

handled criminal trial work. Before being appointed to the New York Supreme Court she served as the Deputy Criminal Justice Coordinator and Head of the Arson Strike Force at the Office of the New York City Criminal Justice Coordinator.

Since 1986 Ms. Snyder has held her position as a New York Supreme Court Judge, and in 2000 she was appointed to the Court of Claims. Judge Snyder presides mostly over the highest level, "A-1" multiple defendant narcotics felonies; drug gang/homicide cases; organized crime cases and "white-collar" criminal cases. She has presided over the trials of many of New York's most violent drug gangs and successfully defied death threats from major drug lords.

Judge Snyder is the author of "25 to Life" and is a continuing lecturer to Bar associations and law enforcement groups concerning narcotics, sex crimes, homicides, criminal trials and women and the law. Judge Snyder also speaks to many school groups and has adopted two classes at a local public school. She makes numerous monthly visits to schools to observe court proceedings and conduct mock trials.

Additionally, Judge Snyder has appeared on a range of television programs including: "60 Minutes," "The Today Show," and others. She has been featured on news, cable and Court TV programs regarding crime, drugs and drug gangs, rape, women and the law and law enforcement.

Finally, Judge Snyder is the recipient of many awards including: The Radcliffe College Distinguished Alumnae Award, The Justice and Compassion Award, The Association of Legal and Medical Experts' Outstanding Contribution Award and the Retired Detectives of New York Award among numerous others.

Judge Snyder is truly an outstanding woman and an integral part of both her community and the United States' legal system. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Judge Snyder for her countless achievements to date and her continuing devotion to this important line of work.

TRIBUTE TO BRECKENRIDGE FIRE
CHIEF JOHN MOLES

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the distinguished service of John Moles, Chief of the Red, White and Blue fire department in Breckenridge, CO. Chief Moles is retiring this month after 27 years of service to his community.

Chief Moles and his colleagues in fire departments throughout the country put their lives on the line daily to ensure our health and safety. Their service is especially critical in these times of war and threats to our homeland.

Chief Moles recognized the importance of this service and helped to make the Breckenridge fire department the proud community asset that it is today. We too often fail to acknowledge the hard, selfless work of people like Chief Moles. So, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking John Moles for his service and many contributions to his col-

leagues, community, state and nation and in wishing him and his family all the best for the future.

For the information of our colleague, I am attaching a copy of a recent story about Chief Moles and his work for Breckenridge that appeared in the Summit Daily newspaper.

From the Summit Daily, March 23, 2003

BRECK FIRE CHIEF RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS
(By Jane Stebbins)

BRECKENRIDGE.—After 27 years in the fire service, Red, White and Blue Fire Chief John Moles announced his retirement Thursday afternoon. Assistant chief Gary Green will serve as the interim chief until the fire district board selects a successor.

Moles spent Friday packing up boxes of photos, awards and other memorabilia he's collected in his years at the Breckenridge fire station.

"I've been cleaning out my desk and finding pictures from 15 years ago, ID cards from when I started with the Breckenridge Volunteers," Moles said. "I wondered where that went."

Moles doesn't plan to do anything for a couple of weeks, then he'll take a vacation with his wife, Carol, daughters, Kelly and Jennifer, and son, Tommy. Then he'll look for a second career.

"I really don't know what, though," he said. "After doing this for 27 years, I want to do something different."

Moles joined the department as a volunteer in May 1975—when the department was still known as the Breckenridge Volunteer Fire Department—and was promoted to maintenance officer a year later.

Moles worked his way up the ranks, first as a training division captain for five years, then as the assistant chief of operations. In July 1993, he was promoted to chief.

During his tenure, Moles saw two station remodels and the construction of a new station near Tiger Road and Highway 9. Several old, outdated vehicles and equipment were replaced.

He worked on some of Breckenridge's biggest fires—at the Cedars condominiums in Breckenridge and at Jack Pine in Dillon—and numerous car accidents. Emergency response, however, took a different tack on Sept. 11, 2001.

"All of a sudden, we entered a new age," Moles said. "It was a new age of anthrax and serious terrorism, biological and nuclear threats."

Over the years, the fire department has matured from volunteers responding from their homes to a 24-hour staff of career, volunteer and resident firefighters. When he started, the Breckenridge Volunteers comprised 14 volunteers. Today, Red, White and Blue comprises 15 volunteers, 30 residents and career firefighters and five administrative staff members.

Over the years, Moles helped the 911 dispatch center and spearheaded the program to get automatic external defibrillators (AED) for cardiac emergencies. He also was the first firefighter in the county to use an AED and save someone's life.

"We had just gotten certified by a hospital in Denver, and the paperwork was just coming in on a fax," he said. "But the only thing that came in was a cover sheet—no names, no acknowledgement of certifications. And then we got a cardiac arrest at the Breck Inn (now the Breckenridge Mountain Lodge), and the defibrillator was sitting in my office. I had to decide whether to use it without truly being certified. I was a little nervous, but I opted to use it."

That call was among his favorites, he said. "It's the thrill of a victory," he said. "You have this training, and you get instant results."

Under his leadership, fire crews have expanded safety inspections, firefighter and medic training and public education.

Despite all his accomplishments, Moles said he is happiest to have watched his firefighters grow into a group of dedicated professionals with expertise and training that rivals bigger city departments.

"They're very progressive, a very young bunch of enthusiastic firefighters who want to do the best for the citizens, and they'll continue to get better every year," he said. "I'm proud of the whole system. I was proud of the firefighters when I started and where they went year after year. I feel that even back in '70s and '80s we were the best, and we kept getting better. We never settled to be 'good enough.'"

HONORING THE LIFE OF ORANGE
COUNTY ASTRONOMER WILLIAM
KUHN

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Orange County astronomer William Kuhn.

Mr. Kuhn's fascination with astronomy began in his youth. At 18 he built his first telescope, and he continued to design and build telescopes his whole life.

In 1963, Mr. Kuhn moved to Orange County, where he taught astronomy to hundreds of people in his backyard. He helped to make the Orange County Astronomers one of the best amateur astronomy groups in the nation.

His greatest accomplishments included the discovery of eight supernovae and more than twenty asteroids, all discovered with his own 22-inch telescope.

Mr. Kuhn's contributions and dedication to astronomy will live on through future generations of astronomers. And his passion for exploring the mysteries of our universe will never be forgotten by the amateur astronomers in Orange County.

CONGRESSWOMAN LEE'S ARTICLE
ON PEACE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I commend to my colleagues' attention the following article on Representative Barbara Lee that appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle Magazine on Sunday, March 23, 2003. Congresswoman Lee has been an eloquent advocate for peace and justice. Her tireless efforts to seek a diplomatic solution to the conflict with Iraq are vital to upholding our nation's moral leadership in the world. She is a credit to this institution and the values of democracy, freedom and human rights throughout the world. I'm honored to serve in Congress with her.

[From the San Francisco Chronicle Magazine, Mar. 23, 2003]

GIVING PEACE A CHANCE; LOCAL REP.
BARBARA LEE ON HER NATIONAL FOLLOWING

(By Sam Whiting)

It isn't lonely as it used to be way out there on the far left.

A year and a half after casting the lone vote opposing President Bush's global campaign against terrorism, Congresswoman Barbara Lee has become the name attached to the anti-war movement.

When Lee came to the stage at last month's peace rally in San Francisco, she heard the chant "Barbara Lee for president." She has heard it before, and seen it on signs, from Oregon to Massachusetts.

That's a long ways from Mills College, where she graduated 30 years ago. Now a fourth-term Democrat representing Oakland and Berkeley, Lee, 55, gets all the inspiration she needs walking into her district office in the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building in Oakland.

ON THE BARBARA LEE FOR PRESIDENT MOVEMENT

It's a humbling moment when you hear that. I recognize I have represented this area for five years in Congress, and I was in the state Senate and Assembly since 1990. But when you hear the shouts "Barbara Lee for president," you have to say, "Where's that coming from?" It's not coming from me. It's not coming from my staff. That's for sure.

ON THE "I TOLD YOU SO" TEMPTATION

On Sept. 14, 2001, right after the horrific attack, when I voted no, I knew then that it was wrong for us to give the administration a blank check. That was giving the president too much power to use force without coming back to Congress at all. I believe, and the Constitution requires, that the Congress declare war, that we engage in debate with regard to war and peace. So I would cast the same vote today. No second thoughts.

ON NO LONGER BEING THE ONE LONELY ANTI-WAR VOTE

I offered the Lee Amendment as an alternative with regard to disarmament and finding diplomatic solutions to our problems with inspections. We received 72 votes [Oct. 10, 2002]. When you look at the last vote on the use of force, we had 133 no votes on that resolution.

ON NORTH KOREAN MISSILES POINTED AT THE BAY AREA

During the debate on Iraq, some members of the Progressive Caucus really made the case for the missile scenario in North Korea and said, "That's where we need to begin talking about containment." I don't think the general public knew, because it's been "Iraq, Iraq, Iraq" from the administration.

ON THE SOLUTION

We need to re-engage. During the Clinton administration, there was engagement going on. For the first 18 or 19 months of the Bush administration, there was no engagement at all. Next what do we hear? The president goes to Congress and cites the "Axis of Evil." We must re-engage with North Korea, and we must do that immediately. It's a very dangerous situation—certainly more dangerous than Iraq.

ON THE PEACE MOVEMENT

This doctrine of pre-emption and first strike—Iraq is first on their list, and this is a policy that this administration is dead-set on implementing. We see Iraq now, Iran, North Korea. Who knows what country is next? I just hope it doesn't take hold, and that's why I'm so happy and delighted to see the peace marches throughout the world.

ON NAKED SPELLOUTS

I've seen the pictures. People are finding creative ways to protest. These women chose to express their views in this way. That's a manifestation of their determination to make their statement.

ON BECOMING AN ACTIVIST AT AN EARLY AGE

I was born on July 16, 1946, in El Paso, Texas. When my mother went to have me,

they wouldn't admit her to the hospital because she was black, and she almost died. I heard my mother tell me this and I was really upset. They left her to die on a gurney.

ON GROWING UP A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

I was raised in Texas and the schools were segregated. I wasn't allowed to go to public school. I went to Catholic schools. They were the only ones that would let black folks in. I can remember my dad in his uniform—he was an officer in the military—and we'd go to restaurants and they'd say, "I'm sorry we can't serve," and they used the N word. So I was always fighting for what was right.

ON AN ARMY BRAT BECOMING A PEACE ACTIVIST

My father is a retired lieutenant colonel. When I cast the one vote against the war, he said, "That was the right vote." He was in the Korean War and he's very clear on issues of war and peace. My mother too. They're my source of strength.

ON MENTORS

Ron Dellums is a phone call away. We work on issues together. He's probably made more of an impact on me than anybody, in terms of policy. He worked very hard to get this federal building here, and every time I walk in, I think of Ron.

RECOGNITION OF THE VISTA NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today the Vista National Little League celebrates its 50th season of serving the boys and girls of the Vista area. There will be a Golden Glove Gala to celebrate this special occasion. The efforts of the many volunteers that have contributed countless hours to the success of the league deserve special recognition.

During the past fifty years, approximately 20,000 children have played baseball with the Vista National Little League. Little League baseball gives children the opportunity to learn about discipline, teamwork, respect, dedication, responsibility, competition, character, and sportsmanship. Little League baseball provides positive influences for children and promotes lifelong friendships.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Vista National Little League's 50th anniversary, I would like to personally recognize the work of those who have served as coaches, team parents, board members, snack bar workers, and field maintenance managers.

HONORING LEO MARCH

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend, Leo March, who passed away last October. Leo was a successful entrepreneur, a devoted family man and a solid public servant.

Born in September of 1932, Leo suffered many hardships through his youth, including being stricken with polio and having to leave school after the tenth grade in order to support his family. Despite these setbacks, Leo was determined to succeed.

In 1982, Leo began his own company, Integrated Sign Associates, in La Mesa, CA. Starting in a small office, his business grew to include up to 40 employees, a satellite office in Van Nuys, CA, and a complete fabrication and installation facility of 18,000 square feet located in El Cajon, CA.

Leo was very active in his community and loved San Diego. He was involved in local politics working several campaigns. Leo served on the Mayor's Sign Force Committee for the City of San Diego, was an expert witness for sign design and planning for the California Supreme Court and served as President of the California Electric Sign Association. He was a member of an advisory board to the California State Senate Select Committee on Small Business Enterprises for ten years as well as a Panel Moderator for the White House Conference on Small Business and the director of the Boys and Girls Mental Health Centers. For over a decade, Leo was the Vice Chairman of the Small Business Advisory Board in San Diego and he sat on the Selective Service System Board Member as a Presidential Appointment for seven years.

Leo's efforts did not go unnoticed. Leo received a Commendation Service to Community Award from San Diego Congressman Bill Lowery. He also gained a California State Assembly Resolution touting his Community Service in 1991 and in the year 2000, he received the same award from the California State Senate. Due to his community service, the City of San Diego proclaimed December 6, 1999, as Leo March Day and the County of San Diego made May 16, 2000, Leo March Day for the entire county.

Leo's family was an important part of his life as well. He married his wife, Donna Jean, on November 27, 1953, and they had two children, Ronald James and Linda Ann. He enjoyed spending time with his four grandchildren, Lisa, Lori, Chanda, and Ryan, as well as his great granddaughter Nicole. Leo enjoyed flying and owned an airplane, a Piper Dakota. He was a member of the Gillespie Pilots Association and was appointed to the Gillespie Field Development Council in January 2001. Leo also enjoyed playing golf and other recreational activities, but cherished taking part in activities involving his family most of all.

Throughout his life, Leo March faced challenges with a positive attitude and a determined spirit. Leo accomplished many of the goals he set for himself and leaves behind a group of loved ones that admired his dedication to community, business and family. I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Leo March.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND CANON DR. ALONZO CLEMONS PRUITT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Canon Dr. Alonzo Clemons Pruitt in recognition of his steadfast commitment to his community.

Reverend Pruitt served as the Sixth Rector of St. Philip's Church from September 12, 1993 to March 30, 2003. During his ministry,