

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

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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

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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

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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.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KERRY
KERRIGAN

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OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise to pay tribute to Kerry Kerrigan of Steamboat Springs, Colorado for her courage as a citizen and her dedication as a teacher. She is a valuable source of inspiration and strength in her community, and I am honored to recognize her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation today.

An athletic young woman, Kerry was a skier and a gymnast before her bone cancer diagnoses left her no option, but to amputate one of her legs. This slowed her down, but the setback would not prevent her from pursuing her yearning to educate our youth. She is currently a successful elementary school teacher that makes a difference in her student's lives.

In recognition of her excellent teaching record, she was a runner up for 2000 Colorado Teacher of the Year, one of five to receive the honor. Her passion for teaching compliments her courageous life. Recently she rescued a struggling young girl from Charlie's Hole rapids on the Yampa River. As an active leader in the community, she partakes in leadership roles in the Humble Ranch Education and Therapy Center and the Steamboat Marathon children's fun run. Kerry is still able to maintain an active lifestyle, and enjoys kayaking, swimming and mountain biking.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to share Kerry Kerrigan's good works with this body of Congress and this nation. Her record of achievements in the community is so consistent that nothing she does can surprise the people of the Yampa Valley. I recognize her extra effort and thank her for her deeds.

RANCHO DEL CHAPARRAL GIRL
SCOUT CAMP CELEBRATES 35TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 35th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of Chaparral Council's resident camp, Rancho del Chaparral, located on 1,200 acres of forest, river and meadow in the Jemez Mountains. "A piece of blue sky and all there is beneath it" is the theme for Rancho, as it is affectionately called.

On July 17, Girl Scouts from New Mexico and across the United States will reunite to mark this historic occasion, exemplifying the strong bond of friendship that young women gain through their Girl Scout experiences. Such relationships are vital for young women and foster an appreciation for helping others, whether it be in the community, at school, or at home. It is clear that these women have cherished the spirit of the Girl Scout tradition as they now gather 35 years later to renew their friendships.

Rancho is located on part of the San Diego Land Grant bestowed to Francisco Garcia de Noreigo in 1790 by the Governor of New Mex-

ico. It was purchased in 1963 by funds raised through Girl Scout cookie sales.

Rancho replaced Camp Elza Seligman, which had served the girls of the council since the early 1940's. Camp Seligman, located near Ponderosa, was no longer adequate for the growing needs of the council. Parents and friends of Girl Scouts raised funds through a Capital Campaign in 1967, and Rancho was dedicated on July 13, 1969. It was designed by the architectural firm, George Wright Associates, and built by La Mesa Builders, Inc.

Today, Rancho's El Bosque continues to welcome Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scout troops, along with their leaders, for an exciting camp experience. El Prado—with its Adirondacks, hogans and covered wagons—houses individual girls participating in a variety of outdoor activities.

Rancho develops girls strong in mind, body and spirit by creating a cooperative and supportive community that encourages self-reliance and self-discovery. Girls experience hiking, horseback riding, arts and crafts, campfires, star gazing, archery, canoeing, and much more. There are even programs for the entire family.

During the celebration, there will be a memorial dedication to Captain Tamara Long-Archuleta, a former Chaparral Girl Scout, who was tragically killed last year in Afghanistan. Tammy was the copilot of the helicopter that crashed while on a rescue mission, killing all six aboard. She was from Adelino, near Belen, and her life was a shining example of what being a Girl Scout is all about. Tammy was valedictorian of her class and a world karate champion. She graduated from the University of New Mexico with honors, and while there became involved with Air Force ROTC. She had wanted to become a fighter pilot, but instead decided to do rescue work.

Tammy left behind a 3-year-old son and planned to marry a fellow Air Force pilot. Sadly, she was two weeks away from returning home when the accident occurred.

Girl Scouts of Chaparral Council serves more than 6,800 girls and 2,500 adults in nine counties in New Mexico and five counties in southwestern Colorado. Chaparral Council is committed to helping girls, ages 5–17, develop values, social consciousness, self-esteem and skills for success in the future. I have met hundreds of Chaparral Girl Scouts over the years and am constantly reminded through these experiences, our younger generations are ready, willing, and able to assume their rightful role as tomorrow's leaders.

Mr. Speaker, Rancho del Chaparral will forever be a place where friendships flourished and lessons were learned about life and the importance of our natural resources. Most of all, these women were instilled with the Girl Scout tradition, something they have passed down to their children and grandchildren. Thousands of girls' lives have been touched and enriched through their experience with the Chaparral Council. I am pleased to commemorate the 35th anniversary of this very special place that has meant so much to so many.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT C.
YOUNG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Robert Charles Young of Grand Junction, Colorado. Robert, known affectionately as "Bob", leaves behind a legacy of hard work and dedication to his community and I am honored to remember his life before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Bob was a Colorado native, born and raised in Denver. Living in Denver, he went on to study accounting, a profession that would shape his career. In 1944, a possible business prospect moved Bob to Glenwood Springs. This began his career as the consummate businessman. Using his business savvy, Bob saw an opportunity to capitalize on his accounting expertise to service a market devoid of other accountants. Seeking to better serve his community, he accepted a position in public service when he was elected as the Justice of the Peace in Glenwood Springs, a position which later changed in title to municipal judge.

After retiring from his accounting firm Bob took time to relax and enjoy the simple things in life. He had a penchant to see the world and fulfilled it by traveling with his wife, Jeris. In 2002, he moved with his wife to Grand Junction, Colorado, a community where he had many friends. People will remember Bob most for his close personal relationships with his family and friends. He made it a point to meet everyday with friends over a cup of coffee at one of his favorite local restaurants.

Mr. Speaker, the communities of Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs will sorely miss Robert Charles Young. He will be remembered for his work in business as well as public service, but most of all, he will be remembered as a great friend. I wish to express my deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

THE TRANSPORTATION BILL

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Transportation bill. As the remaining days until the August District Work Period tick down, it is looking more and more likely as though we are not going to get a bill finalized this year.

This is a sad state of affairs. The White House clearly does not want us to finalize this bill in an election year, and the House Republican Leadership just follows the orders of the Cheney-Bush Administration. We should complete the bill, and if the White House wants to veto it, it can go ahead; there are clearly enough Republican and Democrat votes to override a veto and get the Transportation bill finished. But by doing nothing, the House Republican leadership is siding with the White House, and it is preventing Congress from carrying out its Constitutional role as a co-equal branch of government.