

IN HONOR OF REVEREND STANLEY
SPREWER

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, as the family and friends of Reverend Stanley Sprewer gathered together at memorial services on January 10, 2002, they celebrated the life of a pastor who touched the lives of so many. A "faithful shepherd of God's flock", Rev. Sprewer's love for God, his church, and his family will continue to be remembered and cherished, after his passing from this earth on January 6, 2002.

Born in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin to James and Marie Sprewer, Rev. Sprewer was the eighth child of ten in his family. After accepting Christ at a young age, Rev. Sprewer's ambition led him to graduate from North Division High School and enlist in the United States Marine Corps. Following his exceptional service during the Vietnam War, Stanley Sprewer's leadership and thirst for life helped him realize his true calling, and after building a beautiful family of his own, he answered the call to ministry.

Beginning his ministry as an exhorter at Bethel C.M.E. Church Milwaukee, he became licensed as a local preacher and then ordained to elder under the late Bishop Chester K. Kirkendoll. After graduating from St. Martin's Seminary in Milwaukee and earning a Master of Theology degree from Bethany Bible College and Seminary in Dothan, Alabama, Rev. Sprewer began his pastoral journey at Allen Temple C.M.E. Church in Milwaukee, where his ministry flourished as he led an outstanding community-based nutrition program and led a successful church renovation and restoration project. His journey then brought him to Michigan, where he pastored first at the Dozier Memorial C.M.E. Church in Flint and then to Detroit, where he served as pastor of Allen Temple C.M.E. Church, a church in an economically deprived area where he resumed a nutrition and clothing outreach program as well as a nursing home ministry at the Hillcrest Nursing Home. Rev. Sprewer's final stop brought him to Turner Chapel C.M.E. Church in Mount Clemens, where his leadership and dedication brought a community together as the church grew both spiritually and numerically, and where his legacy of love and service will continue to live on.

Rev. Sprewer has always given on hundred percent in every aspect of his life, his work, his community, his family and his friends. Those who had the pleasure of knowing him and the benefit of working with him will surely continue to remember him as a dedicated, faithful pastor and friend to all. He will truly be missed. I invite my colleagues to please join me in paying tribute to Rev. Sprewer, and saluting him for his exemplary years of care and service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TOMASA
BARGAS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a woman whose passion for life and whose incredible human spirit is an inspiration to us all. Tomasa Bargas, a Pueblo, Colorado resident of over seventy years, recently passed an impressive milestone, celebrating her one-hundredth birthday with four generations of her friends and family.

Tomasa was born December 29, 1901 in Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico. She came to the United States at the age of sixteen, settling in Trinidad, Colorado with her husband Joaquin, and later moving to Pueblo, where she still resides today. Incredibly, Tomasa is the matriarch of a family that includes 11 children, 34 grandchildren, 74 great-grandchildren and 37 great-great-grandchildren. It is an impressive lineage of which she is extremely proud, and which, more importantly, is extremely proud of her.

Battling overwhelming odds, Tomasa managed to reach this impressive milestone while battling Alzheimer's disease, a condition that has conquered neither her mind, nor her spirit. Her memories are still very much alive, and her family and friends are all fortunate to be able to share in a life as rich and varied as hers. The remarkable longevity of Tomasa's life is a testament to both her will to survive and her unparalleled passion for life.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I bring to the attention of this body of Congress, the life and spirit of such an incredible woman. Through overwhelming odds, she has managed not only to endure, but to brighten and invigorate the lives of those around her. She is truly an inspiration to all of us, and I, along with the many people whose lives she has touched, am honored to recognize her tremendous accomplishment in reaching her one-hundredth birthday, and more importantly, her passion for life and indomitable human spirit.

**JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC
SECURITY ACT**

HON. JOHN R. THUNE

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, while it appears that our economy has begun to pull out of its recent doldrums, people in South Dakota and across our Nation continue to need help.

I have been arguing for months that the best way to address many of the problems facing our nation is to first get our economy back on track. I strongly believe one of the ways to accomplish this goal is to pass an economic security bill.

That's why, Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced the Jobs Creation and Economic Security Act. This legislation is needed to get the economy moving and put people back to work.

Some have argued that our economy doesn't need help or even that putting dollars back into the pockets of American taxpayers

actually sent the economy into recession in the first place. Nothing could be further from the truth.

That's an economics I don't understand and frankly one that every expert I've talked to flatly contradicts. They will tell you that getting the money out of Washington and back in the hands of Americans is the best way to create jobs, instill consumer confidence and get the economy moving.

The provisions of my bill include a tax rebate for those who didn't get a rebate last year, reducing the 27.5 percent rate to 25 percent immediately, providing for accelerated depreciation for businesses, including farmers, providing unemployment and health care benefits and providing needed tax relief for farmers.

Passing this legislation will be a great first step in getting our economy moving. However, I believe we can also do more. Congress needs to pass a farm bill as soon as possible so farmers will know what programs to expect when they begin planting. The House has already passed legislation to improve and maintain the necessary farm programs, while adding a counter-cyclical safety net to help producers when times are tough. It has a strong and balanced conservation title that provides incentives for both idling environmentally sensitive land and for performing conservation practices on working lands.

In addition, it supports value-added agriculture to help producers add value to their raw commodities. Producers will receive more of the value of what they grow, not merely settling for the prices that they are given at market.

Congress should also enact the President's energy bill. Again, the House has already passed a comprehensive national energy policy, because we've become too dependent on foreign oil. The House bill takes a balanced approach toward finding new resources here at home and developing new ideas for the future. It also works to improve conservation today while developing renewable energy sources for tomorrow.

By acting now on each of these measures Congress can put our economy and our nation on the path toward prosperity. Our constituents demand it and deserve nothing less.

**THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BANK OF GUAM**

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in Chamorro, we refer to the Bank of Guam as Bangkon Ifil (the Bank of Ifil). Ifil is the hardest wood that can be found on Guam. The Bank of Guam has become synonymous with the strength and durability that the ifil tree represents. More importantly, both the Bank of Guam and the ifil tree represent the soil and soul of Guam.

Responsibility, service and commitment are words that aptly describe the Bank of Guam with regard to our island and the Western Pacific. Chartered for operation on March 13, 1972, the Bank of Guam was a life-long dream of Mr. Jesus S. Leon Guerrero, the institution's founder and Chairman of its Board of Directors.

With an abiding concern for the people of Guam, Mr. Leon Guerrero was determined to establish a responsive, full service banking institution to meet the unique and specialized needs of island residents. Not only did he perceive this type of institution to be sorely lacking on Guam; as a pioneering businessman, he was also driven by a desire to serve his community by utilizing his considerable business acumen.

December 11, 1972, was opening day for the Bank of Guam and its thirteen original staff members. From its humble beginnings in the Santa Cruz area of Hagåtña through its expansion with branches in Saipan, Rota, Tinian, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Majuro, Kwajalein, Palau and San Francisco, the Bank of Guam has progressed at a truly impressive pace. The Bank's services range from full service banking, ATM machines, investment opportunities and even home banking. Currently managed by a cadre of business professionals following in the footsteps of their founder, the bank is fulfilling its promises to the people of Guam and to the people of Micronesia as a responsible banking institution.

In conjunction with the hallmarks of responsibility and service, the Bank of Guam is also known for its sincere commitment to the community as a whole. This commitment has made its successful operation possible during these past thirty years. With competent staff members and an experienced Board of Directors, the Bank of Guam is leading the banking community of the region into the 21st century.

Although this is a brief overview of the Bank of Guam's numerous accomplishments, one can understand the overwhelming positive impact this institution has had, and will continue to have, on the people of Guam and Micronesia. For thirty years, the Bank of Guam has served our island communities. I am sure that it will continue to provide excellent services. In the words of Jesus S. Leon Guerrero, "There are two fundamental reasons why I wanted to take the risk in starting the Bank of Guam. Number one, provide service to the community that was not available, and then, two, back up that service with a commitment to take care of our people." The Bank of Guam had proven on innumerable times its commitment to this philosophy.

I offer my congratulations to the Bank of Guam for thirty years of dedicated service to the community. The legacy that Jesus S. Leon Guerrero has created will continue to be strong, vibrant and beneficial to the people of Guam for generations to come. We have every confidence that the Bank's current president, Anthony Leon Guerrero, and his excellent staff will continue to build upon this legacy.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase Bangkon Ifit.

RECOGNITION OF JANE HEALY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Jane Healy for her many years of public service and the contributions she has

made to so many people in Colorado. On February 1, 2002, she will be celebrating her 70th birthday. Many of those 70 years have been involved in public service. I wanted to take this opportunity not only to wish her a most happy birthday, but also to highlight her outstanding career and accomplishments.

Upon my election to the 2nd Congressional District in 1998, I was fortunate to have Jane join my staff as the Director of Constituent Services. I was very appreciative because I had learned of her many years of constituent service work for my predecessor, David Skaggs, as well as similar work for other Colorado elected officials including Senator Gary Hart and State Treasurer Gail Schoettler.

Jane's work in these offices earned her a reputation as a caring and extremely effective advocate for individual Coloradans with state and federal agencies. She had developed great expertise in relevant agency rules and procedures and had earned the respect of agency personnel. As a result, she could provide simple, direct advice and was especially helpful to many people who would have been frustrated and confused without her assistance.

Nowhere was this expertise more pronounced than in the complex area of immigration matters and the extensive process of selecting nominees for appointment to the service academies.

On immigration matters, Jane became the "dean" of the Colorado delegation staff—particularly on issues related to visas and the status of foreign nationals lining and working in the United States. Oftentimes, when an issue was too complex for other offices to handle, she would be asked advice on how to proceed. On the service academy selection process, she was especially adroit at making this potentially stressful and unmanageable system of selecting nominees to our armed service academies a smoothly functioning and enjoyable experience, while always underscoring the honorable nature of the effort and treating it with the highest respect and decorum.

When she joined my staff, she helped set the standard of excellence for casework service. She helped train novice staff members in the art of casework service and correspondence. Her knowledge and expertise has served my office well—but more importantly, it has helped countless numbers of people over the years. It is estimated that over the course of her career, she directly helped resolve over 20,000 cases on an impressive array of issues.

Jane's dedication was unequalled. Coworkers would notice that she would frequently leave the office at the end of the day with bags of casework papers on which she continued working at home. My staff and I deeply miss her talents in calligraphy, here editing skills, her love of Ireland, and her chocolate raspberry pies.

On a personal note, Jane also worked as the Colorado State Coordinator for my father's presidential campaign in 1976. She proudly displayed in her office a photo taken during that campaign showing her with my dad.

She also has been involved in many other community activities, such as serving on the Board of North Metro Community services, which provides needed services to disabled citizens in the northern portions of the Denver-

metro area. To serve so broadly, so successfully, and with such grace, heart, and spirit is deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our gratitude to Jane Healy for her exemplary public service to the people of Colorado and their elected officials. Her many accomplishments go beyond reckoning, and I wish her good health and happiness in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LUD E. WASHINGTON

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute to a local hero whose life-long pursuit of improving and enriching the lives of others is an inspiration to us all. Lud E. Washington recently died just short of both his 88th birthday and his 50th wedding anniversary to his wife Marguerite, but his life was one of immense fulfillment and a source of endless joy for those who knew and loved him. As his family mourns the loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Lud and pay tribute to him for his contributions to his community, his state and his country.

Lud was a true pioneer who fought courageously to break down racial barriers and open doors for future generations of African-Americans and minorities. He gave his time and energy to those who needed him most. He began his career by running the all African-American Lincoln Home, which served as a boarding house for African-Americans of all ages who were in need of a caretaker and mentor. He dedicated his life to ensuring that no child grew up without the proper guidance, love, or care. Lud believed that he could, by offering his help to one child at a time, have a dramatic impact on an entire community.

Lud was the first African-American foreman at the Pueblo Army Depot, breaking down barriers that enabled others who followed him to attain increasingly higher-ranking positions within the military. He, along with long-time friend Linc Wilson, led Pueblo's first and only all African-American Boy Scout Troop in the late 1940's, an undertaking that served as an indispensable resource for the young African-Americans of the Pueblo community. By fostering a spirit of leadership, camaraderie and cooperation, the Troop helped provide the positive reinforcement that so many children had previously not been able to find elsewhere. Lud's efforts and courage in the face of long odds are a testament to his indestructible and benevolent human spirit.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Lud Washington, but take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed only by the legacy of courage, selflessness and love that Lud left with all of us. His life is the very embodiment of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring the attention of this body of Congress to his life. Lud Washington will be deeply missed by his family, his friends and the entire community.