

Nothing could better achieve their goal of ending hunting in the United States than a bill that federalizes wildlife management. Rather than having to promote their views in each of the fifty states, the anti-hunting community is seeking to have Congress preempt the field.

Those states that allow the use of bait in hunting do so because they have concluded that it is a humane method of hunting, that it meets the ethical standard of "fair chase," and that it is a necessary tool for management of their bear populations. H.R. 1472 places Congress in the position of being a wildlife biologist, making decisions for states on how certain wildlife populations must be managed. If Congress were to adopt this legislation, it would be placing itself in the position of having to address every issue pertaining to wildlife management, not just one method of bear hunting.

The NRA strongly urges you to oppose H.R. 1472 because of its attempt to preempt the authority of the states to manage resident wildlife. If you are a cosponsor of the bill, we urge that you reconsider your support for it.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

CHRIS W. COX,
Executive Director,
NRA Institute for Legislative Action.

TRIBUTE TO JARVIS AND MARY JO RYALS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a pair of selfless community servants from my district, Jarvis and Mary Jo Ryals of Pueblo, Colorado. As avid contributors to Colorado State University-Pueblo, Jarvis and Mary Jo are being honored with the President's Medal for Distinguished Service.

Long-time residents of Pueblo, the Ryals are widely known for their dedication to the community. They have supported the Pueblo Symphony, the Greenway and Nature Center and the USC Foundation. The cornerstone of their generous efforts in the community has been their support for Colorado State University-Pueblo. From gifts to the Hasan School of Business and the Buell Communications Center, to their help in establishing a professorship for Language and Leadership, the Ryals are always at the forefront of University philanthropy, working tirelessly on behalf of the institution.

Mr. Speaker, in a recent ceremony in Pueblo, the Ryals received the President's Medalion, symbolizing their distinguished service, high standards and values, and hard work. I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Jarvis and Mary Jo for their civic-mindedness and congratulating them on this prestigious honor. This recognition to Jarvis and Mary Jo for the work that they do in our community is long overdue, and I am proud to bring it to the attention of this House today. Congratulations and thanks again, Jarvis and Mary Jo, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Pueblo and Colorado State University.

RECOGNITION OF CLIFF FIELDS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Cliff Fields of Jefferson County, Illinois. Cliff was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Cliff received this honor for his lifelong service to others. Whether it was his service in World War II or his work to bring business and industry to Mt. Vernon, he is known as an unselfish person who works tirelessly for the benefit of others. Fifty years ago Cliff founded the architectural firm of Fields, Goldman, and Magee. He has also served on the Summersville Grade School Board, Mt. Vernon Airport Authority, Economic Development Commission, Director for Mt. Vernon Savings & Loan and First Bank & Trust, and a Trustee for Mitchell Museum.

I want to congratulate and thank Cliff for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PORTER J. GOSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present today due to official travel overseas, as a result, I was not able to be present for rollcall votes 334, 335, and 336. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote 334 and yea on 335 and 336. I request that this statement appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD. Thank you.

HONORING FAY KASTELIC

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a truly remarkable woman. Fay Kastelic is an octogenarian from Pueblo, Colorado whose dedication to her family and years of selfless public service have set a shining example for those in her community. Fay has overcome numerous obstacles in her life and I am proud to recognize her many accomplishments before this body of Congress and our great nation today.

Fay was born in Bowie, Texas, where she developed a resolute work ethic while growing up in the midst of the Depression. She attended the University of Texas until her senior year, when she left to run a commissary during World War II. While working at the commissary, Fay met her future husband, Frank, and they were married back in Colorado when he returned from overseas. Fay raised her three sons in Pueblo and ultimately returned to school to finish her degree in education, ul-

timately progressing from classroom teacher to principal to district director for elementary education.

Fay's commitment to public service has continued well beyond her years as a teacher and administrator for the school district. She retired after 25 years of service to the school district after being elected to serve on the Pueblo City Council. Fay acted as president for three terms before declining to run in 1997 due to health problems. With help from her family and friends, particularly her twin sister, Fay made a remarkable recovery from cancer and was later named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce in 1998. While flattered by the honors that have been bestowed upon her, Fay remains committed to the Pueblo community. She continues to be an active participant on assorted civic committees.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Fay Kastelic today for her commitment to our nation. Fay embodies the spirit of public service and altruism that make our communities and our nation strong. I commend Fay for her lifetime of selfless public service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF CLARA SONSINI

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Clara Sonsini of Jefferson County, Illinois. Clara was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Clara received this honor for her lifelong service to others. At the onset of World War II she left home and traveled to San Francisco to work for the government in homeland security. Later, Clara and her husband, Dan, moved to Mt. Vernon where they raised three children. Upon their high school graduation she began work at a local nursing home as a nurse's aid and eventually as activity director. Clara's other numerous community activities include Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, YMCA volunteer, grade school homeroom leader, president of the PTA, and American Cancer Society and Red Cross volunteer. She remains vigorously involved with the St. Mary's/Good Samaritan Regional Health Center Auxiliary.

I want to congratulate and thank Clara for all she has done and will continue to do for the people in her community. She is a saint to all who know her and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF COMMANDER STEVEN J. FUQUA

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute today to CommanderIM Steven J. Fuqua, who is retiring this summer from the United States Navy after 20 distinguished

years of service. Commander Fuqua is a native of my district, from Nashville, Tennessee.

During his career, Commander Fuqua held some of the most demanding jobs in the United States Navy and fulfilled these duties superbly. He has served as the chief engineer on a nuclear submarine, an extraordinarily challenging job that requires unstinting, 24-hour attention. He has also served as the Executive Officer on many missions, including one around-the-world deployment aboard the USS Batfish in 1997.

In honor of his distinguished service, Commander Fuqua has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star. Long-time friend and fellow naval officer Scott Potter said of Commander Fuqua, "If you had to name a prototype naval officer, Steve would be it."

Commander Fuqua holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Technological University and a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. After receiving his commission from Officer Candidate School in 1984, he entered the elite Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and completed the course of instruction at the Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida and Nuclear Prototype Training at the Prototype in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He also completed the Submarine Officer Advanced Course at the Naval Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut.

Commander Fuqua's initial sea tour assignment was aboard the USS Billfish (SSN 676) from 1986 to 1989, where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Combat Systems Officer. In 1992, Commander Fuqua reported aboard the USS Key West (SSN 772) as Engineer Officer. During this tour, the ship completed a Mediterranean deployment, a Southern deployment and a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). From 1995 to 1997, he was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) working for C4I Integration Support Activity (CISA), a defense support activity of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command & Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence.

In 1997, following completion of the Prospective Executive Officer course in New London, Connecticut, he reported for duty as Executive Officer of the USS Batfish (SSN 681). Following completion of a six-month around-the-world deployment, the USS Batfish changed homeports from New London, Connecticut to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Commander Fuqua detached from the USS Batfish in 1999 following the ship's inactivation and reported for duty to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (N77), where he served as Submarine Communications Requirements Officer from 1999 until 2002. In May 2003, Commander Fuqua reported to Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) where he is assigned to the Undersea Weapons Program Office of the International Programs Division.

He now lives in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife Kathi, their three sons, Steven, 14, Matthew, 12, and Tyler, 9, and their daughter, Megan, who is 4.

On behalf of the citizens of the Fifth Congressional District of Tennessee, I salute Commander Fuqua for his outstanding career

and for his service to our Nation. We are proud to claim him as a native son. I wish him well in his retirement and in all his future endeavors.

HONORING RITA FRIBERG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to a successful businesswoman who has provided Colorado with years of dedicated service. Rita Friberg has had a long career as an entrepreneur and now serves the Pueblo community as a professor of business, management, and marketing at Pueblo Community College. Today, I would like to honor Rita's accomplishments and the impact she has had on her community throughout her career as an entrepreneur, small business adviser, and professor.

Rita began her business career working in retail at age 16, proceeding to manage a number of fabric and craft stores after attending Purdue University. She opened her own shop in Denver's Larimer Square before joining Pueblo Community College in 1994 to run the Small Business Development Center, eventually becoming a full-time faculty member in August 2002. In recognition of her efforts and career, the Pueblo Business Women's Network recently honored Rita as its Woman of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to recognize the positive impact that Rita has had on my district and the State of Colorado. Rita embodies the combination of ambition and dedication necessary to communicate the dynamics of the business world to her students. I would like to congratulate her on this prestigious award and the respect that she has earned from her peers. I wish Rita all the best in her future endeavors.

REMEMBERING FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST LADY VIRGINIA RUSSELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, during the Fourth of July District Work Period, I attended funerals of heroes of South Carolina who will always be remembered—former First Lady Virginia Russell on June 30, former U.S. Senate President Strom Thurmond on July 1, and Sergeant O.J. Smith on July 2, who served with distinction in Iraq in the War Against Terrorism.

Virginia Russell was special to me as the mother of my State Senate seatmate for 14 years, John Russell. Also in 1962, I met her campaigning for her husband running successfully for Governor while I was delivering the Charleston Evening Post on King Street in Charleston, SC, at Fralix Shoe Shop. She so inspired my political involvement that I contacted Campaign Manager J. Bratton Davis

and I served as youth Campaign Manager for Charleston in the June primary.

The following is an article and obituary from the Spartanburg Herald-Journal regarding her death.

[From the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, June 28, 2003]

DONALD RUSSELL'S WIDOW DIES

(By Janet S. Spencer)

Former South Carolina first lady Virginia Russell died Friday at her home on Otis Boulevard after an extended illness.

Mrs. Russell was the widow of the Honorable Donald S. Russell who was governor from 1963 to 1965 and then served as a federal judge.

In addition to numerous contributions to her community and the dedication to her family, she is remembered for her role as first lady of the state as well as of the University of South Carolina when her husband was president there.

While living in the governor's mansion, Mrs. Russell noticed state seals that had been painted over for many years on the mantle in a large drawing room.

She is credited with having the seals uncovered and brought out in gold relief. They remain that way today.

Mrs. Russell also was responsible for first encouraging tours of the mansion.

Her neighbors, Mary and Thomas Stokes, remember moving to their new residence in Spartanburg as the youngest couple on the street and Mrs. Russell opening her home to them.

"She was a genteel Southern lady. I always felt she was so thoughtful of others from the first time she welcomed us to her home and the neighborhood," Mrs. Stokes said. "She always went out of her way to be thoughtful of other people."

Stokes agreed with his wife. "Mrs. Russell was certainly a lady in the finest tradition of the word," he said.

"Mr. and Mrs. Russell were wonderful people."

John Edmunds, who had been friends with the Russells for 45 years, recalls being a student at USC when the Russells were there.

Mrs. Russell decorated his fraternity house and invited every student to dinner their freshman and senior years.

"She loved the university. She was a very brilliant, well-read woman. She could converse with you on any subject. She kept up with current events," Edmunds said.

After returning to Spartanburg, for many years Edmunds had dinner weekly with the Russells at the Piedmont Club.

"She was witty and charming. And although she had been in declining health for some time, I'm gonna miss her," Edmunds said.

For 11 years, Mrs. Russell had also won the hearts of caregivers who often called her "pretty lady."

Martina Smalley is a registered nurse and director of Professional Nursing Services that provided around-the-clock care for Mrs. Russell at the Russell residence.

Smalley said she and the three nurses who rotated the duties were deeply saddened by Mrs. Russell's death.

"She was such a warm and gracious lady. In the 11 years we were privileged to care for her, we came to love her as if she were our own mother," Smalley said.

Smalley described a mutual strong bond of trust and respect which she and the nurses shared with Mrs. Russell.

"She was very appreciative of everyone's kindness and thoughtfulness. She had a way of making everyone feel special," Smalley said.

The caregivers recall how Mrs. Russell eagerly let it be known how much her husband and family meant to her.