

more than five hundred chapters nationwide. In the majority of these position, she was afforded the opportunity to hire additional African Americans. In addition, to her management and human resources skills, Lilly worked as a housing consultant to First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, Church of St. Mark Episcopal, Bridge Street A.W.M.E. Church, Berean Missionary Baptist Church, Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement and Northeast Brooklyn HDHC/Wayside Baptist Church to develop 524 units of senior housing. However, Lilly felt she could do more.

Lilly ventured out on her own and opened LWC & Associates, a housing development consulting firm, which evolved into the current LWC Management Corp., now a real estate management and development corporation. Through this multi-faceted company working primarily with churches and community-based organizations, over \$56 million worth of housing has been developed for senior citizens, low and moderate income persons and families, and the formerly homeless. She is most gratified when housing is developed for senior citizens and the homeless. In her effort to promote housing development, she also owns Brisa Builders Corporation, a general contracting/construction manager firm. Her firm is currently involved with 230 units of senior housing under construction in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Lilly, as a person of deep convictions, is grounded in her faith and family. She believes in the spirit of "community" and "having a quality education" for our youth. She is a lifetime member of the NAACP, committed exclusively to their educational programs. Lilly also shares her wealth of knowledge and information regularly as she develops, directs and facilitates workshops, seminars and other training for non-profit organizations, boards of directors and volunteers. Lilly has also served as a guest lecturer at the Harvard Divinity School, lecturing on "The Urban Church and Community Development."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lilly Cox-Kellar for her leadership specifically with community based development and the many other contributions to her community. Her endeavors and accomplishments deserve our praise and appreciation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote Nos. 65, 66, and 67 due to my attendance at the funeral for former Rochester Mayor Thomas P. Ryan, Jr. and traffic jams caused by the standoff with Mr. Watson on the Mall in Washington, DC. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Nos. 65, 66, and 67. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the permanent RECORD immediately following this vote.

H. Con. Res. 26, rollcall No. 65, "aye."

H.R. 888, rollcall No. 66, "aye."

H. Res. 109, rollcall No. 67, "aye."

IN HONOR OF LISA TEALER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Californian, Lisa Tealer, as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Lisa Tealer is a dedicated advocate for health and diversity issues. She is a Certified Aerobic Instructor for Large Women and founded A-Body-Positive Fitness Facility for women of all sizes and fitness levels. She has hosted special classes and seminars on various topics of benefit to women and has given numerous presentations and demonstrations on issues ranging from expanding diversity in fitness to bridging the multi-ethnic healthcare gap.

Lisa Tealer has displayed extraordinary leadership skills in business as well. She manages the Pharmacological Sciences Division in the Department of Assay Services at Genentech, has ten years experience managing a technical service operation at Genentech, and four years experience as a health club owner in San Mateo. She was the first Chairperson of Genentech's African Americans in Biotechnology Employees Association. She designed the Diversity Action Plan which was presented to the CEO and Executive Committee of Genentech and she has initiated many diversity efforts in the areas of recruitment and development.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lisa Tealer as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO CARL GOSS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Carl Goss of Pueblo, Colorado on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday. A true Colorado native, Carl was born on April 1, 1913. As Carl celebrates this impressive milestone in his life, I would like to honor him and his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Carl's grandparents came to Colorado from the east, settling on a ranch in Pueblo. After ninety years raising cattle, you could say that ranching runs deep in his blood. He worked on farms in New Mexico before returning to Pueblo to run the Hatchett Ranch for thirty years. Carl has always been proud of his Hereford cattle, even winning adulation at the Stock Show for his "Pen of Ten" calves. He has been an active member of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, the Pueblo County Stockmen's Association, Central Christian Church, and the Pueblo Historical Society.

Even more than his accomplishments, I know Carl is proud of his family. He has two daughters, Susan and Norma; four grandchildren, Carl, Matt, Megan and Rachel; and a great grandson, Alex. His family values his honesty, compassion, and generosity. They are truly blessed to have Carl in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to stand today before this body of Congress and this nation to wish Carl Goss a very happy ninetieth birthday. Carl's lifetime of experiences is an invaluable resource for his family, friends, and all of us in Colorado. Happy Birthday, Carl. I wish you all the best!

CONDEMNING THE PUNISHMENT OF EXECUTION BY STONING AS A GROSS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my full support for H. Con. Res. 26—Condemning the Punishment of Execution by Stoning as a Gross Violation of Human Rights.

Civilized countries and organizations the world over have universally condemned this form of punishment. The European Union, the Australian government, the president of Mexico, the Spanish parliament, and the New Zealand government, have all condemned stoning and asked for clemency for those persons sentenced to this cruel form of punishment. Amnesty International has reported that execution by stoning is designed to increase the victim's suffering.

Mr. Speaker, as if all the above are not reason enough to support this measure, there is another aspect of this stoning as a form of punishment that makes it particularly troubling. Reports indicate that where this form of punishment is used, it is generally applied disproportionately to women, women who have been accused of adultery. These victims, these women, are guiltier of being women than guilty of having committed a crime. Mr. Speaker, some of these women are forced into prostitution, and others have even been raped.

In other instances stoning has been used as a means of suppressing religious freedom and stifling political debate.

In our own country, I am proud of the work that we have done to protect women against violence. The previous administration created the White House Office for Women Initiatives and Outreach to serve as a liaison between the White House and women's organizations, with a presidentially appointed director. This establishment of this office recognized the special needs to communicate better with women to address their issues. In 2000, the Violence Protection Act reauthorized programs designed to, among other purposes, stop sexual assault on campuses, offer transitional housing for victims of domestic abuse, and assist victims of violence.

Mr. Speaker, I urged passage of this bill, as America must continue to serve as a beacon of hope in the world to those who seek freedom and to escape from political prosecution. This is a responsibility that we in this chamber must hold dear and must never forget or forsake.

HONORING RETIRING ACADIA
PARISH SHERIFF KENNETH GOSS

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, the long and successful career of a good friend is drawing to a close. On June 30, 2004, after 20 years in his current office and over 40 years in law enforcement, Acadia Parish Sheriff Ken Goss will retire.

Sheriff Goss' distinguished career in law enforcement is known and respected across Louisiana. He has been a leader, innovator and enforcer his entire career, consistently keeping his department on the cutting edge of law enforcement while maintaining the respect of his peers and those in the community he serves.

He has received numerous awards and accolades from both his colleagues and his constituents, affirming his dedication to his community and his intense desire to constantly improve the safety of our neighbors. His long career has also incorporated service in the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, including a term as president of the organization. Moreover, Sheriff Goss serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Sheriffs' Association.

He is dedicated to the young people in our community. Throughout his tenure, Sheriff Goss has implemented or expanded programs such as DARE, Mentoring Programs, the School Resource Officer Program, ACAMP—a summer camp for 8–10 year olds, and Basic Training—a summer program for 7th and 8th graders.

He has grown the Acadia Parish Sheriffs Office to 130 deputies and the Detective Division to 8 deputies in the Criminal Investigation Division. True to his desire to constantly improve as the resources allow, numerous programs within Sheriff Goss' department from narcotics to emergency response and communications have been enhanced to meet the needs of our community.

Sheriff Goss is an example to local law enforcement across the country. After 40 years in law enforcement in Acadiana, his record of accomplishment is unparalleled. I wish Sheriff Goss well in his retirement, and I speak for our community when I offer him my humble thanks for his lifetime of dedication to our safety.

IN HONOR OF SUSAN FERREN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Californian, Susan Ferren, as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Susan Ferren is a manager in San Mateo County's Human Services Agency and for the past 12 years has dedicated herself to improving health in San Mateo County. In addition to her job at the Human Services Agency, Susan Ferren is a Marriage and Family Therapist Intern and is working toward obtaining her li-

cense. She also works as a Crisis Therapist at Mills/Peninsula Hospital.

Susan Ferren has initiated and managed many innovative programs to address family violence and children's welfare. She is cochair of the Family Self-Sufficiency Policy Team which helps families achieve stability and independence, and a site coordinator for the Fatherhood Project. She serves on the board of directors of Sor Juana Ines and has given many hours of volunteer time to several community service agencies.

Susan Ferren is a mentor to interns at the Human Services Agency and gives generously of her time and talents to nurture them. A single parent, she is justifiably proud of her extraordinary son and daughter. She's been a Cub Scout Leader, a Sunday School Teacher, a Room Parent, a PTA Vice President and a Team Mother for several sports teams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Susan Ferren as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO DOUG WINTER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor veteran Doug Winter of Paonia, Colorado. It is my privilege to recognize Doug as he prepares to assume the role of State Commander of the Colorado American Legion. Doug believes deeply in our great nation and has demonstrated his dedication and commitment to his country through his service, endurance, and sacrifice in the United States Marine Corps as a battery gunner sergeant. Now, as he prepares to take on his new role as State Commander, I would like to honor Doug's service before this body of Congress and this nation.

Since his service in Vietnam, Doug has demonstrated a deep commitment to his fellow veterans. Thirteen years ago, Doug joined Paonia Post 97 of the American Legion. Since then, he has served as adjutant commander, commander and first vice commander of Post 97, and as District 11 junior and senior vice commander. Doug understands that the completion of military service does not mean the end of a serviceman's responsibility to his fellow veterans. He reaffirms his commitment to his country and his fellow veterans daily, through his work with the Colorado American Legion.

Mr. Speaker, in this time of international uncertainty, our veterans provide a firm foundation for our nation. It is an honor to rise today and recognize Doug Winter before this body of Congress and this nation for his service to this country and dedication to his fellow veterans. For the first time in 25 years, the Colorado American Legion will have a leader from the Western Slope, and it is my distinct honor to represent such a fine American as Doug Winter in this Congress.

SECURE AND FAST ENTRY AT THE
BORDER ACT OF 2003 (SAFE BOR-
DER)

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an opportunity to strengthen national security, promote bi-national commerce, and provide assistance to our dedicated agents at the border.

My district touches the U.S.-Mexico border. Because of this proximity, ports of entry play a vital role in our area's economic and social life. Thousands of San Diego and Tijuana residents cross the border every day as commuters, shoppers, or visitors, illustrating the growing global connection between our neighboring countries. Unfortunately, our border infrastructure has not kept pace with the booming traffic volume, and travelers frequently encounter delays and congestion at the border.

The tragic events of September 11 further intensified these challenges along the border. Increased security measures severely over-extended inspection resources and waits lasting up to several hours became commonplace. Ports of entry in other states that had not previously encountered significant delays realized that they were not well equipped to handle future volume growth. This climate raised the need for innovative methods that meld security measures with more efficient practices. For some of my constituents, the answer came in the form of a dedicated commuter lane program called SENTRI.

SENTRI, which stands for Secure Electronic Network for Travelers' Rapid Inspection, accepts only low-risk travelers who pass both an extensive background check to verify their eligibility and a thorough inspection of their vehicle. After passing through these steps, travelers receive the privilege of using an exclusive lane to cross the border into the United States.

Since its introduction, SENTRI has quickly demonstrated its ability to reduce wait times without compromising border security. Border waits often lasted an hour or more before SENTRI, but now average only 5 to 15 minutes for enrollees. Travelers in other lanes also benefit because the prescreened SENTRI crossers move swiftly through the border, reducing the number of motorists using general commuter lanes. Expediting inspections through SENTRI is actually helping to improve border security, as Customs and Border Patrol agents can focus more attention on non-screened drivers and passengers. Additionally, those travelers in SENTRI lanes have a 50 percent greater probability of being referred to secondary inspection than those in regular lanes due to built in random selection. As a result of embedded security measures, statistics show an extremely low rate of fraud among renewal participants. Simply put, SENTRI lanes are more efficient and better inspected than regular commuter lanes.

Unfortunately, SENTRI has become a victim of its own success. SENTRI needs a greater investment of resources to keep up with the current and future demand. Enrollment increased by more than 100 percent after September 11 and, currently, prospective applicants must wait approximately 8 months. I believe that if we want innovative programs like