

quality of education will continue to improve for all students. I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort by co-sponsoring the Teacher Training Expansion Act of 2004.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO DENNIS
HERZOG**

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to journalist Dennis Herzog from Grand Junction, Colorado. For a quarter century Dennis has served the people of Grand Junction and Colorado with distinction, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing his tremendous achievements before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Dennis Herzog earned his journalism degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He soon took a job with a paper in Tennessee, then in New York before moving to Grand Junction. For 25 years, he has been with the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, 20 of which he has served as the managing editor. In partnership with the paper's editor and publisher, he has helped the Daily Sentinel earn the nationally prestigious John Hancock Award for Business and Financial Reporting. In addition, Daniel is a member of the board of directors of the Colorado Press Association and the Cinema at the Avalon.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Dennis Herzog for his exceptional service to the people of Grand Junction and Colorado. For 25 years, his dedication to his community and journalistic integrity has made the Grand Junction Sentinel a thriving and influential news source. It is with great pleasure that I recognize him today before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thanks for your service, Daniel, and I wish you well in your future endeavors.

**NEW MEXICO BATAAN DEATH
MARCH VETERANS**

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to New Mexico's Bataan Death March veterans.

Last night, two units based in New Mexico that were part of the Bataan Death March were awarded the 2004 Citizen Patriot Unit Award by the Reserve Forces Policy Board, a senior board within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Two of my constituents were able to represent the 44 survivors of the 200th and 515th Coast Artillery units of the New Mexico National Guard at the awards ceremony. They are Colonel Vicente Ojinaga, of Santa Fe, and Staff Sergeant Ernest Montoya, of Albuquerque.

Colonel Ojinaga and Staff Sergeant Montoya participated in one of the darkest hours of World War II. The defense of the Philippines in World War II was courageous and heroic, and the battle at Bataan was long and des-

perate. Outnumbered, short-supplied, diseased, starving and exhausted U.S. and Filipino soldiers surrendered on April 9, 1942. They were alone and the last to lay down their arms. What ensued has been called one of the most savage and brutal events of World War II.

Of the some 78,000 Prisoners of War who marched 65 miles and were then imprisoned, 1,800 were members of New Mexico's 200th and 515th Coast Artillery. Of these 1,800 New Mexicans, one-half did not survive during the inhuman ordeals. Of those who survived, one-third died during the first year after returning home.

I want to say to these two courageous and honored soldiers that few will ever be able to comprehend the magnitude of the extreme illness, starvation, loneliness, abuse and humiliation that you and your fellow soldiers endured. We will also never, ever be able to thank you enough for what you did to protect the very freedoms we enjoy today.

**TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
HONORS GEORGE R. HARVELL, JR.**

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this Tennessee Municipal League resolution honoring and commending George R. Harvell, Jr., who will retire in December after 20 years as mayor of Millington, Tenn.

Mr. Harvell has been more than a mayor, of course. He also has been a friend to his community and to me. He has been a very successful mayor, and he continues to be great man and a true friend.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Tennessee Municipal League proudly recognizes and acknowledges George Harvell for his outstanding leadership, vision, and dedication throughout his thirty-six years as an elected official of the City of Millington; and

Whereas, George Harvell served with distinction as Mayor of the City of Millington from the year 1985 until his retirement in 2004; and

Whereas, George Harvell ably served as a City of Millington Alderman beginning in the year 1968 and continuing until his election as Mayor in 1985; and

Whereas, George Harvell demonstrated his commitment to building a strong, vibrant, and vital city and always remained optimistic in the face of numerous challenges, including serious economic hardship and population loss resulting from the closure of the Millington Naval Air Station where he was instrumental as Chairman of the Millington Naval Base Re-use Committee which guided the planning and re-use of over 1,800 acres of surplus United States Department of Defense property; and

Whereas, George Harvell was nationally recognized for his innovative approach on an extensive flood control program following torrential rains where the City of Millington saw massive flooding; and

Whereas, George Harvell did a great service to the towns and cities of Tennessee by leading the Tennessee Municipal League as President in 1998 during one of the most challenging periods in the League's long and proud history;

Whereas, George Harvell dedicated nearly 20 years to the advancement of municipal government in Tennessee through his service as a member of Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors since the year 1985; and

Whereas, George Harvell played a pivotal role in protecting public resources by serving ably as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the TML Risk Management Pool from the year 2003 until his retirement in 2004; and

Whereas, George Harvell served as an ex-officio board member of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund from the year 1998 to 1999 while serving as the Tennessee Municipal League President and continued as an alternate board member of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund until his retirement in 2004; and

Whereas, George Harvell devoted his energy to advance municipal government throughout the United States by serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities from the year 2002 to 2004; and

Whereas, George Harvell started his service to the nation early in his life by serving honorably in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict; and

Whereas, George Harvell has been an advocate for high-quality public education in Tennessee, including steadfast support of his alma mater, the University of Tennessee, where he earned bachelors and masters degrees in geology; and

Whereas, George Harvell and his wife of over 40 years, Virginia, have raised two sons and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren; and

Whereas, George Harvell received the Tennessee Municipal League Mayor of the Year award in 1993 further designating and exemplifying himself as a public servant at its finest: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Tennessee Municipal League honors and commends George Harvell for his leadership of the City of Millington, the Tennessee Municipal League and all the towns and cities it serves, and towns and cities of this great nation.

**IN HONOR OF THE UNION CITY
POLICE OFFICERS**

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor several members of the Union Police Force. Sergeant Frank Caputo and Police Officers Mike Ortega, Joe Botti, Phil Alvarado, Juan Silva, and Eddie Antommarchi deserve special recognition for their exceptional bravery and selfless service to the citizens of New York and New Jersey in the aftermath of the September, 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

On the morning of September 11, the officers were called upon to assist the New York Port Authority in protecting the Lincoln Tunnel entrance from potential terrorists by closing it off to all vehicles and pedestrians. After securing the entrance, they moved to the New York City side to help secure the tunnel and ensure that it, too, was closed. In the midst of the chaos that followed the attacks, the officers worked diligently to maintain order and safety in their stationed areas and to calm frightened citizens. The officers are to be commended for their quick response time and their ability to work under the most stressful of situations.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Frank Caputo and Police

Officers Mike Ortega, Joe Botti, Phil Alvarado, Juan Silva, and Eddie Antommarchi for their heroic actions and sense of duty during one of America's most difficult times. Their dedicated service is a shining example of the quality of character of America's best citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARTHA ROMER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Martha Romer, a dedicated public servant from Grand Junction, Colorado. I personally know Martha well, and when she has not been busy working on her farm, she dedicates her time to local government organizations. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize Martha's efforts in her community.

Martha grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and attended Southwestern College where she participated in the local USO during World War II. After the war, she married and moved to Colorado. Martha became active in the political system, hosting caucuses, campaigning, and volunteering as an election judge. Outside her volunteer work, she managed a hog farm with several breeds that were shown throughout the Midwest and garnered numerous awards. Martha also was the chairperson of three state pork associations and collaborated with Colorado State University to develop pork research. Since moving to Mesa County in 1974, Martha has continued to volunteer in the local political process, serving as a precinct committeewoman, and a district captain.

Mr. Speaker, Martha Romer is a warm and genuine individual who has dedicated herself to bettering her Grand Junction community for many years. It is a privilege to stand here before this body and recognize the efforts of such a selfless and benevolent woman. Thanks for all your hard work Martha, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PROVO RIVER PROJECT TRANSFER ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3391.

Mr. Speaker, due to pressing family matters, I was unable to be present on the floor while this bill was being considered. I want to go on record strongly supporting this bill and want to thank the House for unanimously supporting this legislation.

H.R. 3391 authorizes the title transfer of certain features of the Provo River Project—including the Provo Reservoir Canal, as well as the Salt Lake Aqueduct and certain land in Pleasant Grove, Utah, from the Bureau of Reclamation to non-federal ownership.

For the past 60 years the Provo River Water Users Association has operated the Provo Reservoir Canal, also known as the Murdock

Canal. As long as the title remains in the name of the federal government, the water users association and local communities who use the water are unable to obtain the tax-exempt financing necessary to properly improve and manage the canal. Passage of this title transfer will now allow that to happen.

There are additional benefits to this legislation. For example, significant water efficiencies will result from title transfer. Approximately 8 percent of the water is lost each year to evaporation and seepage since the canal is not enclosed. Transferring ownership will allow it to be enclosed. There are environmental benefits as well—for instance, some of the saved water will be made available to meet the needs of the endangered June sucker. Further, covering the canal will also allow for the development of recreational trails that can be used for hiking and cycling.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you and my other colleagues for supporting this important piece of legislation.

HONORING 2004 PERSON OF VISION
"SHRUB" KEMPNER

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Harris L. "Shrub" Kempner of Galveston, Texas. Shrub is the 2004 Person of Vision chosen by Prevent Blindness Texas and will be honored Tuesday, October 12 in Galveston.

Shrub is President and Portfolio Manager of Kempner Capital Management and a Trustee of Kempner Trust Association. He has given his time in service for community boards including the American Jewish Committee, UTMB's Development Board, Galveston County Economic Development Alliance, Galveston Economic Development Alliance, Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at UT and the City's Finance Committee.

Shrub is a graduate of Harvard and Stanford. He is a husband and father of two sons. He is the former director of Balmorhea Rances, the Imperial Sugar Company, the United States National Bank, the Frost Bank and Cullen-Frost Bankers, Inc.

Prevent Blindness Texas has chosen to honor someone who has served the Ninth District with distinction and continuing generosity. In announcing his award, Prevent Blindness said:

"We feel Shrub epitomizes a true person of vision. His clear perspective and farsightedness have made a difference in the life of so many. He has truly made a lifelong allegiance to improving and enhancing the quality of life for others and, his devoted friendship and extraordinary dedication deserve recognition."

Mr. Speaker, I want to echo those sentiments and congratulate Shrub Kempner on adding this honor to so many he has received from community organizations in the Ninth District of Texas.

CRIMINAL VIOLENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw your attention to the wave of criminal violence, much of it targeting women and children, now engulfing America's neighbors in Central America. In Guatemala, human rights organizations have recorded an appalling 16,788 violent crimes between January and June of this year and report that one woman is murdered every day in a country smaller than the state of Tennessee. Unfortunately, violence is hardly a recent development in Guatemala, where citizens and leaders continue to grapple with a legacy of fifty years of political violence and humanitarian atrocities during the Cold War era that claimed more than 200,000 innocent lives.

Sadly, Guatemala's recently elected President Oscar Berger has been able to do little to curb the violent crime threatening his people or to punish those responsible for past human rights violations. Ironically, Berger has had to rely upon those very human rights violators still serving in the police and military to combat the current wave of violent crime. The frustration of the Guatemalan people with the ineffectiveness of their new leader in addressing the situation was painfully evident in the massive demonstrations in Guatemala City last August to protest the growing tide of criminal violence. The violence now plaguing Guatemala and other Central American countries should be of great interest to this congress because, as law and order deteriorate in the region, many Central Americans, out of desperation, will seek refuge abroad, with many immigrating illegally to the United States.

The following research memorandum about the criminal violence which plagues Guatemala was authored by Eleanor Thomas, a British research associate at the Washington-based Council on Hemispheric Affairs, an independent, non-profit, non partisan, tax-exempt research and information organization founded in 1975. It has been described on the Senate floor as being "one of the nation's most respected bodies of scholars and policy makers."

GUATEMALANS SPEAK OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE

On August 13, over 12,000 people took to the streets of Guatemala City to protest the horrific wave of violent crime currently engulfing the country. The march was organized by the Human Rights Protector's Office (PDH) and supported by 560 of the country's civil associations. PDH Director, Dr. Sergio Morales, said in an interview with COHA that the main purpose of the march was to draw attention to the "plight of women and children" who have been the most severely affected by the violence. The march in Guatemala built upon similar demonstrations in Argentina, where 130,000 people took to the streets in April to petition Congress for stiffer penalties against criminals. Mexico City also witnessed at least 300,000 people march through the capital protesting the high levels of violent crime and kidnapping that have plagued the country in recent months. The overriding message to come out of the march in Guatemala is that newly-elected President Oscar Berger must take bigger steps to tackle the endemic problem of violence that could swamp the country's most vital institutions if redress is not achieved.