

ninety volunteers, led by Fire Chief Keith Pavlak. Other dedicated members of the fire department include First Assistant Chief Alan Bresett and Second Assistant Chief Gail Bresett.

The Kinnelon Fire Department has a deep history that is evident in their desire to commemorate the department's 75 year anniversary. Volunteers, along with Mayor Sisco and other council members, will join to celebrate and recognize the volunteers and their predecessors.

From its charter members to its current roster, the membership of the Kinnelon Fire Department, has dedicated itself to the safety and welfare of Kinnelon's good citizens. Kinnelon's firefighters, dedicated public servants, past and present, are to be commended for a job well done.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the Kinnelon Fire Department on the celebration of its seventy-five years protecting one of New Jersey's finest municipalities.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING THE JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution congratulating the James Madison University football team, the "Dukes", for their outstanding and historic victory in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division One—Double-A Championship Game.

James Madison University is located in Virginia's 6th congressional district, in Harrisonburg, VA. JMU is one of the nearly twenty colleges or universities in my congressional district. The school was established in 1908 as the State Normal and Industrial School for Women, and remained a women's college until 1966.

The school's name was officially changed to honor our Nation's fourth president, one of eight Virginia presidents, James Madison, in 1977.

JMU is currently home to more than 15,000 students and more than 2,000 faculty members. In addition, the JMU athletic program has more than 500 student athletes who compete in eleven men's and thirteen women's sports.

Mr. Speaker, JMU received an at-large-bid to compete in the I-AA playoffs and defeated Lehigh, Furman, and the College of William and Mary (another wonderful Virginia school) to advance to the championship game.

JMU ultimately defeated the University of Montana Grizzlies with a final score of 31 to 21, before 16,771 fans and a national television audience, at the home field of the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. The Dukes became the first team to win four straight road games in Division I-AA postseason history.

I would like to also congratulate the University of Montana Grizzlies, who were seeking their third national title in ten years. The Grizzlies finished the season with a wonderful record of twelve and three.

I was pleased to participate in a wonderful parade and community celebration a few

weeks ago in downtown Harrisonburg to honor the Dukes.

Again, congratulations to James Madison University and I am pleased to have the support of the entire Virginia delegation as I offer this resolution.

CONGRATULATING THE WILKES-BARRE COUNCIL 302 OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON THEIR 107TH ANNIVERSARY AND HONORING RAYMOND J. LENAHAN FOR HIS SERVICE AS GRAND KNIGHT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Wilkes-Barre Council 302 of the Knights of Columbus on their 107th Anniversary and to Raymond John Lenahan for his service as Grand Knight.

The Knights of Columbus are an outstanding example of how a fraternal group that seeks social and financial fellowship for its members is also committed to serving others. Council 302, in particular, deserves particular praise because it has the unique distinction of having organized a complete military unit in World War I. Called the Knights of Columbus Ambulance Company of Wilkes-Barre, PA, these men served in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. The men achieved national recognition for their service to our country.

The Knights of Columbus has always supported charitable work through monetary donations. In 1917, the council raised \$5,411 for the War Fund Committee. In 1920, St. Mary's Convent was destroyed by fire and Council 302 presented the Sisters of Mercy with a check for \$2,500, raised from voluntary donations.

Another example of the selflessness of the Knights of Columbus is their involvement in blood drives. They began a blood donor campaign with Mercy Hospital in March 1947 and Council 302 is still involved with donations to the local Red Cross.

Throughout the years, the Knights of Columbus have had fine men serve as Grand Knights. Raymond Lenahan has served in that position for the past two years, from 2002 through 2004.

Mr. Lenahan, a native of Hanover Township, is the son of the late Anthony J. and Luella Lenahan. He served as Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus from 2002 to 2004. Mr. Lenahan resides with his wife Patricia in Forty Fort. The couple has four children and two grandchildren. They are members of St. Aloysius Parish in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to represent an organization as worthy as the Knights of Columbus. Please join me in congratulating them as they celebrate their 107th Anniversary on Saturday.

INTRODUCTION OF FEDERAL LANDS RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND INFORMATION RESOURCES ACT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing a bill to provide additional resources for use by the Federal land-managing agencies to restore lands damaged as a result of improper activities and to promote public education about the use of the Federal lands. My Colorado colleague, Representative TANCREDO, is cosponsoring the legislation. I greatly appreciate his support.

The bill is based on one part of a bill introduced by Representative TANCREDO that I co-sponsored in the 108th Congress. The purpose of that bill was to improve the ability of the land-managing agencies—the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and the Fish and Wildlife Service in the Interior Department as well as the Forest Service in the Agriculture Department—to adequately enforce the rules that apply to uses of the lands they manage.

In the Resources Committee, Mr. TANCREDO and I worked with Chairman POMBO, Ranking Member RAHALL, and other Members, to develop a substitute that included a number of improvements in the bill. The Resources Committee approved that substitute, which included provisions similar to those in the bill I am introducing today. However, after the Resources Committee completed its work, the measure was reviewed by the Judiciary Committee, which made further changes before the bill went to the House floor.

The most significant change was deletion of the provisions of the bill that allowed the agencies to retain fines paid for violations of land-use regulations and to use those funds for repairing damages to the lands and for public education. I regretted that change because in addition to more adequate authority to enforce regulations, the land-managing agencies need more resources—more money and more people—if we want them to do a better job.

The House passed the bill as revised by the Judiciary Committee, but the 108th Congress adjourned before the Senate could complete action on it. Accordingly, Mr. TANCREDO is reintroducing the House-passed bill and I am cosponsoring that measure. My bill is in effect a companion to his legislation.

As approved by the Resources Committee, the Tancredo-Udall bill of the 108th Congress would have helped with that by allowing the agencies to use money from fines to help pay for some of the restoration work caused by violations of regulations and for public education.

The bill I am introducing today is similar. It would allow agencies to use money collected as fines to be used for repairing damage caused by the actions that lead to the fines or by similar actions. It would also allow them to use the money to increase public awareness of regulations and other requirements regarding use of Federal lands. And it provides that any of the money not needed for those purposes would be credited to the Crime Victims Fund in the Treasury.

Mr. Speaker, this is a modest bill but an important one. I think it deserves the support of

our colleagues and I will do all I can to achieve its enactment into law.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL WILLIAM MOORE UPON HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent Michael William Moore of Eagle Scout troop No. 204 in Lafayette, California, as he receives the distinguished honor of the Eagle Scout rank.

The honor of Eagle Scout is given only to those young men who have demonstrated that that they have fulfilled its rigorous requirements, including living by the Scout Oath and Law, rising through the Boy Scout ranks, earning 21 merit badges, serving as a leader, and planning and leading a service project for their community. This is not an honor given out lightly: this young man is becoming an Eagle Scout because he is intelligent, dedicated, and principled.

I am proud to call Michael William Moore my constituent, for he is a shining example of the promise of the next generation. Indeed, he represents the best of the young people in our country. I extend my sincere congratulations to him and his family, on this momentous occasion.

AYN RAND'S BIRTHDAY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ayn Rand, these comments. Ayn Rand has long inspired advocates of personal liberty and economic freedom. These ideals of individual responsibility and limited constitutional government are urgently needed in our Nation today.

AYN RAND CENTENARY CELEBRATION

(By Don Ernsberger)

February 2nd marks the 100th Anniversary of the birth of philosopher and novelist Ayn Rand. The Russian born author of *Atlas Shrugged*, *Fountainhead* and a number of nonfiction works in economics and ethics became, in the twentieth century, a major influence on the intellectual culture of the United States. Her most famous work, *Atlas Shrugged* remains ranked by the Library of Congress Center for the Book as the second most influential books ever published.

Ayn Rand was a champion of capitalism and of individual liberty. She had experienced the impact of communism in her native Russia and was an outspoken opponent of both communism and of socialism. She advocated personal responsibility and an objective code of moral behavior. Ayn Rand's fictional and non-fictional works promoted the ideal of the self-reliant individual who values reason, production and self-esteem in their personal lives and rejects the enslavement of others to advance one's own personal goals. A proud immigrant, who chose America, she perceptively grasped the nature

of our Constitution: "The [U.S.] Constitution is a limitation on the government, not on private individuals . . . it does not prescribe the conduct of private individuals, only the conduct of government . . . it is not a charter for government power, but a charter of the citizen's protection against the government."

Today, February 2, 2005, we celebrate the birth of this influential philosopher and writer who inspired and continues to inspire so many individuals to live rationally, and respect the rights of others. So much of what has made American a great society is found in her writings.

THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S 59TH ANNUAL PUBLIC SERVANTS MERIT AWARDS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and Cuyahoga County Bar Association's 59th annual Public Servants Merit Awards, which will be held on Friday, February 11, 2005, in Cleveland, OH. As a veteran of the Cuyahoga County judiciary, I am honored to congratulate these individuals who have offered decades of faithful service to the bench, bar and public of Cuyahoga County.

Kathleen Ann Beluschak, Cleveland Municipal Court Presiding and Administrative Judge Larry A. Jones' nominee, has spent more than 30 years with the Cleveland Municipal Court, and for almost 3 years, she has been the Court's Administrative Services Office Manager. A graduate of West Tech High School, the longtime Cleveland resident lives with her husband Joe near Hopkins Airport with their two dogs, both of which were rescued and brought into the family by Kathleen. She traces her commitment to public service through a number of generations. In fact, two of her grandparents worked for the municipal and federal governments, her mother and uncles were public employees, as is her husband, sister, and 25-year-old son. At the beginning of her career, she thought the recipients of the awards to be "really old," she has now determined to reconsider that opinion.

Pat Cain has been a Probate Court employee since 1981. Nominated by Presiding Judge John J. Donnelly, Pat has primarily worked as a cashier at the Probate Court. Pat worked at other public agencies before joining the Court. Now a resident in Parma with his wife, Jane Varga, an attorney, Pat's blended family includes four adult children and five grandchildren. An active volunteer in many state, county, and local campaigns, particularly judicial races, Pat enjoys time with his family, particularly at their summer home in Marblehead. He highly values wildlife and its protection, and he works hard to provide support at his home for many different species of birds.

Nominated by Juvenile Court Administrative Judge Joseph F. Russo, Josephine E. Jackson is the Acting Superintendent of the Court's Juvenile Detention Center. After earlier duties in security at local department stores, Josephine has been employed by the court since

1984 in a number of positions in the management of the Detention Center. Josephine's education in the Cleveland Schools continued into a master's program at Cleveland State University. She is challenged daily by working with youths in a correction environment, including those that have mental illness and special needs. In all facets, she encourages her staff to try and provide positive reinforcement to help the children at the Detention Center excel positively in life. She and her husband of nearly 25 years, Bill, live in Moreland Hills. As a part of her efforts to make the Detention Center a positive experience, she organizes regular, seasonal activities, including holiday cookie parties and a summer festival which benefits the Children's Fund.

The nominee of Gerald Fuerst, County Clerk of Courts, Mark Lime has been a Clerk's Office employee since 1977. Starting as a docket clerk, Mark has worked his way up to his current position of Criminal Branch Manager. A Parma resident, he and his wife Deborah have raised four sons, the youngest of whom is a junior at Parma High School. Mark has lived in Parma for many years and attended Padua Franciscan High School and Cuyahoga Community College. Mark is a dedicated coach, active in golf, baseball, and soccer teams on which his four sons have played.

Since 1976, Mary Joyce Ruddy has been employed at the Common Pleas Court's General Division. Presiding and Administrative Judge Richard McMonagle's nominee, Mary Joyce has been Jury Bailiff since 1992. She is in charge of getting jurors to individual court rooms, ensuring jurors' compensation, helping keep all jurors as happy as possible, and most importantly, spearheading the public relations effort encouraging reluctant jurors to serve. A Lakewood resident and graduate of St. Augustine Academy, Mary is mother of Nora, a 14-year-old Magnificat freshman. Family is central to Mary's life, and in recent years, she has spent many hours assisting her parents in their final illnesses. She now spends her time with eight nieces and nephews, all of whom are under the age of 9, and with her siblings.

Cheryl Maureen Simon has been an employee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court since 1981. Chief Judge Randolph Baxter's nominee, Cheryl is Administrative Manager of the Court's Administrative Department, where she has responsibility for budget, procurement, administrative services, personnel, and other functions. A resident of Moreland Hills with her husband, David, and son, Matt, Cheryl enjoys skiing and traveling.

For over 21 years, Gail F. Valerino has been a judicial secretary with Ohio's Eighth District Court of Appeals. Originally, she worked for retired Judge Joseph J. Nahra, and since early 1999, she has worked for Administrative Judge Michael J. Corrigan, who nominated her for this year's award. In addition to administering the chambers of her Judge in every respect, she has, during Judge Corrigan's year as Administrative Judge, acted as his liaison with the Court's Administrator with regards to the entire Court's organization. Educated in the Parma Schools, she lives in Parma Heights with her son and daughter, and is active in boys' and girls' softball and T-ball leagues. She is also a participant in her Church's volunteer activities. She relaxes by reading and spending time in Marblehead.