributions in drafting legislation to establish Rocky Flats as a national wildlife refuge after it is cleaned up and closed. He also has worked on the Udall-McInnis wilderness bill for James Peak, and fire prevention legislation I have proposed with my colleague, Mr. HEFLEY.

Stan's work has not been confined to the environmental arena. His keen intellect, common sense and sharp legal analysis have been invaluable on the wide range of issues and topics that face all members every day. He has been especially effective in tutoring many of the younger members of my staff on the inner workings of the House, the nuances of legislative drafting and as an example of the highest standard of professionalism for congressional staff.

Like any thoughtful and accomplished lawyer, Stan is often fond of saying that he "can argue it flat or argue it round", and his objectivity is legendary in our office. Having said that, however, I also know that beneath his always calm demeanor and his ability to see all sides of a question, there beats the heart of a man who is passionate about doing the "right thing." Stan has never compromised his firm and unswerving commitment to civil rights and liberty. He loves the absurdity that is sometimes politics, but he doesn't allow political analysis to get in the way of his strongly held views about the majesty of our constitution.

Stan is a public servant in the best sense. He brings a work ethic and code of professionalism that is always focused on the promotion of policies that best serve the environment, the public good and the values of honesty and bipartisanship that are the hallmarks of American democracy at its best. His contributions to my office, the offices of my predecessors, the House Resources Committee and the whole House of Representatives—and ultimately the people of the United States—serve as an example of a professional life that commands both respect and affection. I wish Stan a happy birthday and many productive years ahead.

THE CONGRESSIONAL GLAUCOMA CAUCUS URGES AMERICANS TO GET SCREENED THROUGH CAPITOL VISION

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the issue of glaucoma awareness and the importance of early detection to prevent blindness among Americans.

Glaucoma, a debilitating eye disease that strikes without warning and often without symptoms, blinds more than 5,500 Americans annually. While impacting all Americans, glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in African-Americans. Because eye damage from glaucoma cannot be reversed, early detection and treatment are the only ways to prevent vision impairment and blindness.

As a member of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus, I am pleased to announce that glaucoma will take on a renewed emphasis on March 6, as the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus, Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation and Pharmacia Corporation join forces to bring glaucoma awareness and screenings to those at risk around the United States.

Capitol Vision, the call-to-action and educational campaign, will challenge Americans to learn more about glaucoma and encourage them to take positive steps to protect their vision. Capitol Vision will especially emphasize the importance of glaucoma awareness among African-Americans, who are three to four times more likely to go blind from glaucoma than are Caucasians. We will also raise awareness of the Medicare Improvement Act—effective since January 2002—that adds Medicare coverage of annual glaucoma screenings for people who are at high risk for glaucoma.

Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-New York); Bud Grant, CEO, Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation; Eve Higginbotham, M.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Maryland School of Medicine; Paul Chaney, Vice-President, Global Ophthalmology Business, Pharmacia Corporation; Herman Washington, WHUR-FM; and Sharon Matthews, a glaucoma patient, will join me to kick off the campaign with a media briefing in the Rayburn building on March 6 in Washington, D.C. Capitol Vision will then travel to communities throughout the country to provide free glaucoma screenings. The first screening will take place in Rep. Rangel's district in late March.

I am honored to join forces with such a distinguished group to tackle a very important health concern. I strongly encourage other members of Congress to join us in our efforts to promote early detection of glaucoma so that we can eradicate a disease that steals the sight of many Americans.

IN HONOR OF JAMES M. SMITH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of James M. Smith, who is retiring after 30 years of distinguished service on the Cuyahoga County District Board of Health, 28 of which he served as President. Mr. Smith's unwavering commitment to public service has been invaluable to the people of Cuyahoga County. His integrity, intelligence, and unselfish commitment will be greatly missed.

Mr. Smith grew up in Nebraska where as early as high school he displayed leadership as president of his senior class. After high school he served his country during WWII in the Navy and the Naval Corp. He went on to attend the University of Michigan where he earned a BBA degree from the School of Business Administration and a JD from the law school. He then moved to Cleveland where he opened his own law practice which he ran for many years before merging with the firm founded by William R. Van Aken in 1977. He became a senior partner in what is now called, Van Aken & Bond.