

Mignon Donnellon—Migon is a military wife and mother of 4 adopted children who is active in the Family Support Section on KAFB. She graduated from college when most people are having "senior moments." In addition, she is the treasure of the Department of NM Reserve Officers Association Ladies Group, the CEO of an up and coming consultant company, MJD Business Systems and she is active in the Republican Party of NM.

Elizabeth Etigson—Elizabeth has developed a program of excellence for seniors in Sandoval County. Through education and direction, she coaches, nurses and trains seniors to be Peer Counselors for other elders in Sandoval County. Elizabeth makes a difference in the lives of many elders and their families.

Janet Everett—Janet is a single mother and business owner who donated money, services, and time to good causes. The following exemplifies how she makes a difference. She was shopping at a neighborhood store when she noticed a man eyeing several carts and then her billfold was missing. Janet ran after the man, threw herself on his car, keeping him from escape. Janet is an everyday hero making our community richer and safer.

Linda Foster Carraro—Linda is the single mother of 5 kids who has often held 3 jobs to support her family. She is a woman with many talents and a strong spirit. Linda is a giving person who is always willing to help those less fortunate than herself and she does without hesitation. She doesn't ask for recognition, even though it is much deserved.

Fawn Dolan—Fawn has worked with low income minority families since she was 16. She has served as a day camp counselor in Martineztown, a social worker, a middle school teacher, a Parent Involvement Coordinator, and currently, she provides clothing for women and families in transition. She also conducted Bound for Success summer camps and has been involved in child abuse prevention campaigns and pregnancy prevention campaigns. In addition, she is President of the Bernalillo Chamber of Commerce.

Theresa Garcia—Theresa makes a lot of impact in the election of judicial candidates who she feels will provide a positive, yet strong, adjudication of our current laws. She has been known to say that many times constituents neglect the judicial side of politics and feel that it is unapproachable. She believes that we must hold our judges accountable. Theresa has also donated much of her business infrastructure to help re-establish the Rio Grande Minority Purchasing Council, an organization that she believes must continue to provide opportunities to women and minority owned business.

Maurine Grammer—Mrs. Grammer and her husband founded the NM Teacher's Credit Union, and she taught school here in NM for over 35 years. She has donated millions of dollars to the Indian Cultural Center and she is the author of numerous books about Indian culture. Also, she supplied a depiction of Pocahontas for the NM Quarter that is in circulation.

Catherine Grandia—She has been a 4H Leader for Bernalillo County Riverside Club for more than 50 years. She is now teaching the children of members she had forty years ago! She has taught generations to be responsible, honest, active, involved, and loyal citizens of their communities. Her goodness will outlive her by far!

Pauline Gubbels—Representative Gubbels is a highly respected legislator who cares deeply about her constituents and doing the right thing for our state and she is an honest and ethical leader. She is a role model and mentor. She gives of her time and energy to help others.

Christine Hayoz—Christine is the mother of 5 children and the grandmother of 3. She is very active in the rural community of Mosquero, NM, where she served as Secretary of the Board of Education. She is always there for anyone who needs someone to talk to.

Lenya Heitzig—Lenya leads the Women's Ministry at Calvary Chapel. She works so hard and does so much to make the ministry a success. She is kind and intelligent and always makes women aware that they have so much potential and so much to give both in business and at home.

Rogene Henderson, MD—Dr. Henderson is a Senior Scientist at the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute. She has a long extensive leadership career both in her scientific professional work and in her service to the community. She has served as: Chair of the National Research Council Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Central NM Section of the American Chemical Society, President of the Mountainwest Chapter of the Society of Toxicology, President of the Inhalation Specialty Section of the Society of Toxicology, Adjunct Professor appointment at Purdue University and Clinical Professor at the UNM College of Pharmacy. Dr. Henderson has served on the governing board of her church and served on the Christian Education Committee. She has taught Sunday school and led scouting activities. Once a month, she gives the children's sermon. Along with her husband, she provides major support for the community groups, such as the Storehouse, the Appropriate Rural Technology Agency, and Ghost Ranch.

Nikki Kull—Nikki is the Executive Vice President of the NM Boys and Girls Ranches, Inc., which is a faith-based organization that provides residential care of children and families. For over 30 years, Nikki has been instrumental in providing homes for abused and neglected children in NM.

Fran Langhoff—Fran began working in politics when Senator PETE DOMENICI was a city councilor. Since then, Fran has been a guiding light for young office seekers. She assists high school and college students understand the political process in NM. She is invaluable to the County and State Republican Party and is a wealth of knowledge. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Goodwill Industries and works for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Cancer businessman.

Joan Leahigh—As Director of the Office of Social Justice with the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Joan is one of Albuquerque's most respected advocates for low income and immigrant families. She has also supported the efforts of other women-led organizations, such as the Sawmill Land Trust and Economic Development Project, NM Community Development Load Fund, Mujeres En Accion, and La Mesa Cooperatives. Fourteen years ago, she and her late husband, John, started the Christmas gifts from an array of donated items so they are the ones who give the gifts to their kids.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS CRAIG FRAZIER

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 pay tribute to the life and memory of Douglas Craig Frazier who recently passed away in Cortez, Colorado on March 27, 2002. Douglas, known to most as Doug, will always be remembered as a true inspiration and contributor to his community. For some time, Doug battled a long and difficult disease that threatened to tax his body to the limit, but never was allowed to affect his spirit. After a long and demanding struggle, he eventually succumbed to the effects of bone cancer. His passing is a great loss for a town that relied on Doug for his kind heart, strong spirit, and unwavering friendship.

Mr. Speaker, not long ago I stood before this body of Congress to honor the Montezuma-Cortez Boys Basketball team and their well-deserved state championship. Today, I pay tribute to a source of inspiration for that title, a source of motivation to a young man, and a source of pride to a school's hometown community. As the Panthers moved forward in their quest for a state title, Doug Frazier was present every step of the way, providing support to the young players and of course, his son Layne. As the Panthers progressed through the season, Doug tried to attend every game, despite his pain, to see the team capture its ultimate prize. The young men succeeded in their goal and brought home the first state title for the school in nearly forty years, and Doug Frazier, confined to a wheelchair and medication as a result of the pain, was present with his support until the end. He passed away soon thereafter, but he achieved one of his final goals, to see his son and teammates claim the championship.

Mr. Speaker, Doug will be missed by the many whose lives he touched in the Cortez community. It has always been known that his greatest passion was his love and dedication to his family. He is survived by wife Paula, daughter Amanda, and son Layne, and a grateful community. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to an inspiration of a Colorado community. Doug Craig Frazier dedicated the final days of his life to his family and the Cortez community, and his spirit continues to provide inspiration to those he affected with his drive and determination. Doug was a kind and generous soul, and he will be greatly missed.

HONORING BILL LINDSAY

HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Bill Lindsay, Labor Leader, Community Activist and Member of the Suffolk County Legislature, as he is recognized by the Long Island Federation of Labor.

Bill Lindsay first and foremost is a representative of working people. For more than 23 years he has been a full-time labor leader,

in the past ten years he has been the Business Manager of Local No. 25 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, one of Long Island's oldest and most respected labor unions.

Bill is responsible for employment referrals, organizing, negotiating and grievance handling for the 2,300 active union members. Additionally, he serves on the Boards of the Health & Benefit Fund, Pension Fund and Training Committee that provides fringe benefits for the more than 3,000 Local No. 25 families.

Mr. Lindsay is an electrician by trade who is a believer in education. He is a graduate of the Local No. 25 I.B.E.W. Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee's state registered Apprentice Program. As Bill got involved in union activities he went back to school as an adult student and in 1977 he graduated from Cornell University Labor Liberal Arts Program. Not stopping there, he went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from New York Institute of Technology.

Mr. Lindsay is happily married 33 years to his wife Pat and they have three grown children, Denise, Bill and Kathleen. In September 2001, Bill and Pat's life took a new turn as Denise gave birth to their first grandchildren, twin boys-Gabrielle and Daniel.

SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL'S OPERATION THIN MINT

HON. SUSAN DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Girl Scouts in San Diego and Imperial Counties for their successful completion of Operation Thin Mint. Operation Thin Mint was created and implemented by our local Girls Scouts as a way to show support for our military personnel serving in Operation Enduring Freedom.

San Diego and Imperial County residents participated in Operation Thin Mint by ordering extra boxes of cookies. Between January 26 and March 17 of this year, the girls sold over 104,330 boxes of cookies for our troops overseas. In addition, Girl Scouts and local residents wrote a note to attach to each box expressing our gratitude for the sacrifices our service men and women are making for our country.

On April 9, the first shipment of cookies began their journey overseas. The Navy worked closely with the Girl Scouts to develop a plan to distribute the cookies, and together they have a goal of delivering one box to every U.S. service member deployed afloat in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

As many of my colleagues know, this year marks the 90th anniversary of Girl Scouting. In this anniversary year, I can think of no better way to commemorate the role this important organization has played in the lives of young women than to highlight their work on Operation Thin Mint.

The success of Operation Thin Mint clearly demonstrates that the 33,000 Girl Scouts in San Diego and Imperial Counties are fulfilling the Girl Scout mission of helping all girls grow strong. There is no doubt that this invaluable organization will continue to help girls develop to their full potential, relate positively to others,

develop values that provide the foundation for sound decisionmaking, and contribute to society.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS F. MIRIELLO

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Thomas F. Miriello, the Area Director for Cumberland County Mental Health. On April 26, 2002, Mr. Miriello will retire after serving the people of North Carolina for over thirty-six years.

Thomas Miriello was a strong and effective advocate for individuals and families affected by mental illness, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities. Mr. Miriello has received numerous awards spanning his career, including Mental Health Professional of the Year, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the North Carolina Foundation on Alcohol and Drug Studies, and Outstanding Young Men of America Award.

Advocating for the mentally ill and educating the public about mental illness were the passion of Mr. Miriello. He has made countless contributions to generating and enhancing services, support, and quality of life for those individuals affected by mental illness, substance abuse, and developmental disability. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Miriello has served our communities and our nation with devotion, dedication, and determination.

We owe Thomas Miriello our sincere appreciation for his thirty-six years of committed service to our state. His compassion for 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.

TRIBUTE TO JACK BARRETT

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Jack Barrett. Mr. Barrett has been a resident of Colusa County in Maxwell since his birth 72 years ago. During World War II there was a manpower shortage in Maxwell and Jack was "drafted" into the Maxwell Fire Protection District at the age of 12 year old, while still in the 8th grade. At the time the Maxwell Fire Trucks would drive by the school and pick up the young men in order for them to assist in fighting fires. Since that time, Jack Barrett has faithfully served the Maxwell Fire Department and has provided excellent service to the citizens of the Maxwell Community for more than 60 years.

In 1955 Mr. Barrett was appointed Assistant Chief and has loyally and dutifully served in that capacity until his retirement in February of 2002. Jack Barrett is a staunch example of a public servant and I stand here today to recognize his dedication to his community, his devotion to the Maxwell Fire Department, and his steadfast commitment to public service.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS LARSON, DETACHMENT COMMANDER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Dennis Larson, a resident of Iron Mountain, Michigan, a community in my congressional district. Dennis is currently serving as Detachment Commander for the State of Michigan for the Sons of The American Legion.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, the Sons of The American Legion are the male descendants of veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama or the Persian Gulf War. Like the American Legion, S. A. L. members work to foster patriotism, a sense of commitment to the community, and an appreciation of the sacrifice of America's veterans. I myself am a member of Squadron #50, where Dennis served as commander, adjutant and finance officer. Like myself, Dennis is also a former law enforcement officer.

In his veterans' work Dennis has established a track record of leadership, concern, foresight and involvement. He has continued to work to charter new squadrons across northern Michigan, a remarkable testimonial to his leadership in the context of declining memberships in clubs and organizations across much of the nation.

In his writings in Legion publications—and also in his speeches, which Dennis gives impromptu and from the heart—he has sought to strike those themes that are especially important since September 11—that in this war against terrorism we as a nation will stand strong and united. We must never forget those who fought in earlier struggles. Dennis' work on behalf of veterans at the veterans' medical facility in Iron Mountain is another testament to his dedication to these men and women who have served their nation so well.

In an effort to promote a sense of national participation and solidarity, Dennis is also a strong supporter of the Blue Star Banner program. The Blue Star Banner is displayed in the window of families who have a loved one serving on active duty in the armed forces. Because these banners remind friends, neighbors and relatives of those in service, the goal of uniting the community behind our Armed Forces is once again served.

Showing one's pride in having a family member in the military service comes naturally to Dennis, who is eligible for membership in the S. A. L. through the service of his father, Ernst Larson Sr., a World War II veteran, ex-POW and Purple Heart recipient. In addition, Dennis and his wife Barbara have three Blue Star Banners hanging in their window. Of the five children they have together, four have military ties—Todd is a staff sergeant in the Air Force, Tim and Danny are on active duty in the Navy, and Andy is a former Navy man. One daughter, Stephanie, is married and lives in North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I was proud to have the opportunity last June to second the nomination of Dennis Larson as Detachment Commander for the State of Michigan. Now his one-year tour of service nears completion, and Dennis will