

of our intelligence community deserve answers.

I am today introducing a privileged resolution of inquiry to request that President Bush, the U.S. Attorney General, and U.S. Secretaries of State and Defense provide this Congress with factual information in their possession relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame as a covert employee of the CIA. I am pleased to be joined by U.S. Representatives ESHOO, REYES, TAUSCHER, LARSON, TURNER, SPRATT, MORAN, WAXMAN, LANTOS, and CONYERS as original cosponsors of this timely and important legislation.

If passed, this resolution will provide Congress with the information it needs to determine independently the facts surrounding this breach of confidentiality, to assess its effects on U.S. national security and intelligence gathering, and to determine whether legislative action is needed to prevent leaks of this nature in the future.

I submit that protecting our Nation's intelligence community, and all who serve in it, is vital to our national security and to the safety of all Americans. At this time, a resolution of inquiry is the best tool at the disposal of the House to determine how this leak occurred and who perpetrated it.

I am disappointed by the absence of public outrage among senior officials in our intelligence community and in this administration. They should be standing in solidarity with Ms. Plame and the other Americans who serve in our intelligence community, and they should be speaking out against anyone who would presume to unilaterally decide whose identity should be made public. Their silence is deplorable.

Protecting our country and the men and women who protect and defend us is not solely the responsibility of one branch of our Government. It is a shared responsibility under our system of checks and balances. Our Government—including both the Congress and the executive branch—has a duty to ensure that all who work within the U.S. intelligence community are not compromised and that all U.S. intelligence agencies are able to effectively do their jobs and protect the American people from more terrorist attacks and other threats. Some have used the weak excuses that this person's identity was already known by some people or that her work was not very important. These excuses are outrageous. Any unauthorized disclosure potentially puts our agents and our sources and their families at risk and thus weakens our ability to protect Americans.

At the least, I hope that this resolution will exert pressure on the ongoing Department of Justice investigation. I fully support the investigation, but there is no reason why it should be taking so long to get any answers at all. This investigation should be among the Department's highest priorities.

Over the longer term and after we have determined the origin of this leak, I believe that this Congress has an on-going responsibility to examine thoroughly and oversee how our intelligence community uses human sources, human case officers, and various kinds of cover, and how we go about protecting them. We simply cannot accept the public disclosure of an undercover intelligence operative. We must understand what happened and search for ways to prevent it from happening in the

future. The effectiveness of our intelligence agencies demands nothing less.

COMMENDING "MR. AMIGO,"  
BERTHA NOEGGERATH

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to commend the 2003 "Mr. Amigo," Bertha Noeggerath, better known as "Dulce," chosen recently by the Mr. Amigo Association of Brownsville, TX, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, in Mexico. Each year the Mr. Amigo Association honors a Mexican citizen with the title of "Mr. Amigo," and that person acts as a goodwill ambassador between our two countries.

The Mr. Amigo Award began in 1964 as an annual tribute to an outstanding Mexican citizen who has made a lasting contribution during the previous year to international solidarity and goodwill. "Mr. Amigo" presides over the annual Charro Days Festival.

The Charro Days Festival is a pre-Lenten event, much like Mardi Gras in New Orleans, held in Brownsville and Matamoros. Charro Days festivities last for several days; this year they will be February 25–28 and will include parades and appearances by Dulce. Charro Days is an opportunity to enjoy the unique border culture of the Rio Grande Valley area.

As Mr. Amigo 2003, Dulce will head the international parade of Brownsville Charro Days and Matamoros Fiestas Mexicanas festivities.

During Charro Days, South Texans celebrate the food, music, dances, and traditions of both the United States and Mexico. The United States-Mexican border has a unique, blended history of cowboys, bandits, lawmen, farmers, fishermen, oil riggers, soldiers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and teachers.

The border has its own language and customs. On both sides of the border, there is a deep sense of history, much of which the border has seen from the front row. We have seen war and peace; we have known prosperity and bad times. Charro Days is a time for all of us to reflect on our rich history, to remember our past and to celebrate our future.

The 2003 Mr. Amigo, Dulce is a musician and actress who continues to have a long and successful career in the entertainment industry. She is originally from Matamoros, Tamaulipas. Her music career began while singing in small nightclubs in her hometown in the early 1990's, before joining the group "Toby y sus Amigos." Her 27-year career includes not only Gold Records and several Spanish-language hits, but numerous television appearances and work in Mexican telenovelas, including "Sonadoras" and "Mujeres Enganadas," with Andres Garcia, Laura Leon, Kuno Becker and Susana Gonzalez. This year she joins the cast of "Las Vias del Amor."

The Mr. Amigo Committee selected Dulce because "she is a good role model for local youths interested in the arts," and because "through her acting and her music she represents the Mexican culture."

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Dulce Noeggerath, the 2003 Mr. Amigo, as well as the cities of Brownsville and

Matamoros, for their dedication to international goodwill between the United States and Mexico.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL KATZ OF  
BOULDER, COLORADO

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Katz of Boulder, Colorado for his exemplary public service.

Over the past 25 years, Michael Katz has been a successful and well-respected federal public defender for Colorado and Wyoming. Since 1978, he has handled thousands of cases, giving quality legal counsel to defendants who could not afford representation. In doing so, he has demonstrated and protected some of the most precious aspects of our democracy and Constitution. Unfortunately, Michael will be retiring this year. Instead of pursuing justice, he and his wife Susan will be pursuing the beauty of the Atlantic Coast as they sail from Chesapeake Bay to Key West.

Michael began his law career in a small law firm with a staff of only three lawyers in a modestly-sized office. Over the years, he has been unswerving in his commitment to environmental protection. Yet his dedication to principles of justice and fairness enabled him to defend environmentally destructive people with professional integrity. Along the way he has also defended criminals whose civil liberties and individual rights are guaranteed by our Constitution.

He has persevered through every challenge, putting justice and the Constitution ahead of his personal beliefs. His tireless dedication has gained national acclaim and respect, as well as leading his office to prominence. After years of hard work, his retirement is well earned. The people of Colorado and Wyoming will certainly miss him and his honorable service to the justice system.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our gratitude to Michael Katz for his relentless defense of our Constitution. I wish Michael and his family good health and happiness in their future together.

HONORING GEORGIA TOMPKINS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Georgia Tompkins, a resident of my Fifth Congressional District of Florida and a woman who has become something very few of us ever will. On March 29th of this year, Mrs. Tompkins will become a centenarian and at nearly 100 she is a mother to 12 children, a grandmother to 32 grandchildren, and a great-grandmother to 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Tompkins was born in New York state and was a housewife. She describes her happiest moments as when each one of her children was born. One of her favorite activities today is playing dominoes.

After almost 100 years, Mrs. Tompkins says she would not change a thing about her life if she had to live it over. When asked what advice she'd give to young people she said, "Work hard and go to church." She says the best thing about growing older is all of the memories from years past.

Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Georgia Tompkins today. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as she has and the ability to live and love as she has. She is truly a great lady and someone with an appreciation for the importance of family and friends.

#### CONGRATULATING THE GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LEOPARDS

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize the Gainesville Leopards for winning the Class 3A Division I state football championship on December 13, 2003.

The Leopards' marquee season was one for the record books. The team finished the season with a perfect 15-0 record, becoming the first Gainesville High School team to ever win a state football championship. They achieved this victory by defeating the No. 1-ranked Burnet High School Bulldogs—a team that boasted the state's top passer and receiver. Led by first-year coach Jeff Cordell, the Leopards fought off a formidable team with a blistering offense to win the game by a score of 35-24.

The game was punctuated by Gainesville's impressive rushing offense. Running back Terrius Purvey led the team with 26 carries for 232 yards, and quarterback Chris Brown scored two touchdowns late in the game. But the win was a team effort, as it had been throughout the season. The 22 seniors, 5 juniors, and 6 sophomores followed the lead of the 11 Leopard's coaches and overcame a season of challenges.

For the town of Gainesville, Texas, the mighty Leopard team brought the community together like never before. After a special sendoff in Gainesville, fans from all over north Texas traveled to Texas Stadium to cheer on the team. A supportive community that proudly displayed Leopard car flags and victory messages backed the united varsity team. On behalf of the players, coaches, and fans, I want to take this opportunity in the House of Representatives to congratulate the new state champions—The Gainesville Leopards.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF PERRY B. DURYEA, JR., FORMER SPEAKER OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

#### HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Perry B. Duryea, Jr., the former Speaker of the New York State Assembly and a lifelong resident of New York's First

Congressional District, who tragically lost his life last week after having sustained injuries from an auto accident near his Montauk home. Mr. Duryea was an outstanding public servant, successful businessman, and World War II veteran who dutifully served the people of Long Island and the State of New York with distinction for more than four decades.

Perry Duryea began what would become a legendary state political career in his hometown of Montauk, New York, having served as a member of the Montauk Public Board of Education and as president of the Long Island State Park Commission. He was first elected to represent the First Assembly District of the New York State Legislature in 1960, and remained a member of the body until 1978. During his time in the legislature, Mr. Duryea held the post of Minority Leader for 6 years and Speaker of the Assembly for 4 years. Although he was a leader of the Republican party's conservative wing, Mr. Duryea was known for his pragmatic bipartisanship, as he forged strong relationships with members from across the aisle and often supported legislative measures that were unpopular within his own party. Among his most noteworthy achievements was legislation that he initiated and passed to expand the state parks and the state university system. He also championed construction of the Long Island Expressway and the Sunrise Highway extension, and worked hard to promote environmental protection measures. Those who knew Perry Duryea remember him as an extraordinary leader who elevated the status of the New York legislature.

A prominent businessman within his Montauk community, Mr. Duryea also devoted much of his time to various community and civic endeavors which improved the lives of Long Island residents. Born and raised in Montauk New York, Perry Duryea took over the family wholesale seafood business, Perry Duryea & Son, after completing his service as a plane commander with the United States Naval Transport Service during World War II. After leaving politics following an unsuccessful bid for the governorship in 1978, Mr. Duryea returned to running his business and volunteering his time with numerous public and civic organizations, including Long Island Commercial Bank, where he served as Chairman of the Board.

In recognition of his many contributions and achievements, Mr. Duryea received numerous honors, including the distinction of "Man of the Year" by the Montauk Chamber of Commerce, and the naming of a state office building after him. Mr. Duryea is survived by his wife, Marie Therese Duryea, and two children—Lynne Duryea and Perry "Chip" Duryea III.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Throughout his exemplary career in public service, Mr. Duryea enhanced the quality of life for residents of Long Island and the State of New York. The spirit of bipartisanship with which he conducted his public life garnered him the respect of his peers and served to inspire future generations of community leaders. Mr. Duryea's leadership and strength of character are qualities each of us should aspire to embrace as we carry out our duties in this distinguished body.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN HENDRICKS

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Christian "Chris" Hendricks, Deputy Inspector General of the House of Representatives will be retiring at the end of this year after a long and distinguished career in service to the United States government. His exemplary career spans twenty-seven years of service, including the last six years with the House of Representatives. Chris' considerable professional skills and credentials as a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, and Certified Information Systems Auditor have enabled him to assist the House of Representatives in achieving its present standards of safety, security and accountability.

Chris' duties within the Office of Inspector General have ranged from the analysis of the House's financial controls to careful analysis of emerging technologies. His efforts have contributed to improved administrative functions for the House and improved services and security for individual Members. He has worked to ensure fire safety improvements in House facilities and has been critical to assuring the integrity of the House's information technology systems.

Chris will be missed by all of his colleagues, but he can take great satisfaction in the many efforts of his career. Chris' advice and counsel on matters of significant importance to the House will be difficult to replace. I wish Chris and his wife Nancy a joyful and exciting retirement, and I congratulate him once again for his long and distinguished career of service.

#### HONORING ELSA F. ANDERSON

#### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 21, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elsa F. Anderson, a resident of my fifth congressional district of Florida and a woman who has become something very few of us ever will. Elsa Anderson is a centenarian and at 102 she is a mother to 2, a grandmother to 2 grandchildren and a great-grandmother to 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Stockholm, Sweden, but went to school in New York City. Following school, she worked as an assistant in a specialty shop, in an office and as a housewife. Obviously a dedicated mother, she describes her happiest moments as the births of her two daughters. To this day one of her favorite activities is spending time with them when they come to visit.

After 102 years, Mrs. Anderson says she wouldn't change a thing about her life—she says she enjoys everything she's been given. When asked what advice she'd give to young people she says, "Work hard, be honest, and be ready to enjoy good things." She says the best thing about growing older is that people respect you.

I respect that candor and I'm proud to be her representative in Congress.