

TRIBUTE TO OLGA WOLOSYN,
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and exceptional accomplishments of Mayor Olga Wolosyn. This remarkable public servant merits both our recognition and esteem as her impressive record of civic leadership and invaluable service has improved the lives of our people.

Sadly, Mayor Wolosyn was taken from us by a series of brain aneurysms at the young age of 54. Olga will be greatly missed. Her passion for civic life and her capacity for community service were boundless. Her indomitable spirit sustained her through many challenges and molded a life of genuine accomplishment. Truly, her passing is a great loss to our entire community. Olga came to us from her native Pennsylvania where she earned her bachelor of arts degree from Seton Hill College. Subsequently, Olga and her husband moved to the Front Range from Grand Junction in 1972. Olga was elected to the Englewood City Council in November 1999 and served as mayor from November 2005.

I always looked forward to visiting with Olga and members of the Englewood City Council because I was so taken by Olga's energy and enthusiasm for Englewood's plans as well as prospects for the future. She was a powerful advocate for her city and inspired conduct beyond the expected. Good leaders set the example and Olga led by doing. Many have pointed out that Olga "was tireless and seemed to volunteer constantly," "she was going full speed all the time," "she had everyone's best interest at heart" and "regardless of the task for which she volunteered, she always got it done and got it done on time." Olga was a devoted volunteer with the schools; she served on the water board and the pension board; she served on the Englewood Education Foundation and the Englewood Teenage Drinking Task Force and she served on the board of the Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce. As mayor, she helped secure a \$1 million grant for schools to teach mathematics through art. In addition to her community service, Olga was a businesswoman and operated a pottery establishment—Wolosyn-Doty Pottery—with her husband, Jim Doty. Given Olga's capacity for achievement, it comes as no surprise that the Englewood Chamber chose Olga as Business Woman of the Year in 2004.

Civic institutions depend on people with enormous energy and imagination. Olga was an extraordinary civic leader because she understood there are many ways to define a community. Olga was an artist and she recognized the power of art to inspire creativity, to bring people together and to foster new ways of collaboration. Olga's efforts to expand public art in Englewood added dimension to public spaces and created a deeper interaction between the community and its environs. As one of the founders of Englewood Arts, I believe Olga knew that the vision of a thriving community needed art and culture at its center and that is why Olga worked tirelessly to establish a cultural arts facility and make the arts part

of the Englewood experience. Someone once noted that "a thriving culture is a community alive." We are grateful for the life and vitality Olga brought to the arts, culture and the community. Her efforts have enhanced our sense of place and increased our quality of life.

Olga Wolosyn lived a life that is rich in consequence. Englewood is a better place because of her efforts. Her character and her deeds leave a legacy of civic commitment rivaled by few. Truly, we are all diminished by the all too early passing of this remarkable woman. Please join me in paying tribute to the life of Mayor Olga Wolosyn, a distinguished public servant. It is the values, leadership and dedication she exhibited during her life that serves to build a better future for all of us.

CONGRATULATING JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jefferson Elementary School in Farmington, Missouri for receiving one of the most prestigious education awards in the country—the Blue Ribbon Schools Award. The administrators, teachers and students at Jefferson Elementary have all committed themselves to ensuring a brighter future for our Nation.

The foundation of our Nation is the education of our youth. Schools like Jefferson Elementary guarantee hope for the next generation by inspiring and empowering each individual to achieve his or her maximum potential. The teachers, administrators and parents at Jefferson Elementary understand a strong education system is necessary to grant each child the opportunity to succeed.

Jefferson Elementary is a shining example of what can be accomplished when teachers and students work purposefully together. I am very pleased that their successes are being closely observed by other schools and communities across the Nation. Jefferson Elementary's successes will motivate others, regardless of background or circumstance, to meet higher standards and guarantee a hopeful future for our country.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to pay tribute to Jefferson Elementary for this important achievement. I ask that you join me in congratulating the students, teachers, administrators and parents of Jefferson Elementary on this tremendous honor.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF DEAN PERRY

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Dean Perry, a resident of the First Congressional District of Tennessee, who passed away October 23, 2007.

Dean Perry was born in Elizabethton on December 5, 1925, to the late Ike and Martha

Peters Perry. Mr. Perry served in the United States Army as a sergeant in the 5th Army in Italy during World War II and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War.

He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Elizabethton. His life of service was not only in the military. Mr. Perry was a member of the Dshiell Masonic Lodge #238 F & AM, Shriners, American Legion Post #49, Civitans and the Capt. Lynn H. Folsom VFW Post #2166.

Mr. Perry also served on the Carter County election Commission, First Tennessee-Virginia Development District, Board of Directors for the Carter County Rescue Squad, Elizabethton City Council, Mayor of Elizabethton and Chairman of the Carter County Commission.

He is survived by his lovely wife of 55 years, Ella Ruth Nave Perry.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me in offering our sympathies to the family and friends of Dean Perry. He was a dedicated family man, a servant of this Nation, and a true patriot.

His service is greatly treasured, and he will be deeply missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FARMERS UNION

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, RMFU, for 100 years of proud service to the independent farmers and ranchers of Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union was founded in 1907 as a grassroots organization dedicated to improving the well-being of family producers and their communities through legislation, cooperation, and education. This organization believes, as I do, that stable farm and ranch families are the foundation of healthy rural communities, and healthy rural communities bolster the entire U.S. economy and provide the Nation with a steady, wholesome, local food supply.

As a practical display of these values, RMFU founded the Educational Charitable Foundation in 1996 offering programs such as the Cooperative Development Center, seminars and conferences on renewable energy, and campaigns such as "Buy Fresh Buy Local." As a family organization RMFU also sponsors activities and educational opportunities for all ages, from toddlers to senior citizens. This organization seeks to meld the value of experience with the importance of developing young leaders.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to publicly recognize the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union on their 100th anniversary and thank them for their service to the ranchers and farmers of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. And although we don't always agree about how best to help farmers and ranchers, I wish RMFU continued success as they advocate for the needs of the independent producer into the next century.