

highlight the Point Lookout lighthouse and the lives of lighthouse keepers. With nearly a half million visitors annually, Point Lookout provides a real Bay experience for many people. The new exhibits will greatly expand interpretive information for visitors and share more of the Bay story.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL ROLLER HOCKEY TEAM

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the members of the Southern Regional High School Roller Hockey Team. On Monday, August 4, 2003, New Jersey's Southern Regional High School Rams defeated Georgia's Milton Eagles in the final game of the USA Hockey Inline High School National Roller Hockey Championships held in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Led by Coach Robert Schoka, the Rams were seeded number two in the playoffs with a tournament record of 5-2 when they entered the tournament finals. Their hard-earned victory against the Eagles came in overtime, with a final score of 6-5, allowing the Rams to become the first ever National Championship Team in high school roller hockey history.

In addition to taking home the national championship title, several members of the Rams took home awards for their individual performances during the tournament. Goal-tender Kenny Calicchio, who started and finished all eight games in goal, received an award for the Best Goaltender in the tournament for his record of 187 saves on 207 shots made on goal. Donald Cioffi, the third highest scorer in the tournament with eight goals and eight assists, was selected to the All-Tournament Team. Most impressive, however, is the Team Sportsmanship Award that the tournament referees awarded to the Rams for the team's fair play and sportsmanlike behavior.

It is only fitting that the Rams' exemplary performance during this historic event in U.S. High School Athletics be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the individual and team accomplishments of such talented young individuals as the members of the Southern Regional Rams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Rams' families and friends, and me in honoring Coach Schoka and the members of the Southern Regional High School Roller Hockey Team.

TRIBUTE TO SANDY DRAGGOO

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Sandy Draggoo of the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) as she has recently received the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transportation Manager Award. Ms. Draggoo has dedicated nearly thirty years to the Capital Area Transportation Authority and is responsible for the successful enterprise it is today.

In 1974, Sandy Draggoo's career with CATA began while the authority was in its infancy. Just two years after its inception, Sandy started as the secretary to the Executive Director. She was soon promoted to Personnel Manager in 1976, and after nine successful years succeeded her former boss as Executive Director in 1984. Under Ms. Draggoo's leadership, CATA has changed markedly in the last eighteen years. Annually, CATA provides over 8.7 million rides, more than twice the number it provided just five years ago, and almost twelvefold the roughly 730,000 rides the authority provided in 1974. This dramatic increase in ridership is a testament to Sandy's dedication and hard work and earned CATA the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Transit System Award in 1991.

In 1997, CATA announced the opening of the CATA Transportation Center, an intermodal passenger transfer center that had been a project of the authority since the mid 1980's. Sandy's leadership was paramount in overcoming the many hurdles necessary to bring this project to fruition. More recently, Sandy secured a contract with Michigan State University to assume operation of their bus system and consequently increased ridership from 850,000 to nearly 3 million. Ms. Draggoo brought extended CATA routes to Michigan State University students living in new off campus communities, averting severe congestion that worried local residents and municipal leaders.

Mr. Speaker, in her tenure, Sandy Draggoo has transformed the Capital Area Transportation Authority from a startup public transportation system into one of the nation's most premier. Her hard work and determination have earned her the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transportation Manager Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Draggoo for the receipt of this award and for her leadership and commitment to my community.

HONORING EDWIN HAWKINS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin Hawkins on his 60th birthday for his achievements as a gospel music pioneer and community activist. He has been a composer, producer, songwriter and vital force in gospel music for four decades.

The album "Let Us Go into the House of the Lord" was the first to bring acclaim to Mr. Hawkins. Among its highlights was the track "Oh Happy Day," which unexpectedly found a home on underground FM playlists across San Francisco. The single quickly began earning airplay on mainstream R&B and pop outlets across the country, and in the spring of 1969 it reached the U.S. Top Five on its way to selling an astounding seven million copies and taking home a Grammy award for Best Gospel/Soul Performance of 1969. At this time the choir was rechristened the Edwin Hawkins Singers, although the featured voice on "Oh Happy Day" belonged to singer Dorothy Combs Morrison, who soon exited in pursuit of a solo career.

In 1970 the group made a return appearance on the pop charts supporting the artist Melanie on her hit "Lay Down (Candle in the Wind)." Edwin Hawkins remained a critical favorite, and in 1972, the Singers won a second Grammy for "Every Man Wants to Be Free." Recording prolifically throughout the remainder of the decade, in 1980 they won a third Grammy for "Wonderful"; a fourth award, for "If You Love Me," followed three years later.

In 1982, Edwin founded the Edwin Hawkins Music and Arts Seminar, an annual week-long convention that offers workshops exploring all facets of the gospel industry and culminating each year with a live performance by the assembled mass choir. The 2002 Love Fellowship Mass Choir included hundreds of representatives from the United States, Europe, and Japan.

Gospel musicians and vocalists from around the world will meet to celebrate this great composer, musician, and vocalist on his 60th birthday. On a personal note, I would like to thank Edwin for his long-standing friendship and encouragement. He is a true believer, and has been steadfast in his honesty and support. I take great pride in joining his friends, colleagues, and family to salute the extraordinary Edwin Hawkins.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF COLONEL CHARLES YOUNG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of Colonel Charles Young's service as superintendent of Sequoia National Park. A ceremony was held in his honor at Sequoia National Park on Saturday, August 23.

Colonel Young graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1884. While serving as a Captain in the Cavalry at the Presidio of San Francisco he received orders to take his troops to Sequoia National Park. In doing so, he became the first black superintendent of the park. His men, known as the "Buffalo Soldiers", were the all-black members of the 9th U.S. Cavalry. They completed the first road into the Giant Forest, constructed trails, and began active protection of the world's largest trees. Colonel Young later went on to have a successful career in a practically all white army. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors.

The ceremony will include a special rededication ceremony of the Booker T. Washington Tree, which Colonel Young named in 1903. People initially wanted to name the tree after Colonel Young to honor his service to the park; he refused and instead named the tree after his friend, Booker T. Washington. Sometime over the ensuing 99 years the sign on the tree disappeared and the tree became lost. Park staff was able to relocate the tree in 2002 utilizing historical photos of the tree and surrounding forest. The rededication ceremony will be used to highlight Colonel Young's accomplishments during Colonel Young's time as superintendent.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the centennial celebration of Colonel Charles Young. I urge my colleagues to join me in posthumously recognizing Colonel Charles Young for his dedication and service to Sequoia National Park.

HONORING JUDY GAITHER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Judy Gaither who is retiring from the Executive Directorship of the Human Investment Project (HIP) for Housing, a non-profit group that provides affordable housing in San Mateo County, after serving with distinction for almost eight years.

Mrs. Gaither joined HIP Housing as a senior citizens housing specialist in 1984, and has served as director for several of the organization's programs before being named Executive Director in 1995.

Mrs. Gaither has earned countless honors and awards. She was selected as an honoree for Women's History Month by KQED, and was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame in 2002. She sits on the board of directors for the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce, the board of the Housing Action Team, and is board Chairperson for the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County.

Mrs. Gaither's passion for helping adults, children and seniors in need has been the driving force behind her extraordinary work. Under her leadership HIP Housing has expanded dramatically, acquiring 177 apartment units for low- and fixed-income residents of San Mateo County during her tenure, including a 92-unit apartment complex for seniors and 11 housing units for people with developmental and physical disabilities. HIP Housing has also grown into an organization with a significant budget, of which an extraordinary 85 percent goes directly to client services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judy Gaither for her extraordinary service to our community and our country, and wish her every blessing in her well-earned retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE'S RECEIPT OF A 2003 CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS NETWORK GRANT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge. Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge received a 2003 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant to construct a pilot demonstration Schoolyard Habitat site at Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center.

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, which includes more than 120 museums, state parks, wildlife refuges and other sites in five States and the District of Columbia, was created to enhance the experience of visitors to the Chesapeake Bay and its many roads, rivers and trails. Authorized by the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998, the Gateways Network is coordinated by the National Park Service in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Program.

During the past four years, Gateways Network Grants have funded new maps, improved signs, and expanded trails that have made visits to parks, wildlife refuges and water trails even more exciting and enjoyable than they had previously been. These grants help enhance the public's ability to learn and enjoy the Chesapeake's stories and significance, explore its natural and cultural resources, and become involved in helping conserve and restore the Bay and its watershed. Through these projects and other Gateways Network efforts more and more people recognize the Chesapeake as a true national treasure.

In 2003, the National Park Service is awarding \$1,387,309 in grant funding, matched by over \$2 million in partner contributions. Thirty-two grants are being made to Gateways throughout the Bay watershed in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge is receiving a grant of \$14,457 and \$14,795 in partner contributions.

The project proposed by the Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge will serve the dual purpose of improving the habitat quality surrounding the National Wildlife Visitor Center and educating the community on BayScaping techniques and Schoolyard Habitats. Volunteers and visitors will help create the project, involving themselves in a direct habitat restoration effort that can stimulate further involvement later. Watershed signs, a walking path, an outdoor classroom, and an indoor kiosk will be used to interpret the habitat site and how it and similar efforts contribute to the Chesapeake Bay's health.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the assistance and vision of organizations such as the Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge that the Chesapeake Bay and the entire region has become the treasure that we know it to be today. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Friends of the Patuxent Research Refuge on receiving this grant and wishing them the best of luck in completing their project.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
RAYMOND A. REDDIN

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual who I am honored to call my friend. Raymond A. Reddin officially took his oath of office as a New Jersey Superior Court Judge in the County of Passaic on Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

The Honorable Raymond Reddin has dedicated the past twenty-four years to tirelessly serving the men and women of Passaic County. It is only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Raymond Reddin first decided upon a career in law after graduating from Montclair State University in 1975. He went on to attend Widener University's Delaware Law School, graduating in 1978, with a Juris Doctor Degree. That same year he passed the New Jersey bar exam, becoming a licensed attorney in his home state.

Ray's career in law is as colorful as it is long. Opening a private practice in the city of Paterson in 1979, Ray immediately began to demonstrate his strong personal commitment to justice. Focusing primarily on criminal matters, personal injury, and civil litigation, Raymond Reddin soon began to take on a number of high profile cases in which he represented police officers, doctors, political figures, professional athletes, and several celebrities.

A native of Paterson, New Jersey, Ray Reddin has continued to give back to the community in which he was raised, serving the people of Passaic County both in and out of the courtroom. He has lectured at the Passaic County Police Academy, is a past member of the Passaic County Judicial Selection Committee, a participant in the Robert Clifford Inns of Court Program, and a past President of the Passaic County Ethics Committee. In each of these positions, he has brought a youthful enthusiasm and years of expertise. I am confident that he will bring these same qualities to his new assignment in the Criminal Division of the New Jersey Superior Court.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing individuals who have devoted themselves to serving the special needs of the people in their community. Judge Reddin's long history of leadership, integrity, and service to the people of Paterson and Passaic County is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Ray's family and friends, and me in recognizing the invaluable service of the Honorable Raymond Reddin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of July 25, 2003, the House