

viewed as a strategic reserve. Mosley said changing times now require citizen soldiers to deploy in seven days or less.

"All of a sudden you receive a phone call and your world is turned upside down," he said.

According to Mosley, the country has now deployed the largest force of reserves and guardsmen since World War II.

"This doesn't work without the support of their bosses," he said.

Mosley serves as assistant adjutant general for the Montana Army National Guard.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID  
DUNNAGAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to David Dunnagan and thank him for his work as Hospital Service Coordinator for the Disabled American Veterans Department of Colorado. His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this Nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

As a Hospital Service Coordinator, David is stationed at the Grand Junction VA Medical Center, and works hard to ensure that the veterans and their dependents receive the benefits to which they are entitled. David's primary objective is to provide them with the best service possible.

David is a decorated combat veteran, who served in the U.S. Army for twelve years from 1966 to 1978, and retired from the National Guard in March 1997. He knows firsthand the struggles and conflicts that veterans and their families often face, and helps cut through the confusion that is often connected with seeking veterans benefits. His knowledge and expertise provides them with the comfort they need. They understand that he is working for them and securing their future.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that David has been an invaluable resource to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Colorado and it is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this Nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like David Dunnagan. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Colorado and constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANN BOND

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Ann Bond and thank her for her work as a Public Affairs Specialist with Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Her years of commitment and dedication as a public

servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. I, along with my fellow Americans, am grateful for all that she has accomplished during her years of service.

Ann came to the Federal agencies with a long history of dealing with the public and the media in southwestern Colorado. She has served as the Public Affairs Specialist for the San Juan National Forest since 1988, and assumed the joint responsibilities of the Bureau of Land Management Public Affairs Specialist for the San Juan Public Lands in 1995.

In her current role, Ann is the lead for all Forest Service and BLM public affairs and congressional activities, excluding fire related actions, affecting about 2.5 million acres of public land in southwestern Colorado. She excels at going beyond the minimal news release approach to public affairs by insisting on clear, candid communications with the media and the public, and by establishing an expectation for the public to be informed and to participate responsibly in land use decisions.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Ann Bond has been an invaluable resource to the Bureau of Land Management and it is my honor to recognize her service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Ann. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment she has given to the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management and constituents they serve, I extend my appreciation for her years of enthusiastic service.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION  
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4548) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my gratitude to the men and women of the Intelligence Community for their service to our country. Indeed, they are our nation's greatest intelligence asset.

I also rise to express my continued concern over the Intelligence Community's ability to attract and retain a quality workforce that reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of the United States. Doing so is required to ensure the Intelligence Community is properly postured to meet the formidable global challenges of the future.

Data collected by the Intelligence Community demonstrates that the proportion of women and minorities in the Intelligence Community continues to be significantly lower than their representation in the general Federal government and private sector workforce. While some improvements have been made by individual agencies in select areas, one fact remains—Women and minorities remain underrepresented in core mission areas, man-

agement and senior ranks of the Intelligence Community. This is unlikely to change given the respective representation of women and minorities in student and career development programs, and feeder pools. Meaningful steps, including investment in untraditional initiatives, will be required to reverse this trend.

I commend outgoing Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet for taking the first in a series of needed steps—the convening of a panel of distinguished individuals with extensive Federal government and private sector experience. I look forward to reviewing the panel's findings and recommendations, and to working with the new Director of Central Intelligence and individual agency directors to ensure implementation of constructive programs to improve the Intelligence Community's ability to attract and retain a diverse, highly-skilled workforce.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILLY O.  
HIGHTOWER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Billy Hightower and thank him for his work as Mesa County Veterans Service Officer with the Veteran's Affairs Department. His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

Billy bravely served in the U.S. Air Force as a jet mechanic in the Korean War, and later went on to teach psychology and sociology at both Grand Junction Central High School and Mesa State College. He became active in helping veterans when he began working with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization serving as the 1976–1977 Colorado State Commander, the 1977–1978 National Senior Vice Commander and the 1978–1979 National Commander. During his tenure at the DAV, Billy worked on an outreach program for veterans called Project Forgotten Warrior that was adopted by the Veterans Affairs Department all across the country.

In 1979, Billy became a Health Systems Specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Throughout his eighteen years with the Veterans Affairs Department his extraordinary talent and dedication led him to work with the Salt Lake City Regional Director, the Virginia Regional Office Director, and the Veterans Affairs Under Secretary for Health. He also served as a Grand Junction Organizational Development Specialist, and Patient Advocate before taking his current position as the Mesa County Veterans Service Officer.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Billy Hightower has been an invaluable resource to the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Billy. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO LINDA KOILE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 7, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Linda Koile of Oak Creek, Colorado, and to thank her for her service to her community. Linda is the town's new code enforcement officer, a position that requires great commitment and dedication to her community. Linda is a valuable member of her community and I am honored to recognize her commitment before this body of Congress and this nation today.

A resident of Oak Creek, Linda jumped at the opportunity to serve the citizens of her hometown when the job as the town's code enforcement officer became available. Linda was excited to fill the opening and ready to begin a new challenge. Accepting the job required Linda to teach herself a new occupation. Being a code enforcement officer requires extensive knowledge of the municipal codes and of law enforcement. Linda felt she could do a better job and better serve her town if she furthered her education. With that in mind, she financed her own training at the Colorado Mountain College Law Enforcement Academy. Upon graduation, Linda will join the Oak Creek Police Department as an official officer, both enforcing the town's municipal codes and assuming additional responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is appropriate to honor the hard work and selflessness of Linda Koile before this body of Congress and this nation. I am a former police officer, and I understand the challenges that law enforcement presents. Her work demonstrates how commitment and dedication from people like Linda can strengthen the community. I thank Linda for her work and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 7, 2004*

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on July 6, 2004 on Rollcall Vote 327, I inadvertently cast a "nay" vote. It was my intention to vote "aye" on the resolution. I would ask that the record reflect my intention to vote "aye" on H. Con. Res. 257, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO REGINALD AND BEVERLY GRAHAM

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 7, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reginald and Beverly Graham of Durango, Colorado, and their tireless dedication toward educating our youth. "Reg" and

"Bev," as they are affectionately known, have committed to Fort Lewis College as contributing members of the academic community for many years, and I think it is appropriate to highlight their efforts before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Reg and Bev have dedicated their lives to our youth's education. At Fort Lewis College, Reg taught as a professor in business and Bev taught as a specialist in learning and writing. In addition to her time teaching higher education, Bev also taught music at the elementary and middle levels. Fort Lewis College has always been important to Reg and Bev, and now that they are retired from teaching, it still remains special. Recently, in order to better Fort Lewis College, they donated to endow a chair in the business department. This provides one source of funding to staff educational positions in the business department.

Reg and Bev are committed to the community beyond the walls of the classroom. Jumping at an opportunity to take part in the public education and positively impact students prior to college, Reg chaired the committee for school improvement in the Durango School District. Reg's additional dedication to the community is apparent through his work as a member of Kiwanis and as a planner of Meals on Wheels for the First United Methodist Church. Bev is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and active in both the Methodist Church Choir and Durango Society.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Reg and Bev Graham before this body of Congress and this nation today. Reg and Bev are establishing a legacy that reflects their commitment to excellence in education at Fort Lewis College. I praise Reg and Bev for their dedication to education as seen through their work as faculty members and their continued support of Fort Lewis College. I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO CURTIS MUCKLOW

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 7, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute today to Curtis Mucklow of Steamboat Springs, Colorado for his work in the agricultural community. Curtis has dedicated his career to providing the educational resources necessary for successful cultivation of agriculture in his community, and it is my pleasure to recognize Curtis before this body of Congress and this nation.

Curtis's first involvement with agriculture was as a ranch hand in Clark, Colorado. From there he went on to receive his bachelors and masters degree in animal science, and began a career as an extension agent in Elbert County. As an extension agent, he works as an educational liaison to develop resources for the agricultural community and identify and implement solutions to agricultural problems. In 1989, he assumed the role of extension agent for Routt County, a job that would allow him to be a major influence on agriculture in Steamboat Springs and the surrounding area. During his tenure, he has achieved many successes. Significant achievements include creating the "Guide to Rural Living," a source

providing information about the business of farming, and creating a scholarship in Routt County for 4-H students.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to acknowledge the contributions of Curtis Mucklow before this body of Congress and this nation. He has worked hard to improve agriculture in Routt County. He is known for his passion for his job in addition to his knowledge. I thank Curtis for his work in the Steamboat Springs community and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

## RECOGNIZING DR. ROBERT A. COOK ON HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 7, 2004*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Dr. Robert A. Cook, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, of Larchmont in the 18th Congressional District of New York. On Saturday, July 10, surrounded by friends and family, he will celebrate his 50th birthday.

Dr. Cook has long been committed to the practice of veterinary care. His passion for his work has led him on a constant search for new skills, and new ways to use those skills to enhance the well-being of animals and wildlife.

Dr. Cook's career is a testament to his commitment to both public service and personal fulfillment. He has blazed trails to improve his profession and expand its public mission. As the Chief Veterinarian, Director of Wildlife Health and then Vice President of Wildlife Health, of the Wildlife Conservation Society in the Bronx, New York, Dr. Cook has lead wildlife health care at Central Park, Queens, and Prospect Park Wildlife Centers, the Bronx Zoo, the New York Aquarium and the Wildlife Survival Center in St. Catherines Island, Georgia.

This work has spurred Dr. Cook to pioneer veterinary care for free-ranging wildlife, to forge invaluable expansions of the public's involvement and commitment to wildlife care, and to take the lessons learned in the great state of New York around the globe. From Bolivia to Bangkok, and from Tanzania to Thailand, Dr. Cook applied his unique skills and programs, and shared them with other parts of the world where they can be of help.

Dr. Cook's work as a veterinarian for the Wildlife Conservation Center is impressive in its own right, but I am staggered by the powerful example he has set with his commitment to the public mission of his organization and profession. Dr. Cook's expansive view of his own role has allowed the success of his work to be amplified far beyond the bounds of what we might expect from one person. It is a shining example to all of us that commitment to community and others can provide the truest and best rewards.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Robert A. Cook on the occasion of his 50th birthday, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for all that he has accomplished.