

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 Apprentices 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, 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

be honored at a testimonial dinner by his home squadron, Uren Cooper Johnson Squadron #50, on Saturday, April 27. I ask you and our House colleagues to Join me in thanking this dedicated and hard-working spokesman for veterans for a job well done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JUDGE T. PETER CRAVEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today and recognize the dedication and hard work of Judge T. Peter Craven. For over ten years, Pete has served as a Ninth Judicial District judge, and for over three decades he has served the people of Colorado in the judicial system. I am proud to represent such an incredible individual. Because of his unparalleled dedication and extraordinary prowess in his field, Pete is being honored by the Colorado Judicial Institute with the Judicial Excellence Award. It is truly an honor to be able to bring his many accomplishments to the attention of this body of Congress.

Judge Craven is known throughout his district for his careful attention and deliberation on each and every case that comes before him. He clearly recognizes that although the next case may be the fortieth that he has seen this week, the outcome will change the lives of the participants. His care and attention is evidenced by the set of small tables and chairs found in his office, which contain paper and crayons for the children involved in his cases. He truly believes in the importance of children having as much a say as anyone in the cases that will affect their lives.

The Honorable Judge has also been involved in developing new programs to improve the legal system. He has been instrumental in creating a drug court, where the legal system can address the specific and unique needs of substance abuse cases and provide the structure that is needed to make progress in that area. Pete has helped to develop a child advocacy program to ensure that the best interests of children are always taken into consideration by the courts.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Craven's dedication, innovation, and talent are an extraordinary example to all Coloradans, and indeed the entire Nation. The level of integrity and honesty with which the Judge has conducted himself each and every day while overseeing the laws of the great state of Colorado and our great country is remarkable, and I can think of no one more deserving of the Judicial Excellence Award. The attitude of this man reflects the modesty and levelheaded spirit of my district, as even though Judge Craven deserves every bit of this award, he insists that he share this honor with the many people with whom he works every day. It is an honor to be able to bring the accomplishments of such an incredible man to the attention of this body of Congress. Thank you Judge Craven for all that you have done for your State and for your country.

HONORING CAROLYN MCCARTHY

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 Congresswoman CAROLYN MCCARTHY as she is recognized by the Long Island Federation of Labor for all her work and efforts on their behalf.

CAROLYN MCCARTHY, a life long resident of Mineola, was married to Dennis McCarthy in 1967 and they raised one son, Kevin. CAROLYN has 30 years experience as a nurse and is in her third term representing Long Island's 4th Congressional District.

CAROLYN received many honors during her second term, including one of Newsday's 100 Long Island Influentials, Congressional Quarterly's 50 Most Effective Legislators in Congress, one of nine Redbook Magazine's Mothers and Shakers, Ladies Home Journal list of America's 100 Most Important Women, and Advertising Age's list of "Most Impact by Women in 1999" along with U.S. Women's Soccer Team and Oprah Winfrey.

Congresswoman MCCARTHY serves on the Education and Workforce Committee, and the Budget Committee. As a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, CAROLYN advocates her goals of improving the quality of education, and keeping children safe from gun violence at school. Long Island schools, students and teachers remain the focus of MCCARTHY's work.

The Fourth Congressional District of New York is located on Long Island; it is a heavily suburban area with most of the residents commuting daily into New York City. A major commercial center, the Fourth District is also home to thousands of businesses.

STATEMENT ON IRAN

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, in his State of the Union address, President George W. Bush rightly emphasized that "Iran aggressively pursues weapons [of mass destruction] and exports terror, while an unelected few repress the Iranian people's hope for freedom." This grim reality was recently underscored in the latest report by the U.N. Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Iran who denounced an increase in public stonings, floggings, and executions in Iran.

Attorney General John Ashcroft pointed last year to the Iranian regime's role in the bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia. The Minister of the Revolutionary Guards at the time claimed responsibility for the 1983 bombing against Americans in Lebanon and said: "both the TNT and ideology which in one blast sent to hell 400 officers, NCOs and soldiers at the Marine Headquarters have been provided by Iran." The Iranian regime continues to support the terrorist and fundamentalist groups in the region. The intervention of the Revolutionary Guards in Afghanistan is of great concern as well.

The Iranian regime's track record inside the country is even worse, and includes the exe-

cutation of some 120,000 and imprisonment of hundreds of thousands for political charges. In a resolution last December, the UN General Assembly condemned the "growing number of executions," in particular "public and especially cruel executions, such as stoning," and "the use of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment," as well as discrimination against persons belonging to minorities" and the "systematic discrimination against women." In the same month, the European Parliament in a unanimous resolution announced that the human rights situation in Iran has actually deteriorated in many aspects.

Five years after President Khatami's election, the Iranian regime continues to be the leading state sponsor of terrorism, pursues an ambitious weapons of mass destruction program, and has stepped up repression against its own population. This is further substantiated in the State Department human rights report released on March 4th of this year, which states that the regime's record "regarding freedom of expression, which has worsened during the past few years, continued to deteriorate;" that "the Government denies the universality of human rights;" and that "discrimination against women is reinforced by law" with the regime enforcing "gender segregation in most public spaces." Summarizing the horrific situation in Iran, the State Department report highlights that: "Systematic abuses include summary executions, disappearances, widespread use of torture and other degrading treatment. . . ."

The State Department report on human rights practices also acknowledges that resistance groups such as the Mojahedin have become the target of the political repression of the Iranian regime. The report states that supporters of political organizations "such as the Mojahedin, are believed to make up a large number of those executed each year." Photographic evidence of the flogging and hangings that supporters of the Mojahedin are subjected to was provided at a hearing on March 6, 2002 of the House Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights of the Committee on International Relations.

The President announced recently that in dealing with regimes such as Iran's, "the price of indifference would be catastrophic." I agree, and I urge the Administration to review all options available to hold the Iranian government accountable for its support of terrorism and its abysmal human rights record, and to help promote democratic change in the country.

PERSONAL EXPLORATION

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 regret for having missed a vote last Thursday, April 18, because I was Chairing an important hearing before the Benefits Subcommittee of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Had I been able to vote, I would have voted against the Smith Motion to Instruct the conferees to the 2002 Farm Bill on the Senate's payment limitation provision.