

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDREW
GULLIFORD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Andrew Gulliford, the Director of the Center for Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College in Grand Junction. Andrew has dedicated his life to preserving Western heritage and culture and I am honored to stand here today with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his accomplishments.

Andrew grew up in Southwest, Colorado attending high school in the town of Lamar. He earned his bachelor's degree in American history and master's degree in teaching at Colorado College. Andrew applied his new knowledge as a fourth grade teacher in Silt, Colorado where he also taught American History at the Rifle branch of Colorado Mountain College before going on to complete his doctorate in American Culture and history at Bowling Green University in Ohio. After teaching, Andrew served as the Director of the Western New Mexico University Museum where he arranged for several donations of Navajo weavings, Mimbres pottery, Southwest art, and Hispano Folk Art.

Andrew did not abandon teaching completely and returned to be a professor and director of the Public History and Historic Preservation Program at Middle Tennessee State University for 10 years where he directed one of the oldest and largest public history and historic preservation graduate programs in the Nation. In 2001, Andrew was selected by Fort Lewis College to become their Director of the Center for Southwest Studies where his national reputation as a scholar, a public historian and developer and manager of several academic centers have contributed to the shining success of the center in Fort Lewis. Andrew is also an accomplished author and photographer and he is supported by his wife Stephanie Moran, and their two children Tristan and Duncan.

Mr. Speaker, Andrew Gulliford is a dedicated scholar, and it is through his many hours of devotion that we are able to have such a vivid picture of Western history and culture in Colorado and I am honored to recognize his efforts before this body of Congress. Andrew, thanks for all your hard work and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF MARIA ANN
CRESPO-RODRIGUEZ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to Mrs. Maria Ann Crespo-Rodriguez, who is being honored by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County, Inc., as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

Maria was born at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch and raised in Red Bank,

NJ, where she attended the Red Bank Public School System, and graduated from Red Bank High School in 1974. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education/Spanish from Monmouth College, and received a Masters degree in ESL from Kean College.

Maria has been teaching in the Long Branch Middle School for the last 26 years. During that time, her energy and enthusiasm have manifested themselves both in and out of the classroom, where she became involved in a number of volunteer agencies and services. She has been a board member of Hispanic Affairs and Resource Center of Monmouth County, spent 5 years as a tutor in Stay Smart University helping children in a pediatric ward, many of whom were terminally ill. She was a member of the Pearl Chaney Memorial Scholarship Fund for 10 years, as well as a member of the Long Branch School District's Puerto Rican Disaster Relief Fund, President of the S.T.P.O. of Elberon School (1997–1998), and a speaker at the National School Board Association in 1997, 2003, and 2004. As the co-founder of the B.B.I.P., which started as the Bilingual/Bicultural Intervention Program, later changed to Basic Belief in All People, she has helped hundreds of students with academic as well as behavioral problems to succeed.

Maria has been awarded Teacher of the Month in the Long Branch Middle School two times, once in 1992 and again in 2003. She was District Teacher of the Month in 2003, and was nominated for the Long Branch Middle School Teacher of the Year.

For her service as co-founder of BBIP and its co-moderator over the last 12 years, she served in the roles of teacher, mentor, friend, counselor and surrogate mother, she earned many justly deserved awards. She received recognition from HARC's youth organization, "Almas Latinos". She is the recipient of the NJ State Department of Education P.R.I.D.E. Model Program Award (BBIP), the PRIDE pin for Programs of Inclusion, and is an Equity Hall of Fame Member, NJ State Department's "Best Practices" award. In 1996, she was recognized as a Hall of Fame Member of the "A+ for Kids" Teachers Network, and presented the award on a television show on WWOR, Channel 9 by Jerry Orbach (Law and Order). She has been recognized for the program by Governor Christine Todd Whitman as well as movie actor, Edward James Olmos, and most recently was featured in an Asbury Park Press "School Scene" article (February 27, 2003) entitled "School program offers students a little nudge."

Maria resides in Tinton Falls with her husband, Carlos, and two children, Roberto and Gabriella.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing, Mrs. Crespo-Rodriguez, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors her for her dedication to the educational advancement of Latinos and her commitment to the Long Branch Public School System.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR
WILLIE E. MANLEY

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Pastor Willie E. Manley of the Greater Life Baptist Church of San Diego, California as he is honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for his advocacy for worker rights and worker justice.

He was born in Stephens, Arkansas, and has presided over the Greater Life Baptist Church for over 30 years.

Pastor Manley has contributed to the community by spending several years in the offices of both the City Council and Congressional offices in San Diego. He has ably led the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for several terms. Pastor Manley has served in numerous leadership roles with the Baptist Ministers Union and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He is a very strong advocate for voter registration and education in his community. On many civic and safety matters, many residents in the San Diego community without fail call on Pastor Manley for answers and solutions.

Pastor Manley was recently honored with the very prestigious Ambassador of Peace Award that is given to an individual that has promoted goodwill among all peoples without respect to one's race, creed, color, religion, or national origin. He has traveled extensively across the United States and around the world promoting spiritual and religious harmony. As part of his worldwide missionary travels, Pastor Manley ministered before large embracing crowds in West and South Africa. Pastor Manley also points to his trip to the Holy Land as the fulfillment of a life-long dream.

A dynamic leader and a willing servant to his community, I am proud to honor Pastor Willie E. Manley and congratulate him for his outstanding work in support of his church, his community, and his country.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TERRI GIRD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Terri Gird, a dedicated public servant who has devoted countless hours of her spare time assisting citizens in the Grand Junction community. Recently, Terri was awarded the 2004 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Grand Junction Safehouse for her work with the Grand Junction Police Department Victim's Advocate program and I am honored to stand here today with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this nation and recognize her accomplishments.

Terri has worked with the Grand Junction Police Department Victim's Advocate program since 2001. During her tenure she has volunteered over 2,000 hours to the program and assisted on over two hundred cases. The vast majority of the cases were domestic violence

victims, in fact Terri was nominated for the award after her extensive work easing the trauma for the family of a high profile domestic violence case where the victim was murdered. She is also a model advocate for both her co-volunteers and the newer members of the program, mentoring them as they begin their training. Additionally Terri also serves on the Community Corrections Board and teaches victim empathy classes at the Mesa County Department of Youth Corrections and the Partner's Program.

Mr. Speaker, Terri Gird is a dedicated volunteer who devotes her spare time to aiding people of her Grand Junction Community in need. She is strong and talented member of the Grand Junction Police Department Victim's Advocate Program and I am honored to recognize her efforts before this body of Congress. Congratulations on your award, Terri, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Miguel Rodriguez, Chief Community Relations Specialist for the Newark Housing Authority. On Thursday, October 7, 2004, friends, co-workers and family members will gather at Nanina's in the Park in Belleville, New Jersey to celebrate his retirement after 39 years of dedicated public service.

Mr. Rodriguez, or Don Mike as he is referred to by friends and colleagues, began his career in public service in the early 1970s when he was appointed Deputy Mayor of the City of Newark, New Jersey by former Mayor Kenneth Gibson, a position he held for sixteen years. In his current position with the Newark Housing Authority, Mr. Rodriguez is respon-

sible for providing information to the community regarding low-income housing options.

An active member of the greater Newark community, Mr. Rodriguez has founded various organizations, including the Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County and the Newark Borinquen Lions Club. Additionally, Mr. Rodriguez has served on the Boards of the Newark Symphony Hall, the Essex County Board of Economic Development, and The Hispanic American Political Forum.

A strong believer in the power of education, Mr. Rodriguez established the Communications Information Marketing Scholarship Award (CIMA), a private, nonprofit organization that supports students from Hispanic and African American families who are pursuing a career in communications, and has provided over \$22,000 in scholarships for minority journalists.

A native of Puerto Rico and a resident of Newark for 44 years, Mr. Rodriguez earned a Bachelor's Degree from Shaw University in North Carolina. He is the proud father to Myra, Michael, Ricardo and Carlos, and the doting grandfather to six wonderful grandchildren.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Miguel Rodriguez as we celebrate his 39 years of public service to the City of Newark and wish him well as he begins a new chapter full of good work and many more contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN DAVANZO, 2004 VOLUNTEER FIRE- FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of the

4th Congressional District to recognize John DaVanzo of Mineola, New York.

I am extremely honored to congratulate Mr. DaVanzo as he was recently named the 2004 National Volunteer Fire Council's Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. Receipt of such an honor is testament to his impressive record of nearly sixty years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department.

John DaVanzo is a man who has spent most of his life to serving the people of Long Island. He began his career with the Mineola Fire Department in 1947, eventually becoming captain. John later became a member of the department's Fire Council and was a delegate to the Southern New York and Nassau County Firemen's Associations.

In addition to his work with the fire department, John served as Deputy Mayor of the Village of Mineola and as a North Hempstead Councilman. For seventeen years, he was North Hempstead's Town Clerk and was honored as the New York State Clerk of the Year for 1986-87. He has also volunteered with worthy organizations like the American Cancer Society, Catholic Charities, and the Boy Scouts of America. In all of the undertakings that he has pursued, John has always been a leader, exhibiting consummate diligence and tireless effort.

Since 1978, the National Volunteer Fire Council has awarded those individuals who have made outstanding achievements in fire service and maintain an exemplary record of community service. This prestigious title is one of only two awards that the Council distributes each year and it is no surprise that John is one of the recipients.

Mr. Davanzo's tireless commitment to service has made a difference in the lives of many. Once again, I would like to offer my congratulations to him on this well-deserved national recognition and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.