

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

the Larimer County Department of Human Services Children and Family Services Division. She was also chairman of the Colorado Counties, Inc. Land Use and Natural Resources committee, and the joint Colorado Municipal League Growth subcommittee.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION'S 2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the gathering of the National Hispanic Contractors Association at their 2nd Annual Conference entitled "Framing the Future: Diversity Builds the American Dream".

The Conference will take place on September 23rd and 24th, 2004 at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. With more than 150,000 Hispanic contractors in our nation, the Association will host many of them during this conference.

One of the panel discussions will focus on safety in the workforce. The rate of workplace injuries for Hispanics is disproportionately high. Hispanic workers, who comprise 12 percent of the U.S. labor force, experienced 15 percent of the fatal occupational injuries in 2003. Eight hundred forty Hispanic workers died from workplace injuries in 2003. I commend the USHCA for discussing this important subject.

The U.S. Hispanic Contractors Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing the support necessary for the advancement, advocacy, and economic growth, and full participation of Hispanic-owned businesses in all areas of contracting and procurement contracts.

CONGRATULATING DR. MIGUEL ANGEL RODRIGUEZ AS HE IS INSTALLED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my friend, Dr. Miguel Angel Rodriguez, the distinguished former President of Costa Rica, who today will be formally installed as Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Combining a shared vision for the Americas, the OAS brings together a number of nations of the Western Hemisphere to strengthen co-

operation and common interests. It is the region's premier forum for multilateral dialogue and action. At the core of the OAS mission is the belief in, and commitment to, democracy. Since the end of the Cold War, the OAS member states have signified their cooperation by working to promote peace and human understanding; strengthen security; expand trade; and promote human rights.

A recognized world leader and economist, Dr. Rodriguez has served in many key leadership positions. Prior to assuming the Presidency of Costa Rica in 1998, he was President, and before that, Vice President of the Christian Democrat Organization of America. He was President of the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica and a Congressman of the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica. A professor at the Universidad Autonoma de Centro America, he has published extensively on the subjects of democracy; market and social welfare policy.

Dr. Rodriguez received a B.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences and a BS in Law from the Universidad de Costa Rica. He also earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley.

I have had the honor of working with Dr. Rodriguez to resolve outstanding issues that would enable Costa Rica to participate in the Tropical Forest Conservation Act. I authored this legislation, which is designed to protect the world's most endangered tropical forests using market-oriented debt-for-nature mechanisms. I know him to be a thoughtful and fair person, and a friend of the United States.

I join my colleagues in congratulating Dr. Rodriguez on assuming the position of Secretary General. We look forward to working with him in his new position.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SANDY HUME

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 Sandy Hume and thank him for his exceptional contributions to his community and the State of Colorado as an Adams County Commissioner. As a public official since 1983, Sandy 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.

A lifelong resident of Boulder, Colorado, Sandy attended Boulder High School and went on to earn both a bachelor's and masters degree from the University of Colorado. After a short period of serving with the Army, Sandy became a self-employed photographer. Sandy began his public service career when he was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1983, and reelected in 1985, and 1987. His strength as a legislator led to his 1989 election to the Colorado State Senate. Serving the people of Boulder County in District 13, Sandy has long been an advocate of education, efficient transportation, and management of our energy and natural resources. During his tenure in the House he served as a member of the Education and Transportation and Energy committees where he was able to work on higher education bills and regulating the

amount of hazardous waste that is transported through Boulder.

After leaving the General Assembly, Sandy continued his exemplary public service record by serving as a Boulder County commissioner from 1991-1994, and the Boulder County Treasurer from 1995-2002. Currently he is serving as the Boulder Public Trustee, a post that he was appointed to in 2003 by Colorado Governor Bill Owens. In his spare time, he serves on the Advisory Board of the Colorado Commission for Higher Education, and is an accomplished photographer.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Sandy Hume 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, Sandy, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 25 YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO GOD'S PEOPLE

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor the Catholic Social Services (CSS) for 25 years of committed service to the people of Guam. For over two decades, the CSS has responded to the needs of our island community through housing, health care, nutritional and other support programs for the elderly and disadvantaged in our community. In doing so, it has fulfilled its mission to encourage the development of the spiritual, intellectual, economic, and social well-being of those in need while respecting the dignity of each individual.

Founded by Fr. David I.A. Quitugua with the assistance of Judge Ramon Diaz and the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores, the Catholic Social Services opened its doors on September 12, 1979 in Agaña, Guam. From its first programs, the residential Drug Treatment Center and the Migration and Refugee Office to the many programs they currently administer, the Catholic Social Services continues to expand to meet the growing needs of our community. Programs such as the In-Home Services Program have provided much needed respite and support services for caretakers of the elderly and to elderly individuals without caretakers. Other programs, including the Alee Shelters and Guma Sagrada Familia, have provided a safe haven for victims of abuse especially women, children, the elderly and adults with disabilities. The Guma San Jose shelters and the Liheng Transitional Housing Program provide shelter to homeless individuals and families as well as assistance in obtaining permanent housing. The Caridad programs provide much needed assistance to children and adults with special needs.

The accomplishments of the Catholic Social Services over the last 25 years would not have been possible without the work of dedicated staff and volunteers, past and present. I want to commend each of them for their commitment to serving the less fortunate in our community. I would also like to commend