

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KERRY
KERRIGAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

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

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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

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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.

To add insult to injury, the Washington Post reported on July 3, 2004, on page A9, that the White House has only spent \$366 million of the \$18.4 billion that it got Congress and the Republican Leadership to appropriate for Iraqi reconstruction. Why the Cheney-Bush White House won't now spend the money that it insisted it needed is anybody's guess. But this is money that could and should have gone to reinvestment in America rather than into Iraq in the first place. Instead, it lies unused and serving no purpose.

Under the Constitution, as my dear friend Senator BYRD has noted so many times, it is the responsibility of the Congress to decide how federal funds should be spent; it is not the White House's role. Yet, this White House has insisted on investing in Iraq rather than America, and it has gotten its way even if it doesn't know what it wants to do with the money.

States like my home state of West Virginia have been waiting for far too long now to see just what, if anything, they could expect to receive from the federal government in order to finance important highway and transit projects, to focus on congestion mitigation, and to provide good-paying jobs that are sorely needed in this uncertain job market.

Mr. Speaker, I have an editorial from a distinguished newspaper in my district, the Bluefield Daily Telegraph, which I would like to submit for the record to accompany my remarks. This insightful viewpoint from yesterday's paper demonstrates quite clearly the problems with which we are saddling the states due to Congressional inaction. The article reads as follows:

FUNDING SETBACK: HOUSE DELAYS HIGHWAY, STREETScape WORK

Not only did the U.S. House's extension of the federal highway funding bill last week cause a slow down on financing new or continued construction on I-73/74 through the West Virginia coalfields area, it also causes problems for existing programs that rely on the bill.

One such project is the downtown Streetscape project in Bluefield.

The program is ready for Phase II, a refurbishing of Chicory Square between Bland and Federal streets.

The city earlier received funding for an extensive project in downtown that involved sidewalk replacement, new lighting and the installation of high-tech communications infrastructure. Phase I got underway in 2003.

City officials said the Coal Heritage Authority has three projects that can't be started until a new highway bill is approved.

Bluefield officials were hoping for a smooth transition between the first two phases of the downtown Streetscape project with the passage of a new six-year federal highway administration spending bill.

But, for the fourth time, the majority party in the House has decided to use its power to delay consideration and passage of the bill.

Needing even more funding, the King Coal Highway Association, which joins Tolsia Highway in the I-73/74 project through the southern coalfield counties from Huntington to Bluefield, is awaiting millions of dollars to carry through with work already planned on the \$2 billion undertaking. They had hoped to be able to move forward with those projects this summer.

Most political observers think there will be no action on the new federal spending act until after the November presidential election. That means communities like Blue-

field, Kimball, Mount Hope and all those anticipating construction jobs for I-73/74 have lost a year in financing.

Maybe voters should find out which Representatives are holding up the bill and remember them in November.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TOM SHARP

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OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the achievements of Tom Sharp of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Tom has played an important role in the community as exemplified through his work as a businessman and a civic leader. It is my pleasure to recognize his efforts before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Tom grew up in a rural community in Monte Vista, Colorado. After law school, he tried city life when he worked as a clerk for a judge, but found living in the city unfulfilling. He soon moved to Steamboat Springs, finding the smaller community provided an environment more conducive to his lifestyle. Tom has since ascended forty of Colorado's 14,000 foot mountains locally named "Fourteeners." He is also an avid skier.

Reaching the summit of mountains is thematic in Tom's life. He pursues challenges in his business and personal life, the same way he climbs the mountains. The goal is the top, and he will reach it. One of his most notable contributions to the community is his work in water law. Starting in 1977, he served on the board of directors for the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District. Recently, he expanded his role in water rights statewide by assuming the Governor appointed position on the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Tom has never taken his civic responsibility lightly. He served on the local school board, the local county board for Habitat for Humanity, and other local boards for local businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the work Tim Sharp has done for the community. It is under the leadership of people like Tom that a small town builds a strong cohesive community. His work is commendable and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACK SMITH

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise and recognize the dedication of Jack Smith of Rifle, Colorado to our youth as a teacher and coach at Rifle High School over the past forty-five years. Jack has been instrumental in shaping the lives of student-athletes in his community. I am honored to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Born in Cotopaxi, Colorado, Jack graduated from Florence High School. He went on to serve this nation in the United States Marine Corps, and, following his military service, graduated from Western State College and went into teaching. He has amassed an impressive

record of accomplishments in his time, as a teacher and a coach. He first began as a full time teacher and assistant basketball and football coach in 1960 at Rifle High School. Over his time spent coaching, Jack served as a head or assistant coach, coaching both boys and girls in five different sports. Now, he stays active in the education of our youth, serving as an assistant coach for the girl's basketball team.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Jack Smith for his work as a coach and a teacher at Rifle High School. Teachers and coaches play a very important role in developing our next generation's leaders. Jack's passion for coaching demonstrates a tremendous commitment to the future of our nation's youth. I thank Jack for his service to the community and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING MANATAWNY MANOR

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Manatawny Manor in recognition of 30 years of dedicated service to the senior citizens of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

On July 8, 1974, Manatawny Manor opened its doors to provide care for senior citizens in need. It was founded by two notable men: Thomas Natoli and Frank Genuardi. These men created Manatawny Manor with a vision of providing unsurpassed service to the senior citizens of Chester County. Originally, Manatawny Manor was a one-story structure with 99 beds and five nursing staff members. On its first night of operation, there was only one resident. Since then, the numbers of citizens that Manatawny Manor has cared for has greatly increased. In the past thirty years, Manatawny Manor has provided and cared for over 4,897 residents.

Just four years after Manatawny Manor opened, substantial improvements were made to the facility. In 1978, a 107 bed personal care unit opened and, in 1986, an adult day care facility was added. The day care facility made more services available to senior citizens and can accommodate up to 28 clients.

Increased need for bed capacity in 1989 and 1996 led to renovation projects that expanded upon the original building, bringing the number of beds to 133. These additions and improvements were not focused solely on bed space, but also on improvements in the administrative offices, and the Rehabilitation Services Department.

In 1998, Manatawny Manor was purchased by the Lutheran Home at Topton, thus becoming a part of Lutheran Services Northeast. On January 1, 2000, through the affiliation of Lutheran Services Northeast and Tressler Lutheran Services, Manatawny Manor became a facility of the Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries. Diakon is a private, non-profit charitable organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries has sought to provide the very best in long-term care through continuing care retirement communities, assisted living services, special care for those with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, short and long-term care skilled nursing, and outpatient rehabilitation.