

work, but also through his incredible ability to raise funds for much needed improvements. Prior to announcing his retirement, Gary announced that he had, at no cost, procured a \$30,000 file management system for the Sheriff's Office. He was responsible for getting a loan that enabled the county to install a 911 system, and subsequently procured an additional \$50,000 grant to upgrade the system. In addition, he was the chairman of the committee that obtained \$3 million in grants to upgrade the County Courthouse.

As sheriff, Gary did a marvelous job of walking the fine-line that all law enforcement officers must walk; as both a member and protector of the community. He will be sorely missed by each and every person in the community, but his marvelous contributions will always remain.

Mr. Speaker, as a former law enforcement officer, I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our peace officers face today. Gary Cure has dedicated his life to serving and protecting his fellow citizens, working long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their safety and their freedoms, and it is with a great deal of pride and respect that I bring his career to the attention of this body of Congress. Sheriff Gary Cure deserves the thanks of a grateful nation for all of his hard work, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

EARTH DAY 2002

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the thirty-second annual Earth Day, a global holiday that acknowledges and emphasizes the importance of a clean, healthy, and safe world. This spring observation provides the people of our nation and those across the globe the opportunity to renew our dedication to the protection and preservation of our environment. We have a shared responsibility to conserve our diverse natural resources, and Earth Day allows us to demonstrate our commitment to the environment.

While we have made significant progress since the first Earth Day celebration in 1970, we must continue our efforts to improve environmental quality. The Earth Day activities heighten awareness to the positive actions we can take to improve our environment, both locally and globally. The annual observance allows us the opportunity to applaud our progress, but more importantly, it allows us to renew our commitment to the continuing environmental challenges facing our planet.

I would like to pay special tribute to my many constituents who are so active in their support of environmental causes. This is especially true during this month, with activities and programs to mark Earth Day in Takoma Park, Glen Echo, Potomac, Silver Spring, and throughout the region.

I consider environmental protection to be a national priority. I pledge to work with my colleagues in Congress to ensure the preservation of our natural resources and the protection of the public health. And on Earth Week, as we also mark the birthday of William

Shakespeare, we recall his words, "to nature none more bound." We must preserve and protect this treasure for future generations. This year, as we celebrate Earth Day 2002, let us reaffirm our commitment to a cleaner world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to cast my votes on rollcall Nos. 93, 94, and 95 on April 16, 2002. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 93, 94, and 95.

ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, as terrorist attacks and homicide bombings continue to ravage Israel and her citizens, I call on the Administration to express its unqualified support for the only democracy in the Middle East, and our most loyal supporter at the United Nations.

Two weeks ago, I stood with members of the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York and Rabbis from across the Capital Region of New York State, and recounted the horrible story of a March terrorist attack that ripped through the heart of an Albany family—by stealing the life of Avia Malka, a nine-month old infant visiting Netanya, Israel on the joyous occasion of a family wedding. An armed homicide bomber walked into the lobby of the family's hotel, began shooting, and then detonated his device. The infant Avia was shot in the head, struck by shrapnel, and killed. Her father remains in the hospital and still cannot walk.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply disappointed with the contradictory statements made by our President in recent weeks, and I totally disagree with our vote at the U.N. asking Israel to retreat from its pursuit of Palestinian terrorists. For the President to embrace such a policy is completely contradictory to the principles of our own international war against terrorism.

In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly recommended partitioning the British mandate called Palestine into two states, a 5,500 square-mile Jewish state, and a 4,500 square-mile Arab state, and a "corpus separatum" international zone around the holy city of Jerusalem.

Jews accepted the partition plan but the Arabs did not. Israel unilaterally declared its independence in May 1948, and the Arab states attacked the new state. Therefore, the Palestinians could have had their own state in 1947, but rejected it.

In 2000, former Israeli Prime Minister Barak offered a peace agreement, which included not only further land transfers, but also nearly all that Chairman Arafat requested—and Arafat and the Palestinians rejected that offer, too.

In addition, the first three wars against Israel (1948, 1956, and 1967) all occurred when the

West Bank was in Arab hands. On January 1, 1965, Fatah, the main branch of Arafat's organization, launched the first terrorist attack on Israel—all within the 1967 borders.

Last year, Faisal Hussein, a "moderate" within Arafat's leadership, offered the following response when asked whether the Palestinian goal is still the elimination of the State of Israel: "If you are asking me as a Pan-Arab nationalist what are the Palestinian borders . . . I will immediately reply, 'From the river Jordan to the Mediterranean sea.'"

Mr. Speaker, arguing that 'returning' these lands would ensure peace is simply ignoring history!

Israeli citizens have lived with terrorism since the founding of their country in 1948, and have had to fight five wars just to survive. It is past time for all civilized countries to support the right of Israel to exist, and to denounce in unambiguous terms the terrorists who block the road toward peace in the region.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH MOORE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 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.

INTRODUCTION OF DUTY REDUCTION AND SUSPENSION LEGISLATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce several duty reduction and suspension bills for colorants used in ink-jet printers, in addition to materials used in the production of environmentally sensitive herbicides and insecticides that improve the quality of our lives.

These duty suspension bills lower the cost of producing these products thereby lowering the cost to consumers and helping U.S. industries compete in the global marketplace. When American companies make the active ingredients for these colorants and chemicals, there is a proper role for duties to exist. However, when the active ingredients are only made by foreign companies, we needlessly increase product costs for American consumers by imposing duties on their importation. By introducing these bills, I am triggering a careful review of these proposals by the House Ways and Means Committee and the International Trade Commission to make sure there are no domestic producers of these active ingredients so no U.S. jobs will be negatively affected. In fact, these duty suspensions will make U.S. products more competitive, thus creating jobs in the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to highlight the beneficial uses of the final products these chemicals will produce. NMSDA is used to produce a herbicide for broadleaf weed control in corn. This environmentally sound herbicide is within the margins of safety to mammalian, avian, and aquatic organisms. R118118 Salt is used to produce a postemergence soybean herbicide. Postemergence herbicides have the advantage of low application rates. The herbicide is only needed if weeds emerge around the sugar beets. Many other herbicides must be applied ahead of time to prevent weeds from developing regardless of whether they would have emerged naturally, needlessly introducing toxins into the environment. Thiamethoxam Technical is used in production of a neonicotinoid insecticide that targets "sucking and chewing pests," that are harder to target, without causing harm to the crops. Prodiamine Technical is used in production of an environmentally sound herbicide used in vegetation management control. Finally, Flauzinam 500 F formulated product is used to control plant diseases on peanuts and potatoes. It has an environmentally sound profile that is particularly well suited for resistance management programs.

The ink-jet printer colorants are beneficial to the American consumer. These colorants are specially formulated for enhanced quality, specially designed characteristics include improved wet-fastness on plain paper, improved opearability, higher chroma than the current industry standard and high humid-fastness to reduce bleed and hue change. These

colorants are widely used in the small and home office settings, as well as in photorealistic printing. It is essential we give the America consumers both choice and quality.

Duty suspension bills often pass with universal bipartisan support because they are common sense for consumers, for the environment, and for enhancing the competitiveness of our domestic industries. I urge support for these proposals after the appropriate committees and agencies have thoroughly vetted these measures.

HONORING THE ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 20th anniversary of the Rockville Senior Center. For two decades, the Rockville Senior Center has created opportunities for mature adults in Rockville, MD, to live healthy, happy, active lives.

Serving more than 1,700 members, the Rockville Senior Center offers opportunities for seniors to achieve independence and self-sufficiency through a network of education, information programs, and active participation. A wide variety of classes and recreational activities enrich and support the lives of the membership. In addition, a number of important social services are provided, such as health clinics and health insurance counseling.

The vibrant community of the Rockville Senior Center is the focal point for many programs, activities, and services. The organization continues to offer a full complement of services to meet the needs of senior adults. In many ways, the Rockville Senior Center is a second home and a second family to many of these seniors.

I am particularly proud to recognize the 32 members who first joined the nurturing community that is the Rockville Senior Center at the very beginning, 20 years ago. They have seen many changes, but one thing has not changed in all these years—the commitment and the level of service provided to the membership.

So, Mr. Speaker, I join with the entire community in offering my best wishes and congratulations to the Rockville Senior Center on this considerable milestone.

COMMEMORATING SAM L. ERVIN, HEALTHCARE PIONEER

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Sam L. Ervin, a pioneer in the development of innovative and cost effective programs that enhance the quality of life for older and disabled adults.

Mr. Ervin was the founding executive office of the original Senior Care Action Network (SCAN), a social health maintenance organi-

zation in Long Beach, CA. SCAN was selected by the then Health Care Financing Administration in 1982 to be one of four demonstration sites for the Social HMO program. The Social HMO expands comprehensive HMO benefits to include community-based long-term care and some nursing home care.

Today, he is the chairman and chief executive officer of SCAN, serving more than 50,000 members in four southern California counties. Since its inception, SCAN has made a unique and significant contribution to seniors' ability to remain healthy, independent and in control of where they live and how they live.

I have introduced H.R. 2953, the Coordinated Community Care Act of 2001 to make Social HMOs a permanent part of the Medicare + Choice program. I am proud to do so and to recognize Sam Ervin for his contributions to the improved quality of life for thousands of seniors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAE SCHULER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

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. Mae Schuler, a Grand Junction, Colorado resident, recently passed an impressive milestone, celebrating her one-hundredth birthday with a gathering of her friends and family. I am truly honored to be able to bring the life of such a strong and extraordinary woman to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Mae was born the youngest of eight children on March 7, 1902 on a farm in Ontario, Canada. At the age of nineteen, she moved to Detroit, where her sister lived, and met her husband Clarence. While living in Detroit, Clarence went to work selling cars, while Mae raised their baby girl, Jeanne. They survived the Depression by scraping by on the wages that Clarence was able to earn at the local gas station, since people were unable to afford to buy new cars. After Clarence retired in 1968, the couple moved to Palm Beach, Florida, where Mae remained active in the church, participated in a number of crafts groups and grew to love shuffleboard. Seven years and one day after moving to Florida, Clarence passed away peacefully in his sleep. Mae made the best she could of it, choosing to go on with her life and live it with the same vigor and energy that she had always lived it.

After living in Florida for another 30 years, Mae moved to Grand Junction in 1998 in order to be closer to her daughter, Jeanne. At 100 years of age, Mae is still going strong. As chronicled in her local newspaper, the Grand Junction Sentinel, she is exceptionally active, both mentally and physically, and still enjoys life to the fullest. She takes time to read to those who can't see as well, knits caps and washcloths for friends, bakes cookies for those who are sick, types personal notes on her old Smith-Corona typewriter, and most importantly, loves to play bingo. She is truly a remarkable woman, who has lived quite a remarkable life.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I bring to the attention of this body of Congress,