

New Mexico. At Fort Union National Monument, visitors can learn about life at this frontier outpost during the early days of the American settlement of the West. As a key stopover point for travelers along the Old Santa Fe Trail, Fort Union was witness to countless expeditions, Indian raids, and commercial gatherings during its short but storied existence. Today, the venerable post is a shadow of its former grandeur, but even in ruins, it stands as an impressive memorial to the countless soldiers of the frontier army who passed through.

On June 28, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law legislation authorizing the U.S. Department of Interior to acquire the site and remaining structures of Fort Union for national monument purposes. With strong backing from the New Mexico State Legislature and Governor Edwin Mechem, U.S. Representative John Dempsey and U.S. Senator Clinton P. Anderson introduced the bills that ultimately created the present day Fort Union National Monument. Their foresight and hard work all those decades ago are worth remembering today.

Few places today inspire imagination about the American frontier experience as does Fort Union National Monument. Located in the Mora Valley in northeastern New Mexico, the 720-acre National Park Service domain contains an array of cultural and natural resources. Its principal features—the ruins of the Santa Fe Trail, the ruins of the Fort Union military post, and the dazzling prairie scenery—daily attract travelers from around the world.

Fort Union was established in 1851 by Lieutenant Colonel Edwin V. Sumner as a guardian and protector of the Santa Fe Trail. During its forty-year history, three different forts were constructed close together. The third and final Fort Union was the largest in the American Southwest, and functioned as a military garrison, territorial arsenal, and military supply depot for the Southwest.

As a military post to protect travel and settlement for forty years, Fort Union played a key role in shaping the destiny of the Southwest. During the first decade of its existence, the fort stood as the guardian of the Santa Fe Trail. The fort acted as a federal presence in the Territory of New Mexico. The Civil War added to the fort's fame at the battle of Glorieta Pass, where Union soldiers stopped the invading Southern columns. Historian Robert Utley noted, "The ruins of Fort Union graphically commemorate the achievements of the men who won the West."

On February 21, 1891, singing "There's a Land that is Fairer than This," the Army marched out of Fort Union for good. The post lapsed into ruins in the following decades. Roofs collapsed, walls of buildings slowly crumbled under the onslaught of the elements, and grass grew high on the vast parade ground.

After World War II, people in New Mexico revived an earlier campaign to create the Fort Union National Monument. New Mexicans had learned that the previous efforts failed because of the lack of local interest in the project. This time local citizens and interest groups decided to lead the movement to ultimate success. Fort Union, now in private hands, was scheduled to be demolished. With a strong will to save the historic site, local citizens took the issue to the Las Vegas-San Miguel Chamber of Commerce. On June 20,

1949, board members of the Chamber voted to seek aid from the federal government and the State of New Mexico to preserve Fort Union for all time. The Chamber's action was instrumental in creating the present-day Fort Union National Monument. We continue to be grateful for their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Fort Union National Monument is open to the public throughout the year. Interpretive programs are offered with living history talks and demonstrations on summer weekends, giving visitors the flavor of life in a frontier fort. The visitor center has displays of military equipment and clothing, a bookstore, Santa Fe Trail information and films. Using this abandoned military post, the National Park Service has established a dialogue between the past and the present. The place has been serving society as a museum of the past, a classroom of the present, and a model for the future, and it deserves the honor of a national treasure.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DORALYN GENOVA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Doralyn Genova and thank her for her dedication to Colorado as a Mesa County Commissioner. Her dedication and tireless efforts have done much to ensure a promising future for her constituents. As Doralyn celebrates her retirement, let it be known that she leaves behind a terrific legacy of commitment to the people of Mesa County and the State of Colorado.

A third generation Mesa County native, Doralyn graduated from Mesa State College, and ran her own business, Data Supplies. When Doralyn was elected to serve as Mesa County Commissioner in 1988, she was only the second woman elected to the position of county commissioner in Mesa County's history. She serves on Club 20's board of directors, the Governor's Interregional Council on Smart Growth, the Colorado Emergency Planning Commission, Headstart Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee, and the Mesa County Economic Development Council for Sustainable Agriculture. She also served as president of 16 Western District Counties, and was chairperson for the Land Use Committee for Colorado Counties Incorporated and serves currently as the Secretary. Doralyn's community involvement also includes membership in the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, Mesa County Women's Network, Mesa County Historical Society, Mesa County Cattleman's Association, and Mesa County League of Women Voters.

Doralyn's dedication to her community has garnered her numerous awards and recognition over the years. She was "Westpeoples" Woman of the Year in 1986 and was the first recipient of Club 20's Dan Noble Award. She has also received awards from the Colorado Division Disaster Emergency Services, Glade Park Volunteer Fire Department, Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services, and Mesa County Friends of 4-H. Most importantly, Doralyn is dedicated to her husband Mike, and sons Anthony, Nicholas, and Dominic.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Commissioner Doralyn Genova before this body of Congress and this nation, and to congratulate her on an outstanding career of public service. Her selfless dedication to her community and the people of Colorado as a Mesa County Commissioner is truly remarkable. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT J. RIDENOUR

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert J. Ridenour on receiving the 2004 Citizen of the Year award from the Bedford Rotary Club of Bedford, Pennsylvania. His efforts to preserve the history and culture of my home town of Everett have positively impacted our community and well beyond.

For most people, after a lifetime of working, the well deserved rest and relaxation that comes with retirement is usually cherished and savored. However, Robert Ridenour decided on a different path and instead chose to spend his retirement working to improve his community in any way possible.

It has been said that wisdom comes with age, and in the case of Robert Ridenour this old cliché proves to be true. In recent years he has had the foresight to dedicate his energy to preserving history, which will ground and educate younger generations while guiding them towards future progress. His tireless efforts to promote Pennsylvania's history will benefit his community for countless years to come.

Mr. Ridenour is the personification of the Bedford Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." He has demonstrated enthusiasm and care for the county which he has served, and his spirit and dedication have infiltrated his every action. The legacy he has made is one that every American should emulate.

As a pillar of strength within his community of Bedford County, Mr. Ridenour has been a role model and leader who is admired by many. For his incomparable generosity and commitment to excellence, Robert Ridenour deserves the highest recognition.

IN HONOR OF EDIE KARAS, COMMUNITY STALWART

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my dear friend Edie Karas, one of the most dedicated and energetic community members in my Central California district, and indeed the nation and the world. A life-long resident of the Monterey Peninsula, Edie has played an active and vital role in countless civic organizations. Along with her late husband of more than 50 years, the former Monterey County Supervisor Sam Karas, Edie made up half a dynamic duo of public service. Since Sam passed away in 2003, Edie has carried on with that tradition of service to both her neighbors next door and her neighbors around the world.

A short account of Edie's service would include the time that Edie has donated to the Monterey Civic Club, Monterey Recreation Committee, Robinson Jeffers' Tor House, Alliance on Aging, Monterey Bay Symphony, State Theatre Preservation Society, and the list goes on. In addition, several years ago, Edie and her late husband, the former County Supervisor Sam Karas, traveled to Bosnia where they served as international election observers.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Edie's work on behalf of the Big Sur Health Center, which will recognize her service in a tribute on June 18, 2004. I became involved with the clinic in the late '70's as a member of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. At that time the Big Sur Clinic had more certified EMTs per capita than any place in the U.S. and provided free emergency services and an ambulance maintained by the Red Cross. Today the Health Center serves many of the outpatient health needs of the rural Big Sur community in a modest facility made up of two 35 year old portable trailers and a treasury of heart, soul, and dedication supplied by its volunteers. For much of the last decade, Team Karas has been instrumental in its growth and success.

When they joined the Center's board in the late 1990s, the Center faced deep financial hardship. Sam took immediate action and began to contact the Pebble Beach Foundation and other funding sources outside the immediate Big Sur community. His efforts put the Center on the map for charitable foundations and government agencies. The Center soon regained its financial footing and was back on the path to fiscal health.

However, while Sam was out front making the initial calls and receiving the credit, I have always suspected that it was Edie who did the work. I see evidence of that in the fact that the Center will soon replace its venerable trailers with a new building, a development in which Edie has played no small part in seeing to fruition. Edie continues to be the spark of energy that animates the Center's fundraising efforts and every other cause that she embraces. So it is with true pleasure that I join with the Big Sur community and the people of Monterey County in recognizing Edie Karas for her service to the Big Sur Health Center. I wish Edie and the Center the best of health.

SALUTING JUDGE BRUCE EINHORN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join in saluting my friend, Judge Bruce Einhorn, Chair of the Pacific Southwest Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). He is a remarkable man whose accomplishments are legion.

During Judge Einhorn's tenure as Regional Chair, the organization pressed law enforcement authorities for vigorous application of appropriate hate crimes laws, and successfully opposed the deceptively named "Racial Privacy Initiative." He helped the ADL prevent the spread of hatred and intolerance through the creation of new and ongoing programs designed to fight the defamation of the Jewish

people and ensure justice and fair treatment for all. He also served as Chair of the ADL's San Fernando, Conejo and Antelope Valley Boards.

He is presently an ADL National Commissioner and is a member of both the League's Executive Committee for the Pacific Southwest Region and its Latino-Jewish Round Table. Also, he is a founding member of both the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC and the Museum of Tolerance in West Los Angeles.

In addition to his work with non-profits, Judge Einhorn has developed an impressive legal career. He is a well-respected Los Angeles U.S. Immigration Judge. He also serves as Adjunct Professor of International Human Rights Law and War Crimes Studies at Pepperdine University's School of Law, where he received the 1997 David W. McKibbin Excellence in Teaching Award. For 11 years, Judge Einhorn served as a trial attorney and later as a Deputy Director and Litigation Chief for the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, the agency responsible for seeking the identification and prosecution of Nazi war criminals residing illegally in the United States.

Judge Einhorn's commitment to civil rights, justice and tolerance for all people has been repeatedly recognized. He is the proud recipient of the U.S. Attorney General's Special Commendation Award and the State of Israel Bonds Lifetime Professional Achievement Award. In October 1999, in the presence of President Bill Clinton, he also received the Ginsberg Prize for Leadership in Civil Rights from the Anti-Defamation League at its National Commission Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Please join me in honoring Judge Bruce Einhorn and thanking him for his outstanding contributions to our community and for his steadfast commitment to the ADL's critical mission.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOHN MUSGRAVE ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Bohn Musgrave, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on July 31, 2004.

Mr. Musgrave was born in 1904 in a log cabin in Michigan's rural Upper Peninsula. After graduating from high school and attending Central Michigan University, he taught in a two-room country school and then worked as a principal in the Sebawing School District. Following his marriage to wife Doris in 1926 and the birth of his two children, Bohn earned a degree in Agriculture from Michigan State University and worked as an Agricultural Agent for Kalkaska and Mecosta Counties. In 1954, Mr. Musgrave relocated to the Lansing area and worked as a supervisor in the Michigan State University Extension Service until his retirement in 1969.

Even after leaving the workforce and surviving a bout with bone cancer in his right leg, Bohn stayed active, traveling the world with

Doris, visiting all 50 states and 41 countries. After his wife's death in 1988, Bohn took on the role of family historian, compiling and self-publishing five books of poems, personal anecdotes, and memories for his family and close friends. His fondness of history and love of Michigan led him to contribute heavily to A History of Columbus Township, published in 2000, and to an oral history compiled by Michigan State University about the logging industry. Ever eager to impress upon young minds the significance of days past, he has visited elementary schools in the Lansing area to share his knowledge of the history of the Upper Peninsula. Mr. Musgrave is also a charter member of Haslett Community Church, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Mr. Speaker, Bohn Musgrave has been a devoted father and dedicated worker. He is a master storyteller, poet, and artist. Today, he still resides in Haslett, Michigan. I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Bohn Musgrave's 100th birthday.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support H.R. 4278, the Improving Access to Assistive Technology for Individuals with Disabilities Act.

The bill reauthorizes the Assistive Technology State Grant Program, and the State Protection and Advocacy program. It also will help to ensure a larger share of the resources distributed under the program goes directly to individuals with disabilities. Assistive technology devices include a broad range of aids, such as wheelchairs, communication devices and computer hardware that help individuals compensate for living with a disability.

The Assistive Technology State Grant program was first enacted in 1988 as a program to provide states funds to establish an infrastructure for increasing access and distribution to assistive technology devices. Millions of Americans depend on assistive technology devices to remove barriers to education, employment, and even daily communication.

The bill also funds the State Protection and Advocacy programs. Its purpose is to assist individuals in overcoming barriers in the workplace and in the government and making assistive technology more accessible to individuals with disabilities throughout the state.

I would like to thank Representatives BUCK McKEON, JOHN BOEHNER, DALE KILDEE and their staffs for working with me to make changes to the bill regarding State Protection and Advocacy programs during the committee markup process. The bill now includes changes that would allow Protection and Advocacy systems to carry over "program income" for 2 additional years. These are funds generated by program activities, typically attorneys' fees reimbursements, for 2 additional years.

Under current law, Protection and Advocacy programs can carry over "program income" for