

in the sport when he went to college at Western State College in Gunnison. Glen had great success while at Western State, including an NCAA championship, two Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships, and a Mountain Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Title. After graduating from Western State, Glen joined the military and continued his winning tradition by winning several more awards, including the 1968 Interservice Freestyle Championship and the second place award in the 1969 Interservice Greco Roman Competition. Today, Glen has retired from wrestling but remains active in sports by running a rodeo school that teaches bull riding and bareback riding.

Mr. Speaker, Glen Younger is a talented athlete and a valued member of the Grand Junction community. As he prepares for induction into the Western State College Hall of Fame, I am honored to join with my colleagues in congratulating Glen Younger here today. Thank you for your service to the community, Glen. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LA
MIRADA GIRL'S ALL STARS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on August 3, 2003, the La Mirada Girl All Stars won the Girls 16-Under "Class B" Fast Pitch West Finals by defeating the Bullets from Idaho 7-2 for the title of 2003 Amateur Softball Association National Championships.

The La Mirada Girl All Stars, also the California state champions, in their respective age bracket, started the four-term Western Pool Playoff with a 7-2 win over Blue Thunder from Florissant, Missouri and a 9-2 victory over the Waverly Heat from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Founded in 1933, the Amateur Softball Association is a nationwide, volunteer driven, non-profit organization that has evolved in the largest softball organization in the country. The Amateur Softball Association has grown from a few hundred teams to over 250,000 teams, representing a membership of more than four million athletes. The goal of the Amateur Softball Association's youth program is to help aspiring young softball athletes learn a sport they can enjoy for a lifetime in a positive, safe and supportive environment.

The Amateur Softball Association National Championships begin at the local level with league championships, state championships and eventually culminates with national qualifiers from around the country.

The La Mirada Girl All-Star Team was made up of players from eight teams from La Mirada's 16-under division, who played a three-week season prior to their selection.

The La Mirada Girl All-Star roster included: Andrea Belluz, Amanda Fernandez, Nikki Johansen, Tiffany Johnson, Keena Levert, Jaimee Montanez, Nicole Morales, Sara Randall, Jayme Smith and Meghan Thorpe with coaches Steve Randall and Randy Tyler, and manager Laurie Montanez.

La Mirada fought its way to the National Championship by defeating teams from Over-

land Park, Kansas; Kirksville, Missouri; Coachella, California; Omaha, Nebraska; Augusta, Kansas; and Parma, Idaho. La Mirada outscored its competition 60-11 and went undefeated at 7-0, during the course of the tournament.

La Mirada won the championship tournament with brilliant pitching, an explosive offense and an unmatched defense. The National Champion La Mirada Girl All-Star Team will be celebrated by the players, coaches and family members not only for the games played, but also for their shared memories of their time together.

RECOGNIZING THE HOMENETMEN
ARARAT CHAPTER'S 25TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Glendale/Ararat Chapter of Homenetmen. Homenetmen is an organization that provides Armenian communities around the world with moral, physical, and social education. In the 25 years since its inception, the Glendale Chapter of Homenetmen has grown from a seven member volunteer group to a thriving community organization with over 1800 members. The Ararat Chapter is now the largest in the United States, and conservatively estimates that it has provided services to nearly 10,000 adults, children and seniors since 1978.

For the last quarter century, the Ararat Chapter has been a guiding light for the growth and success of Glendale's Armenian community, and the community as a whole. Ararat's efforts to form lasting bonds with community and government organizations, regardless of race or religious affiliation, have made a lasting positive impact on the community. They provide numerous supervised weekend and after school programs that afford a healthy and safe environment for children and young adults. The Ararat Chapter's volunteers also play a vital role in contributing to drug awareness education throughout the community. The Homenetmen-sponsored 5K/10K run/walk attracts over 1,000 participants annually, and includes pre-and-post race events tailored to drug and alcohol awareness. The Ararat Chapter also works closely with local hospitals, churches, and local governments on a variety of beneficial community events such as graffiti clean-ups, scouting events, holiday luncheons with the Salvation Army, and blood drives with the Red Cross.

Ararat volunteers blanket our community with goodwill and friendly hands. Schools, children, hospitals, and many other groups are buoyed by the charity of this outstanding community organization. They are a tribute to their Armenian heritage, and a jewel of their home city of Glendale. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Homenetmen Ararat Chapter for their 25 years of dedicated service to the Glendale community.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVER-
SITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA
CRUZ'S LONG MARINE LAB ON
CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of California, Santa Cruz's Long Marine Lab on celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary on October 25th, 2003. The Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory is a research and education facility of Institute of Marine Sciences and is known throughout the world for innovative research on marine mammals, marine ecology, and issues relating to ocean health. The Long Marine Lab has grown from a few marine scientists into a research institute with more than 170 scientists and research associates, 130 graduate students, and \$12 million in annual research funds.

With its collaborative interdisciplinary approach to programs and facilities, Long Marine Laboratory enables students from the University of California, Santa Cruz to engage in hands-on research, and to have the opportunity to work with professionals in their field of study. The site is also home to the California Department of Fish and Game Marine Wildlife Center, the National Marine Fisheries Service's Southwest Science Center, and plans are underway to bring coastal and marine scientists from the United States Geological Survey.

The Seymour Marine Discovery Center houses the lab's public education and visitor programs and brings marine research to life for 50,000 schoolchildren and other public visitors every year. Programs such as this are vital to teaching children about conservation and the marine environment, and ensuring that they will continue the struggle to save and preserve our oceans.

The President of the University of California has chosen this day to name one of the original Long Marine Laboratory buildings the William T. Doyle Research Building in honor of Bill Doyle, founding director of the Institute of Marine Sciences, for his great vision, wisdom, and persistence in the establishment and early development of the Long Marine Laboratory.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Bill Doyle's memory and the dedicated work of the many staff and researchers at the University of California, Santa Cruz's Long Marine Laboratory. Through their commitment to marine research they are able to offer new solutions and approaches to conservation and preservation of our oceans. The lab's twenty-fifth anniversary is a tribute to the role it plays in our community, and I wish the Long Marine Laboratory the best successes for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on October 15, 2003, I missed rollcall vote number 543.

Rollcall vote 543 was on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to as amended H.R. 1848, the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003.

As I am a cosponsor of this important legislation and had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 543.

TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS LUDWIG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding civil servant from my district. After almost three decades of service, Phyllis Ludwig of Bayfield, Colorado recently announced her retirement from the Bayfield Post Office. As she prepares to begin a new phase in her life, I am honored to pay tribute to Phyllis and her many accomplishments.

Phyllis has been with the Bayfield Post Office for nearly twenty-eight years. She began as a part time flexible worker, steadily working her way up the ranks. In 1983, Phyllis was appointed Postmaster. To her credit, in the twenty years that she has served as Postmaster, not a single grievance has been filed against her.

While Phyllis may be retiring from her professional life, she plans to remain active in the community. Phyllis will remain President of the Upper Pine River Fire Department Auxiliary and will continue to organize Operation Merry Christmas, a program to assist underprivileged children and families.

Mr. Speaker, Phyllis Ludwig is an active member of her community and dedicated civil servant. She has devoted nearly twenty-eight years to serving her friends and neighbors, and I am honored to join with my colleagues in recognition of her service today. Thank you, Phyllis, for your tireless work. I wish you all the best in retirement.

HONORING JAMES H. "JIMMY" RAINWATER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, if there has been a more dynamic or visionary leader in public service anywhere in the United States in recent years than James H. "Jimmy" Rainwater, who served as Mayor of Valdosta, Georgia for 16 years until his death from a heart attack on Sunday, October 12, I don't know who it would be. In the words of the Valdosta Daily Times, he was "Valdosta's voice, the city's representative, its administrator, ambassador, negotiator, cheerleader and leader."

Mayor Rainwater seemed to be everywhere at once. If there was a groundbreaking or ribbon cutting, he was there as a booster. If there was a new business or grant to secure, he was always in the thick of it. If a disaster struck, he was there to help and comfort those who suffered. As his city experienced an extraordinary acceleration of growth and development, he was there, leading the way.

Valdosta emerged under his leadership as an officially designated metropolitan community. He played a leading role in the successful effort to save Moody Air Force Base, the community's largest employer, when the base was threatened with closure. He promoted tourism, which generates \$175 million annually for the Valdosta area thanks to such developments as the Wild Adventures Theme Park, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center, the new Valdosta Regional Airport, the new industrial park, and many new hotels and restaurants. His support helped Valdosta State College become Valdosta State University. He pushed hard to strengthen the city's infrastructure, and during his tenure the city built a water treatment plant, completed a citywide paving program, and organized a nationally accredited police department.

Mayor Rainwater was born and raised in another growing city within the Second Congressional District, Tifton, which I also have the privilege of representing. Citizens in Tifton remember him as one of the most outstanding students to ever come out of Tifton High, where he quarterbacked the football team, served as homeroom president, and was named to the Who's Who list. He more than fulfilled that early promise. In addition to serving as Mayor of one of Georgia's great cities longer than any other person in history, he was a successful businessman and was prominent in statewide municipal affairs as an active member and next year's President-to-be of the Georgia Municipal Association.

When I learned of Jimmy Rainwater's passing at the age of 62, my first thought was that I had lost a wonderful friend. So did everyone who lives in Valdosta and our area of Georgia. He will be missed.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Chairman, it's not always easy to do what is right. Doing what's right sometimes means going against expectations. In regards to Iraq, the United States is doing the right thing; the reconstruction, granting the money, and building a relationship with a new Iraq is all part of staying committed to winning the war on terror. The price is high, the undertaking is huge, but we cannot afford to fail.

Winning the war means more than capturing terrorists, it means capturing the hearts and minds of Iraqis. During the U.S.-led invasion, Iraqis saw that we didn't target their homes, we targeted an evil regime. After the major combat, Iraqis saw the United States take a stance for stability and security. In the wake of

recent deadly attacks, Iraqis see it is the U.S. rebuilding their schools and hospitals, not terrorists from neighboring countries whose only aim is to rip apart the beginnings of a democracy.

In Iraq, citizens know we invaded their country in pursuit of Saddam Hussein. They know we did not invade for oil or other profit. Upon that premise, we are building a foundation of trust. That foundation will breed civility not hate, understanding not undermining, and prosperity instead of chaos.

What Iraqis didn't expect was a reassuring hand after the smoke cleared. What Iraqis won't respect is an invader who forces them to sign loan papers.

We are getting something for our investment—an historic beginning to Middle East stability. In exchange for rebuilding their infrastructure, we are asking Iraqis to reject thirty years of an evil regime. We are asking that they consider democracy instead of anti-American hate. We are asking Iraqi citizens to hold structure over chaos and not become a breeding ground for terrorist training camps. We are not handing Iraqis money and a simple request. We are asking them to reject everything Saddam Hussein stood for, and build anew.

The sole reason we entered Iraq was to protect national security. We must continue on that course. More than 30 countries are working with the United States to stabilize Iraq and enable the Iraqi people to achieve self-governance. And just this week, the Japanese government committed \$1.5 billion to Iraqi reconstruction.

The cost of reconstructing Iraq is high but we would pay a higher cost if we burden Iraqis with a multibillion-dollar debt. After all, history shows us what a tyrant can do when a country is burdened by war debt. Repeating the mistakes of the past could open the door for another Saddam Hussein, or another Adolph Hitler.

REMEMBERING FAITH FANCHER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of an extraordinary woman, Faith Fancher. Faith passed away in her home in Oakland, CA, on October 19, 2003, at the age of 53 after a long battle with breast cancer.

Faith Fancher was a popular reporter with KTVU Television, Channel 2 and the recipient of numerous awards. Her plight was well-known to thousands of KTVU viewers after she disclosed that she was being treated for the disease. She hoped her story would teach others the benefits of early detection, so she allowed her friend, Elaine Corral Kendall and a camera crew to follow her treatment, which began in the Spring of 1997. "Faith's Story" aired for three nights and won an award at the American Medical Association International Health and Medical Film Competition in 1997.

Faith was born in 1950 in Franklin, TN. She is the wife of Mr. William Drummond, professor of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley campus. They met in 1979, in Washington, DC, while both were working at National Public Radio. They were married on October 20, 1982. Faith leaves behind one