

Away from Capitol Hill and downtown Washington, one of Jerry's principal interests is The County Club of Woodmore in Mitchellville, Maryland, where he has served for the last four years as the president of their Board of Directors. Here's hoping that Jerry gets to spend even more time there with this family and many good friends in the coming years.

I have tremendous respect for Jerry's knowledge of the industry, his integrity and his firm advocacy for airline workers and their families. He is a shining example of leadership and commitment to hard-working Americans and their values. I am grateful for our friendship and mutual support for a strong airline industry in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I join with all of the airline pilots he represents and on behalf of the Illinois delegation in congratulating Jerry Baker on his retirement. I wish him, his wife Barbara and their three daughters all the happiness and continued success into the future. His presence will certainly be missed by all of us here in Congress.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KAROL  
BENROTH

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Karol Benroth of Grand Junction, Colorado, on being named the School Psychologist Advocate of the Year by the Colorado Society of School Psychologists. The psychologists of School District 51 nominated Karol for the award, which recognizes outstanding leadership, support, and inspiration to school psychology and the children they serve. This award is a well-deserved testament to her achievements.

Karol's efforts as the safe and drug free schools coordinator have been instrumental in making District 51 schools safer, in turn fostering an environment where students are free to focus on their education. Specifically, she has provided the staff of District 51 schools with training in the areas of bully proofing, drug and alcohol response, and threat assessment. In keeping with her selfless nature, she credits the efforts of her fellow staff members, as well as parents and students, for her success.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the service and achievements of Karol Benroth before this body of Congress and this nation. I congratulate her on having the distinction of being named School Psychologist Advocate of the year. Her contributions to our schools, children, and families are truly remarkable. I sincerely thank her for her service.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCES HARRIS

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there is no better way to strengthen your country, than by strengthening your community. One great American has been strengthening her commu-

nity for 50 years as a member of the Brentwood Garden Club. Frances Harris was one of the founding members of the organization in 1954, and she is the only original member still actively involved with the club.

The Brentwood Garden Club holds an exceptional flower show each year, and they have successfully organized projects such as home and garden tours, and refurbishing the landscaping at public buildings.

Frances is an accredited flower show judge. She is also a member of the Association for the Preservation of Antiquities and a founding member of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County. Through her community involvement, she has worked to make America beautiful. All of our nation's communities should be so fortunate to have a Frances Harris. I thank her for preserving our communities and promoting good citizenship.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO VICTORIA  
ROMERO COE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to pay tribute to Victoria Romero Coe for her selfless dedication to the community of Durango, Colorado, and congratulate her on being recognized by the Durango Chamber of Commerce as their 2003 Volunteer of the Year. Victoria received this honor in recognition of her outstanding work with the Durango Latino Education Coalition and numerous other civic organizations. It is an honor to pay tribute to Victoria for her well-deserved award, and her ongoing efforts to better her community today.

As an active member in her community, Victoria dedicates her time to helping minority students achieve their potential in school by implementing programs to help bolster high school graduation rates. She is a founding member of the Durango Latino Education Coalition and serves on the board of the Southwest Youth Corps. When Victoria is not dedicating her time to these various civic organizations, she works with New Mexico Medicare and the Aztec and Bloomfield schools as a pediatric physical therapist.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Victoria before this body of Congress and this nation for her dedication and commitment to the Durango, Colorado community. She has done much to improve the lives of minority students in her community, and I congratulate her on her recent honor as the 2003 Durango Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Vote Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EARL AND  
FLOY YOUNG

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Earl and Floy Young of Grand Junction, Colorado, on their forty-fourth wedding anniversary. At the same time, I would like to commend them for their selfless acts of service, for you see, they spent their anniversary in an unconventional manner, namely on a humanitarian mission to provide dental services to the impoverished people of Udaipur, India.

For the past few years, the Youngs have been traveling with Health Teams International, donating their time and efforts and also paying their own travel expenses in order to bring dental care to parts of the world that are in dire need. They are remarkable individuals, and it is my pleasure to recognize their actions before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The Youngs served their Grand Junction community side by side for over thirty years in Earl's dental practice, where Floy served in various positions, from office manager to chair side assistant. After Earl retired from his practice seven years ago, the Youngs discovered their passion for travel, and their desire to serve people through dentistry leading them to join Health Teams International. In addition to India, the Youngs have been to Siberia, Myanmar, and have made multiple visits to Cambodia and Ethiopia. It is a testament to their courage and perseverance that they continue these trips in spite of difficult and sometimes even dangerous conditions. During their recent trip to India, the Youngs had to work with limited equipment and medicine and also had to travel daily on a rocky one lane road where they encountered elephants as opposing traffic and faced the constant threat of bandits if they were not back to camp by nightfall.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to bring the service of Earl and Floy Young to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation, and to commend them for the manner in which they have represented their community of Grand Junction and the United States. I would like to wish the Youngs the best of luck in all their future endeavors, which includes another humanitarian mission to Cambodia this July. I sincerely thank them for their service.

IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY  
MONTH

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress passed a resolution designating the month of March as Women's History Month as a time to honor, "American women of every race, class and ethnic background [who] have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways."

For 2004, the theme of Women's History Month is "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility." To celebrate this month, I would like to honor four of the numerous women from Wisconsin's history who inspired hope and possibility through their selfless efforts in gaining suffrage for women in America.

First, I would like to recognize Ada James, who served as president of the Political Equality League from 1911 to 1919. As a dedicated women's suffrage advocate, Ms. James spent these eight years preceding the Ratification of the suffrage amendment to the U.S. Constitution on an automobile tour through Southern Wisconsin. She spoke at state and county fairs, and to farmers and workers in factories with her fellow suffragists. Ms. James was a native of Richland Center, a city in Wisconsin's Third Congressional District, and I am honored to be able to share Ms. James' story here.

Reverend Olympia Brown resided in Racine, Wisconsin, where she was elected president of the Wisconsin Women's Suffrage Association, holding this post for thirty years. Reverend Brown lived a life of activism, and after being refused at Wisconsin polls, she took her case to the State Supreme Court. Despite a decision rendered in favor of the elec-

tion inspectors, she never accepted defeat. She continued to fight for women's right to vote, and was one of the few suffrage leaders who lived to be able to cast a vote in the presidential election of 1920—the first in which women could vote.

As the first Wisconsin-born leader of the state's suffrage movement, Theodora Winton Youmans was able to help the movement gain momentum by writing a regular column for the *Waukesha Freeman*. She used her column as a platform to educate the public about suffrage and women's rights. After leaving her post as assistant editor in the 1890's, Ms. Youmans worked to create the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs, serving as its president in 1900. In 1924, she lost a bid to Congress, and it was not until nearly 75 years later that Wisconsin would see its first Congresswoman with the election of TAMMY BALDWIN in 1999, who continues to represent Wisconsin women today.

Lastly, but certainly not least, I would like to honor the achievements of Carrie Lane Chapman Catt. As a native of Ripon, Wisconsin, she played the largest role in the final passage of the 19th Amendment. Her campaign was successful because she pushed for reform in the states, instead of focusing solely

on a constitutional amendment. In 1990, she succeeded Susan B. Anthony as the president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Following ratification of the amendment, her leadership abilities were not forgotten as she helped establish the League of Women Voters, which is still active today. I think I speak for all people from Wisconsin when I say that we are fortunate to have had such a remarkable woman in our history.

These four women, along with so many others, inspired hope and possibility not only in Wisconsin, but across the United States. I have no doubt that their devotion to the cause was the sole reason why Wisconsin was the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment on June 10th 1919. I am honored to share these women's stories today, as their efforts made Wisconsin a leader in this landmark roll call of democracy. In many ways, their hopes are still with us today. As a reflection of this, I will end my statement with a quotation from Carrie Chapman Catt:

"Everybody counts in applying democracy. And there will never be a true democracy until every responsible and law-abiding adult in it, without regard to race, sex, color or creed has his or her own inalienable and unpurchasable voice in government."