

As an ex-officio member of the House Fine Arts Board, which serves as the clearinghouse for donations of House-related works of art, furniture and artifacts, I am pleased to support the acceptance of the portrait of Lindy Boggs by the House. I would also like to acknowledge Jan Schoonmaker and his efforts with the Lindy Boggs Portrait Committee in making this project a reality. This House has previously recognized the many contributions of Mrs. Boggs by naming a room in the Capitol in honor of her, and I think it is only fitting that the portrait will be hung in The Corrine Clai-borne Boggs Room.

Therefore, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating former Representative and Ambassador Lindy Boggs on her receipt of this honor.

#### REGARDING CARY MEDICAL CENTER

### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cary Medical Center not only for 80 years of community health care services to Aroostook County but for receiving the National Job Corps Association's 2004 Alpha Award in the Community Category.

The Cary Medical Center has played a unique and integral role in providing health services to the communities in Northern Maine. The Cary Medical Center offers a variety of excellent services to the people of Aroostook County. Its dietary department is one of the best in the country. Cary also has established itself as a leader in Community Health Education and Disease Prevention programs.

The Cary Medical Center also has superior veterans' services. The VA outpatient clinic was the first facility of its type in the nation, providing outpatient medical care for Aroostook veterans since 1987. It has over 6,000 patient visits per year.

The Cary Medical Center has been recognized by many organizations for its excellent service. In 1998, Cary Medical Center earned Accreditation with Commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, the highest rating attainable, placing Cary among the top 15 percent of hospitals in the nation in reference to nationally established guidelines on quality patient care.

More recently, the Center received the National Job Corps Association's 2004 Alpha Award in the Community Category. This is an extraordinary achievement: Cary Medical Center will be one of 6 winners out of 107 national nominations. The Alfa Award is given to individuals, organizations and employers who are dedicated to helping Job Corps students. CMC manages the Certified Nurses Assistant program for the Loring Job Corps. The hospital provides both classroom and clinical instruction for students who select the vocation.

Beyond excellent programs and the highest honors, perhaps the greatest achievement of all is the duration of service CMC has given to the community of Aroostook County. 80 years is a very long time to be serving people, and Northern Maine is surely a better place be-

cause of their contributions. I thank them for their dedication and service to the people of Maine, and commend them for this most recent award.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON SHEPPARD

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Don Sheppard, a dedicated Colorado State Patrol Officer from Cortez, Colorado who recently retired after twenty-one years of service to the people of my state. His hard work and love for protecting his community over the years serves as a shining example of the character of our nation's law enforcement officers. It is my privilege to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to recognize the career of Don Sheppard.

Don has compiled an impressive record in helping others. During Vietnam, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a communications specialist working with computers and cryptography. In 1979, he joined the Montezuma County Sheriff's office and then the Dolores County Sheriff's office. He attended the Colorado State Patrol Academy in 1983, and upon completion was assigned to the Cortez office of Troop 5A where he has served for twenty-one years.

Don has received many accolades throughout his law enforcement career for his professional and courteous service. He was an active, hard working officer who was responsible for removing more drunk drivers from the roads than any other trooper in 5A. He still holds the DUI arrest record for his area, ninety-one in a single year.

Mr. Speaker, Don Sheppard has dedicated his career to ensuring the safety and well being of Colorado citizens. His presence in the continuing efforts to fight drunk driving are especially commendable given that he has taken time away from his family and friends to face uncertain danger and unpredictable consequences. I am honored to stand here before this body and recognize the efforts of such an industrious public servant who will be sorely missed in Colorado. Good luck in your retirement Don, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

#### A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF NORTH- WEST COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIS- TRICT AS IT CELEBRATES THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING IN JACKSON, MICHIGAN

### HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Northwest Community School District in Jackson, Michigan as it celebrates fifty years of educational excellence in the Jackson community. Our current superintendent, Dennis Desmarais, as well as the

other administrators, teachers, support personnel, and the 25,000 residents and parents of the school district should all be proud of the lasting contribution they have made in shaping the lives of the young people in the Jackson area.

Northwest School District is one of Jackson County's largest school districts, and was established in 1954 when nineteen tiny districts consolidated to become Northwest Rural Agricultural Schools. By the time R. Willard Kidder became superintendent in 1955, more than 1100 students were enrolled in the district, and were transported to 23 buildings on nine buses. The next year, the school's student council chose the Mounties as the district's mascot, a name which was taken from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, symbolizing fairness, devotion, duty, and exemplary service. It was also at this time that red and black were adopted as the official school colors.

Mr. Kidder took over as Northwest's superintendent in 1956 when the original superintendent, Dr. Warran Randall, accepted a position in Hudson. Under Kidder's leadership, the school grew, the Northwest Junior-Senior High School, now R.W. Kidder Middle School, opened for students in grades five through nine in 1956. Enrollment continued to grow, and peaked at 4,200 when Mr. Kidder retired in 1972. In 1960, Flora List Elementary School opened for 700 students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and three years later, Parnall Elementary School opened on Lansing Avenue to accommodate another 900 students. In 1966, Mr. Kidder hired Mr. Joe Koziol to teach driver's education, and Mr. Koziol continued to serve the district for nearly four more decades as assistant principal in the 1970's and then as the district's superintendent from 1998 till 2002.

On behalf of the United States Congress, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend our highest praise and congratulations to the Northwest School District for its awards and academic honors as it marks the 50th anniversary of its founding.

#### COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud member of the House Native American Caucus, to celebrate the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

I also extend a warm welcome to the members from Wisconsin's seven tribes: the Oneida, Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, Stockbridge-Munsee, Menominee, Brothertown, and Potawatomi who have traveled to Washington, D.C. this week. They join the nearly twenty-thousand Native Americans, representing the nearly five-hundred state and federally recognized tribes, who have gathered here to celebrate the opening of the museum in the largest tribal gathering in our nation's history.

After 15 years of planning and five years of construction, the National Museum of the American Indian celebrates the traditions, diversity and vitality of America's first people. Located within reach of the Capitol dome on

the National Mall, the museum focuses on the art, history and culture of Native Americans.

The museum's impressive design and extensive exhibits were developed in close consultation with nearly 150 communities from Central and South America, the Caribbean, Canada and the United States.

The pieces in the collection of eight-hundred and fifty thousand items represent a 'living history' that will take visitors on a journey from past to present, and show that Native Americans continue to make vital contributions to contemporary American culture and art.

The National Museum of the American Indian, with its graceful architecture and soaring atrium sited on the country's most ceremonial ground is a long-overdue recognition of the many contributions made by tribe members. I encourage all Americans to join me in honoring them by experiencing the museum and learning more about their heritage.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO TED STRICKLAND

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Ted Strickland and thank him for his exceptional contributions to his community and the State of Colorado as an Adams County Commissioner. A two term county commissioner, Ted is a dedicated public servant and leader in his community, and I am honored to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation today.

Ted was born in Austin, Texas and moved to Colorado in 1954 after serving in the Army. He began working as Vice President of Petroleum Information before his 1966 election to the Colorado State House of Representatives. Two years later he was elected to the Colorado State Senate in 1968 and served twenty-four years, including twelve as the President of the Senate. Ted also served as Lieutenant Governor of Colorado from 1973 to 1975. In 1996, he was elected to the Board of Commissioners of Adams County where he has dedicated his efforts to serving the people of Adams County. Ted currently serves on the E-470 Public Highway and Front Range Airport Authority Boards and is the alternate representative to the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the Adams County Economic Development and Adams County Water Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Ted Strickland has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his country and the people of Colorado as an Adams County Commissioner. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service, Ted, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTHA "MARTI" YOUNG OF ROSEBURG, OREGON

#### HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to congratulate Martha "Marti" Young of Roseburg, Oregon. The Oregon Commission for Women selected Ms. Young as one of the 2004 Women of Achievement. She will be honored on Saturday, October 2nd, at the 20th Annual Women of Achievement Awards Dinner for her determined advocacy, intelligent leadership, and inspired vision on behalf of low income Oregonians.

Marti Young has an impressive record of public service, with over thirty years of active participation. Wherever there has been innovation, progress, and development in human services in Oregon, she has been in the front ranks. She has been an unstoppable advocate, mobilizing resources and providing services to alleviate poverty and enhance the quality of life for the poor, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

Marti Young gets things done—and done well. She has worked with the low income community and community partners to establish Head Start programs, a child care center for low income families, a school lunch program, and an emergency food bank, an energy assistance program, transportation services, shelter programs, and other resources and opportunities vital to the health and well-being of Douglas County.

The world is full of heroes like Marti Young, working every day to make the world a better place. I am pleased to offer her the heartfelt congratulations and warm thanks she so richly merits.

#### IN HONOR OF WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, as an alumni it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize and commemorate Wheeling Jesuit University as this institution of higher learning celebrates its 50th anniversary.

In 1954 the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the Society of Jesus of the Maryland Province forged a partnership to establish the only Catholic university in West Virginia. Since its first class of 90 students and 12 Jesuits, Wheeling Jesuit has grown to include over 1,000 students and five graduate programs.

As one of our nation's youngest Jesuit institutions, Wheeling Jesuit practices and teaches the Ignation tradition of faith, worship, and service. Students at WJU learn to incorporate these principles into their daily lives. Today we may witness the continuation of this tradition among the younger classes which exemplify a lifestyle of hard work and achievement. Wheeling Jesuit University alumni are constantly challenging themselves and others to move at full speed towards perfection in service to their community and the Lord.

In its efforts to provide a valuable learning experience to its student body, Wheeling Jesuit created the Appalachian Institute. The Institute serves as a vehicle to expose students to the issues most important to the surrounding Appalachian region. It is through service opportunities developed by the Institute that students are able to apply their understanding from the classroom to situations real in the world.

Additionally, students attending Wheeling Jesuit are afforded an array of opportunities to participate in public service projects. These activities include a semester-long hunger and homelessness awareness program to educate students of the problems plaguing the local and global community; and the Appalachian Experience Club, which sponsors work experiences in rural West Virginia throughout the academic year.

This small college, by steadfastly adhering to its principles, continues to impact local, national, and global communities. Through an emphasis on academic excellence the college has graduated thousands of students to pursue careers in health care, law, business, education, and the arts. Residing in our nation's 50 states and 147 nations abroad, Wheeling Jesuit Alumni typify the lifestyle of selflessness, achievement, and service that this institution instilled in them years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Wheeling Jesuit University for celebrating their 50th anniversary. Over the years Wheeling Jesuit has provided unsurpassed support and guidance to its students and the Appalachian community, and will continue to impact the lives of its students and the community through its charitable contributions and commitment to public service.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHERYL OLSON

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Cheryl Olson and thank her for her exceptional contributions to her community and the State of Colorado as a Larimer County Commissioner. A two-term commissioner, Cheryl is a dedicated public servant and leader in her community, and I am honored to recognize her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation today.

As a lifelong resident of Fort Collins, Colorado, Cheryl attended Fort Collins High School and earned her bachelor's degree from the Colorado State University. After graduation Cheryl worked at various organizations including: James Johnson & Son, Inc., The Group, Inc., and Commercial Investment Team, Inc. She began her public service career in 1996, when she was elected to the Board of Commissioners of Larimer County where she has dedicated her efforts to serving the people of Larimer County. Cheryl served as Chair of the Board from 1998 to 2001. Some of the additional boards and commissions Cheryl served on include: the Larimer Center for Mental Health, the Colorado State University's President's Community Relations Committee, and