

McKinnon. As CEO and chairman of Service Brands International, Mr. McKinnon is dedicated to vision, leadership, perseverance, integrity and ethics.

Mr. Speaker, this award is bestowed on someone who exemplifies the "entrepreneurial spirit" that franchising represents. A person who demonstrates innovative management skills, is a risk taker and remains active in his or her community. David McKinnon certainly possesses all of these qualities. He has spent his career building, losing, re-obtaining, and rebuilding a top quality franchise that now sets the standard for others.

Mr. McKinnon started out his career with a small company known as Molly Maid. Today, the Service Brands International serves as the umbrella company for, not only Molly Maid, but also Mr. Handyman, 1-800-DryClean, Wee Watch, Certified Restoration DryClean Network, and Fran Tech.

This award should not go without recognition. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to David McKinnon for his outstanding achievements in business and in wishing him continued success.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in favor of H. Res. 392, which expresses our solidarity with Israel in its fight against terrorism. It is important to stand with our friend and ally, Israel, in times of stress and turmoil. While I have great sympathy for the loss of life of innocent Palestinians, I dare say that if our hometowns were being attacked by suicide bombers—no matter what their grievance—we would respond much the same way as Israel! Witness our war in Afghanistan. Civilian casualties are the ultimate cost of terrorism and the inevitable military response it provokes.

While we stand strongly with Israel, we must not confuse passing a resolution with finding workable solutions to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Congress needs to press the Administration for a resolution to the conflict. To his credit, President Clinton tried mightily in his last days of office to broker a final settlement and came very close. However, Yasser Arafat refused a deal which many leaders around the world felt was reasonable.

Unfortunately, the Bush Administration did not stay the course. Neglected, the conflict festered until the events of September 11th brought it back to the forefront of U.S. foreign policy. Now that the Administration is engaged in the peace effort with Secretary Powell as our highly competent point man, we need to stay engaged.

We cannot, however, go it alone. In an age of global interdependence, we will need constructive assistance from the so-called 'quartet'—the U.S., EU, U.N. and Russia—to help foster a deal that is fair to both sides. We must also push moderate Arab states to play a more constructive role in the region, as Secretary Powell has begun to do. Yasser Arafat

will not accept a peace agreement that the Arab world believes to be unfair to the Palestinians. Their cooperation is essential.

Stephen Rosenfeld's April 30th Op-Ed in the Washington Post suggested that perhaps it is time to reconsider our strategy in the Middle East. Endgame issues such as refugees, Jerusalem and the security of Israel's border should not be relegated to some unspecified date. This strategy has only resulted in piecemeal, and ultimately, unsatisfactory agreements. These tough issues should be clarified early on so that both parties can see the full scope of a peace settlement.

In addition to Israel's security, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia risk being significantly destabilized if a lasting peace agreement is not reached. Also, our objectives in dealing with Saddam Hussein are significantly complicated by the continued violence in the Middle East.

Thus, while we have to stand with Israel in her fight against terrorism, we also have to stand and work for peace. It is in Israel's interest and ultimately, our own.

TRIBUTE TO PAULA BARTON, GOODWILL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE OF THE YEAR

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding constituent: Paula Barton, Goodwill Industries International's 2002 Graduate of the Year.

Ms. Barton is a team leader at ADT Security Service's Rochester Dispatch Center, where she supervises fifteen people and schedules installations and service for technicians. But Ms. Barton is not simply a capable and competent worker and supervisor. She does this outstanding job in the face of daunting challenges.

Ms. Barton, who is now 27, was born with cerebral palsy, diabetes, and a learning disability, as well as a disorder that causes progressive vision impairment. Diabetes caused her to have to undergo a kidney and pancreas transplant. She persevered through these obstacles to finish her schooling and enter the workplace. Then, five years ago, she was a passenger in an auto accident with a drunk driver. The accident left her paralyzed, without the ability to walk and with only limited use of her hands.

Many people would have considered these hurdles to be insurmountable—but not Ms. Barton. She was determined to remain a successful professional. She took each issue in stride, adjusting her lifestyle and habits. She now rises around 5:00 am to be ready for work on time. Her employer, ADT, has provided modest accommodations at work, including a special desk to fit her wheelchair and a large computer screen. Her service dog, Sheba, assists her with various tasks. And she continues to win accolades for her work at ADT.

Based on her extraordinary accomplishments, Ms. Barton was selected from among thousands of individuals nationwide to be Goodwill Industries International's 2002 Grad-

uate of the Year. She met President Bush on Monday and took the opportunity to impress upon him the importance of helping persons with disabilities be active, contributing members of the workforce.

I am deeply proud to represent Paula Barton: a successful employee, a delightful individual, and a true inspiration to us all. She serves as a shining example of everything that can be accomplished with an indomitable will to succeed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NOLBERT CHAVEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Nolbert Chavez and thank him for his contributions in the Colorado General Assembly. His hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated, and I am honored to pay tribute to him today in front of this body of Congress. He will long be remembered as an effective State Representative, and will continue to be known as a leader in the community. As he moves on in his career, let it be known that I, along with people of Colorado, am grateful for all that he has done for the Colorado General Assembly.

During his four terms in the Colorado State House of Representatives, Nolbert has served on a number of committees, including his two current committees, Criminal Justice and House Services. In addition, he is active in the North Denver Democratic Party, was appointed twice to the Governors Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

Not only has Nolbert served the community effectively as a member of the Colorado General Assembly, he has also done his part as an active humanitarian. He is on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Hispanic Media Association, and is the past director of the Denver Community Development Corporation and El Dorado Development Corporation. He is a Public Information Officer with Denver Options, and is also a real estate broker. Perhaps most importantly, Nolbert is married to his wife Judy, and the two have a daughter, Hope Christina.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Nolbert Chavez has served his state well by providing significant service during his distinguished tenure in the Colorado General Assembly. I am honored to be able to bring his hard work and dedication to the attention of this body of Congress. It is my privilege to be able to express to him, and to this country, my gratitude for all that he has done for our wonderful state, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AUSTIN'S SMALL TECHNOLOGY BUSINESSES

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Small Business Week.

It is a time to celebrate the contributions that America's small businesses make to our economy. Small business is the engine that drives this nation, producing 75 percent of new jobs, accounting for almost 98 percent of all employers and 53 percent of the private work force. It is our small businesses that will continue to lead us to economic recovery. In particular, small tech businesses are on the front lines of the digital revolution. They have led the way in advances from broadband deployment to software development.

My State of Texas ranks second nationally in high tech workers, employing more than 411,000 with an annual payroll of about \$25 billion. Many of those employees are working for small businesses. And my new congressional district contains thousands of small, innovative high tech centered businesses.

One such company is Advent Networks in Austin. Advent was founded in 1999 and has already 87 employees. Advent Networks has created a new technology for cable operators. They are able to deliver Internet connections to small businesses over existing cable networks. This will allow cable operators the ability to offer fiber-optic speeds to small businesses.

With this new technology, affordable broadband access to small businesses will be delivered 1,000 times faster than with dial-up connections. Advent is just one of the thousands of small technology businesses around the country connecting rural America, developing next generation hardware and software, and keeping America in the forefront of technological advances.

RECOGNIZING GRAIG B. TURSON ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Graig B. Turson of Plymouth, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Graig will soon graduate from Plymouth High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and is ranked first in his graduating class. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in basketball, baseball and cross country. And, he has demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as captain of the basketball and baseball teams, and as President of the senior class.

Graig Turson can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Graig is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Air Force. As a member of the Cadet Air Wing, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain

free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Graig Turson has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Air Force Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PAT PASCOE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize the work of Pat Pascoe, a woman whose dedication and commitment to her fellow citizens deserves the attention of this body of Congress and this nation. After serving as a senator in the Colorado State Senate for three terms Pat is retiring from the Colorado General Assembly. It is with a great deal of respect that I take this opportunity to honor her accomplishments.

Born in Wisconsin, Pat came to Colorado in order to pursue her undergraduate degree, and has remained ever since. She began her career as a writer specializing in politics and education, and then went on to become a professor at Metropolitan State College and the University of Denver. Elected to the Senate in 1989, 1994, and 1998, Pat has dedicated countless hours to her fellow citizens in Colorado. As a State Senator, Pat has served on numerous committees, including her current posts as chair of the Public Policy and Planning Committee and Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, as well as Appropriations and Transportation. Pat has a passion for her work, taking on a variety of issues, including family, education and the environment.

Pat is a woman who recognizes the importance of humanitarian service, as well. She is a Member of the Consortium of Community Arts Councils, and a board member on the Colorado Endowment for Humanities, as well as Opera Colorado. She is a member of the Samaritan House, the Capital Hill Club, the Lions Club and many neighborhood associations. She is also a devoted wife and mother of three who enjoys music and singing.

Mr. Speaker, during her tenure in the Colorado General Assembly, Pat has compiled a long list of accomplishments, and they have not gone unnoticed. She has received numerous prestigious awards including the Donor Awareness Award, Children's Champion Award, and the Religious Freedom Award. Through her hard work and commitment she has also earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues. Pat is truly a valued member of our Colorado community, both as a state senator and as a citizen, and her hard work and dedication certainly deserve the attention of this body of Congress. Thank you, Pat, for all that you have done for your community, your state and your country.

RECOGNIZING FIVE OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS INDUCTED INTO NA- TIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize five outstanding educators who today were announced as inductees into the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas. This is the 11th year of inducting members into the Hall of Fame, whose mission is to honor exceptional teachers and promote excellence in teaching. I congratulate today's honorees.

These inductees are being honored for their devotion to our nation's children and for their many contributions to their communities. Students in inductee Dana K. Kelly's Southwest Elementary in Lakeland Florida, adopted 50 children school for the deaf, and send them monthly care packages from mittens to candies. Janice Gould, an art teacher at Lawrence Hall Youth Services in Chicago, Illinois, helped her students create a Permanent Children's Art Collection for the Illinois State Board of Education. This project demonstrates what special-needs children can create when given the proper environment to flourish. Fellow inductee Jane Bray Nelson, a physics teacher at University High School in Orlando, Florida, is distinguished not only by her many awards, but by her students' admiration.

I am especially proud to announce that two of this year's inductees hail from my home state of Kansas. E. May (Pat) Lindquist is a tutor and substitute teacher in Brookville. Ms. Lindquist has dedicated 54 years of her life to teaching, having first taught in a one room school house in 1931. Liza Zahn Crooks is a fourth grade teacher at Black Bob Elementary School in Olathe, Kansas. Ms. Crooks is known for developing innovative teaching tools, including the Good Bears of the World program in which students give a teddy bear to people going through difficult times, particularly children and senior citizens. I commend each of these individuals for their commitment to excellence in education.

Teachers are so important. When you ask people who has made a difference in their lives, the answer you are likely to hear is "my teacher." My own interest in the world outside my Kansas hometown was sparked by my teachers, who in grade school and high school taught me the love of books, biography, politics and history.

Every day, in schools all across America, teachers provide similar guidance to the next generation of students—teachers who, for inadequate pay, educate not only with facts and figures, but also instill a love for learning and a sense that there is a world out there beyond the city limits of our hometowns. No matter how lofty the goals, no matter how difficult the road, teachers have been there to show us that, yes, our dreams are possible, and that, yes, we can succeed.

So on National Teacher Day, I salute these five educators for their dedication to the youth of America. May you always find satisfaction in knowing that you have made a tremendous difference in the lives of your students. Thank you.