

Bomb Wing who ensured the unquestionable success of the test. I commend all of the men and women at Ellsworth who made Dakota Challenge a success through their commitment and discipline.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH E. BERGERON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 1995

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph E. Bergeron, an outstanding citizen and devoted public servant, on the occasion of his retirement from the San Mateo County Planning Commission.

Mr. Bergeron has given invaluable service to the people of San Mateo County for 13 years as a planning commissioner, including three terms as commission chair. His unparalleled leadership and consensus-building skills were critical to seeing the county through some of its most difficult land use decisions. While Mr. Bergeron has devoted untold hours to the work of the commission, he has also made time to serve our community as a member of the board of directors of the Center for Civic Education, the San Mateo County Suicide Prevention Association, and the San Mateo County Heart Association. He has actively participated in the Italian American Federation, serving as its President from 1980–1982 and being named its 1992 Man of the Year, the PTA, and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, where he was a counselor and merit badge advisor.

Mr. Bergeron is also recognized throughout the State of California for his outstanding service to the State bar. He has been a champion of the legal profession since his graduation from the prestigious Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley in 1968.

He was a member of the California State Bar board of governors from 1991–1994, serving as its vice president in 1994 and working to strengthen the legal profession as a member of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, as well as the Committees on the Environment and Administration of Justice. He has given exemplary service to the legal community as a judge pro-tem and arbitrator for the Superior and Municipal Courts of San Mateo County, as an instructor of business law at San Mateo County Community College, and as a lecturer for the Continuing Education of the Bar and at numerous trial lawyer seminars. Mr. Bergeron has used his tireless energy to make great contributions to local legal organizations, including the Legal Aid Society, the County Bar Association, the Barristers Club, and the Trial Lawyers Association. In 1982, the California Trial Lawyers Association, on whose board he also served, recognized Joe Bergeron as its Outstanding Trial Lawyer Chapter President.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Bergeron has been a shining light in San Mateo County throughout his long history of service to the public and the legal community. I've been privileged to work closely with him and I'm proud to call him my friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Joe Bergeron as he retires from the San Mateo County Planning Commission.

IN HONOR OF MAEVE McDERMOTT,
GRAND MARSHALL OF THE 1995
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sister Maeva McDermott, grand marshall of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Jersey City. Sister McDermott is among the many Irish-American men and women who have helped make this country great.

The Irish have been immigrating to the United States since the early part of the 19th century. In that time, they have made many contributions to this country. They have distinguished themselves at every level of American society. As Irish-Americans have built their businesses, so have they contributed to the economic prosperity of this Nation. As they have grown politically, they have contributed to government on the local, State, and national levels. Their devotion to family and friends demonstrates that much can be accomplished when people work together in harmony.

At home, Irish-Americans have worked hard to protect all of us from crime and fire. They have put their lives on the line to help ensure the safety of their fellow citizens. The long, proud tradition of Irish police officers and firemen scarcely needs to be mentioned. However, the Irish have not only been good neighbors at home, they have also put their lives on the line when they have fought to defend this Nation against our foes in every major conflict over the last 200 years.

Sister Maeva McDermott is part of this great Irish-American tradition. Upon graduating high school, she joined the convent and went on to teach in the St. Patrick and St. Michael Elementary Schools. Since 1978, she has been co-principal of St. Patrick School and Assumption/All Saints School. She was also very instrumental in helping a number of Irish immigrants relocate to this country.

Sister McDermott has dedicated her life to helping the young people of Jersey City. She realizes that our youth need love and guidance. She has given both freely over the years. She is an exemplary human being.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, let us remember all of those Irish-American men and women who have made a difference in the United States. This is a day for us to acknowledge their achievements and feel proud to have them in the United States. This holiday is an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to Irish-Americans; past and present.

HONORING BUD O'BRIEN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 1995

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, Bud O'Brien was the kind of newspaperman—not journalist, mind you, newspaperman—who has become all but extinct. He got into the business not long after the end of World War II, when a way with words, combined with a feeling for people and real life, was considered as good as, if not better than, a college degree.

After attending Adams State University in Alamosa, CO, Bud learned the newspaper business, both the good and the bad, firsthand from such smalltown editors as Harley Holden of the Loveland, CO, Daily Herald, Chap Wentworth of the Dunsuir News, and Paul Bodenhamer of the Redding-Record Searchlight.

By the time he arrived at the Register-Pajaronian in 1962, to be its wire editor and educational reporter, he was an accomplished and highly regarded professional. For three decades, as an editor and reporter, his substantial contributions helped the people of Watsonville enjoy the benefits of a first-class smalltown newspaper.

His best work, which may be less directly visible to the public, came in the last 10 years, when he served as city editor and managing editor. His eye for talent brought a succession of fine people to the Pajaronian newsroom; his knowledge of the business and generous counsel helped scores of young reporters blossom to their full potential; and his rigorously reasoned and elegantly written editorials made a bracing and formidable contribution to the public debate.

He was a man who loved his craft; who brought out the best in those he worked for; and who stood unflinchingly for what he believed to be right. His retirement is well-earned, but both the people of Watsonville and the newspaper business are worse off for it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 1995

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, due to the fact that I had to be in my district on official business, I missed several rollcall votes during consideration of H.R. 1022, Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Act of 1995, on February 28, 1995. Had I been present, on rollcall vote 177, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 178, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 179, I would have voted "noe." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 180, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 181, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present, on rollcall vote 182, I would have voted "aye." And on final passage of the bill, had I been present, on rollcall vote 183, I would have voted "noe."

TORLONE'S COMMUNITY BAKERY:
THE END OF AN ERA FOR HUNTINGTON

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 1995

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, March 4, 1995, marks a sad day for the community of Huntington, WV. On Saturday, the Torlone brothers, Louie, Dominic, and Alfred, will close the doors of the Torlone's Community Bakery for the last time, after almost 50