

competition. Coined the toughest two minutes in the world of sports, these competitions brought out the best in these men, demonstrating their commitment, dedication and hard work. Mr. Speaker, I commend the Poudre Fire Authority for their award, and most importantly for their service and devotion to protecting the community. We can look forward to watching their competition on ESPN at 8:00 Eastern time on January 2.

ON THE DEATH OF ISABEL
HERNÁNDEZ COLLAZO

HON. JOSÉ SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise to commemorate Isabel Hernández Callazo, a legendary Puerto Rican designer and manager in the garment industry who died at Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx, New York on Wednesday, December 16.

As most members of this body know, I am a native of Puerto Rico who is extremely proud of his origins. Puerto Rico's history and its dynamic, multifaceted cultures are a genuine source of joy to all of her daughters and sons.

Isabel Hernández Callazo was born in Coamo, Puerto Rico and migrated to New York in 1927. She was a hardworking woman and we are all proud of contribution to our society and community.

Mr. Speaker, Isabel Hernández Collazo is the mother of film/television producer and actress, Carla Pinza. To my dear friend Carla, I know how difficult it can be when we no longer have with us the people we love the most. Your mother may not be with you physically, but she remains with you through the love she shared with you throughout the years.

Hernández Collazo was the widow of Ramón Rodríguez of Manatí, Puerto Rico. She will be laid to rest in Saint Raymond's Cemetery, besides her husband's rest.

Mr. Speaker, as we all know, the American experience is an intermingling of people from different lands, with differing languages and customs. American society has been called "a gorgeous mosaic." Isabel Hernández Collazo's great contribution was to help polish the majestic Puerto Rican tile of that mosaic. And for that, we all should remember and thank her.

FRANK M. FITZGERALD, STATE
REPRESENTATIVE, MICHIGAN,
71ST DISTRICT

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize Frank M. Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald faces term limits and is retiring at the end of this year as State Representative in Michigan's 71st District. Frank served the good people of Eaton County with distinction for 6 terms.

Representative Fitzgerald was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in

1986. From 1992 to 1996 he was the Speaker pro tem of the State House, the second ranking House officer.

Frank chaired task forces on drunk driving, illegal drugs, accountability in government, campaign finance, traffic safety, and the Republican Alliance for Safe Neighborhoods to fight crime and make our homes and neighborhoods safer.

He was the sponsor of Michigan's first anti-organized crime law and a measure granting prosecuting attorneys the right to appeal judicial decisions.

One of Representative Fitzgerald's notable accomplishments was his sponsorship of the zero alcohol tolerance law for drivers under the legal drinking age. Recently he had a bill included in legislation to crack down on repeat drunk drivers. He also was a leader to limit youth access to tobacco products.

He worked diligently to protect children from abuse by creating three degrees of "child mistreatment." Frank also voted repeatedly to cut taxes and ease homeowners' property tax burdens with the passage of Proposal A. Fitzgerald helped revise Michigan's Single Business Tax to help businesses save millions of dollars and create more jobs. He supported welfare reforms to encourage personal responsibility, not dependency on the state. He also supported legislation giving school boards and parents more control over the curriculum of their local schools. Representative Fitzgerald worked to establish a legislative ethics commission and a code of conduct for legislators.

Frank is a graduate of Grand Ledge, Michigan Public Schools, the College of William and Mary, and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

He and wife, Ruth, and their two children, Ellen and John, reside in Grand Ledge. The Fitzgerald family is active in Grand Ledge's First Congregational United Church of Christ, the Girl Scouts, and youth athletic and music activities.

Prior to his election, he practiced law and served as an Assistant Prosecuting attorney in Eaton County, Michigan for three years.

For now, this is the end of a long tradition of Fitzgeralds serving the citizens of Michigan as elected representatives. For over 100 years, a Fitzgerald has served in Michigan government. It started with State Representative, John Fitzgerald in the 1890's. His son, Frank D. Fitzgerald, served as Michigan's Secretary of State and went on to be elected Governor of Michigan twice. His son, John W. Fitzgerald, served in the State Senate, on the Court of Appeals, and then as Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Representative Frank M. Fitzgerald, whom I am honoring today, is the fourth generation of Fitzgerald's in public service.

I supported Frank Fitzgerald as a candidate for Attorney General of Michigan. I still believe that he might someday make a wonderful Attorney General for our state and I know he will continue to serve the people in any way he can.

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, it is my privilege to honor and recognize Frank Fitzgerald, an outstanding American who served his state with great distinction.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES
ROBERT MONTGOMERY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated civic servant and fine American—J.R. Montgomery of Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Montgomery was born September 8, 1912, in Waco, to the late Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Montgomery. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1933 with a degree in civil engineering and worked for Houston Lighting and Power Co. from 1933–1940. He then served in the Army during WWII as commander of the 269th Field Artillery. After the war, he worked for Humble Oil & Refining Co. (now Exxon USA), from 1946–1974, in various engineering capacities in the Gulf Coast area, Refugio, Houston and Tyler.

Mr. Montgomery retired in 1975 from Exxon as a senior supervising engineer. He served on the Tyler City Council for seven years and as mayor from 1987 to 1991. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and served on the board of East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, United Fund, YMCA membership drives, Boy Scouts of America, Tyler Sister Cities, Friends of the Arts and Tyler Civic Theater. He was also a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, a former vice-president of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME and American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. J.R. Montgomery passed away on August 30, 1998. He is survived by his wife, Rosalis, two sons and one grandson. Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—the late J.R. Montgomery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
COLORADO BOYS RANCH

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Colorado Boys Ranch which has been designated the winner of the Samaritan Institute Award for demonstrating "the importance of ethical values through its work." The Boys Ranch, a residential treatment and education center for troubled youth near La Junta, Colorado, has helped boys for the last 40 years. Operated on a 40-acre site, the Boys Ranch provides education, skills, and counseling. Its innovative programs and individual attention have contributed to the Ranch's exceptional success rate. One study indicated 21 months following discharge, 80 percent of graduates were living successfully with their families or on their own.

Mr. Speaker, the Colorado Boys Ranch deserves Congress' recognition for helping kids gain the education, skills, and perspective needed to succeed. A new outlook on life, embedded in ethics and morals, is essential to gaining a good and fruitful life. Skills and education, while important, will not help a troubled child make a break with the past, unless they