

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WALTER
FOXWORTH

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has raised the level of standards and commitment to the community for businesses throughout the nation. Over the years, Walter Foxworth has distinguished himself as a business, community, and industry leader going above and beyond what is needed to provide assistance to his state and community. His dedication to excellence as a businessman, family man, and citizen is impressive and it is my honor to be able to recognize such an individual before this body of Congress and this nation.

Walter has served as the National Director of the Mountain States Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association for over a decade. He is the President of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company, which services Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Arizona and is the largest lumber dealer in the Southwest. His hard work and dedication has led to respect by his peers and he is viewed as a leader in the industry. He currently serves on the boards of the National Lumber and Building Materials Dealers Association, the Lumberman Association, as well as serving as past president of the Lumberman's Association of Texas.

Walter has not only devoted his time and energy to his career, but has selflessly given to his community and the several states he calls home. For the past five years Walter has provided emotional and financial support to the outreach program for the children of Taos Day School in Taos, New Mexico. He serves as the chairman of the Dallas Zoological Society, president of the Family Guidance Center, and a member of the Dallas Assembly. In addition he is well known throughout his community as a loving husband, devoted father of three, and grandfather to eight.

Mr. Speaker, Walter Foxworth's dedication and service to his communities has been repeatedly rewarded over the years, most notably through his colleagues as the Lumberman of the Year in 1992 and again in 2000 with the Mountain States Lumber Dealer's first ever Industry All Star Award. It is now my honor to congratulate Walter on his success as well as his dedication to his community. He has worked hard to achieve many great undertakings in his life and certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Keep up the hard work Walter and good luck in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CARL PELLONPAA ON
40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
FINNISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY
IN MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENIN-
SULA

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a unique cultural institution in my

northern Michigan congressional district and to the individual who has been the inspiration and guiding force for that institution for 40 years.

Carl Pellonpaa started the show "Finland Calling!" in 1962 on WLUC-TV as a cultural bridge between Finland and the thousands of Finnish residents who call the Upper Peninsula of Michigan their home. Mr. Speaker, the presence of this large Finnish population is instantly clear to anyone who opens an Upper Michigan phone book like the Houghton-Hancock book and sees page after page of Finnish surnames—names like Haapala and Jurmu, Karvako and Lahti and Manninen. One scan of such a phone book, Mr. Speaker, and you would not be surprised to know that Upper Michigan is also home to Finlandia University, the former Soumi College, the only university in the nation founded by Finns.

It was this strong connection between northern Michigan and Finland that Carl Pellonpaa tapped and reinforced with his first airing of "Finland Calling." Even though Carl and his show have themselves become part of Finnish-American culture, a job in television and a career as a media ambassador between two nations was not Carl's original aspiration. In fact, as a recent story in the Marquette Mining Journal points out, baseball was Carl's dream, and he pursued that dream all the way to a contract with the Boston Braves in 1949. The dream was shattered when he was accidentally shot by a fellow hunter that very fall, taking buckshot in his head, neck, and the shoulder of his pitching arm. Although Carl was able to heal enough to serve a tour with the Army in Korea, the Big League fast ball was gone forever.

Married to his hometown sweetheart Doris, work led the couple away from the U.P. and then back to the Marquette area, where Carl took a job with radio station WJPD. In 1961 he joined the staff of TV-6, and March 25, 1962, marked the first broadcast of "Finland Calling!" or "Soumi Kutsuu!" as the show is called in Finnish. As Mining Journal writer A.M. Kelley notes, the original purpose of the show was to drum up a little travel business between Finland and the U.S.

Although his own parents came from Finland, Carl at first spoke little Finnish, and he has said the first shows, which are still broadcast in Finnish, made him "a laughingstock" with the Finns in the area. Clearly, however, no TV show in any market could log 40 continuous years—and still be going!—without acquiring a polished professionalism and without serving an essential need for its audience. "Finland Calling!" has performed the task of linking people with their relatives and their roots, and Carl, now fluent in his parents' native language, have even led tour groups back to Finland. As Jukka Valtasari, the Finnish ambassador to the U.S., wrote Carl Pellonpaa earlier this month, "Your program has brought Finland closer to the Finnish-Americans and helped them understand their roots."

Although Carl has otherwise retired from broadcasting, he has continued his show, which we believe to be the longest continually-running show in the nation that celebrates a foreign language and culture. A man of tradition, Carl and his wife still live in Ishpeming, where his parents settled so many years ago. Carl and Doris have three children, Carl, Diane and Wendy.

Mr. Speaker, Carl Pellonpaa will record a special 40th anniversary edition of his show

on Saturday, April 27. I ask you and our House colleagues to join me in offering our sense of appreciation and our congratulations to Carl Pellonpaa for his dedication to his community and for exemplifying the best qualities of positive relations with nations of the world.

TRIBUTE TO CINDY MCKEE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cindy McKee, an official in the Colorado State Office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Cindy is retiring from the BLM after 30 years of dedicated and outstanding government service. She has been a shining example of the quality work of those who choose to serve their country and communities through working in the public sector.

Cindy came to the BLM shortly after passage of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the BLM's organic statute. She first served as an employee of the Public Affairs Office of the Wyoming State Office, and then quickly moved up to a position as a public affairs specialist. At this position, she edited the BLM's statewide newsletter and thus reported on the wide-ranging and at times controversial issues facing the agency.

She then moved to Colorado where she became the first public affairs officer assigned to the BLM's district office in Grand Junction. There she frequently appeared on television and radio describing and discussing BLM's policies and positions. In the early 1980s, she was involved in the debates related to oil shale development, coordinating environmental impact statements tied to the potential production of this resource on Colorado's western slope.

The BLM asked the Grand Junction Office to take the lead for a national celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Taylor Grazing Act, whose author was Representative Edward Taylor of Colorado. That Act provided for establishment of the Grazing Service, one of BLM's predecessor agencies. Cindy took charge of this effort, developing a series of events, public education materials and conferences to highlight public lands grazing and the Act. She also initiated a number of other projects that garnered national attention, such as the opening of the western slope fire operations center, a dinosaur discovery areas and the Little Book Cliffs wild horse area. During this time, Cindy won a number of BLM awards for her photographic work, and a number of her pictures appeared in national publications.

In 1992, she assisted the Federal Emergency Management Agency in community relations and public affairs support following the devastating Hurricane Andrew in Miami, Florida. From a makeshift tent community in Homestead, Florida, she conducted daily briefings on the efforts to respond to this disaster. She returned to Colorado where in this experience helped her meet the challenge of being one of the information officers responding to the tragic 1994 South Canyon fire near Glenwood Springs, Colorado, where 14 firefighters

lost their lives. She was the lead in coordinating the media, various responding agencies as well as attending to the needs of the victim's families.

During the past ten years, Cindy has designed and taught media, public affairs roles and responsibilities, congressional relations, and fire information classes for a number of BLM and U.S. Forest Service offices. More recently, she served as the liaison between the BLM's Colorado Office and the Interior Department on the legislative transfer of the U.S. Naval Oil Shale Reserve lands in Colorado. She also was the lead public affairs coordinator for the recently created Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area and the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area in Colorado. And, she developed one of the first BLM websites, for which she received national recognition. It was voted one of the top 20 sites in Colorado.

For all of this and more, Cindy received the Superior Service Award from the Department of the Interior. Her approachable style has been well received by many who have had the pleasure to work with her and interact with the agency. I applaud Cindy for all of her efforts to improve the public's understanding and appreciation of our public lands and the important work of the land-management agencies. These lands are an important part of the western heritage and her work has helped promote and further that legacy.

I wish her well in her future endeavors and again thank her for the work she has done for Colorado, the BLM and the communities of Colorado.

HONORING PHIL REBERGER, OF
BOISE, IDAHO, ON HIS RETIRE-
MENT FROM THE UNITED
STATES NAVAL RESERVE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my congratulations to Captain J. Philip Reberger, of Idaho, for his 22 years of exemplary service in the United States Navy and Naval Reserve.

Some join the Navy to see the world; Phil joined the Navy to serve his country—taking assignments from Boise to Seattle to Hawaii to Fort Meade. For more than two decades he embodied the Navy's motto, "Non sibi sed patriae"—Not Self But Country. The Navy recognized his great ability to lead and gain the trust of those under his command. He performed every leadership assignment with dignity. In the midst of the heated Vietnam War, Phil answered the call and served. And now, as our nation is in the midst of its War on Terrorism, our nation called again, and he answered that call to service.

Phil has both served his country and kept in perspective the importance of family while balancing difficult work and military commitments. For more than 35 years, he and his wife Nancy, have made a cohesive team, working to raise two wonderful children. He has made a tremendous commitment to public service as well—working for three United States Senators and now Idaho's Governor—Dirk Kempthorne. Those who know the name, "Phil Reberger"

know it stands for honor, truth, courage and commitment.

As Phil now embarks on a new journey—retirement—I believe it is worthwhile to remember the Navy's hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save:"

Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Anchors Away, Captain Reberger.

RECOGNITION OF PENELOPE
CUTLER

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Penelope C. Cutler, on being named "Democrat of the Year" by the Cheltenham Democratic Committee in Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. Penelope has been an active supporter of the Democratic party and I am pleased to honor her.

Penelope was born in Rapid City, South Dakota and graduated from Carlton College where she received her bachelor of arts degree in math. She continued her education at Cornell University and in 1965 earned her masters degree in math. For over thirty years she taught in the Philadelphia school system before leaving to teach part-time at Temple University. She has lived in Jenkintown for the last nineteen years with her husband, William, and their three daughters.

Penelope is an active Democratic committee person and has worked tirelessly for Democrats in the 154th state legislative district. In addition, she represents Area 9 on the Executive Committee for Montgomery County Democrats. She has been an energetic and dedicated volunteer for many political races throughout the area.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Penelope Cutler for her dedication and commitment.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
NOMINATIONS

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, in the honor of Women's History Month, I asked New Mexicans to send me nominations of women in New Mexico who have given special service to our community, but may have never received recognition for their good deeds.

On Friday, March 29, 2002, I had the honor and privilege of recognizing thirty-eight worthy nominations describing sacrifices and contributions these women have made for our community. The people who nominated the women describe the dedication they have witnessed: volunteer hours for veterans services, Sunday School Teachers, service on non-profit boards, homeless programs, fund raising for scholarships for at risk youth, healthcare providers

going above the call of duty, child advocates, volunteers at churches and synagogues, successful business woman, wives, mothers and friends.

Allow me to share information about a few of this year's nominees:

Joyce Becerra—Joyce is involved in programs that impact our community, such as the Valencia County Literacy Program, the Shelter for Domestic Violence, her church and the Pilots Club, for which she currently serves as the President-Elect. She is also instrumental in raising for the Cancer Society.

Phyllis Bibeau—Every Thursday for two and a half-hours since 1984, Phyllis goes to the Veteran's Hospital to assist the Veterans with writing. On Christmas Day, she delivers presents and Christmas cards to the patients. On Valentines Day, she delivers fresh carnations and valentines to the hospitalized veterans. And she also reads articles from the Veteran's Voice for cassette tape production for blind veterans.

Sharon Bishop—Sharon dedicates her time to volunteering at an APS Elementary School teaching Music in various classrooms and forming a chorus for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. She believes that giving the gift of music makes a difference in lives. She has helped teachers put on musicals, staged incredible chorus programs and taught classroom music instruction.

Kathleen Blake, MD—Dr. Blake was in the forefront in brining the Heart Hospital to Albuquerque. She has been a leader in speaking about the heart attacks and problems associated with them in regards to women. Finally, she is a cardiologist who will listen to her patients when they present their feelings and fears.

Janette Carter, MD—Dr. Carter was a distinguished physician and researcher, social and community activist, outdoorswoman, daughter, wife, mother, friend, mentor and spiritual person. She received her Doctor of Medicine degree from UNM in 1978 and was certified in Internal Medicine and licensed to practice in NM. She served for 6 years in the US Indian Health Service as Director of the Diabetes Model Program and in 1990 she founded the Native American Diabetes Program at UNM. In July 2002, she and her husband and their son were killed in a plane crash in Alaska. She is survived by her son, Alec, and her mother, Rosalie.

Rosalina Castaneda—Rosalina is the owner of Wigs Wigs and she volunteers for the Cancer Society's "Look Good, Feel Better" program. She helps patients who come to her wig shop by truly understanding their situation and lending an ear and a shoulder to cry on. Her customers readily affirm that Linda's love and understanding, in most cases, was the catalyst for their speedy recovery, physically and emotionally.

Rita Chacey—Rita is in the NM Army National Guard. She volunteers many hours working with the Counter Drug Task Force, the Moriarty JROTC, and the Family Support Annual Camps. She spends up to 2 weeks in the field with the kids as bus driver and medic, soothing scrapes and scratches, homesickness, bad attitudes and ailments. She comes home dirty and tired and she swears that she will never do it again, but when the call comes, she is right there. She truly is an "Army of One."