recognition. They have said that they are willing to work with the people of Vermont, as they have done in years prior, and stated that they have nothing to fear from the tribe.

The Abenaki are willing to work with the state of Vermont, but it appears as if the state of Vermont is unwilling to work with the Abenakis, the People of the Dawn, the people who have lived in Vermont for thousands of years. It is time that these people receive the recognition they deserve. The state of Vermont must be willing to give them a chance to prove who they are and what they stand for.

Chief April Rushlow has stated, "We're the only race in the United States who has to prove who we are." She was right. Chief Rushlow also said, "We're here when it is convenient for the state of Vermont." Once again, Chief Rushlow was right.

HONORING SUMNER COUNTY EXEC-UTIVE THOMAS MARLIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sumner County Executive Thomas C. Marlin on the occasion of his retirement from government service. I consider him to be a good friend of the Clement family and appreciate his dedication to the people of Tennessee and Sumner County in particular.

An outstanding public servant, Marlin. was bom and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1952–1956. Upon returning from his tour of duty, he worked in the private sector at the telephone company for some 22 years. During this time he became active in county government, serving as election commission chairman, county coroner, and county magistrate, respectively.

In 1976 he was elected Assessor of Property where he served honorably for 18 years. He was also an active member of the Board of County Officials Association and was elected President of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officials by his peers across the state. In 1988, he was named Overall Outstanding County Official of the Year for the entire state of Tennessee.

Marlin ran for and won the office of Sumner County Executive in 1994, a position from which he will retire this month after working relentlessly to make various improvements throughout the county, including upgrading the county road system. Additionally, he has been an active participant in community and civic organizations within the county throughout his life.

Marlin and his wife of 46 years, Nancy, are members of Hendersonville Church of Christ and have two children and four grandchildren. In his leisure time he enjoys fishing and University of Tennessee football.

As a county executive with a solid open door policy to the citizens of Sumner County, Marlin's motto has always been, "It is a pleasure to serve you."

May he be commended for his tenure of public service and enjoy his retirement.

KLUGERS RECEIVE ANTI-DEFAMA-TION LEAGUE DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the well-deserved recognition that my friends Allan M. and Sue Kline Kluger will receive from the Anti-Defamation League on May 8, 2002, in Plains Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The Klugers will receive the League's 2002 Distinguished Community Service Award.

Allan is the president and founder of the Wilkes-Barre-based law firm Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, P.C. He is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Amherst College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

He is a member of the board of directors of Luzerne National Bank, Bertels Can Company, King's College, the Valley Auto Club, Bloomsburg University Foundation, F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Northeast Pennsylvania Ethics Commission and the Luzerne Foundation. Mr. Kluger is also on the board of directors and executive committee of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry.

He has received the following honors: B'nai B'rith Outstanding Citizen Award, Ethics Award given by Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Wyoming Seminary Distinguished Service Award, Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award, and Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award presented by the Greater Pocono Northeast Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Sue, a graduate of Goucher College and College Misericordia Graduate School, has served as the executive director of Leadership Wilkes-Barre for the last 20 years. Leadership Wilkes-Barre brings together existing and emerging leaders from throughout Wyoming Valley and exposes them to the problems and challenges of their community and motivates and encourages them to assume leadership roles in community affairs.

She has received the following honors: Woman of the Year, Sisters of Mercy; Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award, National Society of Fund Raising Executives; Preceptor Award, National Association for Community Leadership: National Director of Who's Who in Executive and Professional Women: United Way of Pennsylvania, Volunteer of the Year Award. Alumni Medallion. College Misericordia; B'nai B'rith Distinguished Service Award; Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania; U.S. Postal Service Honoree for Women's History Month; Northeastern Pa. Council of Boy Scouts Honoree, Salute to Northeastern Pennsylvania Women; and Athena Award, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce Award for Outstanding Business Women.

Sue is also on the board of directors of Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, the Diversity Institute and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry. She is a trustee of Wyoming Seminary and a member of the Northeastern Regional Advisory Board of PNC Bank.

Allan and Sue have three children, Attorney Elizabeth Kluger Cooper of Great Falls, Va.; Attorney Joseph E. Kluger, Allentown and Wilkes-Barre; and Lawrence Kluger of Mechanicsburg. The couple also has four grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the service to the community of Allan and Sue Kluger and this well-deserved award, and I wish them all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on May 7, 2002, official business on the other side of Capitol Hill caused this Member to unavoidably miss roll call vote 128 (H. Con. Res. 271, expressing the sense of the Congress supporting the National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month). Had this Member been present he would have voted "aye."

WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to young Americans who have penned essays describing the ideals and characteristics that they believe make this country great. These essays, entitled "What America Means to Me," are particularly impressive because they were written by elementary students at The Joseph Littles—Nguzo Saba Charter School in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The following 4th and 5th graders are to be commended for their inspirational works: Alia Bougouneau, Diandra Buchanan, Simon Calixte, Diriki Geuka and Stewart Scott. These students have indeed impressed their fellow students, teachers and the surrounding community.

The dreams expressed by these students are dreams common to every American but I find it remarkable that these students have, at such a young age, already grasped the essential strands that weave our country together with great strength. Our country is one that has always thrived on the support of its citizens and, now more than ever, this support is integral to our nation's might. I am most pleased to honor these young Americans for their show of support to the country they love. Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect Congress' appreciation for their efforts.

MINNESOTA MOURNS THE DEATH OF LLOYD DUXBURY, JR.

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute a Minnesota legislative giant who served our great state with the highest distinction and recently passed away at the age of 80.

Former Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, Lloyd L. Duxbury, Jr., served in the Minnesota Legislature from 1951 to 1969, the final eight years as Speaker. I had the privilege of working for Speaker Duxbury as his chief aide in 1969—and I will forever be grateful for that invaluable experience and our friendship of the past 33 years.

"Dux," as he was affectionately known to his countless friends, was a very influential leader in our state's political history, a brilliant lawyer-legislator and legendary politician.

Everyone loved "Dux"—for his infectious laugh and great sense of humor, as well as his warmth, charm and love for people from all walks of life.

Speaker Duxbury was born and raised in Caledonia, Minnesota, a small town in the southeastern part of our state. Dux loved his bluff-and-farm-filled native southeastern Minnesota. He loved the farmers and small shop-keepers, and he loved his fellow lawyers and legislators.

And everyone loved Dux!

From his prep school days at Phillips Exeter Academy to his college and law school years at Harvard University, Dux had literally thousands of friends and admirers, as his legendary career touched thousands of lives.

Dux served his country in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946. He received his B.A. degree from Harvard University in 1947 and his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1949.

Elected to the Minnesota House in 1950, shortly after graduating from Harvard Law School, Dux rose to the leadership ranks. He was highly respected as a legislator, served the House Conservative Caucus as its leader from 1959 until 1962, and was elected Speaker of the Minnesota House in 1963.

Lloyd Duxbury's top legislative priority was fairness. That's why he worked so hard in Minnesota to remove the tax on people's personal property and convert it to a sales tax.

Speaker Duxbury worked with people of all sides to get things done and he was at his best when circumstances got the most heated.

Dux brought people together to solve problems, and he hated partisan wrangling. When President Richard Nixon nominated Dux to be U.S. Attorney in 1969, he turned the post down because of its partisan nature.

Following his retirement as Speaker in 1969, Dux was appointed Vice President and Counsel of the Burlington-Northern Railroad and moved to Washington, D.C.

Subsequently, Dux worked for the U.S. Senate Committee on Aging and lobbied for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. At age 78, he was still taking the subway to his office here before returning to Minnesota so he could spend more time with his beloved family and friends.

Lloyd Duxbury is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. David and Margaret Duxbury, daughter, Marna Duxbury and 3 grandchildren, Nicole, Christine and Jacob Duxbury, as well as his brother, John Duxbury.

You might be gone, Dux, but you will never be forgotten, as your legacy will live forever.

You truly represented the best in public service, Speaker Duxbury, and your love for your family, friends and country will live forever in the hearts of each of us. God bless you, Dux, and rest in peace dear friend.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROGER BOYKIN

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I

rise today to pay tribute to a man whose commitment and dedication in the areas of health and community service warrant our utmost commendation. On Friday, Dr. Roger Boykin will be honored for his many years of community service in the City of New York at a celebration entitled "A Salute to Our Very Own."

I feel privileged to have known and worked along side Dr. Boykin, a long time resident of Jamaica, New York. On a first hand basis, I can attest to the fact that the quality of life in communities across the great State of New York has been enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of Dr. Boykin. Very early in his life, career and residency, Dr. Boykin demonstrated his singular purpose as care and concern for others. With patience and compassion, Dr. Boykin served his community and his state in fine form.

Dr. Boykin was born the son of Richard Boykin, Sr. and Thelma Boykin. He attended Brooklyn Technical High School. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (cum laude) from Columbia University School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Following his life long passion to become an M.D. and a servant in the community, young Roger successfully completed his Doctor of Medicine degree (cum laude) from State University of New York-Downstate in June of 1973.

After completing his residency and internship at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center/Kings County Hospital Center and Brooklyn Veteran's Administration Medical Center respectively, in Internal Medicine, he received a Fellowship and served at Albert Einstein Hospital, Bronx Municipal Hospital and VanEtten in Pulmonary Medicine.

His unique talent for giving to the community and his expertise in his profession were not lost on his peers and colleagues. Among his many achievements include certification as a Diplomate of The National Board of Medical Examiners; Diplomate of The American Board of Pulmonary Medicine; Diplomate of the American Board of Critical Care Medicine; Diplomate of the American Board of Geriatric Medicine; and, he is a Member in good standing of the American Lung Association of Queens.

Dr. Boykin practiced his unique brand of compassionate medical care and considerate patient relations as a staff physician at Brooklyn Veterans' Administration Medical Center, Catholic Medical Center of New York, Mary Immaculate Hospital, and The Jamaica Hospital. In 1982, he began his career as an instructor in Clinical Medicine at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center and in 1992, Dr. Boykin became an Assistant Professor. Currently, Dr. Boykin is the Associate Chief of Staff for Primary and Extended Care for Veterans Affairs, New York Harbor Healthcare System; Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at state University of New York Health Sciences at Brooklyn; Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Touro College and an Instructor for the American Heart Association.

Throughout his career, Dr. Boykin has served his patients with compassion and care. Through his many years of service to the community, he has contributed to the improvement and enrichment of his neighborhood family. Dr. Boykin may have single handedly changed the standard of behavior for community physicians involved in public service. He has for many many years worked with and perpetuated the highest professional standards, unwavering commitment, and irreplaceable knowledge and expertise. He has put much more than a dent in the quest for quality health care for all and we in the State of New York are most grateful to be the recipient of his personal largess and generosity.

"A Salute to Our Very Own" is a fitting title for honoring Dr. Boykin. He is our very own. He has made a nation and a neighborhood a much better place to live. He has given without reserve and we can only hope to thank and commemorate him adequately.

I wish him well in all his future endeavors and join with my Queens family, friends, colleagues and fellow elected officials in commemorating his years of service.

IN HONOR OF TOM BARRON

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Barron for his extraordinary advocacy of environmental causes and his unwavering commitment to young people everywhere.

A dear friend of mine once said that she looked for two qualities in leaders—that they care about the earth, and that they care about kids. If caring about the earth and kids is the mark of a special leader, and I believe it is, then Tom Barron is such a man.

Tom grew up in the ranch country of Colorado with his seven brothers and sisters. It was on the family ranch that he developed a love for the land and a passion for exploring nature—all at a very young age. Tom has been a manager of a successful venture capital business, a Rhodes Scholar, a board member of the Wilderness Society, Yale University and a Trustee for the Nature Conservancy of Colorado. Today he is a very popular writer who has created the beloved characters of young Merlin and Kate, in The Ancient One.

He believes that stories are the most powerful and effective way to express complicated and philosophical points of view. He knows that experience, rather than lectures, are often what teach us the most in life. This is very clear in all of his work. In The Lost Years of Merlin, Merlin learns all of his most important lessons from nature. He learns how to be humble and to understand his connection to the larger universe. Most important of all, he realizes his fundamental responsibility to something greater than his own self-interest. Tom's character Kate, the heroine of The Ancient One, turns herself into an ancient redwood tree in order to save her town. In the book, a chain saw cuts into the side of the tree, into Kate's side, which is a powerful metaphor for violence, cruelty and senseless destruction.

Throughout his professional and private life Tom Barron has made it a goal to bolster educational causes and recognize exceptional