authorizes funds to carry out the Bureau of Reclamation's recommended improvements to the irrigation facilities at the Angostura dam. The dam provides substantial economic benefits to many South Dakotans. It provides irrigation to 12,218 acres of land which benefits ranchers and agricultural producers in the area, and it supports an important recreational boating and fishing industry which is enjoyed by many of our citizens.

Until now, however, the Angostura dam has failed to provide any of these economic benefits to the members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who live just 20 miles downstream of the dam on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The Oglala Sioux Tribe has long relied on the resources provided by the Cheyenne River, which forms part of the northern boundary of its reservation. Long before the dam was constructed as part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Project, the Tribe relied on the river as an important economic resource. Since it was completed, however, the dam has taken an enormous toll on the Tribe. The dam curbed the Cheyenne River's natural flow, reducing water quality on the Reservation, diminishing natural riparian habitats, adversely impacting fish and wildlife and forcing important Tribal agricultural enterprises to shut their doors.

The bill implements the Bureau of Reclamation's preferred alternative in its revised water management plan for the Angostura Unit, which calls for improved efficiencies in irrigation operations that will free up additional water resources for both existing water users and the Tribe. In addition, the legislation would authorize the creation of a trust fund to compensate the Tribe for the devastating economic impacts and loss of natural resources caused by the operation of the dam. The fund will be used to promote economic and infrastructure development on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and enhance the education, health and general welfare of the Oglala Lakota people.

The bill is a companion to S. 1996, which was introduced by Senator DASCHLE on December 9, 2003 and is co-sponsored by Senators JOHNSON and INOUYE. S. 1996 was recently reported favorably to the Senate by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

I hope that my distinguished colleagues will take up and pass this legislation quickly. It will allow all of us in South Dakota to better use our natural resources, while keeping our solemn commitment to deal fairly and honorably with the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Lakota people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. I ask for your help and support in moving it forward.

HONORING GREG RENKER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pleasure to honor an individual that has been awarded the Electronic Retailing Association's (ERA) 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given to individuals who have been instrumental in shaping the electronic retailing industry and who have elevated the significance and stature of both direct response and the association.

Mr. Greg Renker is a founding principal of Guthy-Renker, an infomercial studio that has evolved into one of the world's largest television response-driven companies. Mr. Renker is personally responsible for productions, new business development and business affairs, and, with partner Bill Guthy, supervises the overall direction of the company.

As a founder of ERA and an industry pioneer, Advertising Age magazine named Mr. Renker to its ''Marketing 100'' list for his achievements in the direct response television industry. In addition, Mr. Renker has been spotlighted by Fortune Magazine on its list of ''America's Smartest Young Entrepreneurs'' and also was honored as one of Inc.'s ''Entrepreneurs of the Year.'' Currently, he serves as a permanent Chairman Emeritus of ERA and is active in a multitude of industry-wide initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Greg Renker on his successes and on his dedication to the electronic retailing industry. I know that he will continue to be a strong presence in both the industry as well as in his local community. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WOMEN ATHLETES AT THE 2004 SUMMER OLYMPICS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the amazing achievements of the women athletes at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. In particular, I want to celebrate the success of the United States Women's Soccer Team, who made us proud by winning a gold medal at the 2004 Olympics, beating Brazil 2–1 in overtime, on August 26, 2004.

Every woman on the Olympic soccer team deserves our recognition and congratulations: Shannon Boxx, Brandi Chastain, Joy Fawcett, Julie Foudy, Mia Hamm, Angela Hucles, Kristine Lilly, Kristin Luckenbill, Kate Markgraf, Heather Mitts, Heather O'Reilly, Cindy Parlow, Christie Rampone, Cat Reddick, Briana Scurry, Lindsay Tarpley, Aly Wagner, and Abby Wambach.

These women have become some of the most famous athletic role models on earth. They have taught our children that if you work hard and you believe in yourself, you can accomplish anything. Indeed, these women are helping to fundamentally change perceptions about athletics. It is no surprise that our little girls look up to these strong, motivated women for inspiration. But to also see little boys wearing jerseys emblazoned with the names of their favorite women players is a wonderful sight.

The accomplishments of this generation of women athletes demonstrates the profound impact that Title IX has had on increasing opportunities in sports for women and girls. Title IX, part of the Education Amendments of 1972 requiring that public schools and colleges provide equal educational and athletic opportunities for girls and women, has unquestionably been a tremendous success. The members of the U.S. Women's Soccer team have been tireless advocates for Title IX. Their efforts have helped the Women's Caucus and our male colleagues to preserve and strengthen this historic law.

It is important for girls to have every opportunity to succeed, especially when it comes to athletics. That is why the leadership of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues has introduced H.R. 4994, the High School Athletics Accountability Act. This bill will require schools to report to the Department of Education basic data on the number of female and male students in their athletic programs and the expenditures made for their sports teams. Currently high schools are not required to disclose any data on equity in sports, making it difficult for schools and parents to ensure fairness in athletics programs. Better information can help high schools and parents of schoolchildren foster fairness in athletic opportunities for girls and boys.

As a testament to the power of these women, their fan appreciation tour, which kicks off in Rochester, on September 25, sold out all 14,000 seats in just minutes. I have introduced a bill in Congress, H. Res. 373, which supports the reestablishment of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA). Hopefully, some day the WUSA will return, to give every amazing female soccer player the professional athletic opportunities in the United States they so deeply deserve.

Thank you to all the women Olympic athletes for transforming the lives and attitudes of today's young women, and for those of generations to come. We all know that girls who compete in sports perform better in school, are physically healthier and have a stronger self-esteem. Our girls have learned that sweat is sexy, brawn is beautiful and a little dirt never hurt anyone. You have truly given us all a whole lot more to celebrate, work hard for and dream about.

HONORING DEDICATION OF FRANKLIN PARKER PRESERVE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's official dedication of the Franklin Parker Preserve—the largest, private land acquisition in our state on Friday, September 24, 2004.

The 9,400-acre Franklin Parker Preserve includes 1,500 acres of reservoirs and thousands of acres of wetland and upland forests, including 600 acres of Atlantic white cedar swamp, and serves as a critical link in connecting state-owned forests.

The Preserve has exceptional habitat for native and endangered species including bald eagle and the Pine Barrens tree frog.

The site will be named in honor of Franklin E. Parker III, the first Chair of the Pinelands Commission from 1979 to 1988, who has been a long-time supporter of environmental causes throughout the country, our state and my Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Franklin Parker, and so many individuals and groups that have made the Parker Preserve a reality.