

Hampton University Ministers Conference and the New Jersey Council of Churches.

Reverend Davis has also devoted much of his time to various youth, community service, and civil rights organizations. He currently serves as a Trustee of the Brookdale Community College Foundation and member of the Youth Services Commission of Monmouth County. He is the Vice-President of the Monmouth County Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Service. At present Reverend Davis is the Chairman of the Monmouth County Minority Youth Vicinage Committee and is a life member of the NAACP. Through his work with these different groups Reverend Davis has positively influenced the lives of countless individuals.

In addition to the award he will receive on July 13, 2003 Reverend Davis has been the recipient of a number of previous awards for the remarkable work he does. Those awards include the Seacoast Association's Outstanding Service Award; New Jersey's State Federation of Colored Women's Club's Outstanding Community Service Award and Humanitarian Award; as well as recognition from the greater Red Bank NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, on this day I rise up to acknowledge a truly remarkable individual and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the distinguished Reverend Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr. for his 30 years of devoted service to his community.

CONGRATULATING PACIFICARE HEALTH SYSTEMS ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate PacifiCare Health Systems on their 25th anniversary as one of the nation's largest consumer health organizations. PacifiCare's primary operations include health insurance products for employer groups and Medicare beneficiaries in eight states and Guam. Currently, PacifiCare has approximately \$11 billion in annual revenues, and serves more than 3 million health plan members and over 9 million specialty company members nationwide with dental, vision, behavioral health and pharmacy benefit management services. PacifiCare Health Systems also operates a nonprofit organization, called the PacifiCare Foundation, that is devoted to charitable and educational causes that enhance the health, wellness and welfare of individuals, families, and the public at large.

On June 16, 2003, PacifiCare will celebrate its 25th anniversary as one of the nation's largest consumer health organizations, offering individuals, employers, and Medicare beneficiaries the best in consumer-driven health care and insurance products. PacifiCare Health Systems is also celebrating another important milestone—the 10th anniversary of the PacifiCare Foundation. The PacifiCare Foundation has donated more than 17 million dollars during the past 10 years to charitable and educational causes, with a focus on specific community needs in several areas, including: Health Promotion, Human/Social Service Programs; Senior Programs; Education Programs and Child/Youth Programs.

I take great pleasure in congratulating PacifiCare and its 7,500 employees on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of service to its beneficiaries, and I commend PacifiCare for its outstanding record of contributions to the health and welfare of the people of California.

HONORING JOHN MCCORMICK OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to John McCormick, winner of the Walker Stone Award for editorial writing from the Scripps Howard Foundation.

John McCormick is the deputy editorial page editor of the Chicago Tribune. He joined the Chicago Tribune editorial board in 2000 and was promoted to deputy editor the following year. Prior to joining the Tribune, John worked for several years as the Chicago bureau chief for Newsweek magazine.

A native of Iowa, a graduate of Northwestern University, John gained recognition for his series of editorials on how and why Chicago must respond to its high murder rate. Once a small-town boy, John tackled big city crime head-on, proving to be a highly regarded and influential asset to Chicago's political leaders, law enforcement officers, and neighborhood groups.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring John McCormick on his achievements and wish John many years of future success.

A TRIBUTE TO ROLAND JEROME HILL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Roland Jerome Hill in recognition of his service to his nation and his community.

Roland was born in Mount Carmel, Lancaster County, South Carolina. He began his schooling in a one-room schoolhouse. Later, he attended Mather Academy. Through his participation in various civic and political causes, Roland has continued to learn throughout his entire adult life.

Roland also coached high school football, baseball, and track for two years as an official in the South Atlantic Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SACIAA). More importantly, he served his country for three and a half years in WWII in the 183rd Aviation Engineers Battalion in the China-India-Burma theatre.

After arriving in New York he became involved in a long list of political and civic affairs. He has served his community through a wide range of activities that include: Master Plumber Licensing and Control Board; Fire Suppression Board; Vice President of the Local Two of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union; Vice-President of the 45th Assembly Democratic Club; Co-Chairman of the Federal Government Scatter Housing Pro-

gram; Chairman of the South Shore Fair Housing Committee; Coney Island Hospital Advisory Board; Sixty on Aging; HRA Advisory Board and HRA Subcommittee on Social Services; and as an Elder in the Homecrest Presbyterian Church.

Some of the positions he has filled in the political arena include: Co-Chairman of the Finance Committee for Shirley Chisholm for Congress, Co-Chairman of the Mel Durbin and Eugene McCarthy campaign, and Director of Senior Citizen Groups in the 10th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, Roland Jerome Hill is committed to improving the lives of the elderly population in his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable gentleman.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN S. LAFFOON

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Susan Laffoon, a friend and distinguished constituent, who is stepping down from her duties as Vice President for Public Affairs at the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce on June 13, 2003.

Susan is a Cincinnati native, graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BA in History, and has served our community with distinction all her adult life.

For over a quarter century, Susan has dedicated herself to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, where her accomplishments are impressive. She began at the Chamber in 1977 as a Specialist for Minority Business Development, took over as Program Director for Leadership Cincinnati in 1978, and became Group Executive for Administration in 1982. In 1984, she was promoted to Vice President of Government and Community Affairs. Her title changed in 2002 to Vice President, Public Affairs. In 1997, Susan was appointed Acting President of the Chamber for three months. Her commitment to the Chamber and our community is outstanding. Michael Fisher, the Chamber's President and CEO, says it best: "Susan leads by example in her collaborative style, willingness to go the extra mile, and enthusiasm for her work. She has built strong relationships with key volunteers, government officials and her staff. Equally important, she has helped deliver impressive results for our region—from State Capital bill funding wins to revised environmental policies that better balance the needs of all stakeholders."

In addition to her service at the Chamber, Susan has been active with a number of other important community organizations. Past and current leadership posts include: Trustee of the United Way and Community Chest of Greater Cincinnati; Trustee of WGUC-FM; founding Trustee and officer of the Cincinnati Horticultural Society; Trustee and alumna of the Seven Hills School; Trustee of the American Red Cross, Cincinnati Area Chapter; and Trustee of the Cincinnati Arts Festival, Inc. Susan also has been Trustee of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for 20 years, and has given a great deal of time (over 15 years) to

the Fine Arts Fund, where she was elected a Life Trustee last year.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Susan's many accomplishments as she steps down as Vice President for Public Affairs at the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce on June 13, 2003. I know Susan will continue to make a difference in our community. All of us in the Cincinnati area thank her for her dedication to improving our community and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

HONORING ANDREW T. RINGGOLD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mrs. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew T. Ringgold, Superintendent, Redwood National and State Parks, Crescent City, California, who is being honored on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years with the National Park Service.

A native of Washington, D.C., Andy Ringgold grew up in Williamsburg, Virginia and received his Bachelors Degree from Bucknell University. He began his outstanding career in the National Park Service as a Park Ranger at Sequoia National Park in California in 1967. In 1972 Andy became District Ranger at Lassen Volcanic National Park and then served as Chief Ranger at Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona from 1976 to 1979. After serving as Chief Ranger at New River Gorge in West Virginia, he became Staff Park Ranger, Division of Ranger Activities at the Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. in 1984. In 1987 Andy Ringgold served as Chief of the Branch of Resource and Visitor Protection at the Headquarters Office and then, in 1989, became Superintendent at Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts. In 1995 he assumed the duties of Superintendent at Redwood National Park in California.

In 2002, Mr. Ringgold received the United States Department of the Interior Honor Award for Meritorious Service in recognition of his contributions to the management and protection of resources at Redwood National Park. He spearheaded the use of alternative methods and partnerships to achieve park goals. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his outstanding and innovative leadership.

Andrew Ringgold has guided the management of Redwood National and State Parks, which includes three California state parks and the national park as one unit, a precedent setting agreement that has evolved into a model partnership of cooperation and efficiency. It is a model that has set the standard for similar partnerships in other regions across the nation.

Andrew Ringgold has served the National Park Service with honesty, integrity and expertise. His high standards and dedication to his profession are widely recognized.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Andrew T. Ringgold for his vision and leadership and for his contributions to the preservation of the natural resources of our Nation.

WOMEN PIONEERING THE FUTURE

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, in 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 Thursday, April 17, 2003, I had the honor and privilege of recognizing forty-five 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, service on nonprofit boards, homeless programs, mentors for young women, 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 this year's nominees:

Jan Dodson Barnhart—Jan recently retired as a 30 year employee of the University of New Mexico's General Library. She has worked diligently to promote historic preservation and recognition of the cultural treasures that exist in New Mexico's built environment. She served on the Governor's committee on historical records, with the Oral History Association, and with the Albuquerque Museum Foundation.

Dian Baughman—Dian is a nurse at Paloma Blanca Nursing and Rehab Center. She works numerous hours dedicating time and service to residents of the center to ensure good care and quality of life. During her off hours, she travels the state with her husband to provide medical assistance to homeless veterans during veterans functions.

Tess Ruiz Bureson—Tess is the Chief Financial Officer for Lovelace Respiratory Research and Director of Lovelace Scientific Research. She is also an active Board Member of many community organizations, such as Next Generation Economy Initiative, Behavior Health Research, Wells Fargo Leadership Council, Performance Arts Charter School, and Magnifico/Festival of Arts.

Joann Castillo—Joann is the Library Director at Carnegie Public Library in Las Vegas, NM. Joann is very involved in community activities, such as the Las Vegas San Miguel Literacy Volunteers, Communities that Care and the Las Vegas Youth Commission. She feels that these young men and women are our future and need to be active in community events also.

Alvorn Clifton—Mrs. Clifton has provided the Trumbull Village with a legacy of working for the betterment of children, families and our community. She is a leader making a difference. As the President of the Trumbull Village Neighborhood Association, she advances the lives of children through support and guidance. Each year, she hosts Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties so the neighborhood kids have a safe place to celebrate.

Leslie Cunningham-Sabo—Leslie works tirelessly as a doctor at Pediatrics Department at UNM for obesity and diabetes prevention program which works with the pueblos and the

Navajo Nation. She volunteers at Project Share, Asbury Pie Café, and for anybody that needs a helping hand.

Kathy Cyman—Kathy is an Instructor and Adjunct Faculty Member at UNM. As a teacher and practicing artist, she maintains a high standard of professionalism. She is a tireless worker and role model for women who struggle to make a living. She gives her all to her community and to aspiring educators.

Rebecca Dakota—Rebecca is the former Director of the NM Commission on the Status of Women. She is supportive of women and works diligently to address the issue of domestic violence. She has helped to make police departments around NM more aware of the problem so that training could be implemented for officers. She has worked to assist poor women with job training partnerships and scholarship assistance.

Brenda Delaurentis—Brenda is Manager of the Payroll Services and Financial Training Organization at Sandia National Labs. She has worked with "Shared Vision," spearheaded Sandia's involvement in the Science and Technology Magnet School initiative sponsored by DOE, and helped organize the first "School to World" event, a career fair targeting 8th graders. Brenda has also been a Girl Scout Leader for seven years.

Gail Doherty—Gail is the state coordinator for Project Linus, which provides handmade blankets for needy children. In her 5 years, 5000 blankets have been distributed to fire victims in Los Alamos, September 11 Pentagon families and numerous others. Each week, she visits the Senior Centers to work with the knitters and weavers to make blankets and she takes their therapy-trained dog to Carrie Tingley to visit the children.

Viola Edwards—Mrs. Edwards works tirelessly each month to provide food boxes with the Share Program for needy or low income families. Monthly, she orders 16-17 food boxes and distributes them to families that can use it. She has also collected and recycled clothing to provide for the clothing needs of children and families.

Shannon Enright Smith—As the Executive Director of Resources, Inc., Shannon has been a passionate voice for victims of domestic violence, especially for the children who witness domestic violence. In a typical day, Shannon performs duties from walking a victim through the legal system, doing interviews for local media, to testifying before the state legislature.

Deirdre Firth—Deirdre, a Senior Economic Developer for the City of Albuquerque, works tirelessly to bring economic vitality to New Mexico. She represents the City in the development of the Sandia Science and Technology Park, a public/private partnership which is bringing thousands of high-paying technology jobs to New Mexico.

Linda Flanigan—Linda has lived in Albuquerque for most of her life. She has helped teenagers with career and life decisions. She was a Brownie Troop Sponsor and she helps people recover from various addictions and through family problems through her activity and her community church.

Linda Fleisher—Linda is a Crime Free Multi-Housing Coordinator. Her inspiration and driving force were instrumental in bringing a "re-birth" to the Alta Monte Neighborhood. She has inspired many landlords to participate in the program, making great strides in improving