

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KEN  
CHLOUBER

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to Ken Chlouber and thank him for his commitment to public service as a two-term senator in the Colorado General Assembly. As the President Pro Tem of the Senate, Ken will always be remembered for the leadership and guidance he has provided. As he celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves a great legacy of service and dedication to his district and the State of Colorado.

An extraordinary man in every sense of the word, Ken has had a colorful career in and out of politics. He has worked as a miner and auctioneer; enjoys running ultra marathons; is a big game hunter; and his pack burro racing skills garnered him election to the Colorado Pack Burro Racing Hall of Fame in 1985. Elected from District 4 in 1996 to serve the people of Douglas, El Paso, Lake, Park, and Teller counties, Ken has sponsored bills supporting agriculture, mining, tourism, emergency medical care, prison construction, and the creation of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreational Area. In addition to serving as President Pro Tem, Ken is a member of the Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy; Appropriations; Legislative Council; and Transportation committees. Ken's honors for his excellent record in the General Assembly include the American Cancer Society Legislative Accomplishment and the NFIB Guardian of Small Business.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute before this body of Congress and this nation to State Senator Ken Chlouber for his selfless dedication to public service. It is clear that Ken has been an invaluable resource for the State of Colorado, and his efforts have helped ensure a promising future for our great country. I would like to extend my congratulations to Ken on his retirement and wish him and his wife Pat all the best in their future endeavors.

MARQUETTE RANKS IN TOP 30  
"AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE CITIES"

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the good work of the local leaders in the county of Marquette, Michigan who have worked to make this First District community a great place to live. As a result of that hard work, Marquette County, located on the shores of Lake Superior, earlier today was named one of the "America's Most Livable Communities," in the annual ranking by the Partners for Livable Communities, a national nonprofit whose prestigious list is published in USA Today.

The county of Marquette has been through soiree challenging times over the years. That includes its efforts to recover from the closure of K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base a decade ago

that resulted in the loss of more than 1,000 civilian jobs as well as its work to keep its mining industry strong and competitive in the 21st Century.

But in recent years, the community of business leaders, government, clergy and education, through many task forces like the Lake Superior Community Partnership, have come together to move forward and develop innovative ways to strengthen this region.

The community boasts a state-of-the-art regional medical center in Marquette General Hospital. Marquette is also home to Northern Michigan University and its U.S. Olympic Education Center.

In addition, these partnerships have created new incentives to bring business to the area and it has provided them and residents with broadband services to ensure this smaller community can compete with its urban neighbors.

Marquette County is home to eight museums, an arts and cultural center, a symphony and provides four seasons of recreational opportunities, with some of the best mountain biking and cross-country ski trails in the country.

I would also like to note that Marquette County was named one of the 10 "All-America Cities" in 2003 by the National Civic League.

But probably most important of all, Marquette has an active and strong base of community leaders and volunteers who have worked together to make this county a great place to live. Some of those individuals were here in Washington D.C. to attend the special ceremony. They include: Monsignor Cappel of St. Peter's Cathedral, Marquette County Commissioner Bill Nordeen, Doreen Takalo, chair of the Marquette County Township Association, Karen Anderson of K.I. Sawyer, Bob Racia of Marquette General Hospital, Bill and Sue Rigby of Northern Michigan University, Marquette City Manager Gerald Peterson, Marquette Mayor Jerry Irby, Ishpeming Mayor Gary Nelson, John Mommarts of the Noquemanon Trail, Liz Smith of Project W.E.A.V.E. and Steward Harrison of Telkite.

Mr. Speaker, Marquette County has more than earned this great honor.

HONORING THE HENRY FORD  
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to The Henry Ford—a National Historic Landmark—on its 75th anniversary.

The Henry Ford, located in Dearborn, Michigan, began in 1929 as Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. The original concept was Henry Ford's idea—to create a school to teach young people about how past innovations can influence the future. The Museum and Village grew as Ford's historical collection multiplied. The artifacts range from ordinary household objects to obscure technical inventions of many eras. Some of the categories of artifacts, particularly in the agriculture, transportation, industry, communications, and domestic life areas, are recognized as the most complete collections in existence.

The Henry Ford now includes the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, IMAX The-

atre, Benson Ford Research Center, and the Ford Rouge Factory Tours. These attractions host 1.5 million visitors per year. The Henry Ford is a state-designated "Anchor Organization," which means that it has been enlisted to develop programs to promote participation in cultural activities and serve as a mentor to other cultural organizations with similar missions. The Henry Ford has set the standard for historic education and historic learning experiences not only in Southeast Michigan, but throughout this country.

The fresh, innovative spirit Henry Ford embodied is alive in the Henry Ford experience. This creative approach to education, community involvement, and economic development issues are an asset to the people of Dearborn and its surrounding areas.

I would like to ask my colleagues to rise and join me as I congratulate this organization for 75 years of bringing education and enlightenment to Southeast Michigan and, indeed, the entire country. I extend my best wishes to The Henry Ford, its staff, volunteers and supporters for continued success in celebrating American accomplishments and inspiring younger generations to new heights of achievement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. C. DOUGLAS  
PARKS

**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. C. Douglas Parks on his retirement from the Aptaskistic-Tripp School District 102 in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. After thirteen years as Superintendent and nearly forty years in public education, Mr. Parks is retiring, committed in both belief and practice to that idea that all children can learn. The vision and leadership he has provided ensure that School District 102 is and will continue to be a world class learning environment.

During Mr. Parks' tenure, he worked to expand opportunities for learning for all children, believing that every student should have a supportive environment, every student should be involved both individually and collectively in learning, and that every student can be empowered through learning. He has remained committed to developing a foundation of respect, pursuit of excellence, accountability, fairness, trustworthiness and honesty in his district. Besides applying these principles to academics, he is also committed to improving the quality of life for his students. Recently, he supported an innovative nutrition education initiative for healthier living.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. Parks for being such a positive influence in District 102, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ALAMOSA  
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the

Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce for over eighty years of impeccable service to the Alamosa, Colorado business community. The Alamosa Chamber is an incredible asset to the town, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing the Chamber's tremendous service to the Alamosa community.

Looking back on the history of Alamosa, the Chamber has sponsored many events and activities to improve the town, including its Town and Gown banquet, Cribbage tournaments, and founding the Alamosa Community Development Corporation. The Chamber has also helped to maintain a fantastic relationship between the town and Adams State College through sponsoring scholarships and organizing community and school events. Most importantly, the Chamber has been instrumental in promoting local businesses, aiding in their growth and success throughout the years.

Mr. Speaker, the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce is a dedicated organization that is actively involved in bringing the people of Alamosa together. For over eight decades, the Chamber has left an indelible mark of excellence on the Alamosa community and the State of Colorado. It is my privilege to pay tribute to the Chamber and its members before this body of Congress and this nation today. I thank them for the remarkable service they provide to Alamosa and the State of Colorado.

#### TRIBUTE TO WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

##### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an organization whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside County, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community organizations who willingly and make their communities a better place to live and work. Western Municipal Water District is one of these organizations. On Thursday, May 13, 2004, Western Municipal Water District will celebrate 50 years of service.

Western Municipal Water District, since its formation on January 19, 1954 and authorization by public vote on January 26, 1954 has fulfilled its founding *raison d'être*, to augment the shortage of local water available to local communities with supplemental water imported 242 miles to western Riverside County via Metropolitan Water District's Colorado River Aqueduct.

The Western Municipal Water District, recognizing the need for a long-term source of high quality drinking water to sustain domestic needs of a burgeoning population, began importing a second source of high quality water in 1979 from northern California via the State Water Project's 444 mile-long California Aqueduct.

The Western Municipal Water District provides vital wastewater services as administrative operator of the West Riverside County Wastewater Authority since 1998, as operator of the Santa Ana Regional Interceptor (SARI) brine line since 1983, and as owner-operator of the March Air Reserve Base treatment facil-

ity providing irrigation water to the nation's second largest veteran's cemetery since 1996.

The Western Municipal Water District, as a court-appointed watermaster pursuant to the 1969 Stipulated Judgment, has been instrumental in maintaining peace among all parties to water rights and water quality issues in the Santa Ana Watershed.

The Western Municipal Water District, as one of the five water agencies comprising Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), has provided exemplary water resource management through implementation of the Santa Ana Watershed Basin Plan in cooperation and integrated planning with its neighbors in the Santa Ana Watershed.

Western Municipal Water District, has worked cooperatively and diplomatically to address complex political and regulatory issues impacting water at local, regional, state and national levels, and has invested prudently in efficient drought-proofing ventures such as the Nonpotable Conveyance System, Arlington Desalter and Riverside-Corona Feeder. I would like to express deep appreciation to Western Municipal Water District for profound contributions to the present and future health and prosperity of all communities in Western's 510 square mile service.

#### TRIBUTE TO OUR NATION'S RE- SERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS

##### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our nation's Reserve and National Guard members. In particular, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome home reservists from Ft. Meade in the 2nd Congressional District of Maryland—my home district. This includes members from the 323rd Military Intelligence Battalion and the 444th Personnel Service Battalion, Detachment 2. These men and women have rejoined their families after serving in the Middle East for as long as 14 months and we are thrilled to see them return home.

But Mr. Speaker, such home comings are bitter sweet in light of ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. As the number of wounded and casualties continues to rise—as the length of deployment for many reservists expecting 'temporary' activation continues to be extended—there is much concern and worry at home. Loss is always difficult and war is never easy. But America's support for our men and women in uniform, for their dedication and service, for their sacrifice, for those who have already paid the ultimate price . . . America's support shall not waver. And I for one vow to continue to do all I can to support our Armed Forces.

For me, that support has meant many different things. From the creation of Operation Hero Miles to help soldiers returning home on R&R to founding a Veterans Advisory Council in the Maryland 2nd Congressional District to work with local veterans on national issues, I believe lawmakers need to put their efforts where their rhetoric is. I am less interested in what people say than what they do and I urge my colleagues to consider this edict as we

look at the legislative agenda for the remainder of this congressional session.

Our nations' Reserve and National Guard members are facing daunting problems largely created by the realities of the post-September 11 War on Terrorism. With a leaner full time active military, we are relying on the talent, dedication and service of reservists in unprecedented ways. Not since the Korean War have such a large percentage of boots on the ground been filled by reservists and not since they have reservists served for such extended periods of time. But even in Korea, that percentage has never been as high as it is today.

Today, reservists face unprecedented problems. Military benefits that exist today simply were not a concern back in the 1950's when our forces were largely involuntary. Today, America's reservists are serving side-by-side with full time active military men and women . . . and yet they are not recognized equally when it comes to their benefits. Parity is the key word for reservists today and little legislation is actually moving through Congress to solve their problems. Their retirement plans are unequal. Health care prior to activation is non-existent for many and creating readiness issues. Reservists are plagued with payroll problems causing bankruptcies, divorces, and unfair heart ache. There are critical questions about gap pay for reservists working in the private sector when not serving. Extended deployments are creating unforeseen hardships for families, employers, small business owners, and the self employed.

Mr. Speaker, it doesn't matter if you were for or against the war in Iraq. The reality is we are there now and the troops deserve our support with the same unwavering dedication. I urge leadership in both chambers and on both sides of the aisle to help our nation's Reserve and National Guard members. Yes, we should continue to salute and pay tribute as they return home. But we should do so with our actions here in this chamber to ensure that our actions reflect how truly grateful we are.

#### A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF ROSANNA MAY LEDDY-GREEN, 2004 LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLAR- SHIP WINNER OF MORENCI, MICHIGAN

##### HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Rosanna May Leddy-Green, winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is given to young adults who have demonstrated their true commitment to playing an important role in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Rosanna is being honored for demonstrating the same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Rosanna is an exceptional student at Morenci High School. She has an outstanding record of achievement, exemplified by her status on the All 'A' Honor Roll. Rosanna has excelled in athletics as a member of the cross