

LEASE LOT CONVEYANCE ACT OF
2002

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 706, the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 introduced by my good friend Representative Joe Skeen.

Let me begin by saying that the citizens of Sierra County, where this legislation is targeted, have been well represented by Chairman SKEEN for the past 22 years. As a member of the House Resources Committee, it was a pleasure for me to support H.R. 706 during its committee process and a greater pleasure for me to support it today as the House prepares to vote on its passage.

This legislation seeks to correct a situation that began on the Elephant Butte Reservoir in the 1930's. The Federal Government offered citizens the opportunity to build recreational homes on land leased from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The covenants in the lease required leaseholders to make substantial investments on the four hundred sites released under the program. All leaseholders hoped that one day the government would privatize the land and offer it for sale. Because that has not occurred, this bill allows current leaseholders the opportunity to purchase the land.

Mr. Charles Ward, President of the Elephant Butte/Caballo Leaseholders Association, who testified before the Resources Committee last year said, "Our hold on the lease lots we call 'home' is tenuous, at best. We are all acutely aware we can be removed at any time due to a clause in our lease agreement which states, if the government determines there is a greater need for these lots, they can give us a 60 day notice and we must return our lease lots to their original condition."

These homeowners deserve to know that their lease fees will not increase, and deserve to have the safety and security of a permanent home. As far as I am concerned, this is a critical economic development issue for the citizens of Sierra County in Congressman SKEEN's district.

Again, it is a pleasure to support this legislation. I look forward to working with Chairman SKEEN, during this second session of the 107th Congress on mutual issues that are of benefit to the people of New Mexico.

INTRODUCTION OF VOTES FOR
WOMEN HISTORY TRAIL ACT**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Women's History Month by introducing an important new bill: the Votes for Women History Trail Act.

I have the great privilege to represent in Congress the City of Rochester, New York, and its suburbs—a region considered by many to be the cradle of the women's rights movement. Rochester was the proud home of Susan B. Anthony; her close friends and fel-

low suffragists, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, lived nearby. Prominent civil rights activists like Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, who also supported women's rights ardently, moved to the region and spent most of their adult lives there.

In 1848, the First Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York. Reflecting upon this remarkable event never fails to inspire me. After only a week of planning and notice, over three hundred men and women from all over the region converged on Seneca Falls for the "Woman's Rights Convention." This event heralded the beginning of a movement that would yield to women the right to vote 72 years later, and signal an ongoing struggle for equity in the home, in the workplace, and before the law.

Today, the site of the First Women's Rights Convention is the home of the Women's Rights National Historical Park, a respected unit of the National Park Service. Nearby are other important sites, such as the Hunt House, where the Declaration of Sentiments was drafted, and the M'Clintock House. Within an hour's drive, we find a host of other places important in women's history—the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aging in Auburn, the Matilda Joselyn Gage House in Fayetteville, and the Ontario County Courthouse in Canandaigua, where Susan B. Anthony was put on trial for the crime of voting.

I am proud to introduce today legislation that would link all of these sites in a way that will benefit students, scholars, and visitors alike. The Votes for Women History Trail Act directs the National Park Service (NPS) to establish an auto route connecting these various sites. The trail would be established in accordance with the recommendations contained in an NPS feasibility report funded by Congress.

This trail will allow tourists, educators, and others to connect the many sites and events critical to women's history and place them in context. It will also serve as a new tourist destination for the region, bolstering the flagging economy. Finally, it will give well-deserved prominence to the importance of women's history for our region and our nation as a whole.

I am proud to sponsor this new initiative, and I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting the Votes for Women History Trail Act. I look forward to working with the Resources Committee to ensure its timely consideration and passage.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY PINOLA,
27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2002**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's most notable women during the month of March and it is my honor to not only recognize women of the past but to also recognize women who are making a difference in my community. While a month of remembrance is certainly not sufficient, I am honored today to pay homage to such women as Eleanor Roosevelt, Sandra Day O'Connor, Harriet Tubman, Sally Ride and all

the women of my Congressional District, whose contributions have made a profound difference in the face and fabric of our nation.

It is my distinct honor to recognize the personal achievements of one of California's 27th Congressional District's most outstanding women. Mary Pinola has dedicated over 20 years of service to this community and it is an honor to recognize her for her continued efforts in support of so many worthwhile organizations and foundations.

Mary received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University, Long Beach and later received from the same university, a Master of Arts degree in Speech-Communication. She completed her education by receiving her Ph.D. in Education from the University of Southern California. Mary currently serves as the Director of Development for the AAF Rose Bowl Aquatics Center and has served as the Director of Community Relations for Verdugo Hills Hospital, as an Adjunct Lecturer at California State University, Long Beach and as a High School Speech and English Teacher at Arroyo High School in El Monte, California.

Over the years, Mary has dedicated herself to founding and joining groups and organizations that truly make a positive and lasting impact on the community. Along with her husband Charles Kenny, she is a founding member of the La Cañada Educational Foundation, a Member of the Board of Directors of the Roger Barkley Community Center, and has served as the chair of countless numbers of charitable fundraisers.

More recently, Mary has been the driving force behind raising funds for the Mary Pinola/Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce Educational Endowment Fund. The Fund gives annual grants to educational programs throughout the Crescenta Valley. This year, the Fund grew to \$66,000 and has been invested in a Donor Advised Account with the Glendale Community Foundation to ensure a legacy of charitable gifts. She has also been instrumental in raising funds for the Outdoor Science Laboratory at La Cañada Elementary School, which will be completed in the fall of 2002.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an outstanding and extraordinary woman of California's 27th Congressional District, Ms. Mary Pinola. The entire community joins me in thanking Mary for her continued efforts to make the 27th Congressional District a place of extraordinary, selfless giving.

IN HONOR OF DR. DONALD N.
LANGENBERG**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on April 30, Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, who has served as chancellor of the University System of Maryland for more than a decade, will retire after a lifetime of service to higher education.

Dr. Langenberg has left a mark in academe as few others have. As chancellor of the University System of Maryland, he has overseen the emergence of a nationally recognized public university system, with top-ranked programs, unprecedented levels of state funding,

and extraordinary increases in grants and contracts to conduct research. As the first chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago, he was instrumental in creating a campus now known for its quality and diversity. His leadership at the National Science Foundation, the University of Pennsylvania, the National Association of System Heads, and other academic groups has contributed to an era of extraordinary growth and vitality in American higher education.

Mr. Speaker, as a founding member of Maryland's K-16 Partnership for Teaching and Learning, he led the state toward an education system that will provide students a seamless transition from preschool to the college years and beyond. His work as chair of the National Reading Panel helped disseminate groundbreaking research and bold recommendations about the bedrock of education: teaching children how to read.

Dr. Langenberg has also contributed enormously to his academic field of physics, conducting research into experimental condensed matter physics and materials science. His earliest research was concerned with the electronic properties and Fermi surfaces of metals and degenerate semiconductors. A major part of his research career was devoted to the study of superconductivity, particularly the Josephson effects and nonequilibrium superconductivity. He is perhaps best known for his work on the determination of certain fundamental physical constants using the ac Josephson effect. A practical consequence of this work was the development of a radically new type of voltage standard that is now used around the world. One of the major publications resulting from this work is among the most frequently cited papers published by the *Reviews of Modern Physics* during the 1955-86 period, and has been dubbed a "citation classic." The work has also been recognized by the award to Dr. Langenberg and his co-workers of the John Price Wetherill Medal of the Franklin Institute.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Langenberg is the author or co-author of over one hundred papers and articles, and has edited several books. In addition to serving as Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation from 1980-1982, he has held predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowships from the National Science Foundation, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation. He has been a visiting professor or researcher at Oxford University, the Ecole Normale Supérieure, the California Institute of Technology, and the Technische Universität München. In addition to the Wetherill Medal, he has been awarded the Distinguished Contribution to Research Administration Award of the Society of Research Administrators, the Distinguished Achievement Citation of the Iowa State University Alumni Association, and the Significant Sig Award of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Dr. Langenberg has served as advisor or consultant to a variety of universities, industrial firms, and governmental agencies. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, is President of the National Association of System Heads (NASH), and is Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Education Trust, Inc. He is a member of the Business-Higher Education Forum, a partnership of the American Council on Education and the National Alliance of Business intended to foster communication

among national business and education leaders. He has been President and Chairman of the Board of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Chairman of the Board of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), and President of the American Physical Society (APS). He also recently concluded ten years of service on the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and is the immediate past Chairman of the Presidents' Council of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB).

Mr. Speaker, in addition to serving the larger public through his work on various boards, Dr. Langenberg has also served in quieter, though equally profound ways. Both through his example and through individual mentoring, he has helped develop key academic leaders for the University System of Maryland and for higher education in general. By serving as an advisor to people of talent and ability, Dr. Langenberg has helped many institutions find exceptional faculty, provosts, and presidents.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Langenberg's lifetime of achievement and service will be celebrated on April 20 at a special retirement gala that will raise endowment funds for the Langenberg Lecture and Award, two efforts to continue his vision of education as a life-long journey of the human mind. Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House join me in thanking Dr. Langenberg for nearly 50 years of service in higher education and I rise to congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JEFFREY A. REMINGTON

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, this is a sad month for the State of New Mexico and at the same time a wonderful gain for the Nation. Colonel Jeff Remington, commander of the 27th Fighter Wing at Cannon Air Force Base will be leaving on March 28. After an admirable tenure, he has been selected to command the 18th Wing, Pacific Air Forces at Kadana Air Base in Japan.

While we are disappointed to see him go, we are very grateful for the contributions he made to Cannon and eastern New Mexico in general. Since arriving in May 2000, Colonel Remington, with steadfast personal commitment, led the base with pride and honor. He continually demonstrated outstanding leadership in every manner. All who have served for or with Colonel Remington have nothing but praise and the highest personal regard for him.

He is a man of exemplary character, and the highest sense of personal honor. He epitomizes all that the concept of being involved in the United States Air Force represents.

Colonel Remington made a special emphasis on positioning Cannon Air Force Base as a community partner with the surrounding counties. He made a point to participate in local events, let the public know about the base's contributions to national defense, and in essence, became a neighbor.

He never hid the joy that he had in this particular assignment. Indeed, in an editorial he

wrote for the Clovis News Journal, he wrote, "I have the best job in the Air Force at the best base in the Air Force."

I traveled to Cannon shortly after the events of September 11, to receive a briefing from Colonel Remington about the role that the base was playing in light of the attacks. During our meeting, he expressed his absolute confidence in the men and women who served under him at the base. It was most inspiring to see a leader who believed so much in the people he was guiding. I believe it is that type of leadership that has made him so admired and effective at Cannon.

Of course his tenure at Cannon is only one of many assignments that he has had in an Air Force career that spans twenty-five years. After graduating in 1977 from the U.S. Air Force Academy, he earned his wings as a distinguished graduate of pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. Colonel Remington flew F-16s in Europe where he filled numerous positions. He was also a pilot for the Thunderbirds. His previous command assignments include the 80th Fighter Squadron at Kunsan Air Force Base in Korea and the 366th Operations Group at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho.

Such a distinguished career has led to a number of awards and decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and others.

Cannon Air Force Base has benefited from having such an accomplished and disciplined commander at its helm for the past two years. I know that Colonel Remington will positively impact all of his future assignments. For myself, I look very forward to meeting and working with his successor, Colonel Robert Yates, who is leaving as commander of the 355th Operations Group at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, the residents of eastern New Mexico will miss this extraordinary gentleman who served our New Mexico so well. I hope that someday, somewhere, Colonel Remington reflects on his time in the Land of Enchantment and remembers the difference he made in our community. I am proud that I had the opportunity to work with him, and I remain confident that his example will continue to live in the hearts and minds of his fellow officers.

THE LEGACY ACT: LIVING EQUITABLY, GRANDPARENTS AIDING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to join my good friend CONNIE MORELLA in introducing important legislation to help address an issue in our nation that is only starting to receive national attention—grandparents raising their grandchildren.

According to recent data from the Census Bureau, the number of intergenerational families increased more than fifty percent between 1990 and 1998. It is estimated that more than 4 million children across America are being raised by their grandparents. Many of these children have parents who have passed away, are in prison, or are suffering from drug or alcohol addictions, while some have been taken out of abusive homes.