

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
CHARLES I. HUDSON

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of an extraordinary man who made a tremendous impact on my life and the lives of so many in Louisiana. State Representative Charles "Doc" Hudson, educator, statesman, businessman, husband, parent, pioneer, friend and mentor, passed away May 7, 2004, at the age of 72 in Opelousas, Louisiana.

Dr. Hudson began his life in public service as the first African-American elected to the Opelousas Board of Aldermen, where he served for ten years. He went on to become the first African-American to serve a four-year term as deputy secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and the first African-American mayor pro tempore of Opelousas. In 1991, he became the first African-American from St. Landry Parish to be elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives, a position he held until his death.

However, it is impossible to describe Doc by simply enumerating the positions he held. Anyone who knew him knew of his zealous commitment to education. As an accomplished student himself, he valued knowledge more than anything. In 1999, he gained national prominence when he introduced a bill in the Louisiana Legislature requiring students to show respect to teachers and school personnel.

Doc himself was an incredible teacher. Having spent four years serving with him in the Louisiana Legislature, I can personally attest that he was a tremendous mentor for young politicians. He was never too busy to talk to someone, spend time with them, listen to their problems, and give them advice. I could always count on his honest opinion and he always kept his word.

Doc was also a steadfast supporter of his fellow public servants. When I hosted events in his area, Doc was always there; and while he fervently upheld his Democratic ideals, he never had a bad word to say against anyone of a different opinion.

With the passing of Dr. Hudson, Louisiana loses a civil rights pioneer and one of its strongest education advocates. I mourn the loss of my friend and am sorry for the legislators who will not be able to benefit from his guidance and wisdom. To his family, I express my most sincere condolences; and while so many are saddened by this tragic loss, I am confident that southwest Louisiana is a better place to live because of his influence and efforts. He will be remembered fondly by those who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
JOHN A. "ANDY" LOVE

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a truly extraordinary

gentleman, Major General John A. "Andy" Love.

General Love has proudly served the United States and is retiring on May 21, 2004 to civilian life from a stellar 36 year career in the Colorado Air National Guard.

Andy Love earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1967 from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado in Political Science. After that, Andy joined the Colorado Air National Guard. He did undergraduate work in pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, in Arizona, where he earned his pilots wings and became a Squadron Fighter Pilot who has over 2,500 hours in the F100, A-7 and F-16.

Andy served in many capacities for many years at Buckley Air National Guard Base in Colorado and eventually became the Vice Commander of the 140th Fighter Wing, then on to Deputy Commander for Operations. Soon after that he became the Assistant Adjutant General to the Air National Guard unit at Buckley. In September 2000, Andy became the Assistant to the Commander of Air Force Space Command, which required a move from Buckley to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. In April 2003, General Love was promoted to the position from which he now retires as the Assistant, for National Guard Matters, to the Commander of NORAD/USNORTHCOM (North American Aerospace Defense Command/US Northern Command).

Major General Love has much to be proud of in his extensive military career, but also for the many awards and decorations he's received, including: Legion of Merit Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Colorado Meritorious Service Medal, Active Service Ribbon, Foreign Deployment Service Ribbon, Colorado State Emergency Ribbon, Mobilization Support Ribbon, and Colorado Long Service Ribbon.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Major General John A. "Andy" Love on his successful military career, and thanking him for his years of service to a grateful Nation.

As an alumnus of Colorado State University myself, and now representing CSU in the United States Congress, I have had a determined interest in CSU's mission to benefit our great State. I am proud to know that the tradition and excellence synonymous to Colorado State University will be carried on through the dedicated work of Dr. Larry E. Penley.

TRIBUTE TO MS. PEG BOSTWICK

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of a constituent in Michigan's Eighth Congressional District, Ms. Peg Bostwick. Ms. Bostwick has served the State of Michigan for the past 15 years as the 404 Federal Program Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). During her time at the Michigan DEQ, Ms. Bostwick has been a tireless

advocate for wetlands protection and funding for wetlands research.

On Thursday, May 20, 2004, Ms. Bostwick will be honored for her work by the Environmental Law Institute as a part of the 2004 Wetlands Awards. As the recipient of the award for State, Tribal and Local Development, Ms. Bostwick is being honored in Washington, DC for the outstanding work she has done on behalf of all of us in Michigan.

Peg Bostwick's work on behalf of the State of Michigan has been extensive. She is a knowledgeable leader on wetlands issues, working to ensure that science and government policy work together to promote a healthy environment. Mr. Speaker, Peg Bostwick has committed herself to bettering Michigan's environment. I can think of no greater compliment to her than to say that Michigan's environment is better off because of her efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 11, 2004, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes numbered 153 and 154. Rollcall vote 153 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4299, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 South Jackson Road in Edinburg, Texas, as the "Dr. Miguel A. Nevarez Post Office Building." Rollcall vote 154 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 622, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes numbered 153 and 154.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OTTAWA-GLANDORF HIGH SCHOOL'S DIVISION II STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Head Coach David Sweet and his Ottawa-Glandorf men's basketball team on the winning of their first State Championship in high school basketball.

The Ottawa-Glandorf High School men's basketball team has worked tirelessly in pursuit of excellence on the basketball court.

The character and team-oriented attitude found on the Ottawa-Glandorf men's basketball team helped the Titans to win the state tournament final over a team with only one season loss.

The Ottawa-Glandorf Titans out-rebounded their opponents 45-25 and defeated them by 33 points in the state title game.

Mr. Speaker, Ottawa-Glandorf's State Championship in Division II high school men's basketball was a school-record twenty-seventh season victory and was their eighteenth consecutive victory.

The Ottawa-Glandorf High School finished the season with an outstanding 27–1 record, capped by the school's first State Championship in high school men's basketball. They embody everything that is good about our young people and I commend them on their outstanding performance on and off the basketball court this year.

HONORING JOHN E. DAILEY

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

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Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated 40 years of his life to educating young people in Southwest Louisiana. At the end of this academic year, Mr. John E. Dailey will retire as principal of Notre Dame High School of Acadia Parish, my alma mater.

Mr. Dailey began his career in education at Notre Dame in 1964 and remained there until 1970 when he moved to Iota High School. During his time at Iota, Mr. Dailey was twice named Teacher and Coach of the Year, was a runner up in the Louisiana Principal of the Year process and oversaw vast improvements in the school's academic and athletic programs.

After over 20 years at Iota, Mr. Dailey returned to Notre Dame High School, where he would remain until his retirement this year. During his second tour at Notre Dame, Mr. Dailey oversaw a significant increase in enrollment, the addition of twelve classrooms, the implementation of an Agriscience Program, a rise in ACT scores to well above the national average, and nine State athletic championships and eight second place finishes. Mr. Dailey was also honored as the Administrator of the Year in the Diocese of Lafayette and recently inducted into the Notre Dame High School Shoe of Fame.

I rise today to honor Mr. Dailey because it is men and women like him that willingly take on the overwhelming job of preparing our youth for their entry into the professional world. Since 1964, Mr. Dailey has been making a difference in the lives of young people and Acadiana is grateful to all of the work that he has done. I know I am joined by many others when I tell Mr. Dailey congratulations and thank you.

COLORADO GREEN WINDFARM IN
LAMAR

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

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Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, wind energy is an inexhaustible, affordable and economically beneficial source of electricity, and is the Nation's fastest-growing new source of power. I am proud to salute the dedication on May 14 of the Colorado Green windfarm in Prowers County, near Lamar, in southeast Colorado. This dedication will take place in conjunction with Lamar's 118th birthday celebration, to be held on Saturday and Sunday,

May 14 and 15, with the theme of "Winds of Progress Powering Our Future." The celebration is being sponsored by Lamar Chamber of Commerce, City of Lamar, Prowers County, Prowers County Development, Inc. and local business owners.

At 162 megawatts, Colorado Green is the Nation's fifth-largest windfarm, and provides enough power for approximately 52,000 homes at a price competitive with conventional fuels. The project was developed by GE Wind Energy and is co-owned by PPM Energy and Shell WindEnergy, which sell the wind power to Xcel Energy. It is the largest capital investment ever made in Prowers County, and it has already begun generating tremendous local economic benefits throughout the neighboring communities of Lamar and Springfield.

The economic benefits of the Colorado Green wind project include the creation of 10–15 new well-paying jobs at the site. During the height of construction, nearly 400 workers were employed, and these workers provided a sizable economic boost to local Lamar and Springfield businesses. For example, local motels had much higher occupancy than normal, and local restaurants and business experienced an upsurge of demand. The Texaco Food Mart in Lamar had to "bring in more help" in the early morning to deal with the added demand, and the Hay Stack Restaurant reported a 30 percent increase in business due to the windfarm construction.

I am inserting an article from the Lamar Daily News of October 29, 2003 that provides a first-hand illustration of the tremendous benefits that the Colorado Green wind project has brought to Lamar and the Prowers County area. This article, by reporter Virgil Cochran, shows the many economic benefits that wind development can bring to rural parts of our country.

With so much of rural America suffering economic doldrums, wind energy has helped Lamar regain its footing, and I look forward to more such development throughout rural Colorado—which has the nation's 11th-best wind energy resource—in the coming years.

Besides the formal dedication of the Colorado Green wind project on May 14, other activities scheduled in conjunction with Lamar's "Winds of Progress Powering Our Future" activities that weekend include a parade featuring a 113-foot GE wind turbine and free guided bus tours to see the new windfarm. There will also be a 5K Walk and Run, Antique Car and Truck Show, Ducky Derby, "Good Morning Lamar!" breakfast and a "Rock the Block" dance.

I congratulate Lamar as it dedicates the Colorado Green wind project and celebrates its 118th birthday on May 14 and 15.

[From the Lamar Daily News, Oct. 29, 2003]

WIND FARM CONSTRUCTION AN ECONOMIC BOON
FOR COUNTY

(By Virgil Cochran)

LAMAR.—The Colorado Green Wind Farm now under construction in south central Prowers County has already had a strong economic impact to the area—helping at least some local businesses offset slow sales blamed on a drought and generally sluggish economy. The giant project, the largest single capital investment in the history of Prowers County, will also continue to benefit the county for decades, boosting the property tax base and adding some 12–15 new jobs.

For one couple, David and Aracelli Fernandez, who live near the former Pleas-

ant Heights Church, just a stone's throw down the road from the project, the boom has already hit. David and Aracelli are producing burritos about as fast as they can make them and running two daily routes to provide the 200 to 300 workers on the job with some tasty nourishment.

"We'd starve to death if it weren't for that lady (Aracelli)," joked Chad-o Miller, a foreman with QCI erectors, which is installing the nearly 300-foot-tall turbines. Miller also predicted the workmen on the job will be sorely missed by the local grocery stores, motels, and restaurants when the project is complete.

David Fernandez told the Daily News Friday he and his wife have been selling an average of 400 burritos per day at \$2 each. When we met up with Fernandez around noon Friday, he had three oversize coolers in the back of his pickup which he uses to keep the burritos warm, but all were empty. David had sold his load of burritos for the day, and was attempting a rendezvous with Aracelli to transfer some from her vehicle. It was essentially, a startup business for the Fernandez's, triggered solely by the wind farm.

"Most of our guys stay with Brad the Limo man," Miller said, referring to Brad Semmens of Country Acres Motel and RV Park. "We've been filling up his motel and RV Park and he's been great to us." And Semmens is far from the only motel owner in the area to benefit from the influx of construction workers.

Kenny Buxton of Wallace Gas and Oil said the project has also created a temporary boom in fuel and related sales, offsetting what was otherwise very sluggish business due to the downturn in agriculture. Buxton has been running fuel delivery trucks to the site for weeks, providing fuel and lubricants for dozens of vehicles and pieces of heavy equipment at the site.

It sometimes requires two truckloads per day to meet demand, Buxton said, noting there are all sorts of excavating equipment and specialized machinery from cranes to forklifts to which he supplies fuel. Since it is impractical to move the machinery to a fuel station, the construction companies rely almost completely on bulk fuel delivery to the site.

Sales tax receipts in the city have been on the slide for something over a year, running at times ten percent or more behind receipts for the same month of the previous year. But the most recent month for which sales tax data are available, the same month construction moved into full swing on the wind farm, shows sales tax receipts are up over 13 percent from the same month a year ago. While it is impossible to determine how much of that is attributable to the wind farm, many think the boom in local sales can be linked largely to the project.

Once the project is complete and is producing power, the property tax benefits will roll on for at least three decades. Although figures are only preliminary guesstimates, County Assessor Andy Wyatt projects it will produce around \$764,000 per year in new revenue to the county, another \$917,000 to the Re-2 School District general fund, \$203,900 to the Re-2 bond fund, and some \$189,000 to Prowers Medical Center.

Exactly how that will shake out is uncertain for several reasons, said Wyatt. First, the local mill levy to fund Re-2 is governed largely at the state level because of an equalization program in state education funding. It will, at least to some extent, lower the local mill levy taxpayers pay to fund schools, but the amount of reduction hasn't been determined.

Some of the funds the county collects could be limited as well, Wyatt said, because