

equal opportunity and racial equality. The principal mission is to secure, through the rule of law, equal justice under law.

The Committee's major objective is to use the skills and resources of the bar to obtain equal opportunity for minorities by addressing factors that contribute to racial justice and economic opportunity. Given our nation's history of racial discrimination, segregation, and the de facto inequities that persist, the Lawyers' Committee's primary focus is to represent the interest of African Americans in particular, other racial and ethnic minorities, and other victims of discrimination, where doing so can help to secure justice for all racial and ethnic minorities.

The Lawyers' Committee implements its mission and objectives by marshaling the pro bono resources of the bar for litigation, public policy advocacy, and other forms of service by lawyers to the cause of civil rights.

For decades, the Committee has made a lasting impact on civil rights in America. The Lawyers' Committee has continually pressed forth its mission to mobilize the bar in upholding the principles of equal opportunity and racial equality as the standards by which the integrity of American democracy is judged.

This year the Lawyers' Committee celebrates its 40th Anniversary. In celebration, the Lawyers' Committee is convening a major symposium, *The Quest for Equal Justice: Advancing a Dynamic Civil Rights Agenda for Our Times*—July 18 to 19 at the International Trade Center in Washington, DC. Distinguished participants will examine the progress that has been achieved and the many outstanding challenges presented by the persistence of racial, ethnic, gender and other forms of discrimination. The symposium hopes to address critical civil rights issues in the opening decades of the twenty-first century.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when we face the imminent danger of once again losing much of what has been gained in the national journey to equal rights it is critical that the Lawyers' Committee be given proper commendation for their continued hard work and dedication to civil rights. So, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. We wish them all the best as we acknowledge all of their accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO BILL WERNER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor an outstanding American from my district. Bill Werner is a real estate broker from Alamosa, Colorado who loves his country and understands that the freedoms we enjoy in this country come with a price. Bill also knows that, just as great nations must lead during difficult times, so too must great citizens. I am pleased to recognize Bill before this body of Congress as a citizen of character.

Bill's son, Billy, helped keep America safe and free by serving as a paramedic with the 3rd Infantry in the Iraq conflict. This fact made it particularly difficult for Bill to watch war protestors march past his Main Street office.

Rather than watch in silence, Bill decided to give the "silent majority" of Alamosans who support our troops a chance to be heard. Bill organized a parade that included a police honor guard, veterans groups and other citizens who wanted to take part. Our troops deserve to know that our country is behind them and that they will not be forgotten.

Bill followed the parade by collecting books and candy for U.S. troops in Iraq at his real estate office. He will distribute these goods to the Red Cross who will then dispense them to the troops. Bill hopes that the parade along with the gifts will show that Alamosa is a patriotic town, one where the citizens support the troops that protect their freedom.

Mr. Speaker, it would have been easier to not get involved, but Bill Werner had the courage and conviction to stand up for what he knew was right, and I applaud him for that. It is people like Bill who have helped make America great, and I am proud to tell his story before this body of Congress today. Thank you, Bill, your support and optimistic enthusiasm provide an example for us all.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET YOUMANS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to the memory of a remarkable woman from my district. Margaret Youmans, who passed away recently at the age of 104, was the oldest resident of Gunnison County in Western Colorado, with a life spanning parts of three centuries.

Born in 1898, Margaret was the second of eight children born to Lake City businessman Charles Mendenhall and his wife Manetta. Margaret graduated from high school in 1918 and began a career as a teacher. Eight years later she was elected as a write-in candidate for Superintendent of the Hinsdale County Schools. Margaret also worked as a cook and for a newspaper, spending more than 60 years on a ranch, growing nearly everything her family ate.

Mr. Speaker, Margaret was a tough, self-reliant, and determined woman who attributed her long life to her love of family, good genetics, and plenty of good, hard work. Her "can-do" attitude exemplified the qualities that helped make this nation great, and I am honored to pay tribute to her memory here today.

TRIBUTE TO TOM PEIRCE

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize the life and passing of Tom Peirce of Aspen, Colorado. Tom recently left us after a battle with cancer. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I think it is fitting to remember a few of Tom's contributions to the Aspen community.

Tom lived in Aspen nearly his entire life. After graduating from Aspen High School and

Colorado State University, he formed a travel company that focused on natural history and cultural trips. Although he traveled extensively, Tom loved Aspen and gave back to the community. Six years ago, Tom joined the board of the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, and, before his health failed, launched a bid for the Aspen City Council.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the life and selfless dedication Tom Peirce demonstrated throughout his life. People like Tom who get involved in the community, create jobs, and work to improve our government, are the bedrock of this great nation. Tom is survived by his father Everett, sister Melanie, and brother Fred, and our thoughts are with them during this difficult time. Tom will be missed by his family, friends, and the many people in the Roaring Fork Valley who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF BAYAUD INDUSTRIES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a group of people who create hope and opportunity for those who are challenged with disabilities. The people of Bayaud Industries have helped the mentally ill and disabled find meaningful work in my home state of Colorado since 1969.

By providing jobs for people with disabilities, the people of Bayaud reach out to a group with the highest unemployment rate in the country. Bayaud is funded under the government's JWOD program to identify jobs for some 300 people a year who might otherwise not be able to find work. They do this by partnering with public and private organizations, from Coors to the EPA, helping numerous Coloradans lead more meaningful and productive lives. In addition to this, the people of Bayaud help a number of their employees move on to private sector jobs every year.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to the people of Bayaud Industries and their work under the JWOD program. By giving the disabled a hand up instead of a handout, they help numerous people realize the satisfaction that comes with meaningful employment. I commend their efforts to serve Colorado's disabled community.

TRIBUTE TO ELLA MOON

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to Ella Moon of Fruita, Colorado. Ella Moon is the person behind Moon Farm, a remarkable place where thousands of kids have gone to play and learn for nearly four decades.

It all began in 1954 when Ella and Wallace Moon moved from Utah to an old hog farm in Western Colorado. Their children needed something to do during the summer so they built a tree house. The following summer, the

kids built a small one-room schoolhouse. As the years rolled on, the ideas kept coming, and eventually the property included homes resembling those in Italy, Mexico, Japan, and the Middle East. A log cabin, Pyramid, and a Viking ship went up too.

Soon people the Moons had never met were stopping by to enjoy the buildings and have picnics on their lawn. The Moons embraced these visitors, offering pony rides and a petting zoo, which included a llama, peacocks and other animals. Visiting children learned Indian dances, performed in talent shows, and listened to Ella's riveting stories.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great joy to recognize Ella Moon. Although Ella is now 85 years old, she still plays with the kids, tells them stories, and teaches them lessons they can use in real life. Ella has helped create a unique place where children can play, learn, and grow. I thank Ella for her many contributions to her community.

TRIBUTE TO ALICE DRAKE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize the life and passing of Alice Drake of Pueblo, Colorado. Alice left us recently after a prolific life that spanned 107 years. Her sense of humor and determined approach defined her life and made a strong impact upon the Pueblo community.

A descendant of German parents, Alice was born in Phillips County, Kansas, where she developed a strong work ethic on her parent's 360-acre farm. Throughout her life, Alice used her strength to aid others—protecting her younger brother on the way home from school and assuming the household responsibilities when her mother sadly passed away. Alice was also notorious for her adventurous spirit, learning to bowl in her 80s, riding on a motorcycle for the first time in her 90s, and developing a reputation wherever she went for her renowned pool playing abilities.

Mr. Speaker, individuals like Alice provided the spirit and strength of character that made this nation great. While she will be dearly missed, Alice's spirit will live on through the lives of those whom she has touched. I extend my deepest sympathies to Alice's family and friends during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO JEFF BARTLESON

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OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to Jeff Bartleson of Pueblo, Colorado, who has faithfully and unselfishly served the needs of Coloradans for many years. Jeff has contributed to the quality of life in Colorado in many significant ways and I am proud to highlight his accomplishments before this body of Congress.

Throughout his life, Jeff has exhibited the virtues of compassion, self-determination, self-

sacrifice, and hard work that have made this country great. In his capacity as a foster parent, Jeff has helped several youth in the region through his work with the Young Life Association and the El Pueblo Boys and Girls Ranch. His service and dedication to the needs of his community have increased progressively over time. He has been instrumental in the foundation and development of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, one of Pueblo's newest self-help organizations, and he is currently serving as the second president of its board.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to pay tribute to Jeff Bartleson for the various ways in which he has brought strength and joy to the people of Colorado. Despite his achievements, Jeff has remained humble and continued with his selfless work. For this great work on behalf of the citizens of Colorado, I commend him before this body of Congress and this nation. Jeff, all the best to you now and in the future.

TRIBUTE TO TOM SHARP

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Tom Sharp, a helicopter pilot from Telluride, Colorado and thank him for the contributions he has made to local search and rescue efforts. Tom recently risked his life and his helicopter to save two avalanche victims trapped on a steep slope near Telluride Ski Area, and today I would like to honor his service before this body of Congress and this nation.

Tom has been a pilot with Helitrax, a heliski guide service, for over twelve years. When he was called to assist in the rescue of two skiers caught in an avalanche, he immediately responded along with two Helitrax guides, braving a dangerous landing near one of the injured skiers before picking up more rescuers and dropping off more medical supplies. Then Tom made a daring attempt to reach the other skier, flying close to dangerous jagged rock in spite of unpredictable afternoon winds. Though he was unsuccessful, Tom and his fellow rescuers dropped supplies to the stranded skier that allowed him to climb out of the couloir and communicate with rescuers.

Mr. Speaker, pilots with the expertise and skill of Tom Sharp are crucial to successful search and rescue operations, and it is a great privilege to honor Tom here today. His years of experience and his willingness to take risks are a tremendous asset to the citizens of Telluride and to all of Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES LEINBERGER

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OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize the passing of Charles Leinberger of Pueblo, Colorado. Charlie, as he was known, served his country faithfully as a Marine in the Second World War,

where he received the Purple Heart. He also served Pueblo for many years as an Ambassador for the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce. I would like to take this time to pay tribute to the honorable contributions Charlie made in defense of our freedoms and his involvement in the Pueblo Community.

Only recently, Charlie was honored by the Chamber of Commerce for almost fifty years of work on behalf of that organization. His energy and skill in developing the Chamber of Commerce will be missed sorely by those he has left behind to continue his work. In addition to his labor on behalf of the Chamber, Charlie also volunteered with numerous community organizations in Pueblo, bringing his vitality and dedication to a number of worthy causes in his community. Charlie's life, his patriotism and his altruism will continue to inspire the Pueblo community for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, although it is with sorrow that I stand before you here recognizing the passing of Charles Leinberger, I take solace in the knowledge that his legacy and example will continue to make my state and this country a better place to live. Charles' life and deeds are examples to us all and it is fitting that I recognize them before this body of Congress and this nation. My prayers go out to Charlie's family and friends in this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO THE ENSTROM FAMILY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the Enstrom family of Grand Junction, Colorado. The Enstroms own and operate Enstrom's Candies, one of the premier candy manufacturers in the United States. For many years, the Enstroms have worked hard to produce high quality candy, earning a reputation as a valuable member of Colorado's business community. Under the leadership of Chet Enstrom, the family has strived to serve not only their customers but the state of Colorado as well.

Chet Enstrom began his career at the age of 14, working in a Colorado Springs ice cream shop. It was there that Chet learned about making quality candy, a craft he would later perfect in the basement of his home. He gave a small amount of his now famous "almond toffee" to family and friends, who encouraged Chet to open what became Enstrom's Candies. The quality of the candy was evident to all of Enstrom's many customers, ensuring that the company has enjoyed many years of success.

Chet worked hard to keep the business in family hands and there have now been three generations of Enstroms involved in its operation. In 1965, Chet passed the company on to his son Emil and his daughter-in-law Mary. By 1979 Enstrom's Candies was producing over 65,000 pounds of candy every year.

The third generation of Enstroms operates the company today. The "Candy Kitchen" in Grand Junction is run by Chet's granddaughter Jamee and her husband Doug. Their