

and Frank Clinton of the *Monticello*. All of them boarded these North Atlantic Blockading vessels near the mouth of the Cape Fear River for the same purpose . . . freedom and participation in the war effort against slavery. Many of these men, both literate and skilled, became key players in Reconstruction, the South's first brief Nineteenth Century interlude with democracy. Many, though not William B. Gould, returned to Wilmington after its liberation in 1865.

These men, part of the 8,000 who fled the Confederacy to fight for freedom in the U.S. Navy were part of a silent black exodus which transformed the war's nature. They made my life possible. And more than any other event since September 21, 1862, and its aftermath, here and now, 141 years and 1 month later, they provide hope for my grandchildren, Timothy Samuel Jr. and Joseph Jeremy and the generations of all mankind yet to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the words of William G. Gould IV and all they represent as he remembers his great-grandfather, William B. Gould.

TRIBUTE TO DOLORES DICKMAN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the wonderful life and exceptional accomplishments of a remarkable woman in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is both fitting and proper that we recognize this distinguished citizen for her impressive record of civic leadership and invaluable service. It is to commend this eminent citizen that I rise to honor Dolores Dickman.

Dolores Dickman has been on the front lines of progress for decades and has proven to be a potent force in transforming the landscape of our city and State. Her indomitable spirit has sustained her through many challenges and molded a life of notable accomplishment. Dolores came to our community from her native Kansas and graduated from the University of Denver. She has used her talents and skills to advance the public good and the well being of working men and women. She has been a political activist, labor leader and has remained in the vanguard of those dedicated to economic and social justice. Dolores was the first woman State director of the Committee on Political Action for the AFL-CIO and was a powerful advocate for the rights of working people and the well being of our families. Some of us do not comprehend how far we've come. There was a time when fundamental decency and equity for working people were not part of our shared values. Dolores worked along side Cesar Chavez, brought food to striking workers and has engaged in the struggles that have improved the human condition. At the international level, Histadrut has honored her for her immeasurable contributions to the labor movement in Israel. For all of her efforts in this regard, we owe Dolores a great debt of gratitude.

Those who know Dolores know that politics matter. She is well known for her outspoken commentary and years of service to the Democratic Party. She marched in Selma for the civil liberties of all people. She took a seat on a plane next to Martin Luther King, Jr. to

share her thoughts and visited then President John F. Kennedy at the White House. She has recruited notable civic leaders for public office and has been instrumental in winning many local, State and national elections. Dolores has been the recipient of numerous public honors and has been characterized as the "grand dame of North Denver politics" and a political "powerhouse." While all of these truly reflect the standing and regard in which we hold Dolores, I would simply add that she has the rare ability to balance pragmatism and high purpose, which is uncommon among those engaged in public life. She knows that politics is not easy nor has it ever been. Dolores has perspective—she knows that the contest is never over and the field is never quite taken. I remember Dolores referencing in a Denver Post column that all the political posturing in the world doesn't mean squat if people don't vote. As usual, Dolores cuts to the heart of the matter. She understands what is vital to our democracy as well as what is important in the calculus of public affairs.

The contributions of Dolores Dickman are rich in consequence and on behalf of the citizens of the 1st Congressional District of Colorado, I wish to express our gratitude. Her service, accomplishments and civic virtue command our respect and admiration. Please join me in paying tribute to Dolores Dickman, a distinguished citizen. It is the values, leadership and commitment she exhibits on a daily basis that serve to build a better future for all Americans.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF IGNACY JAN PADEREWSKI

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Ms. KAPTUR. I am pleased to be the sponsor of H. Res. 58, a resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Ignacy Jan Paderewski as a musician, composer, statesman, and philanthropist and recognizing the 11th Anniversary of the return of his remains to Poland.

I have been joined by thirty-six of my colleagues, including: Representatives ACKERMAN, BALDWIN, BELL, BERKLEY, BERMAN, BERRY, BLUMENAUER, BRADY, BROWN, BURTON, CARDIN, CROWLEY, DINGELL, EMANUEL, ENGEL, FATAH, FRANK, GOODE, GUTIERREZ, HOFFEL, HOLT, KANJORSKI, KILDEE, KLECZKA, KUCINICH, LANTOS, LEE, LIPINSKI, LOFGREN, McDERMOTT, MENENDEZ, PRICE, QUINN, C. SMITH, THOMPSON, and WATSON.

On June 12, 2003, the House Committee on International Relations unanimously voted in favor of H. Res. 58. I urge the House of Representatives to consider this important piece of legislation honoring Mr. Paderewski, Polish-Americans and the Polish people.

H. RES. 58

Whereas Ignacy Jan Paderewski, born in Poland in 1860, was a brilliant and popular pianist who performed hundreds of concerts in Europe and the United States during the late 19th and early 20th centuries;

Whereas Paderewski often donated the proceeds of his concerts to charitable causes;

Whereas, during World War I, Paderewski worked for the independence of Poland and served as the first Premier of Poland;

Whereas in December 1919, Paderewski resigned as Premier of Poland, and in 1921 he left politics to return to his music;

Whereas the German invasion of Poland in 1939 spurred Paderewski to return to political life;

Whereas Paderewski fought against the Nazi dictatorship in World War II by joining the exiled Polish Government to mobilize the Polish forces and to urge the United States to join the Allied Forces;

Whereas Paderewski died in exile in America on June 29, 1941, while war and occupation imperiled all of Europe;

Whereas by the direction of United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Paderewski's remains were placed along side America's honored dead in Arlington National Cemetery, where President Roosevelt said, "He may lie there until Poland is free.";

Whereas in 1963, United States President John F. Kennedy honored Paderewski by placing a plaque marking Paderewski's remains at the Mast of the Maine at Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas in 1992, United States President George H.W. Bush, at the request of Lech Walesa, the first democratically elected President of Poland following World War II, ordered Paderewski's remains returned to his native Poland;

Whereas on June 26, 1992, the remains of Paderewski were removed from the Mast of the Maine at Arlington National Cemetery, and were returned to Poland on June 29, 1992;

"Whereas on July 5, 1992, Paderewski's remains were interred in a crypt at the St. John Cathedral in Warsaw, Poland; and

Whereas Paderewski wished his heart to be forever enshrined in America, where his lifelong struggle for democracy and freedom had its roots and was cultivated, and now his heart remains at the Shrine of the Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the accomplishments of Ignacy Jan Paderewski as a musician, composer, statesman, and philanthropist; and

(2) acknowledges the invaluable efforts of Ignacy Jan Paderewski in forging close Polish-American ties, on the 11th Anniversary of the return of Paderewski's remains to Poland.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HENRY MCINTOSH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a talented teacher from Walsenburg, Colorado. Henry McIntosh inspires and challenges his students to become better people. His teaching enthusiasm spirals through the community as he equips students with the knowledge to chase after their dreams. I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing Henry's tremendous service to the Walsenburg community.

This year the Colorado Department of Education recognized Henry as the top teacher in the state. He received the 2003 Outstanding Colorado Teacher Award for his extraordinary commitment to involving students in their communities and increasing student achievement by promoting school accountability. Henry helped to institute the first advanced placement programs at John Mall High School in order to give students in rural communities the

same opportunities that urban schools offer. He encourages students to be involved with their school by sponsoring the student-run organization that addresses concerns and suggestions for improving the school called the student senate. Henry pushes his students to work hard by organizing a literacy tour in Great Britain for his advanced placement students over Spring Break as a reward.

Mr. Speaker, Henry McIntosh is a wonderful ambassador for education who dedicates his life to teaching the next generation of leaders in his Walsenburg, Colorado community. Henry has taken the noble and challenging occupation of teaching to a new level of excellence. His compassionate and selfless service to Walsenburg and the Colorado community certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress. Congratulations on your award Henry, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING GWEN ESTES,
EDUCATOR EXTRAORDINAIRE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gwen Estes, a recent recipient of the prestigious Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award. The international award, sponsored by a number of peace groups and Morehouse College in Atlanta, was presented to Ms. Estes for her commitment to promoting peace, unity and non-violence.

Gwen Estes is a former parole officer. The job never seemed quite right to Ms. Estes as she has always been about building for the future. Years of watching guards lead shackled inmates into the great abyss of the prison system ran counter to values passed along by Ms. Estes' mother, who spent years teaching school.

Seeking a career change, Gwen Estes followed in the family footsteps and choose teaching. However, she didn't pursue a mainstream teaching job. She opted for Hayward Community School, a last chance outpost for at-risk students who have been expelled for offenses ranging from fighting to selling drugs.

Working tirelessly with students who needed more help than their regular teachers could give, Ms. Estes is saving the lives of troubled teens starving for positive attention, respect and caring.

One need only look into the faces transfixed before her in her portable classroom to better understand why she received the prestigious peace award. Her classroom radiates with trust and compassion and Estes shares a connection with students who have felt alienated and alone in other settings.

Now unlike her years as a parole officer, when her reports could lead to long sentences foreshadowing destroyed lives, Gwen Estes is giving out hope in exceptionally large doses at Hayward Community School.

Ms. Estes is also President of the New Haven Board of Education, another factor that has contributed to success with her students. The confluence of her experiences as a school board member and parole officer gives her the kind of credibility many of her peers lack when working with at-risk students.

She always says, "I have voted to expel students but I much prefer giving out diplomas." Gwen Estes is giving students a foundation to break free of their problems, a reason to care. In many cases, it is something they would not have gotten if it weren't for her.

A description from one of her students aptly describes Ms. Estes' exemplary contributions to her students. "Even though she is a teacher, she is your friend. We can have good days or bad days, but she always tells us we can be what we want to be. Miss E is one of a kind."

Gwen Estes epitomizes the essence of the Ghandi, King, Ikeda award. She is bringing peace, unity, and hope to the classroom each day.

HONORING JOHN COLEMAN

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the contributions of Commissioner John Coleman of Hollywood, Florida. Mr. Coleman, a native of Rhode Island, retired to South Florida in 1992 and spent the rest of his life as a passionate advocate for the city of Hollywood and its beaches.

In 1998, Mr. Coleman was elected to the Hollywood City Commission. During his term, he championed environmental issues and fought to protect Hollywood Beach from overdevelopment. Area residents fondly recall his ebullient spirit and passionate, fiery rhetoric. After serving his term, Mr. Coleman continued as an activist and civic leader. He campaigned at the local, state and national levels for candidates he supported. As President of the Broward Council of Democratic Club Presidents, President of the Hollywood Democratic Club, and member of the Broward Democratic Executive Committee, Mr. Coleman lent his voice to a multitude of issues for the betterment of life for all in South Florida.

Mr. Coleman is survived by six sons, a daughter, his long-time companion, and nine grandchildren. He will be sorely missed for his exuberance and his dedication to civic activism.

AMBER ALERT HAS HAPPY ENDING—WOMAN NOTICES STOLEN CAR AND CALLS 911

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to your attention the story of an AMBER Alert in action and working to save the lives of New Mexico's children.

The AMBER Alerts are currently carried by New Mexico's broadcast media via the same Emergency Alert System used in severe weather and national emergencies. The tones so familiar to citizens during storms are now helping to save children's lives. On Wednesday, November 19, Juan David Olive, 4, lay sleeping in the back of his father's Geo Metro in the parking lot of a restaurant on Isleta Bou-

levard in Albuquerque. When the boy's father returned to the parking lot, his car was missing, and he knew his son was still inside. Authorities issued an AMBER Alert for the boy with a description of the car. Nadine Marquis was in the parking lot of a local electronics store when she saw what appeared to be the stolen car. Upon closer investigation, she heard crying inside and called the police. When authorities arrived, they found the boy and returned him safely to his parents.

Mr. Speaker, Albuquerque began implementing the AMBER Alert system in 2001 when the New Mexico Broadcasters Association signed an agreement with the police department. I encourage their effort. Now, AMBER Alert is statewide in New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and all the residents of New Mexico in honoring and thanking Nadine Marquis. AMBER Alerts have proven effective in finding missing children, but could not succeed without the help of sharp-eyed people like Nadine. I commend her for her efforts, and I am sure there will be many others like her who will help save the lives of children in New Mexico and nationwide.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BEN RIZZI

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before you to recognize a remarkable citizen from my district. Ben Rizzi recently retired after 30 years of service to the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Colorado. Ben dedicated his professional life to the conservation of Colorado's natural resources and I am proud to call his contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Ben was born in Walsenburg, Colorado. Following high school, he attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Throughout college, Ben worked for the Forest Service over each summer vacation. It was during this time that Ben's love for the outdoors began to influence his career path. After receiving his degree, Ben took a job on a cattle ranch near La Veta. After working on the ranch for a year, Ben took a position with the Soil Conservation Service, which was eventually renamed the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Throughout his tenure with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ben achieved great success as a District Conservationist. Ben worked tirelessly for the betterment of every landowner and parcel of land he encountered. Ben is truly an outstanding steward of the land and the benefits of his tireless devotion and hard work will be felt for generations to come. Although Ben is retiring, his legacy will live on through his two sons, both of whom have followed in their father's footsteps and chosen careers in the field of natural resources.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to Ben Rizzi. Ben spent nearly three decades working for the betterment of Colorado's farming and ranching communities. Ben will be missed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. However, he will now have more time to spend with his family and his