

Junction, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing his tremendous generosity before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Born in Pennsylvania in 1859, William Moyer traveled the country as a salesman. After a trip to Grand Junction in 1888, he decided to move there permanently in 1890. Four years later, he opened the Fair Store and married a local girl, Ida Shantz. William was an active member of the community and in addition to owning the Fair Store; he also had partial interests in the Grand Valley National Bank and the Valley Building and Loan Company. He used these associations to help students pay for college and to help small businesses survive difficult times with low or no interest loans.

When, in 1921 a young boy died while swimming the Colorado River, William knew something had to be done. He approached the city council and asked to build a swimming pool. William offered more than \$25,000 for construction and made only one stipulation; that children would be able to swim free at the pool at least one day a week. The city council agreed and the pool was opened in 1922. This year a new pool is being opened that will bear the Moyer name. In addition, consistent with his original request, the pool will allow children to swim free every Wednesday.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor William Moyer for his selfless contributions to the people of Grand Junction. Even today, 61 years after he passed away, he is fondly remembered in the community. Thanks, William, for everything you did. This Congressman and the people of Grand Junction will never forget you.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY STAFF SERGEANT (SSG) DARREN J. CUNNINGHAM

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a fallen hero, Army Staff Sergeant (SSG) Darren J. Cunningham of Groton, Massachusetts. SSG Cunningham was deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and died tragically on September 30th when his unit came under mortar attack in Baghdad. He gave his life in service to our country, and we will forever be grateful.

Ever since he was a young boy, SSG Cunningham knew he wanted to pursue a career in the military. His eighth grade teacher recalls Darren talking about wanting to join the armed forces so that he could serve our country with pride. For Darren, the military stood for more than a respectable job: it offered education, discipline, and a chance to travel. The quote on high school yearbook page said it all: "My ambition is to enjoy life to the fullest, see the world."

At the age of eighteen, Darren graduated from high school and immediately enlisted in the Army. He moved up through the ranks of the 545th Military Police Company of the Army's First Cavalry, stationed at Fort Hood in Texas. He served nobly during the Persian Gulf War in 1991 and returned to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom to train Iraqi police

and help rebuild local infrastructure. He planned to retire next year.

SSG Cunningham leaves behind a wife and two children who adored him. His friends and family remember him as spirited, outgoing, fun, and a jokester. A great athlete, one of his proudest moments was being chosen as co-captain of the high school varsity basketball team. Today, SSG Cunningham's relatives, friends, community, and Nation mourn his loss.

SSG Cunningham died fighting for the country he loved, alongside his comrades-in-arms. Our Nation is humbled and grateful for his sacrifice. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a father, husband and hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2004 RIVER CATS

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the 2004 River Cats, the deserving winners of the 2004 Pacific Coast League Championship. The 2004 River Cats successfully recaptured the Pacific Coast League championship for the second consecutive year by sweeping the Iowa Cubs in a hard fought thrilling three-game series. The 2004 Sacramento River Cats displayed their trademark determination and teamwork that continue to make them a great source of civic pride and a prominent local attraction for years to come. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting the triumphant 2004 Sacramento River Cats.

The 2004 Sacramento River Cats are comprised of an outstanding blend of experienced professionals with major league experience and bright young prospects who are destined to become the stars of tomorrow. The 2004 River Cats team is led by the excellent all-around play of 2004 Pacific Coast League Most Valuable Player and Playoff Most Valuable Player Dan Johnson. In addition, the outstanding roster was anchored by the consistent contributions of recently promoted major leaguers: Nick Swisher, Jairo Garcia, Esteban German, Joe Blanton, and Justin Lehr. All the aforementioned River Cats are among the best touted prospects in all of baseball. Whether a seasoned veteran or an up and coming prospect, every member of the 2004 River Cats demonstrated outstanding commitment to team play and hard work as they march toward the 2004 Pacific Coast League Championship.

In addition to a wonderful roster, the 2004 River Cats also benefited greatly from the tutelage of one of the best coaching staffs and the leadership of one of the most accomplished and innovative front offices in all of professional baseball. On the bench, the River Cats were led by the 2003 Sporting News Minor League Manager of the Year Tony DeFrancesco. Mr. DeFrancesco and his able assistants were able to cultivate a spirit of camaraderie and an unyielding commitment to hard work and fair play in the clubhouse. In the front office, the River Cats are led by the extraordinary leadership of President and CEO Art Savage and the astute management of Executive Vice Presidents Warren Smith and

Robert Hemond. Under this leadership team, the River Cats have taken great steps to forge one of the strongest and most unique relationships in all of sports with their team supporters. Given the River Cats front office's commitment to the city of Sacramento, it is no wonder why the River Cats have led all of Minor League Baseball in attendance during each of their five years in Sacramento.

Mr. Speaker, as the Sacramento River Cats conclude its second consecutive championship season and prepare to achieve greater triumphs in the future, I am honored to pay tribute to the many hard working men and women of the River Cats organization who brought so much joy and pride to the people of the Capitol Region and River Cats fans everywhere. Their successes are highly commendable, and it is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to pay tribute to their accomplishments. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the Sacramento River Cats on a wonderful season and wishing them greater success in future seasons.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DICK AND NANCY KNOWLTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dick and Nancy Knowlton, two generous and loving people whose extraordinary compassion and dedication to each other and the State of Colorado is highly commendable. Dick and Nancy will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary this year, and I am honored today to bring their story and their contributions to their community to the attention of this body of Congress and this Nation.

When Dick was young, his father Lyle suffered a debilitating heart attack at the age of 42 and was laid-off from his job for medical reasons. To make ends meet, the family would buy dilapidated homes and fix them up for profit. As a result, their living conditions were often barely habitable. Dick and his six brothers and sisters were raised by both Lyle and Rose. Rose was a sweet and lovely woman who took loving care of each of her children. It was Rose's love and guidance that led all of her seven children to lead successful lives. Upon graduation from high school, Dick attended college on a football scholarship at the University of Colorado where he would meet his future bride, Nancy VanDerbur. After he graduated from college, he received his papers for government service, and Dick and Nancy were married shortly before he left to serve his country.

Following his military service, Dick returned to work at the Hormel Company where he had begun working during the summers at the young age of fifteen. Through hard work and many hours of dedication, Dick worked his way up to become President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of the Hormel Company. Along the way, Dick worked every job in the company from the gut shanty to the corner office and each job in between. When he retired, Dick received the Horatio-Alger Award in recognition of his status as a successful, self-made man. Fellow recipients of this prestigious award are Colin Powell, Henry Kissinger, Wayne Huizenga and fellow Coloradan

Phil Anschutz. Dick is still very active in the Horatio Alger organization, which provides scholarships for kids with disadvantaged backgrounds.

Nancy was born and raised in Denver. Her grandfather founded Olinger Mortuaries, which Nancy's father eventually took over. Nancy and her sisters Gwen, Val, and Marilyn worked odd jobs at the family business before they all would eventually attend the University of Colorado. All four of the VanDerbur girls were beautiful, young, and successful women. Nancy's sister Marilyn would go on to win Miss America in 1958. Nancy is the consummate wife, mother and friend. She provides the strength that motivates Dick to be a strong father and community figure, and her work behind-the-scenes is worthy of multiple praises. Nancy is a warm and friendly person who is beloved by her many friends and family members, including each of her five children.

Mr. Speaker, it is a rare and beautiful thing when a couple's love and devotion for each other shines as brightly as does the love between Dick and Nancy Knowlton after fifty years of marriage. I rise before my colleagues today to recognize that beautiful accomplishment and to applaud the example that Dick and Nancy's loving marriage provides to countless Coloradans. It is an honor to congratulate them on fifty years of dedication to each other, and I wish them all the best in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, because I was part of a Congressional delegation that traveled to Iraq, I missed several votes last week.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 469, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 785, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 470, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 794, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 471, on adoption of H. Res. 794, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 480, adoption of the conference report on H.R. 1308, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAT CHRISTEN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, tonight in my district, community leaders will gather to pay trib-

ute to the work of Pat Christen, Executive Director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation for the past 15 years. I want to join in expressing my admiration and gratitude for Pat's outstanding leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS in San Francisco, across America, and around the world.

Pat has effectively and enthusiastically led the San Francisco AIDS Foundation through some of the most difficult times of the epidemic. She is the longest serving Executive Director of an AIDS service organization in the nation and has established a remarkable legacy.

In 1988, after returning from Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer and volunteering with the Foundation's hotline, Pat was named the Foundation's first director of public policy. Within a year, she gathered colleagues from across the nation to address the growing crisis of caring for the thousands of people with AIDS who were critically ill and had no means of support.

Those initial discussions laid the foundation for the Ryan White CARE Act. I was an original co-sponsor of that legislation, and joined Congressman HENRY WAXMAN, Senator EDWARD KENNEDY and many of our colleagues who worked with Pat and community leaders from across the country to ensure swift passage. The CARE Act has proven to be one of the most significant public health achievements of the Congress in the past 15 years. Declines in AIDS deaths are a direct result of the therapies and services that have been made more widely available through the CARE Act to large numbers of uninsured and under-insured people with HIV and AIDS.

Pat's courage and competence later drew San Francisco to the forefront of the fight for effective needle exchange programs. When most leaders were intimidated by this innovative and controversial approach, Pat led the charge to city hall and Sacramento to put needle exchange in our HIV prevention strategy. Pat and others in San Francisco were also early to see that mobilization against this pandemic had to be international. She founded Pangaea, the global affiliate of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, to apply San Francisco's experience as a leader in the domestic fight against HIV/AIDS to the global crisis. Through Pat's vision and leadership, Pangaea has brought hope and care to thousands of Africans facing HIV/AIDS.

I have been proud to work with Pat and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation over the years to ensure that HIV/AIDS care, treatment, prevention, and research initiatives, domestically and internationally receive the funding they need, and to improve and strengthen those programs as the epidemic evolves.

Pat Christen's leadership at the Foundation may be coming to an end, but her legacy will live on as the fight to end AIDS continues. Her success reminds us what community leadership can do. It inspires us to not only work effectively at the local level, but also to take responsibility to make change at the national and global level. I know I join many in saying that the world is a better place because Pat Christen graced it with her leadership, vision, and integrity.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PEDRO PICAZO-POTEET

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pedro Picazo-Poteet, an extraordinary fifteen year old who has overcome seemingly impossible obstacles in order to compete in martial arts competitions. Pedro is a true fighter, and someone other citizens can look to for inspiration. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize his accomplishments.

In 2002, Pedro was riding his bike to school when he was hit by a car. His injuries were so extensive that the doctors were not certain whether he would live, and resulted in the loss of an arm. Pedro's grandmother Darla, who has raised Pedro since the age of eight, stayed by his side during his entire stay at the hospital. Although the family had to move to a different home to help pay for Pedro's medical costs, Darla refused to let Pedro quit pursuing his passion of martial arts. With the encouragement of his coach and family, Pedro has returned to martial arts and trains in the stick fighting competition. Pedro practices for hours, preparing himself for older, stronger, and more physical opponents.

Mr. Speaker, Pedro Picazo-Poteet is a strong, dedicated individual who has triumphed in the face of difficult obstacles. His persistent determination has taken him further than anyone imagined and I am honored to stand here before this body and recognize the efforts of such a zealous young man. Good luck with your martial arts training, Pedro, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

OSHA'S FAILURE TO ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE SAFETY STANDARDS

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, since 2001 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, has failed to carry out its core mission of protecting the health and safety of American workers. By withdrawing more rules aimed at workplace safety than it has promulgated over the past 4 years, OSHA has set an appalling track record indeed. As such, OSHA and the Bush administration have earned the dubious distinction of definitively turning back the clock on worker safety.

As documented by the Government Accountability Office, GAO, in a March 2004 report, OSHA has decreased the proportion of its budget dedicated to enforcement activities by 6 percent at the same time it has increased by 8 percent the proportion reserved for its Voluntary Protection Program, VPP. Under the VPP, OSHA offers regional partnerships with certain industry associations—such as construction—to reduce worker injuries and illness. In return for keeping injury rates 25 percent below the industry average and holding comprehensive training sessions for workers,