

degree in agriculture at the University of Missouri College of Agriculture in 1936, he began a career in banking that led him to the position of President of the Memphis branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

In 1976, Mr. Francis moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas to be closer to his family. He took the position of President, CEO and chairman of the board of Merchants National Bank, from which he retired in 1982 to take care of his former wife, Loretta, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Francis was responsible for the modern reputation of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He led them to take revolutionary steps in emphasizing the importance of inflation as a national problem. He showed that money creation held the central role in the inflation process.

In 1966 he was awarded the Golden Step Award of the Agri-Business Club of St. Louis in recognition of his achievements resulting in a major economic impact on the St. Louis area. He also received the Citation of Merit Award from the University of Missouri Agriculture Alumni Association. He was named to a special U.S. delegation to Honduras in the 1950's to help set up a new banking system. He was honored in 2000 by the Federal Reserve by their dedication of the 25th annual Economic Policy Conference to him. His contributions to the world of banking and the systems used by that world will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to honor the memory of Mr. Darryl Francis.

IN MEMORY OF MOLLY PORTER

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I report the death of Molly Porter, 34, of Smyrna, Delaware. Molly passed away on March 1, 2002, in the prime of her life. For the past five years, Molly has been a valued employee of the Delaware Public Archives in Dover, Delaware. Molly's work ensured that the history of Delaware was preserved and available for all Delawareans, and she helped many more people, firsthand, in their desire to learn more about their family, their state and their country. Her service to the citizens of Delaware and this country was a model for public service. She worked to help others and, in so doing, contributed to the quality of life in Delaware. She will not be forgotten. The state of Delaware has lost a true public servant, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO G. MARVIN BEEMAN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Marvin Beeman and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the National Western Horse

Show. His life-long dedication to both his job, as a large animal veterinarian, and to the National Western Horse Show, as its manager, is surpassed only by the level of integrity and honesty with which he has conducted himself each and every day while at his posts. As the manager of the National Western Horse Show, he will always be remembered as a man with the utmost dedication and talent, and will continue to be known as a leader in the veterinary field. As he celebrates his retirement, let it be known that I, along with each and every person with whom he has worked and the people of Colorado, are eternally grateful for all that he has done for the National Western Horse Show and for the state.

Marvin has dedicated his entire life to the care and treatment of horses. Growing up on a 28,000-acre ranch, which was owned by the Phipps family, his father was a professional huntsman who managed the horses and hounds of the ranch and taught him how to care for and appreciate horses. At as early an age as seven years old, Marvin realized that he wanted to be a horse vet. He doggedly pursued his dream, and earned a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Colorado State University in 1957. Shortly after, he began working at the Littleton Large Animal Clinic, where he has worked ever since.

Marvin has had a distinguished career as a large animal veterinarian. He is the past president of the American Association of Equine Veterinary Practitioners, chief huntsman for the Arapahoe Hunt Club, and the only vet to be a trustee on the American Horse Council. In addition, he serves on the American Quarter Horse Association research committee and was inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame. In 1997, Marvin took the prestigious post of Horse Show Manager at the National Western, where he served until retiring after the 2002 show. During his tenure, he markedly improved the quality of the show, as well as increased interest in it. Because of his dedication, knowledge and hard work, he will be sorely missed by everyone involved in the National Western, and by the thousands of people who enjoyed his work each and every year.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Marvin Beeman is a man of unparalleled dedication and commitment to the National Western Horse Show, to his veterinary practice and to the people of Colorado. It is his unrelenting passion for each and every thing he does, as well as his spirit of honesty and integrity with which he has always conducted himself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. He is a remarkable man, who has achieved extraordinary things throughout his career, and it is my privilege to extend to him my congratulations on his retirement from the National Western Horse Show and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO YVONNE N. DARLING ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a woman

who has served the Fifth Congressional District with patriotism, devotion, and kindness. Today, Yvonne N. Darling of Elmore, Ohio will be retiring from the Ottawa County Board of Elections. For the last eight years, she has ensured the accuracy and sanctity of Ottawa County elections. Her dedication and optimism will not be forgotten.

Mrs. Darling's service to our country started long before she came to Northwest Ohio. She began her marriage as a military wife, making her own sacrifice while her husband, Jim, served our country. After his retirement, Mrs. Darling and her husband returned to Elmore, Ohio where she joined the Ottawa County Republican Central Committee. Taking on a leadership role, she served as Women's Club Treasurer. As an Elmore Village Councilwoman for 8 years, she again demonstrated how important it is to give back to your community. Most recently, she has served on the Ottawa County Board of Elections ensuring that our elections are safe and accurate.

Since 1975, Mrs. Darling has been an active member of the American Legion Post 269 and her efforts speaks for themselves. As the Chairman of the Americanism Committee, Mrs. Darling helps foster a sense of patriotism in high school students across Ottawa County. She motivates young people to give back to their communities and encourages them to reach for their dreams. At every opportunity she has made a positive impact on her community and the people around her.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Darling is an example of how American values can make a difference in each of our communities. Her passion for service and charity towards all will remain an important staple in the Elmore community for many years to come. I ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in saluting Mrs. Yvonne N. Darling and wishing her the very best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STAN SLOSS

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 60th birthday of Stan Sloss, who serves as my Senior Legislative Counsel and heads my legislative staff.

I would not ordinarily take the time of my colleagues to thank a member of my personal staff, but Stan is so well known and beloved by members on both sides of the aisle, and his reputation is so well regarded, that I believe it is entirely appropriate to commemorate his birthday in a journal that he has known so well and to which he has contributed so much.

Many of you know Stan and have had an opportunity to work with him over the years. Stan's distinguished service has resulted in his becoming a valued resource—not only as an experienced voice on substantive policy issues, but also for his knowledge of the venerated but often byzantine procedures of the House. I heavily draw upon his experience, expertise and diplomatic operating style.

A native of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Stan is a graduate of Amherst College and the Harvard Law School. He came to Washington, DC in the late 1960s, working first in the General Counsel's office of the Atomic Energy