

climbing courses, the opportunities for enrichment abound for the boys and young adults of Colorado's 4th Congressional District, and indeed, nationwide.

I am so very proud of all the Longs Peak Council Boy Scouts of America has done for our communities. I ask my fellow congressmen to join me in publicly honoring the Boy Scouts of America and their tireless dedication to serving others. May God bless the Boy Scouts of America for decades to come.

HONORING HELEN G. JACOB NATIONAL "FOUR CHAPLAIN" AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to officially recognize and pay tribute to my dear friend and close advisor, Helen G. Jacob.

A buck sergeant during World War II in both the U.S. and European theater, Helen has been a shining example of advocacy and commitment to America's veterans, both in western New York and throughout the Nation. When I was elected to Congress and received my assignment on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I turned to local veterans leaders and organizations for advice and counsel. One of my first calls was to Helen Jacob. She has served as an integral part of my Veterans' Advisory Committee since its inception and is a wealth of knowledge on a host of veterans issues.

Her many awards, honors and citations are too numerous to mention, but if you will permit me, I would like to highlight just a few. In 1996, the Buffalo VA medical center opened its Women's Ambulatory Care unit, a new unit in the hospital to address the growing needs of our female veterans. Helen was instrumental in this project. When we dedicated that wing, we recognized those tremendous efforts and named it accordingly. I would invite every Member to visit the Helen G. Jacob Women's Wellness Center in Buffalo, New York. She has won the Legionnaire of New York State Award, the Found Woman Award, the Golden Rule Award, the Prime Time Award and the Susan B. Anthony Award. Simply put, Helen Jacob could not be more deserving of the high distinction of this national award.

Helen's community service is not limited to veterans. She serves on countless boards and organizations that help people in my district every day. Her lifetime efforts to strengthen her country and community have set an example we all should follow.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to count Helen Jacob among my friends, and am pleased and honored to bring to the attention of this honorable body her outstanding service and this well-deserved award.

HONORING LOVELAND'S VALENTINE REMAILING PROGRAM

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Loveland, Colorado Valentine Card Remailing Program for their outstanding and creative service to Loveland and to the rest of the Nation.

The Loveland Valentine Card Remailing Program began in 1946. Postmaster Elmer Ivers, Chamber of Commerce president Ted W. Thompson and his wife Mabel were the original founders of this unique tradition. What began as a stamp club project has since grown into the largest remailing program in the United States of America.

In 1947, 40 cards were sent through the Loveland, Colorado Post Office and postmarked with a unique Valentine inked stamp. Now every year nearly 300,000 valentines are sent through the Loveland, Colorado Post Office. Behind the scenes there are about 50 senior citizen volunteers that hand stamp a message of love on the envelopes that are received.

This year's message of love, called a "cachet," was submitted by Diana Reed and reads "Sweet Promises on Arrows Ride from Loveland's Heart to the Whole World Wide." Stephanie Moss submitted the Cachet design. The Cachet design is Dan Cupid holding a heart shaped world in one hand, with doves and mountains framing the verse.

Loveland's official Valentine Card design was submitted by Brenda Crow and pictures two white doves sitting in a bed of lavender flowers below three red hearts framed in flowers. On the inside of the card a Valentine verse reads "Loveland, Colorado, the Sweetheart City has a Valentine Poem for the Witty. Candy is Sweet, Lemons are Sour, I'll be loving you through the Midnight Hour." And was submitted by third grader Shelsey Sybrandts who is the youngest author of the Valentine Verse in the 57-year history of the Loveland, Colorado Valentine Remailing Program.

The modest city of Loveland has created quite a name for itself and is globally known as the "Sweetheart City." Valentines are sent through Loveland from all fifty States as well as 120 countries. The Loveland, Colorado Valentine Remailing Program has been featured globally on PBS, the London Broadcasting Company, radio casts in Australia, and is mentioned in many more newspapers and magazines.

A special Valentine representative is also chosen by a committee to win a \$1,000 scholarship and to represent Loveland in various meetings with the Governor of Colorado and will often make speeches in front of the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. In the past, Miss Loveland Valentine has been the only person to be allowed to make a presentation in front of Colorado's State Legislature.

I am so very proud of the humble town of Loveland, where my office headquarters are, and the Loveland Valentines Remailing Program. I ask my colleagues to join me in a unanimous tribute to all of the senior citizen volunteers, the authors of this year's Valentine card: Shelsey Sybrandts, Brenda Crow, Steph-

anie Moss, and Diana Reed, and to congratulate Sara Craig for being this year's Miss Loveland Valentine. May this noble tradition lift up our hearts and spread love and compassion around the world for years to come.

HONORING THE "GO RED FOR WOMEN" CAMPAIGN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the "Go Red for Women" national campaign sponsored by the American Heart Association. This initiative is brought forth to raise awareness in women about heart disease.

Friday, February 6th is National "Wear Red Day," a day when people nationwide are encouraged to take women's health to heart by wearing red to show their support and raise awareness with the public that heart disease is the #1 killer of women in the United States. By showing off a favorite red dress, shirt, or tie, Americans will unite in the national movement to give women a personal and urgent wake-up call about their risk of heart disease.

In Fresno County, more than 763 women die each year of cardiovascular disease. Fresno's luncheon event on Thursday will serve as a kick-off for the national event. Dr. Catherine Winchester is the only woman cardiologist in central California, and she will serve as the keynote speaker and several women heart survivors will also share their personal stories. The "Go Red for Women" luncheon is a wonderful way of reminding the public that February 6th is national "Wear Red Day."

The American Heart Association is committed to the support of ongoing medical research to advance knowledge in the areas of prevention and treatment of heart disease and stroke. It launched its new initiative, "Go Red for Women," to empower women to live longer and stronger lives and to help reduce their risk factors for heart disease. This has served as a call-to-action endeavor to educate women on how to recognize the symptoms of a heart attack and how to better their health.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Fresno County American Heart Association for hosting a "Go Red for Women" event that will help to educate and empower the women in its community. I urge my colleagues to join me in praising the American Heart Association for its service to our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO LAURA PEARSON, RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live

and work. Laura Pearson is one of these individuals.

Laura has represented Ward 7 of the City of Riverside for 14 years and has faithfully represented her constituents who live in both rural residential and contemporary neighborhoods. Her ability to see all sides of an issue have enabled her to be an effective councilmember.

Laura served as the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, Vice Chair for the Development Committee and as a member of the Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee. At the regional level, Laura served on the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board, City/County Animal Control Advisory Committee, Regional Water Quality Board and the Model Deaf Community Task Force.

In 1998, a former Riverside City employee broke into the Riverside City Council Chamber during a meeting and seriously injured several people including Laura. Despite this incident, Laura persevered and continued public service. Her courage and devotion demand our deepest respect and gratitude.

Laura is newly and happily married to Bill Densmore, a County Veterans' Service Officer and a City of Riverside Planning Commissioner. She is also a proud mother and grandmother.

Laura's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. She has been the heart and soul of many community initiatives and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she retires.

HONORING 2003 EAGLE SCOUTS FROM THE 5TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the privilege of honoring the 2003 Eagle Scout recipients from the Fifth Congressional District of Texas. As a Congressman and an Eagle Scout myself, I would like to recognize the tremendous achievement of these young men and commend them for their hard work and dedication.

Of the millions of young men who join the Boy Scouts, only four percent achieve the highest rank of Eagle Scout. This rigorous program demands excellence in many areas and tests the Scout's commitment and strength of character.

Eagles Scouts personify the qualities of trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thrift, bravery, cleanliness and reverence. By earning the rank of Eagle Scout, these young men join a distinguished group of outstanding Americans including former U.S. Presidents, astronauts, and Pulitzer Prize winners.

America's youth are the leaders of tomorrow. I commend these Boy Scouts for providing excellent examples of leadership, citizenship, and service to their communities and their peers.

I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to the following recipients of the Eagle Scout Award. Their valuable contributions to society will no doubt continue as they continue their journey through life.

Andrew Ryan Holman—Troop 103

Cory Lynn Smith—Troop 391

Christopher William Jennings Bryan—Troop 890

Spencer Douglas Adams—Troop 890

Jonathan Dylan Shields—Troop 138

William Lawrence Love—Troop 64

Joshua Douglas Hughes—Troop 125

Cameron Blevins O'Bannon—Troop 861

Zachary Stephen Taylor—Troop 856

Michael Edward Flusche, Jr.—Troop 865

Randall Charles Roysdon, Jr.—Troop 339

Jonathan Kerry Van Zant—Troop 535

Wesley James Mullins—Troop 435

Graham Andrew Orr—Troop 435

Jordan Whitney Ashford—Troop 852

Jonathan Daniel Martin—Troop 856

Marshall Glyn Holland, Jr.—Troop 792

Sunray Roper Spinks—Troop 107

Eric P. Mendershausen—Troop 636

Caleb Peter Holzapfel—Troop 437

Joel Andrew Fletcher—Troop 890

Christopher Robert Darling—Troop 138

Brandon Kent Parsons—Troop 856

Curtis J. Aanerud—Troop 792

Jared Asher Forbus—Troop 730

Daniel Joseph Hale—Troop 865

Reagan Lewis Loggins—Troop 744

Matthew Glenn Higgins—Troop 744

Christopher G. Plummer—Troop 744

Alexander P. Jarrard—Troop 890

Mitchell Jacob George—Troop 890

Andrew M. Diaz—Troop 709

Jared Nathaniel Wilson—Troop 852

Eric Randall Johnson—Troop 890

Phillip Rowe Vorkoper—Troop 709

Troy Aleo Thompson—Troop 333

Chad Jacob Kriskche—Troop 707

Brandon Casey Hall—Troop 707

Andrew Jedidiah Floyd—Troop 138

Eric Bruce Swanfeldt—Troop 647

Ryan Lemuel Johnson—Troop 890

Kyle Pierpont Johnson—Troop 890

Michael Collin Zreet—Troop 890

Travis Eugene Hughes—Troop 647

Jonathan Collins Lloyd—Troop 343

Darren Leland Butler—Troop 798

Robert Alexander Harrell—Troop 890

Thomas Nicodemus Wilder—Troop 719

Wilson Rowden Steely—Troop 473

Jason Howard Hensley—Troop 543

Michael Curtis O'Rear—Troop 856

Rory August Gerken—Troop 70

Jeffrey David Nicholson—Troop 779

Michael Jones—Troop 33

Justin Minor Bosque—Troop 744

Ryan Keith Barley—Troop 707

Grant Richard Reddy—Troop 707

Scott Evans Holtzman, Jr.—Troop 890

Ryan James Koch—Troop 890

Lane Christopher Avery—Troop 852

Richard Baker Batten—Troop 707

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER AARON WEAVER

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a recently fallen soldier, Chief War-

rant Officer Aaron Weaver. Aaron was a member of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and was stationed in Iraq.

A little over two weeks ago, Aaron got on board a Black Hawk medevac helicopter to go to Baghdad for a routine medical check up. Aaron had recently undergone a serious bout with cancer and critical surgery. In fact, he could have remained in the states while the doctors continued to monitor his progress.

Instead, Aaron volunteered for Iraq and requested and received the medical waiver necessary to deploy. He wanted to join his younger brother, Ryan and his comrades. He heard the call of duty and he answered it.

His brother, Ryan, was also stationed in Iraq. Ryan and Aaron had plans to meet when Aaron was to arrive in Baghdad, but that moment never happened. The medevac that Aaron was traveling in was shot down by enemy fire and all nine soldiers, including Aaron, were killed.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and his one year old daughter, Savannah.

Aaron, already a decorated war hero who fought in the streets of Mogadishu in 1993 to rescue his friends after their Black Hawk had been shot down, set the highest example of someone who is willing to risk their own life to save others.

His dedication to his country and fellow soldiers represents his tremendous sense of loyalty and selflessness. Aaron Weaver is a true American hero. Aaron will never be forgotten by his family, friends or the country he fought for.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR JOHN L. WINTERSTELLA IN APPRECIATION OF A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MONMOUTH AND MANASQUAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I have the opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual, John L. Winterstella, for a remarkable career of public service. Throughout his life, Mayor Winterstella has devoted himself to working for the people of his community, through serving not only as an elected official, but participating on a wide variety of boards and charities.

Mr. Winterstella began his career in the early 1970's working with the Environmental Commission and the Planning Board in the borough of Manasquan, the latter of which he continues to tirelessly serve. He was elected as a Manasquan councilman from 1977 through 1981, and was subsequently elected Mayor of the borough in 1984.

During his tenure as Mayor, John Winterstella has served on the Monmouth Community Development Block Grant Committee from 1984 until the present, served as the Commissioner on the Sewage Authority from 1990 to 1999, and also served on the Executive Board of the New Jersey League of Municipalities from 1990 to 1998. The Mayor served as President of that League from 1997-1998, and was enshrined in the League's Hall of Fame in the year 2000. In addition to keeping his busy schedule, Mayor