

years. However, the energy bill now provides for only a three-year PTC extension. Such a short-term PTC threatens to continue the start-and-stop cycle that has plagued the renewable energy industry, particularly wind energy developers, for more than a decade as investments dry up when the existing PTC is set to expire and its supporters scurry around madly trying to get another extension.

Wind energy advocates may be tempted to support the pending energy bill arguing that a three-year PTC is far better than no PTC just as the solar investment tax incentives, geothermal reforms, Renewable Fuels Standard, and hydropower relicensing components are important and generally positive provisions that will benefit their respective industries. Similarly, advocates of energy efficiency can point to some gains that may come from the bill if enacted as now written. However, when weighed against the lopsided provisions to advance fossil fuels and nuclear power, it is questionable whether the end result will actually move this country closer to a sustainable energy future.

Moreover, the recent series of closed-door, Republican-dominated, conference meetings in which the House-Senate energy bill is being finalized, and which have largely excluded those Democrats who have championed the bill's efficiency and renewable energy provisions, have provided nuclear and fossil fuel lobbyists an opportunity to further skew the bill the wrong way.

Consequently, even if the Congress approves and the President ultimately signs an energy bill this year, the nation's energy policy work won't be done. The bill that is likely to emerge is one that will evade the problems of energy imports, global warming, and electric grid stability. It is also one that will fail to incorporate an adequate Renewable Portfolio Standard, auto fuel efficiency standards, aggressive appliance and industrial efficiency standards, mandatory net metering and transmission standards, and a sufficient mix of tax incentives and federally-funded R&D programs to move the nation away from its reliance on fossil fuels and nuclear power.

Under the circumstances, while many weary renewable energy and energy efficiency advocates may wince at the prospect, it would likely be far better to have no energy bill than the one that seems to be nearing completion.

A TRIBUTE TO JOANNE KONKLE
ON HER RETIREMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joanne Konkle on her well-deserved retirement following more than 30 years of dedicated service to the health and well-being of the citizens of Calhoun County, Michigan.

For the past 19 years, Joanne has served as the Administrator of the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility. In this capacity, Joanne has been responsible for the management and operation of the facility, which serves the needs of some of the county's most vulnerable senior citizens. Her leadership and sound fiscal stewardship has earned the center numer-

ous quality awards and a reputation of being one of the most outstanding medical care facilities in the State of Michigan.

Joanne's career accomplishments are notable not only because they are numerous, but also because they represent a dedicated focus on service to others. In addition to her work as a Clinical Social Worker at the V.A. Medical Center, Joanne is a member and past president of the Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council, served three-terms as a Calhoun County commissioner, 24 years as a member of the Community Mental Health Board and, for the past 45 years, has served as a board member of the Calhoun County Association for Retarded Citizens.

She has been a staunch supporter and volunteer for organizations such as the Substance Abuse Council, Special Olympics and the Alzheimer's Association, as well as a passionate advocate on issues and legislation affecting the elderly and mentally handicapped.

While so much of her life has been dedicated to others, Joanne has never lost sight of the importance of family. She and her husband Ted have been married for 51 years, and have raised four wonderful children. In addition, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren will undoubtedly play a major role in the Konkle's retirement plan.

I am honored to recognize Joanne Konkle for her commitment to community and her tireless and selfless service to others. I wish her and her family all the best as she embarks on a well deserved retirement.

FIRST LIEUTENANT VICTOR A.
MARTIN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the courageous men and women of the Michigan State Police. Day after day, these brave individuals work together to ensure safe streets for the citizens of Michigan. On November 9, 2003, the Michigan State Police will gather to celebrate the retirement of F/Lt Victor A. Martin for 26 years of dedicated service to the force.

Victor Martin was born September 9, 1954 in Alma, Michigan. He graduated from St. Louis High School in 1972. He obtained his Law Enforcement and Police Administration degree from Ferris State University in 1976. Upon completion of college, Victor was accepted into the Michigan State Police Training Academy. In 1977 he was assigned out of the 91st recruit school to Niles Post as a Trooper. For 11½ years Victor was attached to the MSP K-9 unit as a First Dog Handler. He was charged with the duty of handling coverage for Governor conferences, Presidential and dignitary visits. In 1990 he was promoted to Sergeant at the Sandusky Post where he remained until 1993 when he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the Flint Post as Assistant Post Commander. In 1998 he became the Lapeer Post F/Lt 15 (Post Commander) and then in 2001 was assigned to the Bay City and East Tawas Post where he is currently serving as F/Lt 1511 (Post Commander).

During his career, F/Lt Martin received numerous accolades for his heroism. In 1979 he

received the Lifesaving award. He maintained the status of "Trooper of the Year" Manistee Post from 1984-1986 and again for the Lansing Post from 1988-1989. He received the 1994 Professional Excellence award for coordinating a multi-agency response to an incident involving the U.S. Presidential Motorcade.

F/Lt Martin is also a faithful family man. His wife of 26 years is Christy. They have two wonderful sons, Chad and Kyle.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in honoring First Lieutenant Victor A. Martin and wishing him the very best in his retirement.

AND NOW, THE REST OF THE
STORY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, the editorial entitled "Support for America's Iraq effort is evident" from the October 10, 2003, Norfolk Daily News highlights a recent Gallup Poll in which nearly two-thirds of Baghdad residents who were polled still support the removal of Saddam Hussein despite the personal hardships the war has created for them.

Furthermore, the editorial notes that the United States and Great Britain are by no means alone in implementing peacekeeping missions in Iraq and then correctly commends the efforts of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Kazakhstan—countries which, like Iraq, were only fairly recently released from the bonds of tyranny.

Mr. Speaker, this Member encourages his colleagues to read this editorial for these stories are receiving far too little attention elsewhere in the American, and indeed, the world media.

[From the Norfolk Daily News, Oct. 10, 2003]

OUR VIEW

Contrary to indications left by brief news reports, the effort to bring order and self-determination to Iraq has been joined by a variety of nations. They have committed forces, and are united in the fight against tyranny. And a majority of Baghdad's residents regard Saddam's removal as worth their hardships.

SUPPORT FOR AMERICA'S IRAQI EFFORT IS
EVIDENT

Two false impressions left by daily reports from Iraq are that the effort to depose Saddam Hussein had little support from the people of that nation and that America is going it alone, though with some help from its major ally, Great Britain.

Contrary information gets too little attention, for random acts of violence and controversy about the United Nations role—or lack of it—grab the headlines.

America's openness to political debate and its free press help to feed such impressions. Reading more than the headlines or listening to more than sound bites provides a more balanced view.

Of special importance was the recent Gallup Poll taken five months after occupation of Baghdad: Two-thirds of the residents of that city, home of many Saddam loyalists and hard hit despite unusually precise military targeting, indicated to the pollsters that the dictator's removal was worth the hardships forced on them.

Considering the looting that occurred before occupation forces could be effectively assembled and the inconvenience resulting from the water and power disruption, that is a remarkable result. It might even indicate that more Iraqis than Germans and French understand the evil represented by Saddam and his Baath Party.

As for the contribution to this peace-keeping effort in Iraq, the fine print in recent reports shows that while America's 140,000 force is dominant, other countries are responding in important ways. Britain has 7,400 on the scene; Italy, 3,000; Poland, 2,400; Ukraine, 1,640; The Netherlands, 1,106. Countries in between Romania's 600 troops and Latvia's 106 include Bulgaria, Denmark, Thailand, El Salvador, Honduras, Czech Republic, Hungary, Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Mongolia, Norway, Portugal and Nicaragua. Those with less than 100 include Lithuania, Slovakia, Albania, New Zealand and Kazakhstan.

So this vital campaign against tyranny finds many and diverse nations united in a vital cause, even if the United Nations has turned passive, and not as helpful as it should be if terrorists and tyrants are to be defeated.

TRIBUTE TO COLORADO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Colorado's Regional Transportation District (RTD) for being named the best transit agency in the United States and Canada by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

The APTA represents 1,500 public transportation agencies nationwide. This award is given for large systems that provide more than 30 million passenger trips per year, and is based on the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the member agencies. The award measures performance over a 3-year period, and recognizes outstanding service and operations from 2000 to 2002.

Denver has been named the most congested city of its size in America and the third most congested city nationally. So, RTD's task is a big one. But it has performed admirably—keeping its operating costs competitive, increasing its ridership and delivering outstanding service to its customers. The District provided more than 81 million passenger miles last year within the seven county metropolitan Denver area, operating over 1,100 buses over 179 routes and 49 light rail vehicles. At the same time, through an aggressive accident prevention program, RTD has reduced accidents over the 3-year period by 54 percent. To date in 2003, accidents have been reduced an additional 32 percent below last year's levels, reaching another all-time record low. And, with an attentive response to Colorado's ever-growing population, RTD has continued to add rail and bus transit services and been able to reduce traffic congestion by 13 percent by providing mass transit options throughout the metropolitan area. Congestion costs have been reduced by \$220 million annually, reducing air pollution, fuel consumption, and drive times.

With its sites on the future needs of the metropolitan region, new light rail systems are

being planned and developed. A recent public-private partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the City and County of Denver and local landowners, a development effort will renovate historic Union Station and the surrounding 19 acres to create an intermodal facility that will develop and expand transportation systems and commercial opportunities in central Denver.

RTD has been recognized for its quality, its sophisticated operations and its many safety improvements. Employees at the District benefit from General Manager, Cal Marsala's hands-on management style, and RTD has been recognized for its advancement of minority and female employees, and sensitivity to low-income and disabled customers through eco-passes and specially equipped buses. RTD's internal management has focused on strong marketing and community relations, policy development, financial management, and improved departmental and safety operations. With a concerted effort to provide innovative approaches to challenging transportation needs, Marsala has guided his 2,400 employees and 725 private service provider employees to achieving this outstanding award.

I think Mary Blue, the RTD Chairman of the Board, put it well when she commended the staff by saying "Winning APTA's highest award shows that our prudent policies and sensible fiscal approach have paid off. This is a win not only for our employees and board members, but also for our passengers and taxpayers."

The Denver metropolitan area and Colorado are fortunate to have the Regional Transportation District provided outstanding service to its residents. We applaud their performance and celebrate the well-deserved recognition they have received from the American Public Transportation Association.

IN HONOR OF LU CORBETT DALY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my final respects to Lu Corbett Daly, who passed away on Friday. It is my privilege to work on a daily basis with Lu's wonderful son, Brendan, and it is with sadness and respect that I share with my colleagues the following words from her obituary in the Washington Post:

Lu Corbett Daly, 78, an award-winning advertising copywriter who had worked for The Washington Post and the National Geographic Society, died Oct. 24 at the Auxiliary House, a long-term care group home in Bethesda, where she had lived since May 2001. She had Alzheimer's disease.

The Direct Marketing Association of Washington named Mrs. Daly its "Professional of the Year" in 1991 for her contributions to the 1,500-member organization. She also was a member of the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Daly graduated in 1947 from Marywood College in her native Scranton, Pa. She was president of her class for three years. She studied acting at Marywood and took summer courses at Catholic University's drama school.

After graduation, she moved with her family to the Chevy Chase section of Washington and began work in public relations for Capital Transit Co. before joining The Post as an advertising copywriter.

She starred in several amateur theater productions, through which she met her husband. Early in her marriage, while her husband was a Navy officer, Mrs. Daly moved 11 times in three years, with the family settling in the Hillmead section of Bethesda and later in Chevy Chase. Mrs. Daly was a member of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic parish, serving on its advisory council and helping establish the Second and Fourth Monday Group, which provides social activities for seniors.

In 1976, she became a vice president of Daly Communications, a family-owned consulting business. She was twice elected to the board of directors of the Washington direct marketing group, serving two years as program chair.

She was hired by the National Geographic Society in 1982. For the next dozen years, she helped produce numerous direct marketing packages, which were sent worldwide to millions of society members and prospective members. Her work to promote the 1985 book "Discovering Britain & Ireland" helped sell more than 300,000 copies—a society record. For that effort, Mrs. Daly won an ECHO Award from the national Direct Marketing Association. She retired in 1995.

Mrs. Daly was co-editor of "The Daly Greeting," dubbed "The Only Daly Paper Published Annually," which recounts the doings of her large family. Her father-in-law, John Jay Daly Sr., a former Post staff writer, began the paper in 1916.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, John Jay Daly of Chevy Chase; her eight children, LuAnne Daly of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Deirdre Daly of Lyons, Colo.; Sean Daly of Barrington, R.I.; Maura Daly of Germantown; Kate Daly Paradis of Boulder, Colo.; Matthew Daly and Brendan Daly, both of Silver Spring, and Corbett Daly of Washington; four sisters, Gladys Quinn of Scranton, Rita Jeffers and Dorothea McIntyre, both of Bethesda, and Joyce West of Marion, Mass.; a brother, William Corbett of Reston; and 11 grandchildren.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH COUNTRY CLOGGERS

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of young dancers from Northern Colorado—the High Country Cloggers.

Recently, these dancers preformed in the Junior Olympic Games in Detroit, Michigan, and won top medals. Dancers from ages 11 to 22 took home silver medals in the a cappella category, bronze in the traditional line-dance competition, and gold medals for best in age group.

Clogging is an old style of dancing, with its roots from the Appalachian region. These award winning young ladies and men are part of its recent revival. Encompassing traditional bluegrass music and dance style, these astonishing dancers are turning clogging into a style filled with country, pop, and even hip-hop.

Among the dancers performing at the Junior Olympics, I would like to honor: Jenna Jordan, Elizabeth Lopez, Dessy Benesh, Jacey