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HONORING THEODORE AND MAXINE ALBERS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor Theodore and Maxine Albers for being recognized by the Mesa County Civic Forum for their lifetime of contributions to Mesa County. The Civic Forum’s mission is to promote citizen influence regarding the important issues affecting Mesa County’s quality of life through better understanding, objective, non-partisan dialogue, and support for citizen action. Without question, Theodore and Maxine have upheld this mission to its fullest extent and are distinguished role models that every citizen should seek to emulate.

Theodore and Maxine have a longstanding record of reaching out to the Grand Junction community. They have played an active role in numerous community organizations throughout their years as residents in the area. Together, they have worked in both the public and private sectors of the local economy and, most notably, have been extremely influential in the field of education, particularly at Mesa State College. In 1992, Mesa State College honored the couple by giving them the Distinguished Service Award, naming Albers Hall in their honor and forming the Albers Scholarship Fund as part of the Mesa State College Foundation.

The former President of Mesa State College from 1970–74, Theodore currently sits on the Mesa State College Board of Trustees and is an active member in such organizations as Club 20 and the Lions Club. Maxine served with great distinction as a Mesa County Commissioner from 1974–1988 and today is a member of the Women’s Foundation of the Colorado Advisory Council and the Mesa County Republican Women. These are but a hand-full of the literally dozens of community causes to which the Albers have dedicated their time and energies.

Mr. Speaker, the active role that the Albers have played in Grand Junction has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of our community. The Civic Forum plays a crucial role in the community and Theodore and Maxine Albers embody the ideals of service and sacrifice that this distinguished organization promotes.

For all these reasons, Mr. Speaker, the Albers eminently deserve the thanks and praise of this body. Colorado is clearly a better place for having known these outstanding Americans.
the assistance of the Hilltop staff. In all, Hilltop can be credited with helping over 12,000 Mesa County residents a year.

One notable person who has had a dramatic impact on the success of Hilltop is its current Chief Executive Officer, Sally Schaefer. Sally’s efforts to make a difference, as well as Hilltop’s dedicated effort to provide the help needed to any individuals in the Grand Valley for nearly two decades. She has initiated numerous outreach programs and, most notably, created a 158-unit retirement and assisted living facility. Ms. Schaefer’s care and compassion for those in need of assistance, is evident in the effort she has put forth during her career at Hilltop. Her hard work and dedication are emblematic of the role that Hilltop plays in the Grand Junction community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a wonderful privilege and honor to salute the 50th anniversary of Hilltop Community Resources Inc. I am proud to represent a district that has an organization of this stature within its boundaries. The invaluable services that Hilltop provides bring joy and dignity to the lives of the less fortunate, offering them hope and putting a smile on their face.

TRIBUTE TO DUSTY BUSS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend Dusty Buss for his efforts that helped save the life of 7-year-old Tia Creasy. Dusty, a 16-year-old sophomore at Brown County High School in Mt. Sterling, IL, was dropping his sister off at school as Cathy Creasy was dropping off her daughter, Tia, in front of him.

As Cathy drove away she was unaware that Tia’s jacket was caught in the door causing her to begin dragging her daughter alongside the car. On seeing this Dusty got out of his car, ran to her, and was able to get in front of Cathy’s car before serious injuries could occur.

Dusty did a very honorable and courageous act. I am very proud of his Good Samaritan attitude, which makes him a hero to us all.

IN HONOR OF THE WOOD FAMILY,
THE TOWN OF HARRISON, NJ
FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great family—a great American family. The Wood family is being honored as the family of the year by the Town of Harrison, New Jersey, and I am very proud to honor them for their contribution to their community.

The Harrison Family of the year has its roots in the Martin family originally from Brooklyn, NY and the Wood family originally from Newark. Robert and Rachel Martin’s family has lived in the Town of Harrison since 1910, and William and Esther Wood’s family since 1919.

After Robert and Rachel’s daughter, Margaret, met William and Esther’s son, Harold, in 1938, they were married, and began a family. Harold and Margaret Wood had eight girls and four boys. Of their twelve children, five still live in Harrison. Harrison is currently home to five of Margaret’s children, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. In all, Margaret has thirty-two grandchildren and forty great grandchildren.

The Wood children have an enduring love for this country, a love instilled in them by their father, Harold Wood who, having served in the Navy, understood the power and value of community and patriotism. He lived in Harrison all his life until his death in 1996. For the pride they show in America, and for the contributions they have made to the Town of Harrison, New Jersey, I honor and praise the Wood family.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Wood family for being the ‘Town of Harrison of the year.

RECOGNIZING GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT’S POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AND CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD
OF GUAM
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this occasion to recognize Guam Police Department’s Police Officer of the Year and Civilian of the Year. These awards are presented annually to the top employees of the Guam Police Department (GPD). Police Officer III John A. Bagaforo was named Police Officer of the Year while Ms. Karen Guerrero was honored as Civilian of the Year.

Officer John A. Bagaforo is a 1980 graduate of Pearl City High School in Hawaii. He moved to Guam in 1989 with the intention of joining the Guam Police Department. He commenced service as a police recruit in October 1989, and graduated in May 1991. He was initially assigned as a patrol officer with the Northern Precinct Command—later being selected to be part of the Northern Precinct task force to counteract gang activity. This is in addition to his duties with the precinct’s patrol operations.

John was moved to the Central Precinct Command in 1992, where he was assigned to the task force on robbery suppression. Later that year, he was transferred to the Juvenile Investigation Section with a collateral assignment to the Department of Education Task Force. He was reassigned to patrol duty in 1994 and served in this capacity until 1996, when he was transferred to the GPD Drug Task Force which operated under the auspices of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). As a member of this task force, John facilitated contact with confidential informants, identified drug targets, formulated operational plans, authored search warrants, conducted drug buys, secured evidence, effectuated arrests and testified as an expert witness in both federal and local courts. In 1997, he was deputized and received his DEA credentials as a sworn officer.

John currently serves as a shift supervisor for the Tamuning/Tumon Precinct Command, a position he has held since November 1999.

GPD’s Civilian of the Year, Karen E. Guerrero. Karen has worked in different capacities within GPD’s administrative divisions since March 1985.

Initially assigned to the general maintenance section of the department’s Support Division, she was placed in charge of building, equipment and vehicle maintenance. In 1992, she was transferred to the Operations Division. As a secretary for the division, Karen took on further administrative and record keeping responsibilities. She provided assistance with office correspondence, reports, training and budget matters. From April 1992, until March 1999, Karen worked for the legal section under the Chiefs Office. During the seven years she worked in this section, she performed a host of clerical and administrative duties. She also played a crucial role in office support, procurement and record keeping.

Karen, on different occasions, also worked at the payroll section and the Records & ID section of GPD’s Administration Division. While with these sections, she worked with payroll and personnel matters. Having been with the Records & ID section since March, 1999, she has been involved in procedural development, staffing and the facilitation of public services on a supervisory level.

Karen is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Tumon, Guam. She took part in the business administration program while attending the Western Pacific Business College and was a recipient of the Pedro “Doc” Sanchez Scholarship at the University of Guam where she majored in Public Administration.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate John and Karen for having been named as GPD’s Police Officer and Civilian of the Year. Through their diligence and dedication to their duties at the Guam Police Department, John and Karen have made great contributions towards the safety and protection of our island’s residents. I urge them to keep up the good work!

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE:
THE ALZHEIMER’S CLINICAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAM

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation for the language contained in the Committee Report accompanying this bill which addresses Alzheimer’s Disease.

Furthermore, I would like to commend Chairman PORTER and Ranking Member OBEY for considering my April 12th testimony before the Subcommittee where I spoke on behalf of the 126 members of the Bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease along with my co-chair Rep. CHRIS SMITH (R-NJ). Together we encouraged the Subcommittee to urge the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to increase its research for Alzheimer’s by $100 million and to implement and fully fund a new program, originally adopted into the House Budget Resolution, the Alzheimer’s Clinical Research and Training Awards Program.

This worthy program will train physician-scientists to focus on clinical research and to