

building is named in honor of their former Secretary-Treasurer, John S. Lyons. This hard-working, dedicated and diverse organization can always be depended upon.

Their members volunteer for every food drive by working at the Margaret Sellers Post Office and routing the food from outlying Post Offices to the Food Bank. Each and every December, the Teamsters show up, complete with holiday cheer, pick up and deliver all the food to make the annual Holiday Food Distribution a success.

They are always present, making a contribution to the people of San Diego and promoting the good name of Labor. That is why we honor and recognize Teamsters Local 36, one of the finest organizations in San Diego and Imperial County, as the recipient of the "Community Services Award"!

RECOGNIZING DEDICATION OF
WILLIAMSON COUNTY MONU-
MENT IN FRANKLIN ON MEMO-
RIAL DAY 2005

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day is one of those occasions where all Americans can come together for a common purpose—to honor and thank those who've sacrificed in order to keep us free.

It is my privilege to recognize the veterans from Williamson County, Tennessee who served our country over the past century. Nearly 165 veterans from Williamson County died defending America during World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Viet Nam War. All of us recognize how fortunate we are for having had men and women like them fighting to preserve our freedom.

On Monday, May 30, 2005, Williamson County will dedicate a monument in Franklin, Tennessee, to honor these men and women. I hope all Tennesseans will take time this Memorial Day to remember those who've sacrificed so much for America. God Bless.

THE LIFE OF EVA "MARR"
BOWMAN

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on May 7, the Bowman family and Colorado lost a great treasure. Eva "Marr" Bowman died at age 93, a life-long resident of Wray, Colorado.

My sympathies go to her grandson Michael Bowman, who was extremely close to his grandmother. Michael is a tireless advocate of renewable energy and of Colorado's rural communities and is a key proponent of the 25x25 proposal dedicated to producing 25 percent of America's energy needs from our agricultural sector by the year 2025.

Marr Bowman supported Mike in his efforts. She donated \$200,000 to the Wray, Colorado school district to install a wind turbine that will supply all of the school's electricity and 25 percent of the electricity for the town. Her do-

nation has already set an important precedent in Colorado, demonstrating what dedicated communities can do to help rural economic development and maintain farming as a way of life.

I honored Marr Bowman at the Environmental and Clean Energy Inaugural Ball earlier this year for her contributions to Colorado's rural communities and to renewable energy. I noted at the Ball: "Without your generous contribution of seed money for the wind turbine project, further grant money would not be an option. Wray is fortunate to have committed members of the community like you who have the foresight and patience to envision a project and see it through." Even though she won't be in Wray to see the wind turbine operational next month—or to attend her 75th high school reunion—I am glad she knew of our gratitude for her commitment and dedication to her community, to Colorado, and to renewable energy.

Marr Bowman's was a life well lived. She will be missed.

For the benefit of my colleagues, I have attached Mrs. Bowman's obituary from the Denver Post.

FARM WIFE A POWERFUL FORCE

(By Virginia Culver)

Eva "Marr" Bowman was a farm wife who lived all her life on Colorado's plains—but that didn't mean she wasn't up on the latest environmental issues.

Bowman, who died Saturday at age 93, left \$200,000 to the Wray school district as seed money to install a wind turbine that will supply all of the school's electricity and 25 percent of the electricity for the town.

By selling the electricity to the town, the school district will make \$180,000 a year, said Bowman's grandson, Michael Bowman, of Wray.

"We'd hoped she would still be alive to see the wind turbine operational next month, her 75th high school class reunion," he said.

In her letter to the school board about the gift, Eva Bowman said, "There is no greater gift we can give our children than that of a sound education."

Her nephew and others have raised most of the rest of the total—\$1.8 million—for the turbine.

Marr Bowman, as everyone called her, was a fixture in Wray, where she sat at her own table every morning for coffee in the local cafe.

Despite the hard work of cooking, cleaning, raising children and helping with the farm, Marr Bowman was not a complainer.

"In fact, she was the most upbeat person I ever knew," said Michael Bowman.

But, sometimes, she did remark, "Anyone who thought those were the good old days didn't actually live through them."

Marr Bowman and her husband toughed out the Depression, but they and their good friends, Dale and Martha Whomble, had to wait some time before they could buy new cars.

After discussing it one evening, the couples decided on a stopgap measure: They would trade cars, so at least each couple would have a different car.

In addition to her family, Marr Bowman's other great love was bowling, which she did for decades at the Purple Sage Bowling Alley. After it was destroyed in a 1970s tornado, she and her friends had to drive to other towns to bowl.

Eva Peterson was born June 13, 1911, in Holyoke and graduated from Laird High School, east of Wray.

She met Ralph Bowman, a local farm boy, at Olive Lake, a resort area near Wray that

had a dance hall and skating rink. "It was a hotbed of activity in those days," Michael Bowman said.

Eva Peterson and Ralph Bowman married May 16, 1931, and started their life together with gifts of a pig and a cow, which their families had given them. He died in January 2004.

In addition to her grandson, Marr Bowman is survived by two daughters, Jean Brophy of Wray and Jerry Baird of Pasadena, CA; a son, Jack Bowman of Wray; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; her sister, Madge Barber of Burlington; and an "adopted" grandson, Etienne Lagabrielle of France.

BRIGHTON RECEIVES ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AWARD

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Brighton, Colorado, for recently being named by the Economic Developers' Council of Colorado (EDCC) as the recipient of the Large Community of the Year award for 2004. The EDCC presents their annual achievement awards that recognize outstanding achievement in economic development by honoring individuals, businesses and communities throughout the State of Colorado.

The City of Brighton was honored to receive this award which is presented to a community over 20,000 in population that demonstrates support for economic development through an organized economic development program and strong leadership.

Mr. Speaker, as we look at a few of the many successes the City has been able to accomplish recently, there is no doubt that they are well deserving of this award.

The City provided an incentive package valued at nearly \$8.2 million for a new Adams County campus for County services. This campus will not only retain jobs for Brighton but will also ensure that Brighton remains the County Seat.

Brighton found funding, without any state support, for the roundabouts at the intersection of U.S. 85 and State Highway 7, which is a major highway intersection to downtown Brighton. The City has also been forward thinking in contributions on their part to make the FasTracks public transit program become a reality in Brighton.

In 2004 the City broke ground on a 14-acre entertainment/retail development, the Brighton Pavilions. This project is a unique public/private partnership between the City, the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority, Brighton Economic Development Corporation, Carlson-Parkhi, LLC and RTD. It is the first Transit Oriented Development in the state based on a bus transit park-n-ride, and a public/private endeavor and is a "model" project for the Denver metro area. Further, this partnership helped the City receive the Adams County Economic Development 2004 Regional Partnership Award.

On the issue of water, which is so vital to communities in Colorado, Brighton has made great strides in making water purchases during 2004 and has aligned itself with other regional communities to provide water solutions in and out of its community. The first water augmentation storage lake was completed and filled in 2004.

Mr. Speaker, what's equally important to many Brighton residents is that the City has been able to accomplish all of this while still retaining its small town atmosphere that makes it so attractive by opening six new neighborhood parks last year.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Brighton's Mayor, Jan Pawlowski, and all the citizens of the City for Brighton's recognition as the Large Community of the Year. It is only appropriate that the entire State acknowledge the City's efforts and achievements.

IN HONOR OF KSBW'S THIRD CONSECUTIVE USC ANNENBERG WALTER CRONKITE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TELEVISION POLITICAL JOURNALISM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the achievements of a news channel local to my congressional district. KSBW, as part of the Hearst-Argyle Television Inc., received the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Television Political Journalism for the third consecutive year this past March.

Frequently we hear that quality, unbiased journalism is a thing of the past. However, KSBW and Hearst-Argyle Television Inc. prove the critics wrong. The Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Television Political Journalism is an award that recognizes the importance of good, unbiased political journalism. That some of the best minds in journalism would agree that KSBW and Hearst-Argyle Television Inc. deserve this award 3 years in a row is a testament to this station's high quality and merit.

This continued commitment to excellence in journalism serves as a model for all news organizations. I would also like to commend Mr. Joe Heston, President and General Manager of KSBW, for his management, vision, and interest in the community. Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring KSBW and Hearst Argyle Television Inc.'s achievements and wish them continued success.

CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES RECOGNIZES SERGEANT MAJOR RAMONA D. COOK

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Congresswomen BROWN-WAITE, SOLIS, CAPPS and the entire Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to recognize the 8th Annual Women in the Military Wreath Laying Ceremony hosted by the Caucus at Arlington National Cemetery. The Purpose of this event is to honor our Nation's servicewomen and female veterans for their courage and achievements, and to remember women who have died in service to the United States.

Today we have the opportunity to recognize five outstanding female servicewomen, one selected from each branch of the military. These women serve their respective branches with honor, dignity, and courage. These highly decorated leaders chose to defend our freedom and embody the spirit of those that served before them.

From the United States Marine Corps, we will honor Sergeant Major Ramona D. Cook who was deployed to Kuwait in February 2003, to join her unit, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 (Heavy Haulers), in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Heavy Haulers remained there until September 29, 2003.

On October 15, 2004 SgtMaj Cook and members of the Heavy Haulers again deployed in support of the war on terrorism, this time to Bagram, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

SgtMaj Cook has repeatedly demonstrated outstanding performance, leadership, and devotion to the U.S. Marine Corps, as is evidenced by the awards she has received, which include two Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and four Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

SgtMaj Cook continues to distinguish herself as an invaluable leader in the U.S. Marine Corps, and it is an honor for each Member of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to recognize the courage and commitment of SgtMaj Cook and all women in the military.

VIEJAS BANK OF KUMEYAAY INDIANS RECEIVES LABOR'S SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians for receiving the "Spirit of Cooperation Award" by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

The Viejas Band, one of the remaining 12 bands of the Kumeyaay Indian Nation, has approximately 289 members living on the 1,600 acre reservation in the Viejas Valley, east of Alpine.

The Viejas Band is recognized as a sovereign government by the United States, with which it maintains a government-to-government relationship. Only a few years ago, Viejas Reservation unemployment was as high as 80 percent. Today, as a result of revenues from tribal government gaming and other business enterprises, every Viejas tribal member has a job and no tribal members are on welfare. The band has built new homes, improved older residences, expanded the Tribal Government Center, and has constructed a community park, fire station, and a senior citizen center.

In addition, the band has embarked on a multi-million dollar series of environmental projects to restore the reservation land, watershed, streams and wetlands. Gaming has created approximately 12,000 jobs, primarily for non-Indian residents of the San Diego Region.

In 2001, the estimated payroll for gaming Tribes was more than \$237 million, and employer-paid Federal and State payroll taxes

are estimated to have been over \$30 million. Viejas is a proud union employer and workers of the casino are part of Communication Workers of America Local 9400. Viejas is leading the way in bringing together communities and setting a great example of conducting business.

Congratulations to Viejas on receiving Labor's 2005 "Spirit of Cooperation Award."

RECOGNIZING MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEMORIAL DAY 2005

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege today for me to recognize and thank our Montgomery County, Tennessee veterans.

Our community has not forgotten the sacrifices made by our Tennessee veterans, and so on Monday, May 30, 2005, Montgomery County will dedicate a monument in Clarksville, Tennessee to honor these veterans.

These are the men and women who fought and died for our freedoms, and we cannot thank them enough for their sacrifices.

Generations of veterans live in Montgomery County, and this great community will forever be thankful to them. As home to Fort Campbell, few understand better the work our Nation's military does day in and day out to defend America. God Bless.

STATEMENT ON PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I am glad that the Pueblo Chieftain recognized in a May 18 editorial the attention Representative JOHN SALAZAR has focused on the demilitarization project at the Pueblo Chemical Depot, a former chemical weapons site located in southeastern Colorado, since he was sworn into office in January.

Representative SALAZAR is aware, as I am as a member of the Colorado delegation and of the Armed Services Committee in the House, that a continued flow of funds to the demilitarization project is critical. That's why I was pleased that the Defense Authorization bill reported out of the Armed Services Committee last week and voted on by the House yesterday includes language directing the Secretary of the Army to continue to implement fully the neutralization technology at Pueblo. Coloradans were alarmed last year when the demilitarization project was put on hold, so they want to see that the Defense Department is committed to using the neutralization technology to destroy the 2,600 tons of mustard agent stored at Pueblo—not transporting the weapons to a different site for destruction.

I also want to call attention to language in the bill that would transfer program responsibility from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics to the Secretary of the Army. I understand that objection to this transfer in the past was due to