

with disabilities and employs over 800 staff and administrators. SVS is a pioneer organization within the development disabled community. They strive to enhance opportunities for growth and independence.

I commend the staff and volunteers of Social Vocational Services for their efforts in improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. You have made a difference in the lives of many, and I wish you continued success. The South Bay is grateful for your services.

TRIBUTE TO DALE MORRIS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding American, Mr. Dale Morris. Mr. Morris has devoted his career to helping individuals in public service. As the Manager of Special Services and Government Affairs for American Airlines, Mr. Morris is responsible for handling elected officials and other government VIPs, including diplomats and Members of Congress, as they make their way throughout the world. As a registered lobbyist, he also is responsible for advocating on behalf of American Airlines' varied interests with respect to the myriad regulations that challenge airlines and help keep American citizens safe.

Mr. Morris is departing the Washington area for Dallas, Texas, where he will serve as Company Spokesperson at American Airlines' Corporate Communications office. He will be missed by those of us who have counted on his commitment to top notch customer service, and especially for his ability to find simple solutions to complicated challenges. Mr. Morris's promotion is a phenomenal reflection of his own achievements as well as American Airlines' commitment to equal opportunity. As an African American, Mr. Morris has overcome tremendous obstacles throughout his career. He began in the industry eighteen years ago as a passenger sales representative for United Airlines. His professional honors and accomplishments are numerous, and include being awarded the NATO commendation medal from Field Marshall Sir Richard Vincent, GBE, KCB, DSO and Chairman of the Military Committee; organizing the "Ax the Fuel Tax" airline rally in Washington, D.C.; assisting with Wright Amendment legislation; serving as an "On Air" spokesperson for American Airlines during the pilots' proposed strike; and personally interacting with Senator John McCain on the "Passenger Bill of Rights."

Regarding Dale Morris' professional triumphs, it might be said that they are merely genetic. His father, William Morris, was awarded the Bronze Star for operations during the Invasion of Normandy during World War II with the all Black 6th Cavalry Infantry unit. His great uncle Leroy Calhoun also served with the Black Stevedores/Pioneer Infantry unit in France during World War II, and another uncle played baseball for the all Black Fresno Giants of the Negro Leagues. As the proud father of Dale, Jr., Keith Ernest, and Erin Mitchell, and the reverent husband of Janet Leigh Riley Morris, Dale has managed to soar professionally while keeping his primary focus on his

family, which in his view, is the only reason worth living. He has given his family a great deal of which to be proud. As his friend, and the beneficiary of his sincere devotion to professional integrity, I am equally proud. It is on behalf of the countless other Members of Congress who have appreciated his fine service, that I congratulate Dale on his remarkable promotion, and on this, the 29th day of February, 2000, not only his last day in the Washington office of American Airlines but his birthday, I wish him every personal and professional success.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER DOLS

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate and honor a young Texas student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community. Christopher Dols of Houston has just been named one of my state's top honorees in The 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Dols, a ninth-grader at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School, is being recognized for developing a Pre-Teen Health Information Line for the Harris County Hospital District. This information line provides free bilingual health information on 24 topics of special interest to young adults.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Mr. Dols are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by the Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. In only five years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with nearly 75,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Mr. Dols should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. Mr. Speaker, I heartily applaud Mr. Dols for his initiative in seeking to make his community a better place to live, and for the positive impact he has had on the lives of others. He has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. His actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities,

and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR, SANDY HANSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Colorado National Guard Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Sandy Hanson. Sandy was nominated for the award by the officers on the local and state level boards consisting of high-ranking officers. Sandy has been on the Army Reserves and now the Colorado National Guard for thirteen years. She presently holds the rank of E-5, Sergeant, and is a member of the Montrose-based Unit C of the 109th Area Support Medical Battalion of the Charlie Company.

Every year soldiers are chosen to go before the "boards" to be tested verbally on every subject related to the military from history to marksmanship. Sandy's precision and excellent knowledge have won her the distinction of being the best noncommissioned officer in the entire State of Colorado.

Sandy was the only one that was surprised when she received the award. Everyone around her knows that she is very focused and disciplined when it comes to organizing her busy lifestyle. In addition to being in the Colorado National Guard, which takes her away from her family one weekend a month and two full weeks every summer, she has two children, a full-time job and she still finds time to study for the boards on the national level.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute to Sandy Hanson and congratulate her on a job well done. She has served her country well.

EAGLE SCOUTS HONORED

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it always gives me great pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues the accomplishments of Chicagoland constituents. Today, I rise to honor sixteen outstanding young individuals from the 3rd Congressional District of Illinois, all who have completed a major goal in their scouting career.

The following young men of the 3rd Congressional District of Illinois have earned the high rank of Eagle Scout in the winter and spring seasons: James A. Donovan, Eric Alfredson, James M. Siniawski, Bryan Jonathan Balin, Steve Beyer, Raju Shah, Matt Mottel, David J. Giblin, Michael T. Fitzgibbon, John D. Kenney, Matthew K. Vari, Andrew Thomas Giger, John F. Ponce de Leon, Anthony R. Kubes, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, and Alexander T. Yount.

These young men have demonstrated their commitment to their communities, and have perpetuated the principles of scouting. It is important to note that less than two percent of all