

American Government and Public Administration in 1946. From 1954–55 he served temporarily as the Deputy Director of the Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations and then served as LRS's Deputy Director from October 1955 until March 1957 when he left LRS to become chairman of the Political Science Department at Wayne State University. He returned to LRS in September 1958 as the Director and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1966.

Dr. Elsbree received A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University in 1925, 1927, and 1930, respectively. In 1927–28 he was a Sheldon Traveling Fellow in Paris and Geneva, then began his teaching career at Harvard as an instructor in government from 1928–1933. He then served as assistant professor (1933–37) and professor (1937–43) of political science and as chairman of the Department of Political Science (1937–41) at Dartmouth College. For a brief period in 1934 he worked as a research specialist for the Federal Power Commission. In 1943 he joined the Office of Price Administration as principal business economist then the Bureau of the Budget (1945) as administrative analyst. For several years, Elsbree served as the book review editor and member of the editorial board of the American Political Science Review and from 1952–56 as its managing editor.

Upon his retirement, L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress, presented Dr. Elsbree with a Distinguished Service Award. In the accompanying letter, Mumford noted “. . . your ability to discover, attract, and develop talent, your personal integrity, your standards of excellence, your sound judgment, your profound understanding of the requirements of the Congress, your skill in public administration, and your fine qualities as a human being have not only maintained an admirable esprit de corps but have enabled the Legislative Reference Service to fulfill its highest duty—to be responsive to the needs of the Congress.”

Dr. Elsbree's leadership of the Legislative Reference Service contributed significantly to Congress' action in 1970 to expand the scope of the Legislative Reference Service and create the Congressional Research Service. His intimate knowledge of political science provided insight into how Congress' research needs were changing and how the Service could adjust to meet those needs.

To his son, Hugh L. Elsbree, Jr. and his family, friends, and former colleagues, I extend our deepest sympathies.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SAM MAYNES

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to mourn the passing of my close friend Sam Maynes of Durango, Colorado. Sam passed away recently at the age of 70 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was a humorous, kind-hearted man who was a bastion of goodwill and stability for his friends, family and community. Sam dedicated his life to the betterment of those less fortunate than himself, and I am honored today to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize his many contributions to the State of Colorado.

Sam was born in Silverton, Colorado in 1933. After moving with his family to California during World War II, he came back to a Colorado setting in the city of Durango. He worked his way through high school and went on to Colorado College on a football scholarship before going on to study law at the University of Colorado in Boulder. It was there that he met Jacqueline Stahl, his beautiful wife of 45 years, who passed away last February.

Throughout his life, Sam was an engaged, bright individual with a brilliant sense of humor. His acumen and passion for the legal profession served him well throughout his tremendous legal career. At 26, Sam became the youngest lawyer in the Larry McDaniel and Byron Bradford firm in Durango. He soon became one of Colorado's foremost experts in water law. However, Sam's motivation was not money; he spent most of his career working to empower those in need, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Sam was a beloved husband, and father. He is survived by his mother Louise Maynes and his four remarkable children; Michele Hurley, Melinda Higgins, Sam W. Maynes and Mark Maynes. He also leaves behind eight beautiful grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to call attention of this body of Congress to the life of Sam Maynes. His industrious, strong-willed nature made him a resilient force in the Durango community and the State of Colorado is a better place as the result of his many contributions. Sam dedicated his life to helping others, and I am truly honored to have been his friend.

HONORING AUSTIN CUNNINGHAM OF ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I will join with many other South Carolinians to celebrate the 90th birthday of a Palmetto State legend, Mr. Austin Cunningham. In 1998, my predecessor Congressman Floyd Spence; made the following remarks before Congress describing the life of Austin Cunningham:

As a young man, Austin Cunningham, went to work to help support his family when his father died. He worked during the day and went to both high school and college at night, earning a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1940. During his business career, Mr. Cunningham has been the president of five companies and he has owned two manufacturing plants in South Carolina. President Reagan recognized Mr. Cunningham for his work with the Jobs Tax Credit Program and he has been involved with the administrations of former Governor Carroll Campbell and Governor David Beasley in improving race relations in our State. He has also contributed his time and efforts in the Orangeburg area on behalf of: Crime Watch, Crime Stoppers, the People's Assault on Drugs (PAD), as well as the collaboration between South Carolina State University and the South Carolina Philharmonic, which has resulted in an annual three concert satellite series.

As Congressman Spence rightfully pointed out, Austin Cunningham has been active in

public service and community leadership throughout his life. He continues to make a large impact on South Carolina through his regular newspaper columns that are featured in newspapers such as the Orangeburg Times & Democrat and The State.

I am honored to have been able to call Austin a close friend for many years, and I have learned so much from him. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Austin Cunningham a happy 90th birthday, and thank him for his years of service to others.

HONORING ROGER PALOMINO

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Roger Palomino's distinguished career in public service to California's San Joaquin Valley. Through a lifetime of dedication he has led a remarkable career advocating for and empowering low-income families to achieve self-sufficiency in this economically challenged region.

A native of Fresno, California, Mr. Palomino earned a bachelor's degree in Criminology from California State University-Fresno in 1964 and quickly began a 30-year career in the juvenile justice system. During this time he served in almost every capacity of the juvenile justice system including as administrative director of both juvenile institutions and probation services. An expert in the field of juvenile corrections, Mr. Palomino has lent his expertise to countless local, state and federal juvenile justice agencies and task forces dedicated to eradicating juvenile violence and crime.

It was his understanding of the root causes of juvenile delinquency that led Mr. Palomino to join the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, where he has spent the last 10 years working as Executive Director. The Fresno County EOC is one of the largest community action agencies in the United States, providing social services and promoting economic development through a variety of programs. Under his leadership and innovation Fresno County EOC has experienced both growth and programmatic expansion. With a current annual operating budget of more than \$100 million and 1,400 employees, Fresno County EOC continues to function as a critical lifeline for many struggling families in California's Central Valley. The agency provides such critical needs as pre-school, vocational education, preventive health care, and job placement services. Mr. Palomino and the Fresno County EOC have truly undertaken a comprehensive approach to improving the lives of Central Valley families.

Mr. Palomino's distinguished career has made him a highly respected community leader both in Fresno and the entire San Joaquin Valley. His dedication is evident in the number of local community organizations in which he participates in an effort to improve the local economy and create jobs. He is a gifted administrator and a tireless advocate for positive social change and the underserved. Throughout my years in Congress, I have come to respect Mr. Palomino for his passion in helping low-income Valley families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Roger Palomino in celebration

of his years in public service and contribution to the community. I wish him continued success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ETHAL JORDAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ethal Jordan, a dedicated weather observer from Hamilton, Colorado. Ethal was recently honored with the 2004 John Campanius Holm Award for outstanding service in the Cooperative Weather Observer Program by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Her observations have helped our government accurately describe the climate of our country, and I am honored to stand here today with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this nation and recognize her accomplishments.

The National Weather Service Cooperative Weather Observer Program has provided scientists and researchers continuous data on temperature, precipitation, and other weather factors such as river levels and soil temperature. Once a month observers mail their records to the National Climatic Data Center. These weather records retain importance over time as they provide an accurate picture of a locale's normal weather and give scientists a basis to predict future trends. Through these predictions scientists are able to enhance economic security and provide for the national safety of Americans.

Ethal has served for over 47 years as a cooperative observer. The award that she received this year is one of the agency's most prestigious awards and she is one of only twenty-six that received the honor this year. She established the Hamilton station in 1957, where she began reporting daily precipitation data to the National Weather Service. With her hard work these records have helped establish climatology parameters for northwest Colorado and the central Yampa River Basin.

Mr. Speaker, Ethal Jordan is a devoted weather observer whose data have been an important source of information for scientists to make accurate weather forecasts and predictions in the United States. She has provided a great service to her country for over 47 years, and I am honored to recognize her efforts before this body of Congress. Congratulations on your award, Ethal, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING JANESVILLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Janesville Performing Arts Center on its grand opening and spotlight this exciting new addition to Janesville, Wisconsin.

Today the Janesville Performing Arts Center opens its doors—and opens a new chapter of

the life of historic Janesville High School on Main Street. The center will give our area's performers a wonderful new stage for their creative energies and serve as a resource for people of all ages throughout our community. Besides providing a terrific venue for local arts groups to showcase their talent and skill, the Janesville Performing Arts Center will bring new opportunities for entertainment to everyone in our region.

The grand opening of Janesville's first community performing arts center is a cause for celebration throughout our area and especially for those who have worked so hard to make this center a reality.

RECOGNIZING THE CHARACTER COUNTS YOUTH FLAG RALLY IN LISLE, ILLINOIS

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of young constituents in my district whose efforts to recognize September 11 brought a local community together in collective pride for the United States.

Three years ago, when our Nation was overcome by fear and dismay, Katie and Carrie Straub came together with other young people to make a difference during the aftermath of our Nation's greatest tragedy. They planned a local flag rally to bring youths together to share in their grief and honor America's heroes.

The first rally was an impromptu response to the profound sadness and patriotism expressed in the days after September 11, and it caught the eyes and ears of a community and its local leaders. Now, with the help of many other youths in the community and local businesses, the annual rally has grown to incorporate charity fundraising events and has become an uplifting day, focused on staying positive and helping others in the wake of tragedy.

The girls sought out and received official approval for the annual rally, and this year, September 11, 2004, has been declared Character Counts Youth Flag Rally Day in the village of Lisle, Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of these young constituents. They heard the call of the President to stand up in support of our nation in the days after September 11, and their dedication and spirited efforts have proven once again that teens can make a difference.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SCOTT TIPTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Scott Tipton, a dedicated businessman and friend from Cortez, Colorado. Scott is a prominent member of the Cortez business community, selling pottery for over a quarter of a century from his establishment, Mesa Verde Pottery. He is a tremendous serv-

ant of the community, and I am honored to stand with my colleagues today before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize his accomplishments.

Scott passed up an opportunity for a successful law career to open a seven hundred square foot pottery shop on East Main Street in 1979. Twenty-five years later that business is thriving in a building twenty times its original size. The pottery is sold in all fifty states and six foreign countries. The heaviest concentration of his business is concentrated in the Rocky Mountain region and the Southwest, but also stretches to specialty stores and gift shops throughout the nation.

Mesa Verde Pottery employs eight salespeople and fourteen full-time American Indian artists and production workers. These artists paint designs on geometrically carved white and red-earth objects evolving Navajo monument and silhouetted mountains into intricate patterns. Scott takes pride in the unparalleled craftsmanship and employee spirit that results in better products. Scott has also taken many opportunities to give back to the community, donating twelve thousand dollars worth of goods, services, and financial contributions to local non-profits and charities in addition to pottery awards for the Indian Summer Run contestants.

Mr. Speaker, Scott Tipton is an outstanding member of the Cortez community. He has followed his dream and inspired his fellow Coloradans to do the same. The pottery created at Mesa Verde Pottery celebrates an important part of America's history, and I am honored to stand here before this body and this nation and recognize his service to his community and the nation. Congratulations on your twenty-five years of successful business, Scott, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, DEDICATION OF THE BLUE RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS CENTER BUILDING

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a new addition to Metropolitan Community Colleges. On Friday September 10, 2004, the Metropolitan Community Colleges will officially open the Campus Center Building at Blue River Community College. The new two story Campus Center Building is adjacent to the Education Center and the Western Missouri Public Safety Training Institute. The addition houses a lecture hall, student activities offices, food services along with the Academic Resource Center that includes library and tutoring facilities. The second floor features hi tech classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices.

Since 1969, the Kansas City Metropolitan Community Colleges have been governed by an elected Board of Trustees. The six member Board serves for six years with jurisdiction over four community colleges and the Business and Technology Center encompassing the county of Jackson and parts of Cass, Clay