

EAGLE SCOUT HONORED

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues an outstanding young individual from greater Chicagoland who has completed a major goal in his scouting career. Kevin Michael Fleming, a young man from Evergreen Park, Illinois has attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been actively involved in scouting since 1986 when he joined Tiger Cubs in the Beverly-Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago. After seven years of progressing through the Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos, Kevin joined Boy Scout Troop #430 in June of 1993. While advancing through the Boy Scouts, Kevin demonstrated leadership abilities as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader and Quartermaster. In addition, he participated in the Owasippe Scout Camp for five summers, where he earned numerous accolades and completed the COPE program.

Not surprisingly, Kevin Fleming has taken part in many diverse activities as a Boy Scout and a student. Some of his many pastimes have included participation in an annual Thanksgiving Day pancake breakfast fundraiser, as well as various campouts, cycling trips and canoe outings.

It is important to note that less than two percent of all young men in America attain the rank of Eagle Scout. This high honor can only be earned by those scouts demonstrating extraordinary leadership abilities. In light of the commendable leadership and courageous activities performed by this fine young man, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kevin Michael Fleming for attaining the highest honor in Scouting—the Rank of Eagle. Let us wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING MS. PAULA WOLFF

HON. JERRY WELLER

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Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. Paula Wolff who is resigning from her position as President of Governors State University (GSU) on March 1, 2000.

Ms. Wolff has a B.A. magna cum laude from Smith College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in political science. Before becoming the President of Governors State University, Ms. Wolff was a tenured professor in the College of Business and Public Service between 1972 and 1976. Since becoming President, she has continued to teach public policy at GSU at least once a year.

Between 1977 and 1991, Ms. Wolff served as Director of Policy and Planning for Governor James R. Thompson. She directed development and implementation of policy for all areas of state government, serving with her staff as liaison to 57 state agencies and chairing six subcabinets composed of their di-

rectors, representing 67,000 state employees with over a \$25 billion budget.

Paula Wolff became GSU's President in 1992. Governors State University is the only upper-division university in Illinois. The University, which serves over 9,000 students, has grown by over 22 percent within the past 6 years. Ms. Wolff has maintained a balanced portfolio of programs in the arts and professional areas. Eleven market-oriented programs have been added to the curriculum during Ms. Wolff's tenure.

Paula is married to Wayne W. Whalen, a lawyer, and has five children. She participates in numerous boards and civic activities including the Illinois Courts Commission, the Ariel Capital Management Board, Metropolitan Planning Council, Harris Insight Funds, the Joyce Foundation, the Johnson Foundation and is Chair of the University of Chicago Hospitals Board and a Trustee of the University of Chicago.

It has been my pleasure to work with Ms. Paula Wolff these past 6 years. She has and will continue to be a helpful colleague who is cited for her effectiveness in communicating with employers and legislators. Paula is so dedicated that she has donated her annual pay increases to the student scholarship fund.

I urge this body to identify and recognize others in their congressional districts whose dedication and actions have so greatly benefited America's students, universities and the surrounding communities.

MARLENE MANOWN GOES THE DISTANCE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a woman who is dedicated to doing whatever it takes to promote the well-being and high self-esteem of young women across the nation. Marlene Manown, a Glenwood Springs, Colorado resident, will join other women who will ride from one coast to the other on their bicycles.

Marlene is part of a group called Girls on the Move, organized by Outward Bound, that uses this trip to help girls all around the nation. During stops along the way, Marlene and the other women will host programs that target raising self-esteem and finding positive role models for women ages 9–18.

Marlene is definitely qualified for this challenge. She has worked as a counselor at Glenwood Springs High School which means she knows all about what young women face on a day-to-day basis. She also has experience in cycling long distances on tours that, often times, last up to two weeks. This trip will last longer than two weeks, and Marlene will cycle at least 60 miles a day.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute of gratitude to Marlene Manown. She has given selflessly to help young women across the nation.

HONORING HIDDEN TREASURE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my friends in this chamber that freedom in America is created not by government, but by individuals who take responsibility upon themselves and share in the responsibilities of community. When citizens take this responsibility, local people keep dollars, decisions and freedom in their hands. It is my honor several times each year to present the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award to members of the 4th District of South Carolina. This non-partisan award goes to individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that go above and beyond the call of duty to advance the spirit and ideals of freedom and volunteerism in service to the communities of South Carolina.

It is my pleasure today to honor one such group, the Hidden Treasure Christian School in Taylors, SC that has embodied these ideals. This school has cared for hundreds of special needs children from all across the nation. They are recognized as a model school in ministering to the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual growth of special needs children. They have experienced such a demand for enrollment, they are expanding into a new educational facility to reach out to more children in the community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the tremendous gift they have given to our community's children, the gift of renewed opportunity for success.

It is an honor to serve constituents of such high character and dedication to the service of others. I offer my sincere thanks and best wishes for their continued success in bringing freedom and prosperity home to all the citizens of the Upstate and South Carolina. I am honored to award the Hidden Treasure Christian School with the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 1999 "SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR"

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the winners of my 1999 "Senior Citizens of the Year" competition. Every year, I select twenty seniors that show exceptional vitality and service to the people of the 3rd District of Illinois. Local civic groups and government leaders nominate many outstanding seniors. Then I have the very difficult task of selecting the best of the pool. This year's winners are: Mary Alexa, Virginia Bannon, Delores Cizek, Robert DeNovo, Cynthia Evenhouse, Frances Green, Alice Horton, Lillian Joly, George Kostakis, Irene Nichols, Harriet Niemiec, Helen Barber Olson, Dr. Shirley Verdugo-Perez, Raymond Rushton, Kurt Schalk, Lorraine Seymour, Evelyn Talerico, Eleanor Trzeciak, Alexander Walter and Theresa Wozniak. It now gives me great pride to describe their accomplishments.