

ESSAYS FROM FOURTH GRADERS AT CASEY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AUBURN, NY

The young dreamers have a goal that one day the world will be a better place for everyone in our country. The young dreamers celebrate the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation so they can continue to dream. After all, the young dreamers future goals are in your hands.

(By Sydnee Lawson, David Clark, and Brianna Hotaling.)

The torch of freedom has passed from time to time to generation to generation and it must be kept and honored as it was all those years ago. It shouldn't be thrown away because of dishonor and terrorism.

(By Dominika Donch, Noah Donch, Makrina Donch, and Nathaniel Donch.)

We are fortunate to have the freedom we have. Some countries do not have as much freedom as we have. Now we have a lot to worry about. We are so fortunate that President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Today we have the joy of freedom.

(By Stephanie Leontovich, Tyler VanTassell, Amber Foster, Anthony Jesmer and Scott Blauvelt.)

We believe all people are created equal and need to live in unity and peace.

(By Diamoneek Wingate, Loretta Holbert, Sarah Lowe, Tina Horsford, Beth Harvey, Tony Frazier, Brandon Crawford, and Andre Thomas.)

I have a dream, that one day all people of the world, Iraqis, Afghanis, Russians, and any other culture will come together and act fairly to one and another. I have a dream of no terrorism. I have a dream of no violence but coming out and talking it over like men. I have a dream of living in a society with no prejudice. I have a dream of no racism. I have a dream of no fighting over religion but having peace and love. I have a dream that this world will help one and another of different culture and religions. I have a dream.

(By Jared Ford.)

ATTORNEY MURRAY UFBERG CHOSEN FOR B'NAI B'RITH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the selection of my good friend Attorney Murray Ufberg for the prestigious Community Service Award by the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge of B'nai B'rith of Wilkes-Barre. He will be presented with the award at the lodge's 57th annual Lincoln Day Dinner on February 9, 2003.

Murray is a very fitting choice for this award. In addition to his active role in local government and economic development, his deep commitment to Northeastern Pennsylvania and his leadership in one of the most prominent and well-respected law firms in the area, he is a leader in the region's Jewish community.

I have known Murray for more than 30 years and have enormous respect for his legal ability as well as his dedication to improving the community.

He was born July 30, 1943, in Danville, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Wyoming Seminary in 1960, earned a bachelor of arts from Bucknell University in 1964 and graduated with a juris doctor degree from the Duquesne University School of Law in 1968.

Murray has risen to the rank of managing partner with Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald in Wilkes-Barre. From 1991 to 1994, he served as chairman of the hearing committee of the disciplinary board of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Examples of his dedication to community service abound. They include his service as chairman of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership, Inc., from 2000 to the present; and chairman of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre, 1993 to 1997 and from 2000 to the present; and a member of the board of trustees of College Misericordia and the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre, the Jewish Community Center of the Wyoming Valley, and WVIA-TV/FM/HDTV.

Murray is also past chairman of the board of directors of the United Way of the Wyoming Valley, from 1992 to 1994, and its general campaign in 1990. He is also past president of the Ohav Zedek Synagogue in Wilkes-Barre, from 1986 to 1988; the Jewish Community Center of the Wyoming Valley, from 1982 to 1983; the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge of B'nai B'rith, from 1970 to 1974; and the Duquesne University School of Law Alumni Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, from 1997 to 1999.

He and his beautiful and gracious wife Margery have three children, Aaron, Joshua and Rachel.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the well-deserved selection of Attorney Murray Ufberg for the Community Service Award, and I wish him and his family all the best.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMIE LEVIN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise today to recognize Jamie Levin of Telluride, Colorado. Jamie is a slalom snowboard racer for the Telluride Ski and Snowboard team and has been setting the standard for speed throughout Colorado and the nation. Jamie represented the United States at Canada's World Cup Snowboard Races last December. In recognition of her success and accomplishments on the slopes, I would like to pay tribute to Jamie before this body of Congress and this nation.

As the Congressman who represents many of Colorado's ski areas, I understand the significance that Coloradans place upon their winter sports. Colorado is the home to many skiers and snowboarders who train year round to remain in top physical condition. Competition throughout the state is fierce, and there is little room for mistakes or miscalculations.

Competition at the national level only becomes more difficult, and yet Jamie Levin has risen to the challenge and is currently ranked 11th in the United States. Over the summer, Jamie has maintained a rigorous training schedule at Mt. Hood and looks forward to competing internationally this winter. Jamie is the first member of the Telluride team to qualify for international competition, and citizens throughout the Western Slope will be following her races with great anticipation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Jamie Levin of Telluride, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. To excel in a sport as mentally and physically demanding as slalom snowboarding takes great courage, commitment and discipline. Jamie's competitive spirit and determination serves as an inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding American in this Congress. I wish her all the best with the rest of her season.

INTRODUCTION OF COLORADO SCHOOL LANDS BILL

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I am today again introducing a bill to modify the 1875 Act—usually referred to as the Colorado Enabling Act—that provided for admission of Colorado to the Union.

The bill is similar to one I introduced in the 107th Congress. Its purpose is to remove any possible conflict between a decision of the people of Colorado and that original federal legislation under which some 3 million acres of federal lands were granted to our state.

In granting the lands to Colorado, Congress provided that they were to be used as a source of revenue for the public schools—and for many years they were managed for that purpose.

However, over the years the revenue derived from these lands has become a less and less significant part of the funding for Colorado's schools, while there has been an increasing appreciation of the other values of these lands.

As a result, in 1996 the people of Colorado voted to amend our state constitution to permit part of these school trust lands to be set aside in a "stewardship trust" and managed to preserve their open space, wildlife and other natural qualities.

To assure that this decision of the voters can be implemented, my bill would amend the original Colorado Enabling Act to modify the requirement that the state must raise revenue from the school-trust lands that are set aside for their natural resource values and qualities. Specifically, it would amend the 1875 Act to clearly allow the lands to be used for "open space, wildlife habitat, scenic value, or other natural values," while still requiring that "any income received for such uses or any other uses" of the lands will be used only for the public schools.

The bill does not include a specific limit on the acreage that could be placed in the stewardship trust, although the 1996 state legislation does set such a limit. I supported that part of the state legislation, but I think that whether that limit should be retained or revised should be decided solely by the people of Colorado, and not determined by Congress. So, under the bill I am introducing today that would be left to Colorado law to control.

Mr. Speaker, Colorado has been experiencing rapid population growth. That is putting increasing pressure on all our undeveloped lands. In response, the people of Colorado have voted to allow some of these school-grant lands to remain as open spaces to be managed for their wildlife and other natural resources and values. This bill will keep faith

with that decision by our voters by removing any conflict with federal law. I will do all I can to press for its speedy enactment.

HONORING DR. SHIRLEY KENNEDY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to rise in tribute to the memory of a wonderful friend and resident of Santa Barbara, California, Dr. Shirley Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy passed away on January 20, 2003, leaving a void in the Santa Barbara community that will be felt by many.

Dr. Kennedy, a long-time resident of Santa Barbara, was well-known for her dedication to political, cultural, and social causes. Born in Chicago in 1926, Dr. Kennedy and her husband, Jim, moved to the Santa Barbara area in 1972. It did not take long for Dr. Kennedy to become a dynamic presence in the community. In 1986 Dr. Kennedy completed her doctorate at Claremont Graduate University and worked as a lecturer at UCSB, teaching classes in political science, black studies, and constitutional law. In addition to teaching, she was also involved in founding the Black Studies department, as well as the Black Cultural Festival which brings art, plays, and other exhibits to the university.

Dr. Kennedy was a devoted political activist as well. In 1988 she ran Rev. Jesse Jackson's local presidential campaign, and served as a delegate to the party's national convention. Dr. Kennedy has also dedicated countless hours of volunteer time to numerous local, state, and federal campaigns. She was a longtime member of the NAACP and created two local organizations, Not in Our Town and the Building Bridges Community Coalition, both dedicated to fighting racism and building tolerance.

In 2002, through the Building Bridges Coalition, Dr. Kennedy was able to bring an exhibit on a slave ship, the *Henrietta Marie*, to a local museum in Santa Barbara. This exhibit was visited by hundreds of local schoolchildren and residents, and brought a new understanding of the slave trade to thousands of people. It was her dedication to education and community involvement that made Dr. Kennedy such a special person and I am confident that her legacy will live on for many years to come.

The Santa Barbara community suffered a great loss with Dr. Kennedy's passing last month, yet because of her activism and involvement in the community Dr. Kennedy's spirit and teachings will remain among us forever. Dr. Kennedy was a wonderful woman and an inspiration to us all and I am fortunate that this special individual touched my life in so many ways.

HONORING ELIZABETH HESTER RIDDLE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Elizabeth Hester Riddle. Ms.

Riddle was born on November 29, 1902, on the Eastside of Chicago, Illinois. Born to William and Sarah Hester she is the oldest of 7 children and enjoys spending time with her remaining younger siblings Mary and Sally. Ms. Riddle has survived her husband Walter Riddle, son Robert Riddle, and her eldest grandson Robert Riddle, Jr. She is also the grandmother of Karen Appleson, Cindy Petro, and Allison Gunner, and the great-grandmother of two with more on the way.

As the Matriarch of the Hester family and known to her many nephews and nieces as "Aunt Bea", she is generous to a fault. Ms. Riddle has lived her 100 years of life on the Eastside of Chicago, Illinois as a proud American, committed Catholic and a lifetime member of the St. Francis de Sales Parish. She is known for her sharp mind, happy personality, and love of all her friends and family. So we wish her a Happy 100th Birthday and reflect on how she lived through a century of changes and a lifetime of memories as a model of charity and compassion and all around wonderful person.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BARBRA REMMENGA

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to recognize Barbra Remmenga of Montrose, Colorado. Barbra is a guardian ad litem attorney who is appointed by the courts to represent the best interests of children involved in dependency and neglect proceedings. Recently, Barbra was named Guardian Ad Litem Attorney of the Year by the Colorado Court Appointed Special Advocates. In recognition of her success, I would like to pay tribute to Barbra's career and accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Barbra has been serving as a guardian ad litem attorney for the Seventh Judicial District of Colorado for the past 11 years. She began her career as a social worker doing child protection casework when she realized the amount of difference she could make as an attorney fighting and defending those in need. Remmenga represents children of all ages in cases that involve physical abuse, neglect, and custody disputes. She views her job as a huge responsibility because she is representing such a vulnerable and defenseless segment of the population. In recognition of her commitment to children's well-being last December, Barbra was honored in Denver at the Seventh Annual CASA Training Conference for her outstanding service.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Barbra Remmenga before this body of Congress and this nation. Barbra has served her community with great honor and integrity. Barbra demonstrates genuine concern for the children she represents and always looks out for their best interest. Her commitment and dedication serve as an inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding Coloradan in this Congress. Keep up the good work, Barbra.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF MR. EDWARD D. CASEY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Edward D. Casey on his retirement from the Capital-Gazette Newspapers, and his election to the Maryland press association's hall of fame. I would also like to thank him for his years of service to our community.

For 30 years, Mr. Casey has been the editorial voice of the Capital. In March when he is officially inducted, he will join 35 other outstanding newspaper men and women who have been similarly honored over the years by the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association.

Mr. Casey is respected throughout Maryland for being a pioneer and effective advocate for the freedom of information project, especially during his service as president of the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association.

Prior to joining the Capital, Mr. Casey was editor of the Daily Advance in Dover, NJ for six years. He began working in newspapers as a sports editor in 1957 at the Binghamton Press in New York. He also worked as a sports editor for the Endicott Bulletin in New York and managing editor of the Binghamton Sun-Bulletin.

I congratulate Mr. Casey in his retirement, and I wish him every success in his future endeavors.

ASYLUM: AN IDEA IN SEARCH OF A STRATEGY

HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, below are two op-ed articles written on the subject of possible abdication and asylum for Saddam Hussein and his cohorts.

ASYLUM: AN IDEA IN SEARCH OF A STRATEGY (By Representative James A. Leach)

Monday Hans Blix will present the report of the U.N. weapons inspectors in Iraq to the U.N. Security Council. Absent a surprise, the report is likely to offer a mixed judgment: no smoking gun, but no assumption that Saddam Hussein has sincerely cooperated with the inspectors or provided credible rationale for his nuclear program or convincing evidence of disarming once held bio-chemical weapons.

Tuesday evening the President will give his annual State of the Union address in which he will undoubtedly make his case for why the U.S. military may be called upon to intervene in Iraq—with or without further U.N. approval.

At this juncture there appears to be only one scenario which has the potential of being a win/win situation for America, the Iraqi people and the world community. That is for Saddam Hussein, his family and cohorts to abdicate power and accept asylum outside Iraq.

The possibility of such an outcome was implicitly contemplated by Secretary Rumsfeld last week when he said that the United