

the southwest rift zone of Mauna Loa, one of the most massive volcanoes in the world.

The geologic features of the proposed acquisition—three large pit craters—provide vestiges of native forest and other unique attributes. The property also includes ranch buildings, walls, and pasture lands that are reminiscent of nineteenth and early twentieth century ranching and contain remnant ranchlands that are not currently represented to the public by any National Park in Hawai'i. These buildings would provide public, office, educational, and research space for a much-needed satellite headquarters for this portion of the 333,000-acre park. And locating these services in these historic structures will preserve more of the natural resources of the park in an unspoiled condition.

The property also provides magnificent open landscape views and vistas that offer a glimpse into a cultural landscape that has remained unchanged for decades.

The geologic, biologic and cultural resources contained on this property will also enhance the quality of the park for its legislated purpose and as a World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve. In addition, the park has a well-developed partnership with adjacent landowners in management of native ecosystems and historic landscapes and acquisition of this makai section of Kahuku will help to facilitate this partnership.

The Hawaii House of Representatives passed H.R. No. 56 in the 2001 session supporting acquisition of the Kahuku Ranch as part of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and the Hawaii State Senate passed a similar resolution.

I would be very grateful for the support of my colleagues for this important bill. Mahalo!

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO ERNESTO
TAFOYA**

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to US Navy veteran Ernesto Tafoya. Ernesto, who held the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer, bravely answered our Nation's call to duty during World War II. Following the war, he continued to serve our Nation in the Naval Reserve, retiring in 1983 after forty years of honorable service. I consider it a great honor to recognize the sacrifices Ernesto made for his Nation before this body of Congress today.

Ernesto joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 at the age of seventeen. After months of training he became an engineman on an amphibious landing craft, and was later sent to the Pacific Theater. Ernesto's unit arrived in Hawaii in early 1945, sailed to the Marshall Islands, and eventually arrived at Leyte Gulf in the Philippines. There his unit took part in liberating the Philippines from the Japanese. Following the Philippine campaign, Ernesto was sent to Japan as part of the allied occupation force where he again served honorably. Upon returning from overseas Ernesto continued his service in our Nations Naval Reserve.

Ernesto comes from a family with a long tradition of defending our Nation's freedom. His maternal grandfather Sabino Lopez from

Chihuahua, Mexico, gained his U.S. citizenship by fighting for the Union side in the Civil War. His older brother Dewey served in the European Theater with the US Army during World War II, and was killed during the infamous Battle of the Bulge. In addition, Ernesto's children have followed in their father's footsteps, both his son and his daughter are currently serving as members of our armed forces. His daughter, Michelle Tafoya, has served honorably in the US Air Force for sixteen years, and is today being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Ernesto's son, Carl, served in Vietnam and Desert Storm, and is currently deployed in Kuwait as an Army medivac helicopter pilot.

Mr. Speaker, later today, I will have the distinct honor of recognizing Ernesto for his service during World War II by bestowing upon him the Philippine Liberation Medal. This is a long overdue tribute to the sacrifices Ernesto endured in the defense of freedom. Ernesto, your service is the embodiment of American heroism and we are very proud of you.

**IN HONOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY**

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of the United States' most reliable allies, the Republic of China, on the occasion of its National Day, October 10. That great nation, better known as Taiwan, has served as a mirror on our times, reflecting the agonies and dreams of the 20th Century and the soaring aspirations of the new century. The ROC was born of the tragedy of Communist betrayal, reared in the tension of the cold war, and reached maturity during the information age.

The ROC was the first casualty of Imperial Japanese aggression and our staunch ally in the fight to free the Pacific of that tyranny. In 1949, Chinese Communists seized power on the mainland and the central government of the Republic of China relocated to Taiwan. Since that time, we have rightfully considered Taiwan's security of vital interest to the United States. In 1950, President Truman ordered the Seventh Fleet to protect Taiwan from attack by the Chinese Communists and we have maintained a presence in the area ever since. Moreover, the Congress has consistently expressed its support of the ROC since the passage of Taiwan Relations Act of 1979.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan has developed into a premier Asian democracy, having peacefully evolved from one party rule to the vibrant home of multi-party elections.

Taiwan's political development has been complemented by its economic rise as one of Asia's "Four Tigers," along with Hong Kong, Singapore, and South Korea. Since 1949, the ROC's economy has moved from a leader in agricultural exports, to a major manufacturer of small electronics and consumer goods, to today's premier Asian producer of capital- and technology-intensive commodities, such as personal computers and machinery. Because its economy has achieved such rapid growth, Taiwan boasts one of the world's highest standards of living, with only 1 percent of its population below the poverty line in 2000.

Today, the ROC is an irreplaceable part of the world economy and vital to continued growth here in the U.S.

I know that my colleagues will join me in wishing Taiwan's President Chen Shuibian, its Representative here in the U.S., Dr. David Tawei Lee and the 23 million people of Taiwan a most happy National Day and continued peace and prosperity.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHUCK
KORNMAN**

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Chuck Kornman, a dedicated humanitarian from Grand Junction, Colorado. Chuck has spent his entire life serving other people during times of desperation, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing his tremendous leadership and service before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Chuck began his professional career as a minister, and after retiring 15 years ago became a volunteer for the Red Cross. This year he will turn 81 years old, and as a family-service coordinator, Chuck travels to disaster sites all over the world to help those affected. He spent 3 months in New York City after the terrorist attacks on September 11 and more recently has aided those afflicted by the floods in Texas, the ice storms in Oklahoma, and the tornado devastated area in southeast Nebraska. Chuck not only interviews victims of natural disasters about their needs, but also provides an unparalleled level of support.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Chuck Kornman for his dedication and commitment to others. In the pinnacle of his life, he serves as an example to all of us. It is with great pleasure that I recognize him today before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thank you, Chuck, for everything you have done. I wish you the best in all of your future endeavors.

**HONORING LYNDA THEIL FOR 33
YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynda Theil on her retirement from 33 years of public service as a staff member in the House of Representatives. A dedicated staffer, a tireless worker, a sharp mind, and a good friend, Lynda's dedication to working on behalf of our nation's children has been nothing short of inspiring.

Lynda began her career on the Hill working for Ohio Congressman John Seiberling in January of 1971, the beginning of the 92nd Congress. She worked for Rep. Seiberling through the birth of her two daughters, Corbin and Ashley, who she has raised into intelligent, sophisticated and beautiful young women. Upon Rep. Seiberling's retirement, Linda transitioned to the staff for his successor, Congressman Tom Sawyer at the beginning of the 100th

Congress where she worked until the spring of 1993.

It was at this time, when I was just starting my first term in Congress, that Lynda came to my staff. Her expertise and vast knowledge of education policy have been invaluable to me as a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee. She has worked on legislation including the Child Nutrition Act, the School Breakfast Pilot program, Headstart, The Balancing Act, and welfare programs to name a few. I would also like to honor her for helping to create the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Children and Families. She was instrumental in helping me make this important Caucus a reality and give a voice in Congress to those who need it most.

After so many years of dedicated service, it will certainly be difficult to see Lynda go. She has not only been a resource to myself and other Members of Congress, but also a mentor to a countless number of staff members. I wish her well as she moves on to a new phase of her life. With one grandchild, Brady, and another on the way, she will undoubtedly be as busy and hardworking in retirement as she was on the Hill. I can say without hesitation, that Members of Congress and staff alike will certainly miss her.

Mr. Speaker, Lynda Theil is the role model for what every staff member should be; dedicated, hardworking, caring, and devoted. Her presence will be missed, but not forgotten. Thank you, congratulations, and best wishes, Lynda.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DONALD BROTZMAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to mourn the passing of Congressman Donald Brotzman. Donald, the former representative for Colorado's Second Congressional District recently passed away at the age of eighty-two after battling cancer. He was known for his warmth, integrity and abiding sense of professionalism. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Donald and pay tribute to him for his contributions to the state of Colorado and this Nation.

Donald was born in 1922 in Logan County where he was a tenor saxophonist and three-sport athlete at Sterling High School. He went to school at the University of Colorado on a football scholarship in 1939, only to postpone his studies to serve his country as an Army officer during World War II. After the war, Donald married Louise Reed and returned to the University of Colorado to earn his business and law degrees.

Donald began working as a lawyer in Boulder in 1950, and was elected later that same year to the Colorado House of Representatives. He was a dynamic legislator who reflected strong Western values and a compassionate heart. Donald would go on to serve in the State Senate where he was named the outstanding freshman member, an honor he also enjoyed from his time in the State House. He was appointed as the Colorado U.S. attorney in 1959 and just two years later, he was

elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where fellow lawmakers named him president of the Republican freshman class. Former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong referred to Donald as a trailblazer in politics, and a man of great integrity and principle.

After Donald left politics, he worked in the Government Relations department at the Rubber Manufacturers Association before retiring in 1989. When Louise died in 1995, Donald remarried, and is survived by his wife Gwendolyn, a brother, daughter, and son, in addition to a stepson and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the loss of Congressman Donald Brotzman, though we take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed by the legacy of dedication that Donald has left with us. I am honored to pay tribute to such a devoted public servant, one who has given many years in service to the state of Colorado and Nation. I know that many throughout our state who had the chance to benefit from his experience and dedication will miss Donald Brotzman. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this time of bereavement.

MINGO JOB CORPS CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTER

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, the Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center was established in 1965 and is located on the southeastern corner of Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Over 224 corps members participate in the program at Mingo at any one time. They can see daily what many people travel miles to observe on a National Wildlife Refuge. They are working to make a special effort to provide vocational work sites for training, as well as placement in permanent jobs, not just at Mingo, but on other facilities within the region.

In a residential setting, students are given the opportunity to complete their secondary education, round out their social skills, and acquire a vocational skill. Vocational training is offered in the following trades at Mingo: automotive repair, building maintenance, bricklaying, carpentry, heavy equipment operation, painting, welding, clerical, culinary arts, and health services.

With an audience of over 200 young people in residence for over a year on a National Wildlife Refuge, the Center is taking advantage of the opportunity to expose them to environmental awareness concepts in the education, vocational training, and residential living programs. The Center is a unique mix of human resources and natural resource management.

The Mingo Job Corps Center, located in Puxico, Missouri, has become a critical part of the economy in Southeast Missouri. I first want to brag on the work the Center has done and give a little background on the work they do to better the community and the lives of those they serve. The Center has been crucial in providing the young people in Southeast Missouri many opportunities that they would not otherwise have available to them. The lack of viable economic opportunities in the area is staggering, and, as a result, many people in

the area have to rely on government assistance to make ends meet.

The Mingo Job Corps Center is the one place these people can go to develop the critical skills needed to enter the workforce. While some of the students at the Center are what we commonly refer to as being "at-risk," the Job Corps program has allowed these young men and women to make a life for themselves and succeed. Additionally, the surrounding community has benefitted from the work of the Center because, upon graduation, the students are able to give back to the community with the skills they have learned.

Last year, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that they did not have the budget to adequately operate the Center. As a result, the Department of Labor recommended that the operations of the Center be contracted out. I completely opposed the proposal to contract out the operations at the Mingo Job Corps Center.

In response to the announcement to contract out operations Senator BOND and I introduced legislation to transfer the Mingo Center to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. By adding the Mingo Job Corps Center to the list of U.S. Forest Service-run facilities, we will protect the livelihood of the students and employees served by the Center and ensure that the facility will continue to be operated by an experienced and dedicated staff. Most importantly, the skilled workers who graduate from the Center will continue to add to the dedicated workforce and contribute to the health of the rural economy.

I am very proud to bring this legislation to the House of Representatives for a vote today, because it represents an important initiative in rural Missouri. Our job training programs are vital to our economic success now and in the future. Keeping the Mingo Center open and operating is a small, but important way to acknowledge our commitment to a dedicated workforce.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND TETREAU

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Raymond Tetreault, a dedicated gardener from Delta, Colorado. Raymond is responsible for creating beautiful landscapes and scenic floral displays throughout the streets of Delta and I would like to join my colleagues here today before this body of Congress and this nation in recognizing his service to the Delta community.

Raymond grew up in New Bedford, Massachusetts and moved to Colorado to look for work in 1976. He loved gardening as a child and took related classes from Front Range Community College before working fourteen years at the Pinehurst Country Club. After Pinehurst Raymond, who identifies himself as an amateur naturalist, became the Delta city gardener in 2003. Raymond prides himself on making sure that every flowerbed is a knockout. He insures that each flowerbed is comprised of a mix of annuals and perennials to produce colorful blooms all year round. His