are finding that states have collaborated with rich farmers and with banks to scam black farmers out of their land, and Congress must deal with this. Not only must it cease, but farmers who have been cheated must be made whole. This is no worse than armed robbery!

Despite the settlement of the Black farmers class action lawsuit, Pigford vs. Glickman, which has cost the USDA millions to date. The Department is still making payments and civil rights violations still persist at the Department of Agriculture.

Little or nothing has been done to see to it that the discriminatory practices which led to this lawsuit have ended.

The administration has failed to hold the USDA accountable to producers, to the American people and to Congress. This must be fully resolved, and Congress should make sure that it is resolved.

I think our farmers are heroic, especially our small farmers. But they need more reliable allies, and Congress must join the battle fully. Our food, our children, and our Nation demand it.''

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR JOHN LOVE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to and recognize the passing of a great statesman and national leader. On January 21, 2002, former Colorado Governor John Love, a leader and pillar of the State of Colorado and this nation, passed from us during the night at the age of 86. To many Coloradans, Governor Love will be remembered as a great statesman, but to those who knew him best, he will be remembered as John, a caring and kind soul always willing to lend a helping hand. I would like to take this opportunity, before this body today, to highlight Governor Love's many years of service to this nation.

Born in Illinois, John Love's family came to Colorado in 1919, settling in the city of Colorado Springs. Following high school, he entered the University of Denver, earning a bachelors and law degree by 1941. While the escalation of World War II waged on, John answered his country's call to service and joined the armed forces as a naval aviator. His exemplary service and courage in battle were rewarded with several Air Medals and two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the highest award bestowed to aviators in the arena of flight. Following the war, John returned to Colorado with his wife Ann, whom he married in 1942, and opened a private law practice.

In the years following the war, John stayed active in local politics, served as a member of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and the GOP Central Committee. Dissatisfied with Colorado's chief executive, and having no political office experience, John considered a bid to run for governor. In 1962, John entered the Colorado gubernatorial race and ran as the ''citizen's governor'' with a platform of growing the state economy and increasing educational opportunities. He defeated incumbent Steve Nichols, and became Colorado's 36th Governor.

During his three terms as Governor, John was responsible for increasing public support for secondary and higher education, improving health care, reducing state income taxes, eliminating the state property tax, and implementing economic policies that resulted in record growth for the state economy. His efforts drew national attention, resulting in an appointment to Director of the Energy Policy Office for the Nixon Administration, an office that would later become the Department of Energy.

Mr. Speaker, John Love was a great servant and patriot of this nation. His tenure as Governor, role as energy director, and self-sacrifice to defend his nation clearly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and the thanks of a grateful nation. It has always been known that his greatest passion was his love and dedication to his family. John Love is survived by sons Dan and Andy, and daughter Becky. Ann, his wife and companion for over fifty years, passed from us in 1999. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to a great statesman, and a patriarch of the State of Colorado. John Love dedicated his life to improving the lives of his fellow Americans, and he will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE H. SCHNARRE

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. George H. Schnarre for his service as the President of the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Schnarre is an individual of great distinction, and we join with his colleagues, family and friends in honoring his remarkable service to the San Bernardino community. He has truly achieved the American dream while retaining a firm commitment to his community exemplified by his work with the Chamber of Commerce.

George Schnarre was born during the Great Depression to Missouri sharecroppers. In the 1940's the Schnarre family migrated to California setting down roots in the San Bernardino area. After graduating from San Bernardino High School, George began studies at Valley College, but they were cut short by the Korean War. George Schnarre answered the call of duty joining the United States Navy as a dental technician. Upon the completion of his duty to his country, George returned to his studies at the University of California at Riverside while working part time in the grocery business. Thus began George's career in the Southern California business community.

While working his way up in the grocery industry, George Schnarre earned his real estate license. After moving back to his roots in San Bernardino, George entered the real estate business full time. Eventually George began his own real estate firm, George H. Schnarre Inc. Real Estate. Over time George's firm grew to encompass 13 offices.

While George built his real estate firm, he always made sure there was time to serve his community and his industry at the local, state and national levels. He obtained lifetime credentials to teach any real estate subject at the Community College level. Among numerous activities within the community, George participated in area little league and girls softball leagues, and is an active Rotarian, Mason, Shriner, and member of the San Bernardino Elks. George Schnarre's dedication to the community and expertise in the business culminated in his service as Director of the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce as well as on four other local Chambers.

George Schnarre is not only a business and community leader, he is also a family man. We are joined in recognizing the accomplishments of this outstanding individual by his wife, Claudia A. Schnarre, son George W. Schnarre, daughter Cindy Schnarre Healy and grandson David Jones.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I join George's loving family, recognizing George's long and distinguished career in real estate, and we express admiration for his service to the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING DAVE THOMAS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, ''the man who really counts in the world is the doer,'' President Theodore Roosevelt once wrote, ''not the man who only talks or writes about how it ought to be done.'' Dave Thomas was the definition of a doer. He was one of the youngest soldiers to manage an Enlisted Men's Club for the U.S. Army, and his innate business acumen led to success after success, making him a millionaire by the time he turned thirty-five.

But truly successful people do not hoard their earnings or ignore the pain of others. Dave Thomas believed in civic responsibility and eagerly involved himself in the communities he called home. In Columbus, Ohio, where he founded Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers in 1969, Mr. Thomas supported financially and morally the Children's Hospital, Recreation Unlimited, and the Ohio State University Cancer Research Institute.

I worked with Dave Thomas to further the mission of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, on whose Professional Advisory Board I have served since 1996. Located in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude was founded by Danny Thomas in 1962. It is one of the world's leading centers of research and treatment for life-threatening childhood illnesses, particularly cancer. Remarkably, no child pays for St. Jude's services. The American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities raise the funds to cover all costs of patient care.

Dave Thomas served six productive years on the St. Jude's Boards of Directors and Governors, from 1978–81 and from 1994–97. Richard C. Shadyiac, Sr., St. Jude's National Executive Director, ''recalled him as a very close personal friend of Danny Thomas.'' Mr. Shadyiac went on to say that ''Mr. Thomas made major contributions and stock gifts to St. Jude's, especially in its early, formative years.''

Most Americans know Dave Thomas from his television commercials. They embody his easy demeanor and engaging personality. Not

many captains of industry would return to high school, as Dave Thomas did in 1993, to earn a diploma forty-five years after leaving school to work full time. Fewer still would have the grace and humor to attend the prom. Dave Thomas lived a life of purpose and action. He was devoted to his family, committed to his business, and endlessly generous with his time and wealth.

HONORING THE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GERALD NICELY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gerald Nicely, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) in Nashville on the occasion of his retirement after more than thirty years of service to Metropolitan/Davidson County Tennessee Government.

I consider Mr. Nicely a longtime friend and have had the opportunity to work with him on housing issues for Tennesseans a number of times. One of the most important projects we worked on together was securing significant federal funding for the revitalization of the Vine Hill Homes through the HOPE VI funding effort. Additionally, our continued cooperation resulted in millions of federal housing dollars being allocated to Middle Tennessee for numerous programs and housing improvements.

His accomplishments include outstanding leadership overseeing key downtown projects such as construction of Adelphia Stadium, the new downtown library, the Country Music Hall of Fame, the convention center, Frist Center for the Visual Arts and Gaylord Entertainment Center Arena. He also directed renovations at the historic Ryman Auditorium and the revitalization of the Riverfront Park area. These marked improvements under Nicely's direction have resulted in the highest praise from his peers and residents of the community as well as awards on the local, state, and national levels.

A native of East Tennessee, Gerald Nicely received his bachelor and masters degrees in Economics from the University of Tennessee. The Metropolitan Planning Commission hired him as Staff Economist in 1968, and by 1979, he was promoted to Director of the Housing Development Division, beginning a twenty-two year run managing MDHA. His tenure as director was interrupted only once, in 1993–1994, when he was named Chief of Staff for then Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen.

Nicely has always believed in giving back to the community through attendance and service on various boards and civic organizations. For instance, he currently serves as founding board member of the Nashville Housing Fund and the Nashville Homestead Corporation; as charter board member of the Frist Center for the Visual Arts and Affordable Housing of Nashville, Inc.; and on the board of the Metropolitan Action Commission. A past president of the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association, today he serves as trustee for that organization. Additionally, he served two terms on the board of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA).

Membership in civic organizations includes the Downtown Rotary Club of Nashville; the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; the Tennessee Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities; Urban Land Institute; and Leadership Nashville Alumni Association.

As Director of MDHA, Nicely met the ongoing challenge of overseeing the public housing authority, as well as directing efforts to revitalize and renew urban areas, purchase land and design projects throughout the county. His fortitude, vision, and professionalism as an administrator have helped propel Nashville forward into the 21st Century.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my sincerest wishes for future success to Mr. Nicely and his family on this momentous occasion and I yield back the balance of my time.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL MICHAEL L. WARNER (RET)

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, few Americans dedicate the majority of their lives to the people of our country and the residents of their State. Even fewer place their own lives in harm's way to protect the values and freedoms we, as Americans, hold dear.

One such person is my friend, Colonel Mike Warner (Ret). Mike has had a distinguished career serving our country in the United States Army. Mike served in the U.S. Army for 27 years as an officer. During his distinguished career as an Active Army officer, Colonel Warner had numerous staff command assignments including assignments in Korea, Germany, and throughout the United States.

Colonel Warner is a highly decorated soldier, receiving two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, three Meritorious Service Medals, and the Army Commendation Medal. Additionally, he has received campaign medals for service in Vietnam and overseas service ribbons for his tours of duty in Europe and Korea.

For his final assignment, Mike served as Commander of Fort Dix, in Burlington County, New Jersey. At Fort Dix, Mike was responsible for the 35,000 acre military installation and a $125 million operating budget.

After retiring from Active Duty, Colonel Warner continued to serve the people of the State of New Jersey. Governor Christine Todd Whitman appointed Colonel Warner as the State's third Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs in March of 1994. As Deputy Commissioner, Mike was responsible for providing support for New Jersey's 650,000 veterans and their families, managing a $55 million budget, the operation of three 300-bed nursing homes, and the Nation's largest State veterans cemetery.

Mike Warner is also a dedicated citizen, giving his free time to many charitable and civic organizations. He is a member of the Alumni Associations of Marquette University and the Army War College, the Association of the U.S. Army and Retired Officers Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and is a lifetime member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Disabled American Veterans. Locally, Mike is a member of the Burlington County Boy Scouts of America Executive Council, the Pemberton Rotary, and serves on the Board of Directors of the USO of Philadelphia.

Our country and communities need dedicated people like Colonel Mike Warner. He is a true American Patriot and it is my pleasure to call him friend.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DEE WEITZEL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to recognize the life and contributions of DeeAnn ''Dee'' Frances Weitzel of Grand Junction, Colorado. Dee peacefully left us on a Friday evening, January 11, 2002. Dee was a popular member of the community and was often sought by many in the community for her listening ear, advice, and warm smile.

Over forty years ago, Dee moved to Grand Junction, Colorado where she quickly became an entrepreneur in the Western Slope community. Dee managed to start an employment agency, while raising a family that appreciated and valued the importance of hard work, honor, and perseverance. She raised her sons Scott, Kirk, Clay, and Tim to be respectful men who were determined to succeed in their pursuits. Dee's influence touched many lives outside of her immediate family and she was also a loving grandmother, wife, sister, and friend to many.

Dee's innovation in the business world led to her ownership of Warning Lites & Equipment, Inc. Although she was President and General Manager of her company, Dee and her husband Dewey could often be spotted along the highway working next to their employees and repairing the weather-beaten roads of the Western Slope. Dee was a respected employer and community benefactor who recognized the importance of providing for a community that had offered her a comfortable setting to raise a family and build successful businesses. Dee's business ventures brought jobs, dollars, and security to the community. Additionally, Dee made a number of charitable contributions in the area and donated her time and energy to many community events.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to DeeAnn Weitzel for the great strides she took in establishing herself as a valuable leader in the Grand Junction community. Her dedication to family, friends, work, and the community certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress. Although Dee has left us, her good-natured spirit lives on through the lives of those she touched. I would like to extend my regrets and deepest sympathies to Dee's family and friends during this difficult time.