from his commitment and dedication to the people of Queens.

Robert Stern passed away on November 19, 1998. He was survived by his wife, Irene, children Ronnie and Randy Stause, Stacey and Richard Block, grandchildren Jackie and Brett Strauser, and daughters Daniel Block, brother William and sister Ellyn.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to your attention the outstanding life and work of Mr. Robert H. Stern. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions Mr. Robert H. Stern had made to the New York community.

A TRIBUTE TO JOAN-PATRICIA O’CONNOR, 27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2002

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's most notable women during the month of March and it is my honor to not only recognize women of the past but also to also recognize women who are making a difference in our community. While a month of remembrance is certainly not sufficient, I am honored today to pay homage to such women as Eleanor Roosevelt, Sandra Day O'Connor, Harriet Tubman, Sally Ride and all the women of my Congressional District, whose contributions have made a profound difference in the face and fabric of our nation. I would like to pay special tribute to the outstanding woman of my Congressional District, Ms. Ellen Daigle. Ellen is a true inspiration for all those who strive each day for their American Dream. Working to both expand her small business and improve her community, she can certainly be held up as one of our community's most precious citizens.

Her business, Ellen's Silk-screening, has grown steadily since she first began producing her personalized T-Shirts from her garage 25 years ago. Today she employs over a dozen people and provides hundreds of products for schools, businesses, and the community.

Ellen's success has not gone without notice. She has been named to Los Angeles Business Journal’s list of Top 100 Women-Owned Businesses twice in the last five years. She has also been honored by Business Life magazine as a “Woman of Achievement” and by the National Association of Businesswomen with induction into its Millennium Hall of Fame. Her activism in the community has been outstanding. She has always felt that businesspeople have an obligation to donate their time and talents to ensure the vitality of the communities in which they live and work.

Ellen has served as a Park Commissioner for the City of South Pasadena, founded the group, “South Pasadenans for Responsible Intelligent Growth” and began “Expanding Horizons,” a program for local students to help them learn about career choices and the local job market. Because of her service to the City of South Pasadena’s parks programs, the California Parks and Recreation Society bestowed upon her their greatest honor.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an outstanding and extraordinary woman of California’s 27th Congressional District, Ms. Ellen Daigle. The entire community joins me in thanking Ellen for her continued efforts to make the 27th Congressional District a more enjoyable place to live.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RYAN RANDALL PATTERTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a young student from my district, Ryan Randall Patterson. His hard work and dedication have been rewarded with a great opportunity to pursue higher education and compete in one of the nation’s most esteemed science competitions. Ryan recently won the 2002 Science Talent Search, and as he celebrates his achievement, I would like to commend him for his determination and self-sacrifice in achieving this
When he retired, Allenbrand said he was also proud of the employment opportunities for women and minorities, and the cooperation among all the county’s police agencies that was developed while he was sheriff.

He was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of a professional police academy in the county.

Herb Shuey, department historian and a retired deputy, described Allenbrand as “the most important sheriff in the history of the department.”

In a book about the Sheriff’s Department, Shuey said Allenbrand made himself a first-rate administrator and politician, but at his core, “he always a police officer first.”

“His compassion is well known and his respect for the law is equally known,” Shuey wrote. “More important than his re-elections Johnson County, his attitudes filter down and through his subordinates.”

After he was first elected sheriff, Surbaugh said, “no one ever really gave him any competition. And the reason is, how can you fight honesty, integrity, consistency and fair government? He had a fire in his belly.”

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OTTO “TINK” SNAPP

HON. SCOTT MCNINIS
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. McNINIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to recognize the life and contributions of Otto “Tink” Snapp of Pueblo, Colorado who peacefully left us on a Monday morning, February 18, 2002. Tink was a popular member of the community and was sought by many for his listening ear, advice, and warm smile. He served his country and fellow Coloradans for over a half century, and as his family and friends mourn his loss, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight his accomplishments and generosity to his fellow man.

Tink began his service to this country in 1942 as a member of the Army Air Force in China, serving in the hostile China-India Theater. It was in this area during World War II that our nation fought and held Japanese advances into China. Tink, along with thousands of soldiers and airmen, braved the hazards of the environment to ensure that democracy and freedom reigned throughout the world.

After the war, Tink returned to his native Pueblo and continued his service to his community as an employee of Minequa Bank. Over the years he served in several positions; beginning as the bank bike messenger and eventually rising to the position of executive vice president. Tink’s is the kind of story that lends substance to the American Dream. His long career spanned almost fifty years, ending in 1994 with his retirement at the age of 75.

Tink was well known throughout the community as an avid sportsfan who enjoyed a wide range of sports, from golf and tennis to basketball and softball. For over twenty-three years, he traveled as a referee at home and on the road to ensure fair and unbiased officiating for local Colorado sporting events. Tink also served his community as a deacon and elder of the First Presbyterian Church and as a member of his local Masonic Order, and the Colorado Bankers Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Otto “Tink” Snapp for the great strides he