

North Carolina from April 17–21, will bring together ethnic and cultural groups from this area to celebrate the diversity and strength of our region, state, and nation. Robeson County, as confirmed by the latest census, is the most culturally diverse of all one hundred counties in North Carolina.

Robeson County is an area rich in heritage and history. This heritage and history will be on display during a Grand Parade uniting individuals from the numerous cultures represented within the county. Each cultural group will demonstrate its distinctive heritage during the event, providing individuals of all ages the opportunity to learn about the unique blend of cultures surrounding them. Furthermore, the event hopes to be a positive influence on the lives of the youth of Robeson County and surrounding areas, steering them away from drugs and violence and towards more benign outlets.

Cultural Fest 2002 could serve as a model for other communities to emulate as a means of positively promoting the great diversity of our nation. The organizers of Cultural Fest 2002 should be commended for their efforts.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting the organizers of Cultural Fest 2002 for their efforts. May God's blessings shine upon this event.

IN MEMORY OF RON CAWDREY

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Ron Cawdrey, a close friend and driving force in the City of Redondo Beach, California, who died last month.

In addition to being a two-term councilman, Ron served his community in so many other ways, including on the North Redondo Beach Business Association, the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce and the local Little League. He also was vice president of the Communications Workers of America, Local 9400, representing 10,000 members in California, and was actively involved in local Democratic politics.

But listing Ron's affiliations does not come near to describing the contributions he made to our community and the impact he had on the individuals he touched. A quick glance at the tributes his friends and colleagues have written reveals a man who was inspirational, loving, nonconfrontational and deeply devoted to his family. People just liked being around him.

In short, Mr. Speaker, Ron was well deserving of his 1992 Redondo Beach Man of the Year award, and his recent Redondo Beach Mayor's Lifetime Community Service Award.

I am uncertain when I first met Ron, but believe it was at a meeting of local labor leaders. Ron "adopted" me, and became a tireless worker on my behalf. He was always there for me, and for so many others.

The last time I saw Ron was at a regional Chamber of Commerce breakfast, hosted by the Redondo Beach Chamber. I hadn't seen him in some time, but he bounded up to me with his magnetic smile, gave me a big hug, and asked how I was doing.

Mr. Speaker, my heart goes out to Ron's wife Punky, his four children and four grand-

children, for I know the next few weeks and months will be difficult. But as they grieve, I hope they find comfort in knowing what a wonderful contribution Ron made to the world around him.

IN HONOR OF DR. L. JAY OLIVA,
PRESIDENT, NYU

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a New Yorker who has done a great deal for higher education in America, and for the City of New York. As a proud alumnus of this great university, I wanted to share with Members of Congress some of the accomplishments of this fine leader, and to take this opportunity to salute Dr. Oliva. New York University is the largest private university in this nation with more than 50,000 students, many of them first-generation college attendees. I know because I was one such first-generation college graduate in my family. NYU is clearly one of this country's premier universities.

Dr. Oliva has been its president since 1991, but he has been a leader of NYU for many decades, four decades, in fact. He has provided distinguished leadership of young men and women as its Chancellor, as a Dean, a Provost, and as an Executive Vice President. Yet, I want to recognize him for a role he has played continuously throughout these 40 or so years, and still plays—a teacher. He still personally carries a teaching load; he believes in that role above all. NYU has been at the heart of this man's life.

NYU's motto is a "private university in the public service." These were not just words for Jay Oliva, for, indeed, he was one of the very first university presidents in the nation to lead the fight for AmeriCorps. He helped shape a university that is dedicated to community service and volunteerism. Over 4,000 NYU students participate in volunteer efforts. President Oliva assembled his own President's C-Team that involves over 200 students working directly with him on public service initiatives. NYU is now home to the largest America Reads program in this country. Under his leadership, NYU has distinguished itself as a provider of services for the underprivileged, through its dental clinics providing healthcare to the indigent, low-income and minority populations, to its social work, education, nursing and medical school and initiatives, to its highly distinguished legal and business leadership and assistance. NYU provides tutoring and training for schools throughout the region, leaving a mark on many people's lives.

September 11th 2001 was no exception, when NYU was not only directly hit, but it was a time when its doctors, nurses, dentists, social workers and staff immediately answered the call to provide services to those in New York in need.

Dr. Oliva certainly saw a global vision and mission for NYU, but it was his local vision that has provided a blanket of services over New York City and State. For all of these and many more reasons, I stand now to applaud his leadership of NYU, his dedication to this great institution, and to the principles on which it was founded, and which he did so much to shape.

AFGHANISTAN EDUCATION FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an event that is on its way to the world's history books an event that, last month, changed the lives of girls and women in Afghanistan forever. On March 23rd, Afghan schools went back into session, meaning that, for the first time in five years, girls began to attend school legally.

During the reign of the Taliban regime, women all over Afghanistan refused to give up their right to be educated. Some set up illegal schools in their homes at risk of being severely beaten. Others hid books and pencils under their clothing in fear of being killed if they were found out. But even during these horrific times, Afghan girls remained resolute. "We want to go to school even more," they said. For many Afghan girls, this is the first time they can walk down the street with a book, without the risk of being killed.

The Taliban regime was the most repressive regime in the world with regard to the status of women. The systematic exclusion of women from all positions of status in all aspects of government and society not only marginalized women, but it undermined Afghanistan's entire civic society. Prior to Taliban rule, 40% of Afghanistan's doctors, over half the university students, and two-thirds of Afghanistan's teachers were women. It is clear that for the rebuilding of Afghanistan to be successful, there must be educated and informed women in all walks of life.

I would like to commend the United States Children Fund for their extremely hard work and aid in helping with the "Back to School" campaign. In cooperation with the Afghan Interim government, UNICEF has a goal of bringing more than 1.5 million Afghan children into a safe learning environment. In a country where the literacy rate is just four percent—the lowest in the world—UNICEF has dedicated countless hours to ensuring that each child has access to basic school supplies. The kind of dedication to humanitarian relief that UNICEF has shown in Afghanistan is essential not only to the future of Afghanistan, but to women and children around the world.

I wholeheartedly thank UNICEF for their support of Afghan children. I commend the Interim Afghan government for making education a key priority. Most of all, I thank the teachers and children of Afghanistan who have had the courage and the will to educate and be educated after years of fear, insecurity and oppression.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH MOORE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute today to Elizabeth Moore, an incredible woman who recently passed away, but whose dedication to the

people and animals in her community was both extraordinary and inspirational. Elizabeth selflessly gave her time and energy to her community through her intense love of all living creatures, and was a woman of unquestioned integrity and of unparalleled morality. She will be sorely missed by each and every person whose life she touched, and as her family mourns her loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Elizabeth and pay tribute to her for her incredible contributions to her city, and her state.

Elizabeth and her husband John first came to Colorado's San Luis Valley in 1995 after riding on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. They decided to make the beautiful valley their home, and immediately embarked upon a mission to make it a better place for all to live—even the animals. After arriving in the San Luis Valley, Elizabeth served as the President of the Humane League, dedicating her time to organizing fundraisers for spay and neuter clinics and finding homes for stray cats and dogs. She had a strong conviction that the best way to help the plight of animals in the community was to control the population by spaying and neutering. Her efforts were critical in procuring funds from the Max Fund to assist with low-cost spay/neuter clinics in the community. In addition, she loved the outdoors, and had climbed most of Colorado's highest peaks, inspiring her husband to take up the sport as well. Elizabeth's extraordinary selflessness and dedication to all living things will be sorely missed by everyone that knew her, and by all that benefited from her incredible deeds.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Elizabeth Moore, but take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed only by the legacy of courage, selflessness and love that she left with all of us. Elizabeth Moore's life is the very embodiment of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring her life to the attention of this body of Congress.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON A PERFECT SEASON AND A NATIONAL TITLE

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the outstanding accomplishments of the University of Connecticut Women's Basketball Team, who on Sunday March 31st defeated the Oklahoma Sooners to win the NCAA tournament. They finished the season with a perfect record of 39–0.

I would like to offer special congratulations to Head Coach Geno Auriemma who won his third national title, and to Seniors Sue Bird, Swin Cash, Asjha Jones, and Tamika Williams who have had a most remarkable four years.

Mr. Speaker, these extraordinary young women do not need me to tell them that they are champions, or that their accomplishments are appreciated. Surely all the sold-out games, the sea of blue and white that filled the Alamo dome during the Final Four and the 150,000 fans who turned out for the team's victory parade made that clear.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to point out that although they are young adults themselves the outstanding achievements of the this team offers a fine example to our nation's young people. I applaud them for all of their achievements both on and off the court.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Yom Ha Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. We recall now not only the more than six million Jews who lost their lives, but the human potential that was also extinguished during the dark days of World War II. We remember not just the mothers and fathers, the sons and daughters, the brothers and sisters, but also their descendants who never got to make their contributions to mankind. And we remember the heroes who gave their lives in the greatest fight for freedom and democracy the modern world has ever known.

By pausing today, we join in a solemn bond with the victims of the Holocaust to ensure that the world will never suffer such a horrific tragedy again. It is through our reflection that we acknowledge our loss and through our actions that we build a world free of such hatred and despair. Our greatest tribute to the millions who suffered at the hands of the Nazis will be to ensure that their memory will never be extinguished. By recognizing Holocaust Remembrance Day, we do just that by educating today's and future generations.

Yet the fires of hate, which burned so brightly in Europe from 1939 through 1945, never really burned out. They were smoldering in the hearts of the terrorists who flew their planes into the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and into the ground of rural Pennsylvania on September 11th. And those same fires are ablaze even today, in actions of the suicide bombers on the West Bank and in Gaza. We pray, Mr. Speaker, for a soothing rain to extinguish forever the fires of hatred.

With these examples fresh in our minds, we marvel at the strength and character of the Jewish people. Their steadfast determination to rebuild their lives following the Holocaust has given the world a remarkable model of resolve. Through their example, we can glimpse the extraordinary human spirit that rises above the fruitlessness of anger and resentment. With this day and with our deeds we honor that spirit. Mr. Speaker, we observe Yom Ha Shoah to always remember and never forget. I am proud to recognize Yom Ha Shoah and I urge my colleagues, and all Americans, to do the same.

TRIBUTE TO JULIE ROCHE ON HER U.S. CITIZENSHIP

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Julie Roche, a dedicated

member of the community and of my campaign staff for officially becoming an American citizen on February 22, 2002.

Julie graduated from the University of California in San Diego in 1992 with a degree in political Science and lived for 6 years in Washington, DC, before settling in Colorado, which is now her permanent home. Though Julie has lived in the United States for almost her entire life, she had retained her Irish citizenship until earlier this year. Giving up her Irish citizenship was a hard decision to make. Like most Americans who have come from abroad, Julie is very proud of her heritage. However, her dedication to public service, her interest in politics and her love for the United States persuaded her to make the choice.

While she is a new citizen, Julie is not a newcomer to our country or our democratic system of government. In addition to working for both my colleague, Representative DIANA DEGETTE, and for me, Julie also works for the Colorado Democratic Party. She has decided—rightly—that American citizenship would allow her to even more fully participate in public affairs and to work for the betterment of what is now fully our common country. In her free time, Julie plays on a soccer team in Denver, runs marathons and is a volunteer for the Colorado Red Cross, where she is on call one week of every month and helps victims of disaster. She is a shining example of the spirit and promise of American democracy and the diversity that makes our country so special.

On behalf of her fellow citizens of Colorado and the United States, I congratulate Julie on her becoming an American citizen.

A TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MIKE HUMPHREY, NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Sergeant Mike Humphrey of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. On March 31, 2002, Sergeant Humphrey retired after serving the people of North Carolina for over twenty-eight years.

Mike Humphrey was a decorated officer, who spent his career ensuring that the people and the roads of North Carolina were safe. In 1977, Sergeant Humphrey was honored with the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. In addition, Sergeant Humphrey serves on the North Carolina Seventh Congressional District Law Enforcement Advisory Committee, where he is a positive voice for the law enforcement community. Protecting lives and patrolling our communities were not only the passion of Sergeant Humphrey, but also that of his father. The Humphreys were the first father and son to serve simultaneously in the history of the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

We owe Sergeant Mike Humphrey our sincere appreciation for his twenty-eight years of committed service to our state. His determination, devotion, and dedication to the people of North Carolina should serve as an example to us all. May God bless him and his family, and may God bless the great state of North Carolina.